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### JAMMU, FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

ENTERTAINMENT

Saiyami Kher: A lot of times, female characters still feel like an afterthought

e-paper: www.topnewsjk.in

16 NATIONAL

> Nadda asks MPs to ensure health check-up for all citizens in their constituencies every year

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**Trump says people** 

Daily Evening Newspaper

**INTERNATIONAL** 

sabotaging Teslas may go to jail for "up to twenty years"



conveyed to the Chief

'Recovery of cash'

from residence of judge:

Issue raised in Rajya

"The issue of corrup-

tion within the judiciary

is a very serious issue.

This is not something

that has been articu-

lated by senior coun-

cils and lawyers in the

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Justice of India.

Sabha

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### **Jammu IIM secures rank 22nd in IIRF rankings** JAMMU. Mar 21

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in IIRF Rankings 2025

comprehensive evalua-

tion of parameters cru-

cial to higher manage-

Prof Sahay extended

gratitude to the Ministry

of Education, Govern-

ment of India, for its

continuous support and

guidance, and conveyed

his acknowledgment to

ment education.

#### **Truck runs** over 3 year old girl in Kulgam

BRIEFLY

KULGAM, Mar 21 (Agencies): A threevear-old girl died after a truck ran over her in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday.Jammu and Kashmir travel guide An official told that the accident took place at Peerbal village in Frisal. The truck bearing No: JK05AB-9876 hit the victim identified as Zainab Junaid (3), daughter of Junaid Ahmad Sofi of Frisal she died on the spot.

The official said that the truck driver was arrested, and a case has been registered.

#### Youth found dead under **mysterious** conditions in Samba

JAMMU, Mar 21 (Agencies): A youth was found dead under mysterious conditions in Samba district of Jammu division on Friday.

An official told that a 25 years old youth from Rajouri was found dead under mysterious circumstances near railway line in Sarore area of Bari Brahmana, Jammu.

He has been identified

(Agencies): Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu has once again marked its growing presence on the national stage by securing the 22nd position in the Best B-Schools (Government) overall category in the prestigious IIRF (Indian Institutional Ranking Framework) Rankings 2025. As per the handout issued here, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, with an overall index score of 906.42, IIM Jammu has been ranked on various critical parameters such

formance; Teaching,

Learning Resources & Pedagogy; Research, Industry Income and Integration; Placement Strategy and Support; Future Orientation; External Perception and International Outlook (EPIO). as Placement Per-

The rankings were released based on a



NEW DELHI, Mar

21 (Agencies): The

Supreme Court on

Friday (March 21, 2025)

unanimously agreed

to initiate an in-house

enquiry into allegations

against Delhi High Court

judge, Justice Yashwant

Varma, following reports

of unaccounted cash

found in his official resi-

Senior judges of the

Supreme Court had met

in the morning to dis-

cuss the issue. Twelve

Benches of the top court

did not assemble at the

dence.

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SC agrees to an in-house enquiry on

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Dr. Milind P Kamble. IIM Jammu Ranked at Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, and the Board of Governors for their visionary leadership and encouragement in steering the

institute towards excellence He stated that this recognition in the IIRF Rankings 2025 is a proud moment for the

IIM Jammu community and reflects the institute's collective commitment to building an institution of national importance that not only imparts quality education but also shapes responsible leaders of tomorrow. He emphasized that IIM Jammu has



allegations of cash pile at Delhi HC

tenders when a blaze broke out in the judge's residence on March 14. during the night of Holi festival. The judge was not present at his house. His family had called emergency services. The information about

the cash was passed on to the police. It travelled through the government echelons and was finally

Sisodia takes charge of



**Minister Sakeena Itoo visits Anantnag** fire victims, assures full support Anantnag, and assured



(Agencies): Cabinet Minister Sakina Itoo on

victims of Gajinag, Kadipora in south Kashmir's them of full government support. "We have been sent

here by the CM Omar Abdullah himself, and all possible help from the government will be provided," she assured the victims.

Itoo also promised to consult with the district administration to create a concrete relief plan.

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### Saurabh Bharadwaj appointed Delhi AAP Chief, Mehraj Malik to head J&K Unit

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): After losing its home turf Delhi in the Assembly elections held last month, the Aam Aadmi Party on Friday announced a major organisational rejig by appointing former minister Saurabh Bharadwaj as the new president of its Delhi unit and Mehraj Malik has been named

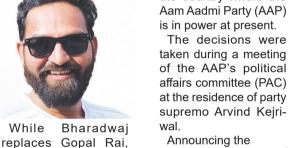
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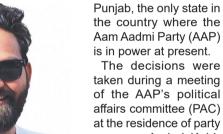
the new chief of the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit.



Announcing the Turn to page 9

usual court hours. Media reports said the cash was found by fire Turn to page 9





as Raja Ibrar Khan son of Abdul Rehman Khan resident of Sarola, Manjakote, Rajouri.

Meanwhile police have reached the spot and started investigation in this regard.

#### Raghav Langer appointed Secretary, National Medical Commission

JAMMU, Mar 21 (Agencies): The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Raghav Langer, IAS (UD:2009), as Secretary, National Medical Commission (NMC) at the Joint Secretary level under the Department of Health & Family Welfare.

As per an order, Langer will serve in this role from the date of assuming charge for a combined tenure of seven years, up to October 3, 2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

#### Sushma Chauhan appointed Joint Secretary in MHA

JAMMU, Mar 21 (Agencies): Senior IAS officer Sushma Chauhan from the J&K-AGMUT Turn to page 9

Criminals involved in narco-terrorism will be dealt with sternly: DGP Prabhat

PULWAMA, Mar 21 Kashmir. (Agencies): Direc-Talking to reporttor General of Police ers after addressing a (DGP) Nalin Prabhat public darbar here in South Kashmir, DGP on Friday reaffirmed the commitment of law Prabhat, aid, "Crimienforcement agencies nals involved in narcoto intensify the crackterrorism will be dealt down on criminals with sternly." involved in narco-ter-The DGP refused to rorism in Jammu and comment on whether

there is any possibility of infiltration witnessing a rise in coming days as snow has started melting

Replying to a query he said, "Lets not make predictions like meteorological department." He said that more public darbars will be held in the coming days.

### HC rejects bail for J&K resident in alleged JeM recce plot

NAGPUR. Mar 21 allegedly conducting (Agencies): The Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court on Friday denied bail to a Jammu and Kashmir resident, accused of being a Jaish-e-Mohammed operative and conducting a recce of the memorial of RSS founder Dr K B Hedgewar here. Jammu travel packages dence. Raees Ahmed Sheikh Asadulla Sheikh was

arrested in 2022 for

a reconnaissance of Dr Hedgewar Smruti Mandir, the memorial of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) founder, located in the city's Reshimbag area, on September 15, 2021. He had moved the HC earlier this month seeking bail citing lack of evi-

A division bench of Justices Nitin Suryawanshi and Pravin Patil rejected copy of the order will be available later. Sheikh is currently

the bail plea. A detailed

lodged in Nagpur Central Jail.

As per prosecution, Sheikh had also allegedly planned to conduct a recce of the RSS headquarters located in the Mahal area of the city but couldn't do so. It is alleged that Sheikh passed on information, Turn to page 9

#### Security breach in Kathua Jail: Two mobile phones recovered, Probe ordered

SRINAGAR, Mar 21 recovered phones are (Agencies): Two mobile basic mobile phones. phones were recovered An investigation has by Kathua Jail authoribeen ordered to find out ties during a routine how the phones entered search operation, raisthe jail and who brought ing questions of security them in. negligence in the high-Kathua Jail has a few security jail. hard-core criminals,

including gangsters and Sources told that the

terrorists, on its rolls. The detection of these phones has raised questions about possible contact by prisoners with external networks.

The authorities have promised a proper probe into the case, and stern action will be taken against the culprits.



and around your surroundings.

Keep water tanks and other water

containers tightly covered with

Get your Blood tested from Govt.

Hospital/ Health Worker in case of

Fever with chills, rigors and

Empty water coolers once in a

- Discard/destroy Junk items like old tyres etc.
- Empty air coolers, drums, flower pots and birds bath weekly.
- Use Mosquito repellent creams and Bed nets while sleeping.
- Use netted screens on doors and windows.
- Wear full body clothes to prevent mosquito bites.
- Improve basic sanitation.

### Symptoms

- Dengue : High fever, frontal headache, pain behind the eyes worsening with eye movement, muscle & joint paints, rash on the body, pain abdomen, nausea, vomiting, bleeding and low BP in severe cases.
- Chikungunya : Fever, joint paints, muscle pain, fatigue, headache, rash.
- Malaria : High grade fever with chills, sweating, headache, vomiting convulsions, weakness.

Visit nearby Health Institution if any of above diseases is suspected. Investigations & Treatment are free of cost in Govt. Institutions





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DIP/J-11258/24

# **OBITUARIES/LOCAL**

Mr. Rajiv Sharma

TENTH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. Rajiv Sharma

S/o Late Sh. Pardeep Sharma R/o H.No

155-A Gandhi Nagar Jammu who left fo

10th day will be performed on 22nd March, Saturday at 12.00 pm at our residence.

Kriya will be held on 23rd March, Sunday a

Uthala will be performed on 24th March, Monday from 3.00 pm-4.00 pm at Laxmi Narayan Temple, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Deepali Puri & Devam Puri (Sister & Brother in law)

Sharma & Dogra Family

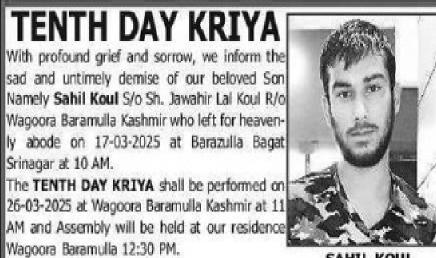
heavenly abode on 13 March 2025.

12.00 pm at our residence.

Surishta Sharma (Mother)

Praanya Puri (Pihu) (Niece)

GRIEF STRICKEN:



ly abode on 17-03-2025 at Barazulla Bagat Srinagar at 10 AM. The TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 26-03-2025 at Wagoora Baramulla Kashmir at 11

AM and Assembly will be held at our residence Waqoora Baramulla 12:30 PM.

SAHIL KOUL

**GRIEF STRICKEN** SAMAST KOUL, PANDITA, BHAT, CHANDAIL FRIENDS RELATIVES AND WELL WISHERS CONTACT : 8803832153, 7006887629, 9797632272, 7780849390

### 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.

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

## 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Mohit Sadotra (PHE Deptt.) S/o Surinder Kumar R/o House No.94, Sector-1, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi.

Tenth Day will be performed on 22nd March (Saturday) at 11.00 AM at our residence.

Kriva will be performed on 23rd March. (Sunday) at 12.00 Noon at our residence. Uthala will be performed on 24th March (Monday) at 2.00 PM at our residence. DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:-All Family Members & Friends Mobile No: 9149496587, 9469258514, 9149876452



Master Lekh Raj Khajuria

MOHIT SADOTRA (PHE DEPTT.)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Suresh Gupta S/o Lt. Sh. Kewal Krishan Gupta R/o H.No. 16, Gali Kumharan, Purani Mandi, Jammu who expired on 12/3/2025.

Tenth Day will be performed on 20/3/2025 (Thursday) at Mahajan Hall, Jammu at 11 am to 12 Noon.

Kriya will be performed at our residence on 23/3/2025 (Sunday). Uthala will be performed at Mahajan Hall on

24/3/2025 (Monday) 4 pm - 5 pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

#### Smt. Swarna Devi (Mother)

Smt. Sujata Gupta (Wife) Mr. Paras & Mr. Prajwal Gupta (Son)

Anita Gupta & Pawan Gupta - Sister & Brother-in-law Poonam Gupta & Kavi Gupta - Sister & Brother-in-law Sourabh & Sakshi Gupta - Brother & Sister-in-law Lt. Smt. Krishna & Dwarka Nath - Bua & Fufa Ji Smt. Darshna & Pawan Chowdhary - Bua & Fufa Ji Smt. Santosh & Lt. Sh. Subash Gupta - Chachi & Chachu Ji Smt. Shashi Balla & Lt. Sh. Surinder Gupta - Chachi & Chachu Ji Mob.:9018783930, 9149491413

### UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Charan Lal Bhatia S/o Lt. Sh. Devi Dayal Bhatia R/o 25, Ashok Nagar, Satwari, opp. J&K Bank, Jammu on 19th March 2025.

Uthala will be performed on Saturday 22nd March 2025 from 3PM to 4PM at Gurdwara Baba Fateh Singh, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**Smt. Usha Bhatia - Wife (Son & Daughter-in-law) Amit Bhushan & Dr. Leeza Bhatia

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

Anuradha Bhatia & Dr. Dewaker Sharma

M/s Amit Agencies, Aquaf Complex, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Grand Children:

Atharv Bhatia, Avyaan Bhatia, Anagha Sharma, Agastya Sharma, Avril Bhatia & Surya Bhatia

9419637355, 9018556764

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

We informed the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother Rani Pandita W/o Late Kanaya Lal Pandita R/o Hardu Chanam Rafiabad Baramulla Kashmir A/p Lane No. 1 Swarn Colony Trilokpura, who left for heavenly abode on 18/03/2025 at 03:35 pm.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 27th March 2025 at Akhnoor Ghats and assembly

will be held at our Residence at 11:00 am. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Smt. Shoki & Sh. Sunil Kumar Pandita - Daughter in Law & Son Smt. Sunita & Sh. Raj Kumar Pandita - Daughter & Son in Law Smt. Sushma & Sh. Vicky Bhat - Daughter & Son in Law Bhawani, Gautam, Yashika, Vidhya, Prabhat & Pratik Pandita & Bhat Parivaar



Sh. Suresh Gupta

Phone No 9419135530 / 9419131158 **10TH DAY KRIYA** With profound grief and sorrow we regret t inform you about the sad demise of our deares Smt. Asha Raina W/o Sh. Autar Krishan Rain Erstwhile resident of Akura Mattan A/P Flat no 204, Plot No: A-17 Shalimar Garden(2), Ne: Budh Bazaar Road adjacent to Hindu Raksh

Dal Office Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Murad Nage Ganga Ghat on Sunday 23rd March 2025 fo lowed by Assembly at our Shalimar Garde at 10:00

GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. Autar Krishan Raina (Husband) (Dewar & Dewrani) Smt. Jeeta and Sh. Inder Krishan Raina

Smt. Anjoo & Dr. Vijay Pandita

Son & Daughter in laws Smt. Sushma & Sh. Pawan Raina Smt. Preeti & Sh. Deepak Raina Smt. Neeru & Sh. Pankaj Raina Daughter & Son in laws Smt. Minoo & Sh. Suni Raina

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Smt. Asha Raina

(31-07-1953 to 15-03-2025)

Smt. Priyanka & Sh. Praduman Raina Grand Children Mayank Moren Mayanik, Marrvi, Chahat, Maira, Mohan, Arushi, Dyanu, Arihant, Yuvin & Riyan



WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SMT. VEENA GUPTA W/O LATE RAJ KUMAR GUPTA (RAJA 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. KRIVA: 22ND MARCH 2025 AT 12 NOON AT OUR RESIDENCE VILLAGE GHAROTA. UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI: 22ND MARCH 2025



UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI: 22ND MARCH 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 TAJISH SANNAT SHI SMT. VEENA GUPTA

KAVISH, NIHARIKA, TAJISH, SANNAT, SHIVANSH, SHIVANYA M/S TEJ BHAWAN RICE MILLS, MISHRIWALA. M/S MAHAJAN TRADERS. NEHRU MARKET, JAMMU. M/S BADRI NATH RAJ KUMAR, GHAROTA. PH. 94191-91774, 8492925641, 9469210314

#### **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. Ananthag A/p Lane No. 24, Dist. J. C. Barthe and State and Block -152, Flat No. 09, Jagti Nagrota who left heave y abode on 16-03-2025. Mourning will be held at Community Hall back side block- 152.



Tenth Day Kriya wil be held at Devika Ghat Udhampur on 25-03-2025. Mourning Assembly wil he held at Community Hall back side Block -152, Lane No. 24 at 11.30 am.

Karmayogni Smt. Shobawati Pandita

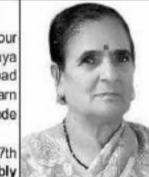
Shi Shab block - 132, Lahe Wo. 24 at 11.30 am. Kamayogni Smt Shobawati Grief Stricken Sh. Maharaj Krishan Pandita and Smt. Indu Pandita- Son & Daughter-in-Law Sh. Shame Pandita & Smt. Grija Pandit- Son & Daughter-in-Law Smt. Shame Pandita & York. Sh. Piji Lai Pandita- Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt. Raj Dulari W/o Sh. Omkar Nath Koul- Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt. Vijay Koul W/o Sh. Triloki Nath Koul- Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt. Vijay Koul W/o Sh. Triloki Nath Koul- Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt. Neha Pandita & Sh. Sandeep Kariholoo- Grand Daughter & Son-in-Law Grand Children: Vicky, Mohit, Shrawan Kumar, Bal Krishan, Reena, Anil, Amit, Sunita,

#### Contact No.: 9796649762, 7006859846

**OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA** With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inforr the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sm Santosh Koul (Dida Ji) W/o Shri Soom Nath Koul of Goshbugh, Pattan, Baramulla, Kashmir, presently a H No. 464/A Sector 2nd Vinayak Nagar, Muth Jammu on 15/03/2025

Tenth Day will be performed on Monday the 24/03/2025 at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of School Education) Muthi Jammu at 11 AM.





SH. CHARAN LAL

BHATIA

RANI PANDITA





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### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound orief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Shakuntla Devi W/o Late Shi Chuni Lal Abrol, R/o Ward No. 13, House No. 14, Lambi Gali, Udhampur.

10TH DAY will be performed on Thursday, 20th March from 11 AM to 12 Noon at Shiv Shakti Temple, Near Government quarter, Janipur Housing Colony, Jammu.

13TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Sunday, 23rd March at HNo. 141-A, Sector 3, Colonel Colony, Near Saraswati Mata Mandir, Bohri, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

UTHALA will be performed on Monday, 24th March 2025 from 3 PM to 4 PM at Shiv Shakti Temple Near Govt Quarter, Janipur Housing Colony, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

RAVI ABROL & SUSHAM ABROL (Son & Daughter in law) FAWAN ABROL & MAYURI ABROL (Son & Daughter in law) PURUSHOTTAM SARAF (Son in law) RAM PRAKASH SURI (Son in law) ADITYA, AARYE, ADITI, ATULYA, ARUN, VARUN, SAURABH, BHARTI, DEEKSHA, RIDDHIMA URVASHI (Grand Children)

Contact- 9419157025, 9958008846, 9797388215

### **10TH DAY/ KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Ashru W/o Late Sh Hans Raj Padha R/o Village Patla, Teh and District Udhampur, who left for her heavenly abode on March 13, 2025.

10th Day will be observed on March,22 at 11AM and Kriya on March 23, 2025 at our residence village Patla( Near Railway Station, Chak Rakhwal) Teh and District, Udhampur (J&K).

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

(Sons & Daughters-in-law) O P Sharma & Raj Rani Ashok Sharma and Madhu Balla Gopal Dutt and Luxmi Devi Kanta Devi & Ram Kumar Khajuria (Daughter & Son-In-law) Santosh Kumari (Daughter-in-law) Tushar, Kriti, Vansh, Rahul (Grandchildren) Hariansh (Great Grand Son) Ph. 9541298808, 9419270109, 7889629330, 8492987533

SMT. ASHRU

#### THIRTEEN DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Master Lekh Raj Khajuria (Ex President All J&K Employees Federation) J&K State Teachers Association R/o Ajit Nagar Jammu on 10-03-2025. Thirteen Day will be performed on 22-03-2025 at our residence at 11.30 AM onwards.

**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/UTHALA

demise of our beloved Sh. Babu Ram Gupta S/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram Gupta R/o Vikram Nagar Sarwal Near Govt Hospital Jammu who expired on Wednesday March 12, 2025,

2025 from 10.00 to 11.00AM at Kotli Bhawan Rehari Colony Jammu.

UTHALA will be performed on Monday 24th March, 2025 from 4.00 to 5.00 PM at Shree Gita Mandir Simriti Bhawan Bakshi Nagar (Behind

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt Sushma Gupta (Wife)

Shikha and Nikhil Gupta (Daughter in law & Son)

Bhabhi & Brothers Neelam & Durga Datt Jandial Ashu & Naresh Kumar Gupta

SHIV LAL & BROTHERS Bankey Bihari Market Jammu

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Smt Santosh Koul Deeply Loved and Missed by Sh Soom Nath Koul- Husband (9622317416) (Dida Ji) 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)

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA /UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sai demise of our beloved Shri Sudesh Kumar Abrol S/d Lt. Sh. Goverdhan Das Abrol R/o Ashok Naga;Cana oad Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. TENTH DAY:- will be performed on 19 -03-2025 from 10:00 AM - 11: 00 AM at our Residence KRIYA on 22-03-2025 at our Residence Ashok Nao Canal Road Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. UTHALA:-Will be performed on Saturday, 22-03-2025 rom 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM at Talli Sahaib Gurduwara Talab Tillo Jammu, Opp. Rama Lane.



Your presence and prayers will provide strength to he bereaved family in this time of remembrance. GRIEF-STRICKEN FAMILY: Smt. Anjali Abrol (Wife)

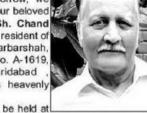
Abrol Chairman & Founder All India Abrol Biradari Charitable Trust

imt. Sonali Abrol W/o Sahil Abrol (Sunny) (Daughter-in-Law & Son) Sidharth Abrol (Son)

Mrs. Meenu Dewan & Mr. Vipen Dewan (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Grandchildren: Panchul, Viva, Shhrom, Shinoy

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Karamyogi Late Sh. Chand Jee S/o Dina Nath Original resident of Sheetal Nath Sathu Barbarshah, Srinagar presently at H No. A-1619, Green field Colony Faridabad Haryana who left for his heavenly abode on 16-March-2025.



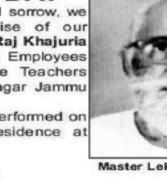
The 10TH DAY KRIYA will be held at Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar on 25- KARAMYOGI LATE SH. CHAND JEE March-2025 around 9 am followed by ASSEMBLY at our Faridabad residence at 1 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt. Susheela Raina - Wife

Sh. Arvind Raina & Smt.Deepshikha Ganju (Son & Daughter-in-law) Sh. Anupam Raina & Smt.Rachna Kaul (Son & Daughter-in-law) Anaya Raina, Aarav Raina & Asmee Raina - Grandchildren (BabaJittu : U will be always in our heart & will be missed) 8588828109, 8800867156

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Master Lekh Raj Khajuria

Sh. Babu Ram Gupta

# With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad

10TH DAY will be performed on Friday March 21,

Karan Hotel)

Nidhi and Akhil Gupta (Daughter in law & Son)

Nidhi & Ashwani Gupta SEHAJ ENTERPRISES Transport Nagar Narwal Jammu DURGA DATT JANDIAL & SONS Ware House Jammu

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### Ritika Trehan meets Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi

#### **Top News Report**

NEW DELHI, Mar 21: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&K UT Ritika Trehan today met with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to discuss pressing issues in Jammu and Kashmir that fall under his ministry's purview especially infrastructure development, which is crucial for J&K's economic growth and connectivity. By engaging with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Ritika Trehan aims to ensure that J&K's concerns are addressed, and the region benefits from the Ministry's initiatives.

Ritika during the meeting highlighted J&K's rugged terrain and limited connectivity hinder its economic progress urging Gadkari's Ministry can play a vital role in improving road networks, highways, and bridges. She said J&K's roads are prone to accidents due to challenging terrain and weather conditions urging Union Minister to focus on implementing road safety measures and improving emergency response systems.

Ritika said infrastructure development projects can generate employment opportunities for local youth, contributing to J&K's economic growth and stability. She brought to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari's attention the alarming frequency of road accidents in Jammu and Kashmir, which have resulted



added Ritika.

in the loss of precious lives demanding enhancing safety measures, such as installing crash barriers, improving road lighting, and enforcing traffic regulations. Ritika sought to ensure that the government takes concrete steps to prevent road accidents and save lives in Jammu and Kashmir

Ritika emphasized the need for good roads in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir to boost the local economy. She said better roads will facilitate the transportation of goods, services and people, thereby increasing economic activity and job opportunities in rural areas. Good roads will enable easier access to essential services like healthcare, education and markets, significantly improving the quality of life for rural residents. Upgraded roads will connect rural areas to major towns

and cities, making it easier for people to access amenities, services and opportunities, and feeder routes. Ritika appreciated Gadkari

for playing significant role in strengthening India's road network, including the construction of flyovers and national highways across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir. Gadkari's initiatives have transformed the region's infrastructure, including upgradation and widening of this critical highway has improved connectivity between the two capital cities. Udhampur-Banihal Highway has enhanced road connectivity in the region, facilitating smoother transportation of goods and people. Srinagar-Leh Highway has improved connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh region. These projects have not only

improved road connectivity but also boosted economic growth, tourism and job opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir, added Ritika.

Ritika said Nitin Gadkari's tenure as the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways from 2014 to 2025 has been marked by significant achievements and transformative initiatives. Under his leadership, the Ministry has achieved unprecedented growth in highway construction, with an average annual construction of over 10,000 km. Bharatmala Pariyojana developed 83,677 km of highways, including economic corridors, inter-corridor routes

Ritika further said that Gadkari has introduced various measures to improve road safety, such as the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, and the implementation of intelligent transportation systems.He has encouraged the adoption of alternative fuels, like ethanol, bio-CNG, and electric vehicles, to reduce India's dependence on fossil fuels.Gadkari's vision, leadership, and commitment to infrastructure development have had a profound impact on India's growth story. His efforts have improved connectivity, boosted economic growth, and enhanced the quality of life for millions of Indians, added Ritika.

# Yudhvir Sethi holds Janata Darbar

#### Says BJP committed to address people's day-to-day problems

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi on Friday held a public grievance camp at Purani Mandi Jammu and listened to the issues faced by the public.

The camp witnessed a huge rush of people including Taxi Union, OBC community people, bus stand hawkers, transporters, member of Sain Samaj and people from all sections of society from across Jammu city who came to the

Various deputations, including individual persons visited the camp to present their grievances on issues such as ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, revenue, power, water scarcity, roads, and other developmentrelated topics, as well as personal issues.

their issues with senior

**BJP** leader.

Yudhvir Sethi gave a patient hearing to the deputations and assured to resolve their issues by taking up the authorities concerned.



BJP is committed to addressing the dayto-day problems being faced by the people in general and Jammu City

in Jammu city and its

surrounding areas

started in 2014 with

the coming of the Mufti

Mohammad Sayeed-led

PDP-BJP government,

which continues even

after the reorganization

of Jammu and Kash-

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investigation of this

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well-wishers of Hindus

should raise their voice

openly in favor of liquor

Along with this, he

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party is making a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people. The senior BJP leader

can fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and address their issues on a prior-

#### Mehbooba Mufti offers condolences to ex-MLA **Fageer Mohammad Khan's family in Kangan**

KANGAN, Mar 21 (Agencies): Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday visited the Kangan area in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district to offer condolences to the family of former MLA Gurez and BJP leader Fageer Mohammad Khan.

Khan had allegedly died by suicide at his official residence in the Tulsibagh locality of Srinagar on Thursday. Mufti met the family members and relatives

of Khan in Kangan and expressed her condolences. She was accompanied by senior party leader Bashir Ahmad Mir and others. Earlier, thousands of people attended the funeral prayers of Fageer Khan in Kangan, where he was later laid to rest.

#### Health Supplements donated to Shelter Home for Urban Homeless Boria Basti

ansh Kumar Jain, State

Yoga Commissioner,

who served as the Chief

were distributed by his

esteemed hands with the

assistance of Narinder

Wadhera, Treasurer of

the Senior Citizens Joy

During the event, Dr.

Jain interacted with

the staff and inmates,

including Veena Bakshi,

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**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 21: In a commendable initiative aimed at promoting health and well-being, Social Reform Charitable Organisation (SRCO), Kishtwar, in collaboration with Vichar Kranti Manch International, donated essential health supplements to the Shelter Home for Urban Homeless and Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra, Bahu.

The contribution included juice packets, glucose, and amla tablets, provided by Dabur India Limited under their Health & Nutrition Supplement Programme, facilitated through Sanjeev Parihar, Founder of SRCO, and Amarjit Singh.

The donation ceremony

Sham Lal, former Municipal Corporator, JMC. He also shared valuable health tips to help maintain the well-being of the residents and graciously offered his continued support and assistance to the shelter's inmates.

Incharge Manager of

the Shelter Home, and

"This effort underscores our commitment to enhancing the health of marginalized communities and ensuring they receive essential nutritional support," said Dr. Jain.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Sham Lal, acknowledging the collective efforts of all those who contributed to this noble cause.

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Auction Notice

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EAFZR- SLR25-45	04.04.2025 at 11.00 Hrs.	Allotment of contract for leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 22462/F1, 12460/F1, 12014/F1, 14036/R1, 12238/F2, 14036/F1, 19804/F1, 14036/F2, 12030/F1 & 16788/F1.
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### Mohalla wine shops in Hindu dominated areas, conspiracy, demand for investigation: Shiv Sena

#### 95.4% liquor shops in Jammu division while 4.6% in Kashmir

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: The allegation on Hindu community that they consume more alcohol is completely baseless and unfounded. Out of the total 305 liquor shops in Jammu and Kashmir, 95.6% (291) shops are in Hindu dominated Jammu division, which is a sign of a well-planned conspiracy and brings back memories of Mohammad Rafi's famous song 'Peeta Nahi Pilai Gayi Hai', stated by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

Reacting strongly to a controversial statement made yesterday by AAP MLA Mehraj Malik on Hindus and drinking alcohol, Shiv Sena (UBT) state chief Manish Sahni said that Jammu division (Hindu dominated area) of Jammu and Kashmir is full of liquor shops and wine bars.

The government is concerned about public health by opening Mohalla clinics, while in Jammu division (Hindu dominated areas) Mohalla wine



shops (liquor shops) are seen attracting people to drink at every step. Out of the total 305 liquor shops in Jammu and Kashmir, 291 i.e. 95.4% shops are in the Hindu-dominated Jammu division. It is a matter of great concern that the number of liquor shops is being continuously increased ignoring religious faith. The city of temples, Jammu, has today been transformed into a city of liquor in a conspiracy. Sahni, describing liquor shops as the first step of addiction,

said that under a wellplanned conspiracy, the number of liquor shops is continuously increasing in Hindu-dominated areas, for which the BJP is equally guilty along with the Kashmiri rulers. The process of Shrimad **Bhagwat Katha** concludes in R S Pura, devotees participate in Bhandara

#### **Top News Report**

R S PURA, Mar 21: The week-long Shrimad Bhagwat Katha in Badayal Brahmin village, R.S. Pura, concluded on Friday with a grand Bhandara (community feast), where a large number of devotees received prasad.

On the final day, renowned spiritual speaker Shri Rakesh Shastri Ji Maharai mesmerized the devotees with his divine discourse. He emphasized the importance of Prabhu Simran (remembrance of God) and good deeds in his sermons.

The closing ceremony was graced by MLA Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat and Sarpanch Binny Sharma as chief guests. They paid their respects to the Katha Vyas and prayed for peace. prosperity, and happiness in Jammu & Kashmir.

Devotees experienced spiritual bliss through the recitation of the Bhagwat Katha and later participated in the Bhandara, making the event a grand success. The villagers expressed special gratitude to the family of former Sarpanch Bihari Lal Sharma for their contributions to the event's success. The occasion was attended by former Sarpanch Om Prakash, Balbir Choudhary, Pandit Subhash Sharma, Ramesh Choudhary, Tilak Raj Sharma, and other members of the Bhagwat Katha committee.

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (M) G.W.D. DIVISION JAMMU SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER E -NIT NO GWD/248 OF 2024-25 DATED 18.03.2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor UT of J&K, the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division

Jammu invites tenders by e-tendering mode from reputed and registered firms for below mentioned works:-

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Qty.	Estimated cost (value of work) (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Validity of Rates
Re-development of defunct Mark-II hand pumps installed at (1) W. No. 2 NHO Krishan Lal (2) Near Govt. Middle School Pyt. Kambal Danga in District Udhampur under District Capex Budget 2024-25	Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu	500.00 (Non-Refundable) Deposited in Govt. treasury through e- challan under the receipt head 0215 in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. GWD Div. Jammu payable at Jammu mentioning name of work	02 Nos	Rs. 96000.00	@2% of the estimated value in shape of Fresh CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PHE (M) GWD Division	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 18.03.2025 to 24.03.2025

The pre bid meeting if desired, shall be held in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) G.W.D. Division Jammu on 19.03.2025 at 1300 hrs.

The Bids shall be uploaded on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 19.03.2025 (1400 hrs) to 24.03.2025 (1800 hrs.)

The complete bidding process shall be online and scanned copies of the following documents will have to be uploaded before due date:-(i) Scanned copy of treasury e-Challan/receipt for Rs. 500.00 against the cost of tender document under the receipt Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (M) Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu indicating name of work to be executed. It may be noted that the receipt of the e-challan should be of the date after the issuance of publication of the e-tender. (ii) Scanned copy of EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR @2% of the estimated value pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE (M) Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu. It may be noted that the EMD should be of the date after the issuance of publication of the e-tender (iii) Scanned Copies of tender documents, terms and conditions duly signed and stamped (each page) by bidder. (iv) Scanned copy of GST Registration from competent authority (v) Scanned copy of PAN Card.

- 5. The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 06.03.2025 at 1400 hrs. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working day during the office hours.
- The Cover II i.e. Financial Bids of the firms who qualify in Cover I shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu during office hours or some other working day convenient to tender opening authority.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.
- Account Head: District Capex Budget 2024-25
- Status of funds: (under approved budget)
- 10. AAA No. 68-DDCU of 2024 Dated 14.08.2024
- 11. Accord of T.S. No: 828 of 03/2025 Dated 18.03.2025

No GWD/8842-44 DIP/J-11255/24 Dated 18.03.2025

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu

# **OP-ED**

# EDITORIAL

### **IMPROVE NATURAL FARMING**

n the face of pressing environmental challenges, dwindling natural resources, and the growing burden of unsustainable farming practices, natural farming has emerged as a transformative approach. This holistic farming method emphasizes harmony with nature, utilizing indigenous resources and eco-friendly techniques to cultivate crops without relying on synthetic chemicals, fertilizers, or genetically modified organisms. The push for natural farming is not only necessary but urgent, as it offers a sustainable path forward for agriculture, benefiting farmers, consumers, and the planet.

Modern agricultural practices, particularly those introduced during the Green Revolution, have undoubtedly increased food production. However, they have also led to significant environmental and social costs, including soil degradation, water contamination, loss of biodiversity, and health risks due to excessive chemical usage. Farmers, especially in developing countries, are grappling with rising input costs, shrinking profits, and vulnerability to climate change.

Natural farming provides a sustainable alternative by focusing on the use of natural resources and traditional techniques to revitalize soil health, conserve water, and promote biodiversity. It aligns agriculture with ecological principles, ensuring long-term sustainability and resilience against climate-induced challenges.

Natural farming is built on the foundation of working with nature rather than against it. One of its core approaches, Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF), advocates for minimal or zero reliance on external inputs. Farmers are encouraged to use locally available resources, such as cow dung, cow urine, and plant biomass, to prepare natural fertilizers and pest repellents.

Additionally, natural farming emphasizes biodiversity through intercropping, crop rotation, and the use of cover crops, which naturally enhance soil fertility and pest resistance. Practices like minimal soil disturbance, mulching, and waterefficient techniques further contribute to conserving natural resources while improving agricultural productivity.

Natural farming rejuvenates degraded soils by increasing organic matter and fostering microbial diversity. It prevents water pollution by eliminating chemical runoff and promotes water conservation through efficient irrigation techniques. Furthermore, practices like agroforestry and organic mulching contribute to carbon sequestration, aiding in climate change mitigation.

One of the most significant advantages of natural farming is the reduction in input costs. Farmers save money by avoiding expensive chemical fertilizers and pesticides, relying instead on natural alternatives. The resilient nature of crops grown under natural farming reduces losses due to pests, diseases, and extreme weather events. Additionally, the growing demand for organic and chemical-free produce allows farmers to fetch premium prices for their products. Natural farming eliminates the risk of harmful chemical residues in food, providing healthier and safer options for consumers. The nutrientrich produce derived from these methods improves dietary quality and reduces the likelihood of chronic illnesses associated with chemical exposure. By promoting traditional agricultural practices and local knowledge, natural farming helps revive cultural heritage and fosters a sense of pride among farming communities. It also strengthens social bonds by encouraging community participation in sustainable agricultural initiatives. Despite its potential, the widespread adoption of natural farming is hindered by several challenges. Farmers may lack awareness about natural farming techniques or hesitate to transition due to concerns about initial yield drops. Additionally, inadequate policy support, market access, and certification systems pose barriers to scaling up natural farming practices. To address these challenges, governments and organizations must play a proactive role. Training programs, workshops, and field demonstrations can help educate farmers about the benefits and methods of natural farming. Financial incentives, such as subsidies and low-interest loans, can ease the burden of transition. Moreover, robust market linkages and branding initiatives can ensure that farmers receive fair compensation for their natural produce. Several countries and states have already taken significant steps to promote natural farming. In India, initiatives like the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) aim to encourage organic and natural farming practices. States such as Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh are implementing Zero Budget Natural Farming on a large scale, setting examples for others to follow. Globally, movements advocating for agroecology and regenerative agriculture are gaining momentum, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to address food security, poverty alleviation, and climate resilience.

### **By: Vijay Garg**

umanities is often seen as a "last resort" for students with lower scores Science and commerce enrolments

are 1.5 times higher than humanities Parents and society prioritise science and commerce for better job prospects

When I chose Arts in Class 11, the air at home thickened with unspoken dismay. My parents exchanged glances, my relatives whispered behind my back, and the verdict was swift-Must have scored low in the 10th board exams. What job will she end up with? A teacher, at best? Or maybe just a housewife? The disappointment in their voices was louder than their words.

It wasn't just my home. This was a sentiment woven into the fabric of society, an unspoken rule that had dictated choices for generations. In Tier-1 cities, it was a quiet bias, but in Tier-2 and Tier-3 towns, it was a blatant decree. Science was for the intelligent, commerce for the practical, and arts-well, arts was for those who had no other choice.

PERCEPTION OF LOWER CAREER PROSPECTS

Humanities are generally linked with teaching, journalism, social work, and public administration careers, which are regarded as lower-paying than those of engineering, medicine, or finance. In 2022, a study conducted by the Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy (CMIE) concluded that humanities graduates had higher unemployment rates at 12% than STEM graduates at 7%.

Another reason behind the poor perception of the arts or humanities stream is poor awareness among people about the variety of career options on offer. A 2019 survey on

career awareness among Indian students found that 93% of those aged 14 to 21 knew only about seven career options across different streams, despite India offering over 250 different job roles at the time. The number of available career options has only grown since then. ACADEMIC HIERARCHY AND

PRESSURE FROM PARENTS Those who score lower academically tend to be steered towards humanities, confirming that it is an "easier" stream. As per a survey conducted by NCERT in 2021, 78% of Indian parents wanted their children to study science or commerce, as they are deemed more "prestigious".

SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES OF HUMANITIES IN INDIA

Sociologists have found the humanities to be stereotypically considered as a low performing student's option for their education. According to Deepti Singh, Sociologist, "In Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, humanities is often looked down upon due to societal bias, job market concerns, and lack of awareness."

"STEM and professional courses are seen as more stable career options, while humanities is wrongly perceived as a last resort for academically weaker students. Parental pressure, limited role models, and fewer local job opportunities further reinforce this stigma,"

"The education system also prioritises science and commerce, sidelining humanities. However, with globalisation, digital careers, and growing awareness, perceptions are gradually changing, offering new opportunities in media, policymaking, and creative industries,"

ENROLMENT TRENDS ACROSS VARIOUS CITY TIERS

Enrolment patterns in humanities in India's city tiers indicate varied

Is Humanity still Lagging Behind Science trends shaped by accessibility, societal attitudes, and the changing environment of online learning.

> Tier 1 cities (metropolitan areas): In major metropolitan centres like Delhi, female enrolment into higher education shows a significant increment. GER has almost doubled from five years, with female students becoming more than double that of their male counterparts during 2021-22.

> Female students currently outnumber males in arts or humanities courses. For example, in undergraduate courses, for the year 2021-22, while the number for females was 197,718, their male counterparts were 179,180 only.

More than anything, with growing interest from people in these cities - including Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru - coming from interdisciplinary programmes combining humanities disciplines with other majors, NEP 2020 will look into integration for comprehensive education.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities: In smaller towns and cities, more conventional perceptions tend to dominate, with greater stress on science and commerce streams. Limited exposure to varied educational materials and career prospects in humanitiesrelated areas further deters students from studying these subjects.

Science vs. Humanities: Which **Drives Progress More?** 

CHALLENGES FACING HUMAN-**ITIES EDUCATION** 

Funding disparities: Governmental funding is highly biased in favour of STEM disciplines. For example, during 2006-2010, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) got just 2.3% of the grants that were provided to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

Policy inhibitions: The policies of

regulatory bodies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC) at times work in opposition to the growth of humanities education.

Job market perception: There is a general notion that humanities graduates have fewer job opportunities and lesser pay scales as compared to STEM graduates. Such a perception deters students from choosing humanities, particularly in areas where immediate employability is the first priority.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DATA There is limited comprehensive national data on school registrations in humanities subjects. But reports indicate that fewer than 0.4% of undergraduate students seek a PhD, and most are in science courses. This reflects a lower tendency towards advanced studies in humanities.

The perception of humanity as an inferior stream in India is a multifaceted issue rooted in societal biases, funding inequalities, and policy constraints. It is necessary to collectively work towards promoting the value of humanities education, ensuring equitable funding, and reforming policies to support interdisciplinary and liberal arts programmes.

Such initiatives are crucial for fostering critical thinking, cultural awareness, and ethical reasoning amongst students, which are essential for a well-rounded society.

(Vijay Garg Retired **Principal Educational** columnist street Kour **Chand MHR Malout** Punjab)

'Your and my dreams' fall prey to divorce

By: Priyanka Saurabh

(When dreams shatter, divorces

notion. Marriage is not just a union of two people but a confluence of their dreams, hopes, and emotions. When two people marry for love, they weave many golden dreams of

sons start changing and if their thinking does not match, then there can be tension in the relationship. In modern times, giving priority to a career can affect marital life. Many times partners start restricting each other's personal freedom, which increases differences. A battle of self-respect and ego begins. "Who is more right?" This question starts hollowing out the relationship from within, and dreams start breaking. Choose your life partner not only by keeping in mind love but also by keeping in mind similar ideology, family background, career goals, and lifestyle. Talk openly about every problem and try to understand your partner's feelings. Have practical expectations from each other before and after marriage and try to fulfill them. The foundation of any relationship is trust. Be loyal to your partner and maintain transparency. Every relationship has ups and downs. Do not solve any problem in a hurry, but think patiently. Sometimes taking advice from family and close friends can also help in strengthening the relationship. If problems are increasing in the relationship, then taking guidance from a marriage expert or counselor can be a good option. Even after marriage, understand each other's dreams and try to fulfill them together. Discuss every small and big thing, understand your partner's feelings, and put your point forward in the right way. Responsibilities increase after marriage, but this does not mean that dreams should be abandoned. Support each other so that personal desires can be fulfilled. When ego enters the relationship, love starts diminishing. So

give priority to love in every situation. If you start feeling that the relationship is becoming a burden, then spend some time together, go for a walk, refresh old memories, and try to start the relationship afresh. The increasing rate of divorce in love marriages is worrying, but it can be stopped if the couple maintains mutual understanding, trust, and patience. Marriage should not be based only on love, but it also needs respect, responsibility, and maturity. By adopting the right thinking and behavior, love marriages can be made successful and happy. Divorce is not just a legal separation; it is also the death of those dreams that two people had once seen together. To save relationships, it is important to maintain love, trust, and understanding. Because if 'Tere Mere Sapne' is shattered, not only two hearts will break, but two lives will also remain incomplete. The reason for the high rate of divorce in love marriages is wrong expectations, low tolerance, lack of family support, and lack of communication. But it can be stopped with the right understanding and maturity. Marriage is successful not only with love but also with trust, patience, and mutual cooperation.

#### increase in love *marriages)*

owadays, the increasing cases of divorce have given rise to a new concern in society. Be it an arranged marriage or a love marriage, marital life is becoming unstable due to increasing distance in relationships. Divorce affects not only two people but also their families, children, and society. Therefore, some concrete steps are necessary to prevent this. Divorce is not a solution, but it should be the last option. Mutual respect, communication, patience, and love are necessary to make the relationship strong and happy. If the husband and wife try to understand each other and maintain balance in the relationship, the divorce rate can be reduced. The reasons for the high divorce rate in love marriages are wrong expectations, low tolerance, lack of family support, and lack of communication. But with the right understanding and maturity, this can be prevented. Marriage is successful not only with love but also with trust, patience, and mutual cooperation.

In today's era, the trend of love marriage has increased rapidly, but along with it, the rate of divorce is also increasing. While love marriage was considered a symbol of love, freedom, and mutual understanding, the increasing cases of divorce have raised questions about this

the future-of living together, sharing happiness, and traveling a beautiful journey. But when this journey reaches the brink of divorce, the first to be crushed are 'tere mere sapne' (my dreams of yours). The zeal, enthusiasm, and closeness before marriage gradually start to fade due to many reasons. Small misunderstandings, walls of ego, and changing priorities start to erase those dreams that both of them had once cherished together.

The dreams that are seen for each other before marriage start getting crushed under the burden of responsibilities of reality. When the direction of dreams becomes different, the relationship starts weakening. In love relationships, people often see their partner in an ideal form, but when the reality comes after marriage, dissatisfaction may arise. Communication is very important for a successful marriage. If the spouses are unable to understand and listen to each other, then there can be a rift in the relationship. Many times after marriage, financial pressure and difficulties in fulfilling responsibilities start coming, due to which differences can increase. In love marriage, many times one has to face opposition from family and society. If the couple is not mentally strong, then this tension can affect their relationship. If the behavior of one of the partners is suspicious or distrust starts arising, then it can lead to divorce. After marriage, when the priorities of both the per-

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#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, March 21, 2025

### **LOCAL**

# **Social Forestry Deptt organizes plantation** drive to celebrate International Day of Forests at JNV School Budgam

#### **Top News Report**

BUDGAM, Mar 21: The Social Forestry Department, Range Budgam, celebrated the International Day of Forests with great enthusiasm by organizing a grand plantation drive at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) School Budgam. The event was conducted under the directions of Dr. Mumtaz Majeed, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Srinagar and supervised by Bilal Ahmed Matoo, Range Forest Officer, Social Forestry Range Budgam.

The plantation drive witnessed the participation of several dignitaries, including Private Schools Association J&K (PSAJK) President G.N. Var was as the chief guest and D.K. Singh, Principal of JNV Budgam, as the guest of honor. Other notable attendees included Jammu & Kashmir Trade Union Council President Abdul Majeed Parray, Block Officer of the Social Forestry Department Mohd Lateef Shagoo, Zahoor Ahmad and several other prominent personalities. Students also actively participated in the event

A total of 500 saplings were planted within the school premises to promote ecological balance and raise awareness about the importance of forests. Speaking at the event, PSAJK President G.N. Var, emphasized the need to involve students in environmental initiatives. He stated, "A significant portion of our population consists of students in schools and colleges they are the future of our planet. If children develop awareness about the environment and understand the importance of



Budgam, expressed his grati-

tude to the Social Forestry

Department for selecting their

institution for the plantation

drive. "I sincerely appreciate

this initiative, which encourag-

es environmental responsibility

among students. Hosting such

programs cultivates awareness,

enhances green cover and con-

tributes to pollution control and

biodiversity conservation. We

look forward to more collabora-

tions that inspire young minds to

Jammu & Kashmir Trade

Union Council President Abdul

Majeed Parray underlined the

crucial role of afforestation in

combating climate change.

"Trees are not just a source

of oxygen but also play a fun-

damental role in maintaining

ecological stability. They act as

natural air filters, reduce carbon

footprints and help prevent soil

erosion. The importance of

afforestation cannot be over-

stated, as it directly contributes

to tackling climate change,

improving air quality and pre-

serving biodiversity. Every tree

we plant today is an investment

in a healthier future for coming

protect nature," he stated.

trees, we secure our future The celebration of the International Day of Forests serves as a reminder that forests exist in various forms, each playing a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. If we fail to protect our environment and recognize the significance of trees, we ultimately put human lives at risk. It is commendable that today's program has engaged students, as environmental education should be an integral part of project-based learning." He further stressed that human survival depends entirely on a healthy environment, making its protection and preservation imperative. Programs like these play a vital role in educating both children and the public about the importance of planting trees and conserving nature.

He also expressed gratitude, saying, "I am deeply thankful to the Social Forestry Department and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Budgam for their visionary efforts in organizing this meaningful program on World Forest Day.'

D.K. Singh, Principal of JNV

generations," he remarked. The participating students also shared their insights on the importance of tree plantation and the dangers of deforestation.

"Planting trees is not just about adding greenery; it is about securing our planet's future. Trees provide us with oxygen, reduce air pollution and support biodiversity. Without forests, we face severe environmental challenges, including climate change, rising temperatures and habitat destruction for countless species," said one of the students.

Another student highlighted the negative impacts of deforestation, saying, "When we cut down trees without replacing them, we disrupt ecosystems, contribute to global warming and increase the risk of natural disasters like floods and landslides. It is our responsibility to protect and nurture our environment."

Experts at the event emphasized the numerous benefits of afforestation, including Improved Air Quality: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, making the air cleaner, Climate Regulation: Forests play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Biodiversity Conservation: Trees provide habitat and food for wildlife, Water Conservation: Forests help maintain groundwater levels and reduce soil erosion. The event concluded with a

collective pledge to protect and nurture the environment, reinforcing the commitment of the Social Forestry Department and local stakeholders toward sustainable development.

### How Godrej's Food and **Microbiology Lab drives** consumer-centric innovation



styles, evolving dietary

habits, and health-con-

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aged by a team of food

scientist and microbi-

ologist, and overseen

by the Head of Innova-

tion for the Appliances

Business, the lab is

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The Food & Micro-

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Kamal Nandi, Busi-

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Group, said "Our new

Food and Microbiology

Lab is a testament to

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approach, driving inno-

vations that solve real

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value for consumers.

By prioritizing tangible

benefits like food pres-

ervation, indoor air qual-

ity, and more, we design

appliances that thought-

fully make a difference

Washing Machines.

everyday living.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: The Appliances business of Godrej & Boyce, part of the Godrej Enterprises Group, has reinforced its commitment to consumer-driven innovation with the introduction of its Food and Microbiology Lab. This dedicated facility allows Godrej to scientifically study food behaviour, preservation techniques, and hygiene factors, ensuring that its appliances are designed to truly serve the needs of Indian consumers.

Equipped to assess a wide range of scientific parameters like pH levels, ripening stages, humidity control, and microbial activity to hedonic factors like taste, texture, and appearance, the lab plays a vital role in enhancing product capabilities.

Trusted by millions of Indians, Godrej is committed to insight-driven innovation. This facility stands as a testament to that legacy, seamlessly blending scientific research with realworld consumer needs to develop appliances that cater to modern life-

in our consumers' daily lives.'

Burzin Wadia, Head of Research & Development at Appliances Business, Godrej Enterprises Group, said, "We launched our Food and Microbiology Lab to analyse how food, air, and fabric interact with our appliances. From monitoring food freshness parameters to air and cloth quality, this facility will allow us to engineer appliances that deliver tangible benefits to our consumers. Our focus remains on creating solutions that seamlessly integrate into our consumers lives."

The Food and Microbiology Lab is housed within the Appliances business of Godrej Enterprises Group's expansive R&D facility in Pirangut, Pune-a close to Rs 100 crore facility with NABLaccredited in-house labs and cuttingedge infrastructure. This advanced setup empowers the brand to accelerate product development timelines and bring innovative, consumer-centric appliances to market.

### **CCI thanks CM for extension** of Amnesty Scheme for **Domestic Consumers**



### **Field of Union Ministry of MSME Ladakh organizes** awareness program on PM Vishwakarma at Kargil

**Top News Report** 

KARGIL Mar 21: MSME-Development Nucleus Cell, Ladakh the field office of Union Ministry of MSME in collaboration with District

Manager presented an insightful overview of the role of banks in supporting the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, focusing on financial access and assistance. Superintendent Kargil shared details about the training programs offered by their department, which include 120 hours of advanced training for interested beneficiaries in various skills, as well as financial and digital literacy initiatives. G. Velladurai IEDS Joint Director from MSME DFO Jammu gave detailed reply to the queries raised by the participants regarding training, Delivery of tool kits among other things. JD MSME DFO, G.

Velladurai, reassured

the participants of the

department's commit-

ment to resolving the

issues faced by artisans

or MSMEs in the UT of Ladakh.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme is a Central Sector scheme was launched to provide end to end support

to artisans and craft

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 21: Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) on Friday expressed thanks to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for extension of Amnesty Scheme for **Domestic Consumers** of Power Development Department which is a welcome step and will help the domestic consumers to clear their power dues.

He further said that we had time and again requested the government to announce power amnesty scheme for the commercial consumers which is still awaiting. We request that power amnesty for commercial users should also be announced at the earliest. Arun Gupta also said that we had a number

of times discussed with the government the issue relating to expiry of lease deeds in respect of the properties of Jammu Development Authority Housing Board and state properties including the properties of the Horticulture Department but the decision in this regard is still awaited. We request the government to constitute a special committee for framing the policy to finalize the

lease deed issue.

Administration Kargil and District Industries Centre, Kargi organized a seminar on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme at Conference Hall, DC Office Kargil.

The program aimed to spread awareness about the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, targeting less-registered trades and artisans in the region. The Chief Guest, Abdul Hadi, CPO Kargil, on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Kargil, expressed his gratitude to the organizers and highlighted the importance of taking advantage of such programs for the benefit of local artisans. The event was attend-



ed by G. Velladurai IEDS, Joint Director, MSME DFO Jammu; Rajesh Kumar, IEDS AD, MSME DFO Jammu; Abdul Hadi, CPO Kargil: Rahmatullah-Batt, General Manager DIC Kargil; Mudassir Rahowf, FM DIC; Abdi Ali, Superintendent ITI Kargil; Gulzar Ahmad, Lead District Manager; Zeeshan, Representative Cluster J&K Bank; CSCs Managers, and Nodal Officers for PM Vishwakarma and local

artisans Rajesh Kumar, IEDS AD MSME DFO Jammu, welcomed the guests with a traditional Kharpa and bouquets. He delivered a detailed presentation on PM Vishwakarma Scheme, explaining the role of MSMEs, benefits of Udyamregistration, process to avail financial assistance through PMEGP, and how to enroll for exhibition stalls via 'MY MSME' website. The Lead District

people who work with their hands ands tools. The scheme covers artisans and crafts people engaged in 18 trades, viz. Carpenter (Suthar/Badhai), Boat Maker, Armourer, Blacksmith (Lohar), Hammer and Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith (Sonar), Potter(Kumhaar), Sculptor(Moortikar, Stone carver), Stone breaker, Cobbler, Mason(Rajmistri), Maker/ Basket Mat/Broom Maker, Doll & Toy Maker, Barber(Naai), Garland Maker(Malakaar), Washerman(Dhobi), Tailor(Darzi) and Fish-

Airtel introduces affordable international roaming packs starting at Rs 133/Day

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: With the travel season in full swing, Airtel has launched its most affordable International Roaming Packs, offering seamless connectivity across more than 180 countries. Starting at just Rs. 133 per day, these packs are designed to provide cost-effective solutions for travelers, ensuring uninter-

rupted communication and high-speed data connectivity without the burden of high roaming charges.

Airtel's International Roaming Packs come with a host of features, including unlimited data, voice benefits, and in-flight connectivity. The service is automated, activating as soon as customers arrive at their destination. Additionally, Airtel offers 24/7 global customer

support, free of cost, ensuring peace of mind and assistance anywhere in the world. The simplified packs eliminate the need for travelers to purchase multiple destination-specific plans, allowing them to choose a single package based on the duration of their trip. For frequent flyers, Airtel has introduced an auto-

renewal feature that ensures seamless connectivity without the need for manual reactivation. Customers on long-term plans of more than 30 days can also enjoy supplementary in-flight connectivity.

Moreover, Airtel's userfriendly Thanks app allows travelers to manage their usage, change plans, and receive billing updates, giving them full control at their fingertips. To guarantee seamless

connectivity in key destinations such as the USA, UAE, UK, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Australia, Thailand, and Singapore, Airtel has formed strategic partnerships with leading telecommunications providers. This ensures high-speed data, clear voice calls, and uninterrupted streaming, empowering users to stay connected with loved ones, share updates, and navigate

their travels smoothly. Customers can easily activate the International Roaming Packs through the Airtel Thanks app, by visiting Airtel's official website (https:// www.airtel.in/ir-packs/), at local Airtel stores, or even at airport kiosks. These affordable and feature-rich roaming packs are positioned to be the perfect travel companion for adventurers heading to far-reaching corners of the globe.

net maker.

With these innovative International Roaming Packs, Airtel aims to redefine how travelers stay connected during their journeys. By offering simplicity, affordability, and advanced features, Airtel is set to become a reliable partner for global travelers, ensuring that staying connected is never a concern, no matter where their travels take them.

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### **ENTERTAINMENT**

# In Chandigarh for the Cinevesture International Film Festival, Nandita Das and Randeep Hooda showcase their wit

Nandita Das is a reluctant actor and a reluctant director. So challenging is the industry that with each project, she vows not to do it again. But then comes an idea, a story follows and there she is back in the spotlight, living the character or shaping up the narrative that touches her deepest core. Speaking at the second edition of the Cinevesture International Film Festival, Nandita opens up about her journey.

A 'bold woman story' initiated her into the acting world with Deepa Mehta's Fire back in 1996. As many as 40 films on, in 10 different languages, she has stayed on, breaking another taboo, pushing another envelope. How's it working in a language not your own? "Very difficult. I usually have the entire script written in Hindi; phonetically it works well. But with each such film, I'm like it's my last. I recently did a Telugu film, but I have sworn not to do another film in an unfamiliar language again."

Three films down as a director, now she's easing into the role. "I have now made peace that this is what I enjoy," she shares. Her first film, Firaaq, in 2008, originated as her response to all that transpired in Gujarat. "Incidentally, the film was released today, which marks 17 years of Firaaq. It talks about what happens after violence — the feelings of anger, guilt and listlessness." The film is available free on YouTube and Das urges the audience to see it.

Manto, 10 years on, was her way to raise current issues by setting the story in the past. So difficult was the prep for the film on the most controversial writers of his times that the night before receiving the first funding for the film, she wanted to give it up all together. "I felt I bit more than I could chew. It was so difficult to make what I envisaged, but now I'm happy that I did what I did." The pandemic gave her the next story. Gig economy in



tough times; what started as a short story for an anthology, developed into a script for a feature film, Zwigato, starring Kapil Sharma in the lead role. "I hadn't seen his show but saw him host one with Karan Johar, which gave me the idea to cast him." Despite being warned that Kapil was a wrong choice, Nandita stuck to her call and the journey was enjoyable. "Both Shahana (Goswami) and Kapil are very generous actors. Rooted and real, they are a fun team to work with."

Nandita has often spoken about stereotypes in the film industry and how being a woman boss, when she started, was an exception back then. "While the mainstream cinema is still in the grip of stereotypes, OTT has opened up a different space." As for women leading, she feels things haven't changed much but we are marching in the right direction. "We see a lot more women at the helm now. When women lead a project, it brings a different and a significant voice," says Nandita, who ensures at least three to four women head different departments in her films.

Not fair! Nandita' stand against discrimination on the basis of colour isn't new, but she insists it's one discussion that must be kept alive as things are still far from fair. "Once I was asked by a girl how I was so confident despite my complexion and that hit me really hard." The phrase rang maila hai exists and ramifications are rampant. "Even today when there is a scene of a rich man's party, fair folks are lined up, but for a scene on the road they have brown people like me! That's how deep the bias is and

it must be addressed." A masterclass in self-love! When Randeep Hooda walks into the hall, the energy shifts. Not that he's big or bulky, but there is sincerity, an energy hard to miss. Talking at Cinevesture International Film Festival, Randeep, during an unbridled talk, summed up his introduction to films and becoming an actor, director and producer.

Dressed in a fancy white and greyish blue suit with white sneakers, shades in place, he gave the audience some hearty laughs and a masterclass in self-love! He talked about how his nani took him to see Chandrawal in theatres for the first time. "My nani was an ardent fan. She didn't know English but would watch Bold and Beautiful in English twice, everyday."

The actor, who burst on the scene with Monsoon Wedding, has since then wowed audience with remarkable body transformations. While he sure was enjoying being the actor, circumstances forced him to becoming a director. He explains, "Being an actor is being a jamai, everybody is asking you juice lo ji, sab theek hai ji, phoopha ji naraaz to nahi ho jayenge. The director, on the other hand, is ladki ka pita." Not than being in the latter's position made him change his stance!

"When I started Swatantrya Veer Savarkar, for the first four hours my unit did their things, saying the new director doesn't know. They were shooting scenes that were not even in the film." But soon, he came into his form, barking instructions and that's how the film was made! "Not a man to go and see himself on the big screen, he did watch Savarkar! "People stood up in applause as they do in a play, which was remarkable."

However, life has not been a bed of roses. He admitted how he let go of films like Rang De Basanti and is candid enough to share his reasons. "I was launched in D and my mentor then said, 'Tu Aamir Khan ke peeche poster main ayega' and my Haryanvi buddhi let go of a project like that. There are many others examples." Randeep's toughest times have been when he prepped for Saragarhi. For three years he

Saragarni. For three years he kept his kesh, trained 20 others in horse-riding and sword-fighting, but the film was shelved, robbing him of his dreams. "The film didn't see the light of the day due to chal kapat and that is going to be my biggest regret."

His next is an action film, which he's writing and will produce and direct. "In want of a good actor, I have decided to cast myself," he flashes his infectious smile, winning another round of applause. Acing all challenges

Filmmaker Honey Trehan opened up on his struggle with the release of Punjab '95. Through the title change, over 120 cuts and then problems in international release, Trehan shared on Thursday, "Give me a reason for not letting it release; it is acknowledged by law. Threats to my producer by higher authorises is no way. Where is the freedom of expression?"

But not the one to succumb to challenges, Trehan says, "I have made the film for people and will make sure everybody gets to watch this."

### I really do hope that it happens soon, says Jacqueline Fernandez on 'Kick 2'

soon because there

has been so much love

given to the 'Kick' brand

by fans and it changed

"I really do hope that it

comes through and fin-

gers crossed it will," Fer-

nandez, 39, told report-

ers here at the press

conference of Zee Cine

"Kick" was one of the

biggest blockbusters of

2014. It was also Khan's

first film to enter the Rs

Fernandez, known

for films like "Murder

2", "Race 2", and

"Dishoom", shared her

excitement for 2025 as

she has multiple releas-

es lined up. She will be

seen in the upcoming

installments of the "Wel-

come" and "Housefull"

franchises.

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awards.



Actor Jacqueline Fernandez says she hopes to be a part of the second installment of 2014 blockbuster movie "Kick", a movie that changed her life.

Headlined by superstar Salman Khan, the movie was an official remake of Telugu star Ravi Teja's 2009 film of the same title. It also featured Randeep Hooda and Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

Salid Nadiadwala, who directed the movie, officially announced its sequel last year.

"I'm so excited for the franchise, but I really feel that this would be something that Sajid Nadiadwala or Salman can confirm. But I really do hope that it happens "It's an exciting year for me because there will be a lot of releases and it's exciting to be back on 'Housefull'. We're on 'Housefull 5' right now, so teaming up with that amazing cast and crew is always so much fun," she said.

The fifth part of the popular comedy franchise is helmed by Tarun Mansukhani of "Dostana" fame and produced by Nadiadwala's production banner Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment.

Besides Fenandez, "Housefull 5" also features Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh, Abhishek Bachchan, Fardeen Khan, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chunky Pandey, Johnny Lever, Shreyas Talpade, Dino Morea, Chitrangada Singh, Ranjeet, Soundarya Sharma and Niktin Dheer.

Similarly, the latest installment of "Welcome" franchise, titled "Welcome To The Jungle", also features an ensemble cast that includes Shroff, Kumar, Suniel Shetty, Paresh Rawal, Arshad Warsi, Tusshar Kapoor, Talpade, Aftab Shivdasani, . Raveena Tandon, Lara Dutta, Disha Patani, Lever and Rajpal Yadav. Fernandez called "Welcome To The Jungle", which is being directed by Ahmed Khan, a "crazy comedy". "It is something new for me. And we've really been having a great time shooting it, so the fans are going to love it," she said, adding that she is also excited for her maiden web series,

which will be released in

April.

Vijay Deverkonda, Prakash Raj, Rana Daggubati among others booked for Saiyami Kher: A lot of times, female characters

### promoting betting apps



A case was registered against six Telugu film actors, including Rana Daggubati, Prakash Raj, Vijay Deverkonda and 19 social media influencers, for allegedly promoting betting apps, police said.

Actors Lakshmi Manchu, Praneetha and Nidhi Agarwal were also booked in the case, a police official at Miyapur Police Station said.

The complainant, a businessman, accused the celebrities and influencers of promoting the betting apps on social media through pop-up ads among others.

Based on the complaint, a case was registered under relevant Sections of the BNS, Gaming Act and IT Act on March 19, the official said.

The police official added that they were planning to issue notices to those named in the FIR and further investigation was underway. According to the complainant, while he was interacting with youths in his colony recently, most of them were discussing about investing money in betting, gambling and casino apps which are being promoted by celebrities and influencers on social media.

He was also influenced by such applications and was about to deposit in one such betting/gambling/casino website. But due to his family's word of caution, he did not do so, the complainant said.

The FIR said the complainant, while using his social media, came across several celebrities and influencers who are actively promoting several of the "illegal" betting apps, websites and other platforms.

The complainant alleged that those who are promoting these apps and websites are doing so by accepting huge sums of money as commission and remuneration.

These platforms are encouraging public, especially people who are in dire need of money, to invest their hard-earned money in those apps/websites. Slowly, they get addicted to these apps, leading to financial distress, he claimed.

These platforms are actively promoting their apps/websites through social media advertisements with the help of celebrities and influencers, thereby reaching the target audience automatically without even the users actually searching for it, he said. Thousands of lakhs of rupees are involved in these illegal platforms, he alleged.

He requested the police to take necessary action on the management of such platforms as well as on the individuals who were illegally promoting these.

### still feel like an afterthought

Saiyami Kher talks about taking Ghoomer to Uzbekistan, condition of women representation in Bollywood and women-led films still being considered a 'risk'

The Embassy of India in Tashkent, Uzbekistan hosted a Film Festival recently, in honor of the month of celebrating International Women's Day, by showcasing acclaimed women-centric films. Amongst them was Saiyami Kher's 2023 release Ghoomer, for which the actor even went to Uzbekistan.

Talking about the achievement, Saiyami Kher says, "It's overwhelming to see the film continue to get recognition even after so much time. As an actor, you make choices based on instinct, passion, and belief in a story, but you never know how it will be received. So, when your film keeps resonating with audiences, it reinforces my belief that the kind of cinema I want to be part of has value. For me, that's the biggest validation," adding, 'The love the people of Uzbekistan showered on us was very special." With the festival promoting women empowerment, Saiyami talks about the role of cinema in doing that, saying, "Cinema is a reflection of society, but it also has the power to influence it. We are moving beyond just 'strong female characters' to real, flawed, layered women who



don't always have to be perfect. That's how cinema truly promotes empowerment—by showing women in all their depth and complexity."

But is Hindi cinema doing a good job in female representation? "We've made progress, but there are still gaps. One of the biggest issues is writing. A lot of times, female characters still feel like an afterthought-they exist to support the male lead's journey rather than having their own arcs. Even when a film is centred on a woman, there's often a tendency to make her either too strong or too victimized. instead of just letting her be a real person with flaws, contradictions, and depth," the 32-yearold responds, adding, "We also need to break away from the mindset that a female-led film has to be about social issues or empowerment. Women don't have to be just one thing on screen. We also need more representation behind the camera, because they will naturally bring more authenticity to women's stories."

Saiyami believes that to truly empower women through cinema, what's needed the most is "normalization". "We need to stop treating female-led films as different or special. We should have strong, well-written female characters in all kinds of genres, not just in social dramas. And we need to break the perception that a film with a female lead is a risk, and the audience plays a huge role in this change," she says.

However, while it is needed, the actor admits that unfortunately, the challenge to get someone to back a female-led film still exists. "There's still hesitation from many producers and studios when it comes to investing in stories with women at the center. The perception is that such films don't make as much money as male-led films. And that's where the audience also plays a role because box office numbers matter in the industry. When a big-ticket male-led film releases. people rush to watch it. But when a female-led film comes out, there's often a hesitation. That mindset has to change. The more commercially successful female-led films become, the easier it will be to get them made without questioning their viability," she

ends.

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, March 21, 2025

### **NATIONAL**

# Nadda asks MPs to ensure health check-up for all citizens in their constituencies every year

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Friday appealed to all Members of Parliament to ensure a thorough health check-up of citizens in their respective constituencies every year for early detection of health issues

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Nadda said the government has started a campaign to conduct health check-up for all citizens aged 30 at the Ayushman Arogya Mandir. The free checkup is to detect high blood pressure, diabetes and cancer.

The minister said that ever since the campaign started, 35 crore people were screened, of whom 4.2 crore were detected with hypertension and 2.6 crore were found to be diabetic. Of the 29.35 crore people screened for oral cancer, 1.18 crore were detected with cancer, he said. "I appeal to all of you, honourable members, to conduct a thorough health check-up for all every year," Nadda said, adding he was confident that the MPs will do their best.

The minister said that at pres-



ent 372 day care cancer centres, 19 state cancer centres and 22 tertiary cancer centres are operating in the country. He said all the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have full-fledged cancer care centres with modern equipment, and that a super speciality

hospital in Haryana's Jhajhar, with 1,400 beds, is one of the best cancer hospitals in the world.

Nadda said that as per the budget announcement, the government is going to set up one cancer day care centre in every district, where chemotherapy can be administered.

"This year, we are going to open 200 such centres across the country. The rest will be opened in the coming years," he said.

Replying to another question, Union Minister of State for Health Anupriya Patel said the government has disbursed Rs 3,635 crore through direct benefit transfer to tuberculosis patients. She said each patient is given Rs 1,000 to buy nutrients.

### RSS aims to bridge north-south divide, focus on Manipur healing

some harmony can be

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): The ruling BJP's ideological mentor organisation RSS on Friday termed the Manipur strife and the raging narratives around the north-south divide as its top concerns and said its cadres were engaged in fostering harmony on both fronts.

Noting that Manipur would take a long time to heal in the wake of wounds inflicted over the last 20 months, RSS joint general secretary, Manipur, CR Mukund said, "The RSS is concerned about Manipur. Since 20 months, Manipur is going through a very bad patch. But there is some hope today, as we have gone through the decisions of the central government, some of which are political and some are administrative, which have raised the hopes of the people. But as an organisation, we think it will take a long time for a natural atmosphere to be restored and wounds

to heal. Speaking to reporters about the three-day meeting of the RSS All India Pratinidhi Sabha,

the highest decisionmaking body of the Sangh, which began in Bengaluru on Friday, Mukund said another concern for the RSS are the forces who are challenging national unity and are raising the north-south divide, whether it is about delimitation or about

languages. "Our cadres are trying their best to bring about harmony, especially in southern states. In Manipur, as a social organisation, our efforts are about bringing together the two ethnic groups, which are fighting among each other, and we are bringing together the leadership of both sides to sit together and talk. There are many issues to be resolved, politically. Some decisions are to be taken by the center. We are helping the people of Manipur by bringing communities

"It is a very complex problem. RSS also helped people in relief camps, not only with food, but also with articles needed to run the household. There is some hope now that the President's rule has been imposed. Some

achieved.

things can be resolved, administratively. But it will take a very long time to heal the wounds that have been inflicted in these 20 months," the

RSS leader added. About the north-south divide, he said there are many aspects, most of which "are politically motivated." Mukund recalled Home Minister Amit Shah assuring the opposition that the next delimitation will be held on the basis of the ratio. "For example, if some

South Indian state has a certain number of seats in the Lok Sabha today, that ratio will be held as it is if the Lok Sabha is expanded," said Mukund, adding that the issue can be resolved



has passed a resolution on that in the past.

He said in the threelanguage formula, the mother tongue is a must, and the other two languages are about individual choices. Mukund added that the RSS is today one crore cadre strong with inroads even in hitherto barren areas like Tamil Nadu, western Odisha, parts of Maharashtra

"Since 10 years now, the RSS has not faced resistance to its work anywhere in the country. Our acceptance is growing. We have one crore cadre and 6 lakh active workers who attend

daily and weekly shakhas put together. Daily activities this year have gone up to 83,129 shakhas, which is 10,000 more than last year.

Weekly activities are being held at 32,120 shakhas, which is 4,430 more than last year," he said, adding that in this centenary year of the RSS, expansion and consolidation of work were too focus.

The RSS top body will discuss expansion, programs for the centenary year over three days, and pass resolutions on the persecution of Hindus in Bandladesh and the centenary of the Sangh, which was formed in Nagpur in 1925.

### Lord Ram embodied best form of human dignity, Adityanath says in Ayodhya



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LUCKNOW/AYOD-HYA, Mar 21 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who on Friday offered prayers at the Hanuman Garhi temple and the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, said if there was any great personality to write about on this Earth, it had to be Lord Ram.

The temple priests welcomed the chief minister by applying tilak and offering him a shawl at the Ram temple before he offered prayers amid chanting of Vedic this Earth, it had to be Lord Ram. If you write about Lord Ram, your pen will be blessed," Adityanath said.

Calling Ayodhya the base of Sanatan Dharma in India, Adityanath said, "It is the first 'Puri' (holy pilgrimage site) among the 'Sapta Puri'. It is the land that inspired Sanatan Dharma." State minister and incharge Ayodhya Surya Pratap Shahi, Padma Shri awardee singer Malini Awasthi, along with other prominent personalities attended the event.

On Thursday, Adityanath visited Balrampur where he reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Chaitra Navratri fair, an official statement said.

On Friday morning, the chief minister offered prayers at the Maa Pateshwari Devi Shaktipeeth in Tulsipur, it said.

#### Deeply shameful: Maliwal on Allahabad HC ruling in assault case

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on Friday slammed as "shameful" and "absolutely wrong" the Allahabad High Court ruling that actions like grabbing of breasts and breaking of string of a 'pyjama' do not amount to offence of rape.

Maliwal questioned the message such a ruling sends to society, particularly regarding crimes against children. "This is "deeply shameful and absolutely wrong. What message do they want to give to society? That a young girl can be subjected to such horrific acts, and it



Supreme Court to intervene immediately and take strict action against such judicial interpretations.

"The Supreme Court should intervene in this matter without delay, and strict action must be taken," she said.

ate explosion, and the

flames spread rapidly to

the other three vehicles.

The fire was so intense

that one of the drivers

had no time to escape

and was burned alive

The deceased has

Shambhulal Dhakad,

a resident of Phoolji

Kheda. His body has

been moved to the Man-

dalgarh Hospital mortu-

identified as

inside his truck.

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The Allahabad High Court ruled that mere grabbing of breasts and breaking of the string of a 'pyjama' do not amount to offence of rape but such offence falls under the ambit of assault or use of criminal force against any woman with the intent to disrobe or compel her to be naked.

ised by author Yatindra Mishra at the Maharaja Palace in Ayodhya Dham, Adityanath said Lord Ram embodied the best form of human dignity, and it was "amazing" that the meet was being organised on the holy land of

Later addressing a lit-

erature festival organ-

Ayodhya. "It is true that whoever wrote on Lord Ram went on to become great. Maharishi Narad told Maharishi Valmiki the same thing - if there is any great man to write about on

both communities and has held meetings with them in Imphal, Guwahati, and Delhi so that

together," he said.

The RSS official said

the Sangh is in touch

with the leaders of

harmoniously. He also said the RSS has always favoured preference for the mother tongue and shakhas daily," Mukund said.

He also said that the RSS today has 1,15,276

still won't be considered rape?" she told reporters outside Parliament. Maliwal urged the

The case involved an 11-year-old girl in Uttar Pradesh's Kasganj who was attacked in 2021 by

### 'Land, economic, contract jihad': BJP slams Karnataka's 4 per cent Muslim quota

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): The BJP on Friday accused the Congress of pursuing "contract iihad" in Karnataka after the state assembly passed a bill that allows for 4 per cent reservation for Muslims in government contracts, slamming it as an infringement on the rights of OBCs, SCs and STs.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra claimed that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi pushed the state government's decision, alleging he was using the crutches of Muslim quota to advance his politics as he knows that he will be not be otherwise able to deliver

Gandhi is politically unfit for sound political decision and that is why he is resorting to appeasement politics, Patra said, using rhyming Urdu lines to throw several barbs at him. "Alamgir Rahul-Zeb", he said in a play on Mughal king Aurangzeb, is nursing ambition to become "jahanpanah".

The Congress government's decision in Kar-



added.

"It is contract jihad

now," he said, adding

the Congress had also

allied the political wing

of the banned radical

Islamic organisation

PFI and later given

legal reprieve to many

person accused of stok-

Patra noted that the

state government has

proposed salary to

imams, financial aid to

Muslims for weddings,

rebate in fee for Muslims

students, and Rs 1,000

cr for the development of

Muslim colonies among

several decisions aimed

at the minority commu-

The four per cent

quota for Muslims con-

tracts is from the reservation bracket meant

for the Other Backward

nity.

ing social unrest.

nataka is only a beginning and will create divide in the country, the BJP spokesperson said, adding the opposition party can give even 100 per cent quota to the minority community in pursuit of its appeasement politics. He told reporters, "This

is height of appeasement politics.

He said the Siddaramaiah-led government has been taking a host of measures aimed at Muslims. It followed "land jihad" through Waqf properties and "economic jihad" by offering huge package to development of the Waqf, he said, adding "anti-national jihad" was witnessed when pro-Pak slogans were raised in the state assembly, he Classes, he said, calling for a united front among the OBCs, SCs and STs against this development.

BJP leader The claimed that it is such an appeasement politics which had led to the country's division in 1947.

He reiterated that the state government's decision is unconstitutional, and the BJP will take appropriate measures to counter it. State BJP leaders have said that they will legally challenge it.

Asked about questions raised by some opposition parties on the fitness of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who looked distracted and tried to chat with someone while the national song was being played in the latest of his gaffes, Patra said it will not be appropriate for him to comment on any leader's health.

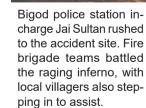
One can talk about political fitness and everyone known who is the most politically unfit leader, he said, in a swipe at Gandhi.

#### High-speed tanker crash sparks massive fire on Rajasthan's Bhilwara-Kota highway, one burnt alive

JAIPUR, Mar 21 (Agencies): A devastating accident early on Friday morning near the Ladpura intersection on the Bhilwara-Kota highway resulted in a massive fire, reducing four tankers to ashes. A speeding tanker lost control and crashed into three stationary tankers.

explosions. The intensity of the impact was so severe that all four vehicles were engulfed in flames within moments. Tragically, one driver was trapped inside his truck and perished in the

were alerted, a police team led by trainee IPS officer Jatin Jain and



Evewitnesses reported that four tankers were lined up near the Ladpura intersection when the speeding tanker rammed into one of them. The impact caused an immediary, where a post-mortem will be conducted after his family arrives. The fire triggered panic at the accident site and caused major traffic disruptions on the highway. Vehicles were stuck in long queues on both sides as firefighters worked tirelessly to contain the blaze. It took nearly an hour to fully extinguish the flames. Once the situation was under control, the police cleared the congestion and restored normal traffic flow.

Authorities are investigating the incident to determine the exact cause of the crash. Further action will be taken based on their findings.

### Minor girl found dead at relief camp in Manipur's Churachandpur, officials suspect rape



CHURACHANDPUR, Mar 21 (Agencies): A nine-year-old girl

was found dead at a relief camp in Manipur's Churachandpur district in the early hours of Friday, officials said.

She went missing from the camp on Thursday evening, following which her family started searching for her, they said. Her body was found in the relief

camp compound later in the night, they added. She had multiple injury marks on her body, especially her throat, besides blood stains, officials said.

It is suspected that she was raped, they said, adding that the body was sent to the hospital for post-mortem examination.

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blaze. As soon as authorities

### **INTERNATIONAL**

# North Korea fires new anti-aircraft missiles, threatens US and South Korea over drills

The missile launches, North Korea's sixth weapons testing activity this year, occurred on the same day that the US and South Korean militaries concluded their annual Freedom Shield command post exercise

SEOUL, Mar 21 (Agencies): North Korea said Friday it testlaunched new anti-aircraft missiles, as its military threatened unspecified grave steps against the US and South Korea over their joint military drills that it views as an invasion rehearsal.

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The official Korean Central News Agency said that leader Kim Jong Un oversaw the tests Thursday and called the missiles involved "another major defense weapons system" for North Korea.

The missile launches, North Korea's sixth weapons testing activity this year, occurred on the same day that the US and South Korean militaries concluded their annual Freedom Shield command post exercise.

The 11-day training was the allies' first major joint military exercises since the inauguration of President Donald Trump in January, and the two countries held diverse field training exercises alongside the Freedom Shield drills

US and South Korean officials describe their combined military drills as defensive in nature, but North Korea slams them as a major security threat.



Hours after this year's Freedom Shield training began on March 10, North Korea fired several

ballistic missiles into the sea. On Friday, the North Korea's Defence Ministry alleged the recent US-South Korean drills involved simulations to destroy underground tunnels in the North to remove its nuclear weapons. An unidentified ministry spokesperson said the US and South Korea would face consequences if they perform similar provocative actions again.

"The accumulated reckless military moves of the US and the ROK, seized with the daydream that they can jeopardize the sovereignty and security of a nuclear weapons state, can undoubtedly bring the gravest consequences they do not want," the spokesperson said in a statement carried in KCNA. ROK is the Republic of Korea,

South Korea's official name. North Korea often churns out warlike rhetoric and threats of attacks when the US and South Korea militaries conduct big drills. South Korea's Unification Ministry on Friday warned North Korea not to use its defensive drills with the US as a pretext to launch provocations.

Trump has said he's willing to reach out to Kim to revive their nuclear diplomacy, but North Korea hasn't made any public responses to Trump's overture.

Many experts say Kim, now preoccupied with his support of Russia's war efforts against Ukraine with supply of troops and conventional weapons, won't likely embrace Trump's outreach anytime soon, but could seriously consider it when the war ends.

Kim and Trump met three times in 2018-19 to discuss North Korea's possible nuclear disarmament, but their diplomacy eventually fell apart due to disputes over US-led economic sanctions on North Korea. Russian state news agency

Tass reported Friday that Russian Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu has arrived in Pyongyang and plans to meet with Kim. It gave no further details.

In 2023, when Shoigu, then a defense minister, traveled to North Korea, Kim gave him a personal tour of a North Korean arms exhibition in what outside critics likened to a sales pitch. In September 2024, Shoigu, then with the new security council post, went to North Korea again for a meeting with Kim, and the two discussed expanding cooperation, according to North Korea's state media.



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The Department of Jus-

tice has already charged

several perpetrators

with that in mind, includ-

ing in cases that involve

charges with five-year

mandatory minimum

"We will continue inves-

tigations that impose

severe consequences

on those involved in

these attacks, including

those operating behind

the scenes to coordinate

and fund these crimes,"

Bondi's statement

came after five Tesla

vehicles were damaged

when a fire erupted at a

sentences.

she added.

WASHINGTON DC, Mar 21 (Agencies): **US** President Donald Trump said on Friday that people who are caught sabotaging Tesla cars may stand a chance to go to jail for up to twenty years. He made the announcement in a post on Truth Social.

In a post onTruth Social, Trump wrote, "People that get caught sabotaging Teslas will stand a very good chance of going to jail for up to twenty years, and that includes the funders. WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!"

The statement by Trump comes after US Attorney General Pam Bondi has called the recent violent attacks on Tesla property "nothing short of domestic terrorism" and vowed to investigations that impose Tesla Collision Center in Las Vegas on Tuesday morning. The incident was the latest of such incidents aimed at the electric vehicle company, according to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, ABC News reported.

Since Tesla CEO Elon Musk started serving as head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), Tesla vehicles, dealerships and charging stations have been vandalised and faced protests in recent weeks. Meanwhile, the US

Department of Defence is set to brief Elon Musk on plans for a potential war with China, according to a report by The New York Times. The publication said that the access would be a major expansion of Elon Musk's government role and highlight his conflicts of interest. It said that the billionaire chief executive of both SpaceX and Tesla is a leading supplier to the Pentagon and has extensive financial interests in China.

Musk was also the largest financial supporter of the US President during the presidential campaign.

### Taiwan detects 18 Chinese aircraft, 7 Navy vessels operating near its shores

TAIPEI, Mar 21 (Agencies): Taiwan detected 18 sorties of Chinese aircraft and seven Chinese vessels until 6 am (local time) on Friday, a statement by Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence said

As per the MND, out of 18 sorties, 13 crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's southwestern ADIZ.

"18 sortie of PLA aircraft and 7 PLAN vessels operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 13 out of 18 sortie crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's southwestern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded accordingly."

Earlier on Thursday, Taiwan detected 27 sorties of Chinese aircraft, six Chinese vessels and one Chinese balloon until 6 am (local time) on Thursday, a statement by Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence said.

line and entered Taiwan's southwestern ADIZ. 1 PRC balloon was detected during this timeframe."

Earlier in the day, a spokesperson from the United States Department of State heavily criticised China's recent military exercises near Taiwan, calling them "brazen and irresponsible threats," while reaffirming the United States' long-standing support for Taipei (capital city), as reported by Taipei Times.

The spokesperson said, "China cannot credibly claim to be a 'force for stability in a turbulent world' while issuing brazen and irresponsible threats toward Taiwan."

According to the Taipei Times, the official emphasized that Washington's long-standing commitment to Taiwan would persist as it has for 45 years, and the US "will keep supporting Taiwan in response to China's military, economic informational, and diplomatic pressure." "Together with our international partners, we strongly advocate for peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and oppose any efforts to alter the status quo through force or coercion," the spokesperson added.

### **Canadian PM Carney to call for snap elections** this Sunday: Report

OTTAWA, Mar 21 (Agencies): Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney is likely to ask Governor General Mary Simon to dissolve the parliament and call for a federal election on Sunday, CBC News reported.

This comes within a week after Mark Carney was sworn in as the Prime Minister after Justin Trudeau stepped down from the post.

If that happens, then elections are expected to be held on either April 28 or May 4, with the campaign expected to last between 36 and 50 days, the CBC report stated, citing sources. Carney is betting his chances to return to



power with a stable government against the backdrop of public opinion polls that have placed his Liberal Party ahead in the contest. Carney told reporters, when asked about the election timing, that Governor General Mary Simon will be the first person to know.

compared to Poilievre's Conservatives who stand just below that, at 37.4 per cent support. Carney took the oath as Canadian PM on March 14 amid the soaring tensions over **US** President Donald Trump's tariffs and threats against Canada. He succeeded Trudeau after the latter suffered a polling slump for Liberal Party and an internal revolt in the cabinet. In his first remark after

A smaller, experienced cabinet that moves faster, secures our economy, and protects Canada's future," Carney said in a post on X.

"Right now, we're building a government that will deliver what our country needs most. We're going to protect Canadians during this crisis and build a stronger economy for the future," Carney said.

Carney has been an outspoken proponent of retaliatory tariffs against US and has also rejected Trump's repeated suggestion for Canada to become the 51st US state - stating that "America is not Canada."

As per the MND, out of 27 sorties, 20 crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's southwestern ADIZ.

In a post on X, Taiwan's MND said, "27 sorties of PLA aircraft and 6 PLAN vessels operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 20 out of 27 sorties crossed the median mandate. We're offering a positive vision for the country, a vision of action," Carney said. According to CBC's Poll Tracker, the Liberals led by Carney are leading with 37.7 per cent,

"What's clear is that in

this time of crisis is that

the government needs

a strong and clear

Carney said in a post on X,

taking the oath as PM,

"Today, we're building a government that meets the moment. Canadians expect action -- and that's what this team will deliver.

### "New York Times is pure propaganda": Musk slams NYT after Trump calls it "discredited media"

WASHINGTON DC, Mar 21 (Agencies): Tech billionaire Elon Musk slammed the New York Times on Friday in a post on X, hours after US President Donald Trump too questioned them for spreading false information about Musk's visit to the Pentagon.

In a post on X, Musk also highlighted that the people who are leaking "maliciously false information" to the New York Times will be found.

"The New York Times is pure propaganda. Also, I look forward to the prosecutions of those at the Pentagon who are leaking maliciously false information to NYT. They will be found", he wrote.

New York Times reported that the US Department of Defence is set to brief Elon Musk on plans for a potential war with China.

The publication said that the access would be a major expansion of Elon Musk's government role and highlight his conflicts of interest. It said that the billionaire chief execu-



tive of both SpaceX and Tesla is a leading supplier to the Pentagon and has extensive financial interests in China.

According to the NYT report, which cited sources, Musk, who heads the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), will be briefed on Friday by Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and top US generals about US plans for a war with China.

The top-secret briefing on the China war

plan has about 20 to 30 slides and details the United States' plans to fight China if a war-like situation comes up, NYT reported. It includes "various options on what Chinese targets to hit, over what time period."

However, Pentagon officials and President Trump denied that the session would be about military plans involving China, calling the report "fake". "China will not even be mentioned or discussed," Trump said in a social media post.

"The Fake News is at it again, this time the Failing New York Times. They said, incorrectly, that Elon Musk is going to the Pentagon tomorrow to be briefed on any potential "war with China." How ridiculous?" China will not even be mentioned or discussed. How disgraceful it is that the discredited media can make up such lies. Anyway, the story is completely untrue!!!" Trump said on Truth Social.

### Israeli Military Strikes Hezbollah **Targets in Lebanon**

Dalis was responsible

for the functioning of the

Hamas terrorist organi-

zation's terror regime in

the Gaza Strip, includ-

ing all of the organiza-

tion's systems and their

use for terrorist activi-

The killing of al-Dalis,

the IDF said, came as

over the past 24 hours

Israeli forces attacked

dozens of targets and

terrorists from the

Hamas terrorist orga-

nization throughout the

Gaza Strip, including

mid-level commanders

and senior figures in the

political wing of Hamas.

This is with the aim, said

the IDF, of harming the

military and governmen-

tal capabilities of the

Hamas terrorist orga-

nization and removing

a threat to the State of

ties.



JERUSALEM, Mar 21 (Agencies): The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) said it recently attacked a military site containing underground infrastructure in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon, and a military site containing rocket launchers in southern Lebanon, where Hezbollah terrorist organization activity was observed.

Earlier, The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) confirmed that Israeli forces eliminated the terrorist Essam Dib Abdullah al-Dalis, Hamas' prime minister and the senior government figure in the Gaza Strip, who replaced Ruhi Mushtaha in that role after the latter was killed in July 2024.

As part of his role, al-

Israel and its citizens. In addition, at this stage, the IDF reported that it can be determined with a "high degree of probability," based on the information available to the IDF and Shin Bet (Israel's anti-terror General Security Service), that the following senior terrorists were eliminated in strikes in the past 24 hours:

Mahmoud Marzouk Ahmed Abu-Watfa - served as Minister of the Interior in the Hamas government and was responsible for the internal security mechanisms of the Hamas terrorist organization, and their use for terrorist purposes.

Bahjat Hassan Muhammad Abu-Saltan - Head of the internal security mechanism of the Hamas terrorist organization and its use for terrorist purposes.

Ahmed Omar Abdullah Al-Hata - served as Minister of Justice in the Hamas terrorist organization government, and used everything for terrorist activities.

### Pakistan repatriates over 800,000 illegally residing **Afghans: Official**

PESHAWAR, Mar 21 (Agencies): The process of repatriation of illegally residing Afghan nationals in Pakistan continued unabated as more than 800,000 people were repatriated by March 20, an official said today.

With only 10 days remaining until the March 31 deadline for illegally residing individuals and Afghan Citizen Card holders to leave Pakistan, the

government by March cess.

20 repatriated 874,282 Afghans due to concerns over terrorism, an official said.

The official said the government assured no mistreatment would be met during the pro-

Arrangements for food and healthcare facilities for those returning to Afghanistan have been completed, the official said.

The official said strict

legal action would be

taken after the deadline passes.

Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi called for the gradual repatriation of Afghan refugees from not just Pakistan but the rest of

the world.

### LOCAL/CONTD....

### Modi govt took bold, historic decisions on J&K: Balbir

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU. Mar 21: The Narendra Modi-led government has taken bold and decisive steps to bring stability, progress, and inclusive development to Jammu & Kashmir. From the abrogation of Article 370 to large-scale infrastructure development, these initiatives have ushered in a new era of peace and prosperity in the region.

Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson, Jammu and Kashmir BJP & former Vice Chairperson. said this while interacting with a group of retired senior officials at party headquarters.

Balbir Ram Rattan shared that on August 5, 2019, the Modi government revoked Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu & Kashmir. This historic move integrated the region fully with the rest of India, allowing national laws and schemes to be implemented without legal hurdles.

He said that in the past five



vears, the security situation in J&K has improved significantly. The government has strengthened counter-terrorism measures, dismantled terror networks, and ensured a drastic reduction in incidents of violence.

The government's focus on infrastructure development has transformed J&K. Major projects include the construction of highways, rail connectivity, and the world's highest

railway bridge over the Chenab river. The Srinagar-Leh tunnel,

upgraded airports, and smart city initiatives have boosted connectivity and economic activity. Balbir further said that the

Narendra Modi government has also attracted substantial investment, boosting tourism, creating employment and development.

The government has taken concrete steps to empower local governance. The successful conduct of Panchayat and District Development Council (DDC) elections has given people a stronger voice in decision-making. Women, youth, and marginalized communities now have greater participation in governance.

Tourism in J&K has witnessed an unprecedented boom, with record-breaking number of visitors

Bollywood industry is making a comeback here, enhancing the region's global appeal.

The Modi government's bold decisions have put J&K on a path of peace, prosperity, and integration. With continued development, better governance, and a focus on security, Jammu & Kashmir is emerging as a model of growth and stability in the country.

L. D. Gorkha, Hans Raj Loria. Rashpal Digra, Waryam Singh, Ved Prakash Bhagat, Ram Lal Sapolia we're among those who held interaction with Balbir.

#### **Farmers delegation meets Director** Agriculture Jammu to discuss key issues



farmers

The

delegation

emphasized the urgent

need to streamline the

subsidy disbursement

process to alleviate the

financial stress on farm-

ers. They also deliberat-

ed on the upcoming visit

of the Union Agriculture

Minister, Ram Nath

Thakur, to Jammu and

Kashmir. This visit is

seen as an opportunity

to present the farmers'

concerns and explore

JDU Jammu District

President Varun Kumar

stated that, under the

potential solutions.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: A delegation of farmers, led by State General Secretary of Janta Dal United (JDU), Harpreet Singh, met with the Director of Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, to highlight pressing issues faced by the agricultural community in the region. The primary concern raised during the discussion was the delay in subsidies, which has become a significant burden for quidance of State General Secretary Harpreet Singh, the party would organize special awareness programs across Jammu and Kathua districts. These programs aim to educate farmers and youth about various benefits and financial support available in the agriculture sector. The initiative seeks to empower the community and enhance their access to government schemes and resources.

delegation The expressed optimism about the forthcoming visit of the Union Agriculture Minister, hoping it will bring attention to the challenges faced by the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir and pave the way for constructive measures to support the region's agriculture sector.

# 4th UT Level Tennisball Cricket **Championship commences**

Qazigund emphasized the impor-

tance of Tennisball Cricket as a

foundational level of the sport.

He encouraged participants to

showcase their cricketing skills

during the championship, which

could serve as a stepping stone

toward achieving higher levels in

The championship features cat-



#### **Top News Report**

ANANTNAG, Mar 21: The 4th UT Level Tennisball Cricket Championship was officially inaugurated on Friday at the Sports Ground Qazigund in Anantnag.

The event was started by Tehsildar Qazigund, Khurshid Ahmad Tantary, along with SHO Qazigund, Malik Masood.

Organized by the J&K Tennisball Cricket Association in collaboration with the District Anantnag Tennisball Cricket Association, the championship is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council as part of the 2024-25 financial year's sports

nament.

The inauguration was graced by the presence of all district secretaries and office bearers of the J&K Tennisball Cricket Association

Prominent attendees included Farooq Ahmad Salroo (General Secretary), G.N. Panoo (Treasurer), Nazir Ahmad Lone (Vice President), Mushtaq Ahmad Turkey (Ex-President), and Lal Mohammad Ganie (Media Incharge).

Additionally, senior officials from the Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department, including Khurshid Ahmad War, Dr. Abid Rather, Dr. Riyaz Veeri, Dr. Mohd Akber Ganie, Imtiyaz Hassan Bhat, Sheraz Ahmad, Ab. Rashid (Budgam), and Wahid Hussain (Shopian), were also present at the event, adding to the significance of the occasion.

egories for Mini Sub-Junior (U-14), The championship aims to pro-Sub-Junior (U-17), Junior (U-19), mote grassroots-level cricket and Senior Men and Women. A across the Union Territory and total of 14 districts from the Union provide a platform for budding Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are participating in this prestigious cricketers to exhibit their talent and passion for the game. As the On the first day, 12 matches were tournament progresses, the spotconducted in the Senior Boys and light will remain on the promising young players vying for glory in this prestigious event.

# **Tributes paid to Pt. Prem Nath Dogra on death Anniversary**



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: Sher-e-Duggar Pt. Prem Nath Dogra was fondly remembered and paid floral tributes after traditional Hawan, on his 53rd Death Anniversary at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kachi Chawni, Jammu.

Parshotam Dadhichi, Chairman of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Trust (Regd.), Sat Sharma, President J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP and others were amongst the prominent to pay their humble

The trustees, members of the Pandit ji's family and prominent personalities while paying Shradhanjali recalled the resolution adopted by the trust during the last few years i.e. allocation of special budget for the development of Smailpur, the birthplace of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra and also to establish a chair in Jammu university in the name of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra ji. Further the state administration was asked to implement its resolution which was adopted in the state assembly to rename the mini stadium, Parade as Pt.

shotam Dadhichi made an appeal to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to remain vigilant and aware of the anti national forces and work for the unity and integrity of the nation, the cause for which Pt. Prem Nath Dogra dedicated whole life.

Sat Sharma, while paying tributes, stated that Pandit ji's legacy was not only limited to J&K state as he guided the Jan Sangh as National President also. The movement of 1953 was started and made successful under his guidance.

Ashok Koul highlighted the life and works of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra and his dedication and devotion for the cause of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kavinder Gupta, S.S. Nanda, Aseem Gupta, Adv. Daya Ram Sharma, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, MLAs Yudhvir Sethi, Arvind Gupta, Dalip Parihar and Sham Lal Sharma, Sanjita Dogra, Prabhat Singh, Ayodhya Gupta, Naresh Dogra, Vinay Gupta, Shakti Dutt Sharma, Purnima Sharma, Chander Mohan Sharma, Adrash Jathiar and others were also present on the occasion.

activities

Girls categories, setting the stage for a competitive and thrilling tour-Speaking at the event, Tehsildar

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the sport.

respects to the great son of the soil.

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Prem Nath Dogra Stadium The Chairman of the trust Par-

### **Jammu IIM secures** rank 22nd in IIRF rankings

consistently focused on excellence in teaching, fostering innovation through research, building strong industry linkages, and creating an inclusive and globally oriented academic ecosystem. He noted that although IIM Jammu is one of the youngest IIMs in the country, it has rapidly gained momentum due to the unwavering dedication of its faculty, staff, students, and all stakeholders. He reiterated the institute's steadfast vision of becoming a globally recognized management institution, rooted in Indian values and committed to nation-building.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, stated that the recognition in the IIRF Rankings 2025 is a reflection of the institute's academic rigor, dynamic curriculum, industry-linked programs, and research-driven approach.

The Institute has extended gratitude to the Ministry of Education. Government of India, and all its well-wishers for their continued support and guidance on this journey of excellence.

### SC agrees to an inhouse enquiry on allegations of cash pile at Delhi HC judge's residence

Collegium is also in favour of the judge's transfer out of Delhi back to Allahabad High Court, from where he had been transferred to the national capital in October 2021. The new controversy in the higher judiciary has erupted amidst a simmering one regarding Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, who had reportedly made comments of a communal tinge during a speech at an event organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad on December 8 last year. Who is Justice Yashwant Verma? Justice Verma graduated in law from Rewa University in 1992 and got enrolled as an advocate in 1992.

He practised mainly on the civil side handling varied nature of matters relating to constitutional, industrial disputes, corporate, taxation, environment and allied branches of law.

He was elevated as additional judge of Allahabad HC in October 2014 and took oath as permanent judge in February 2016.

He was also the special counsel for the Allahabad High Court from 2006 till elevation.

Justice Yashwant Verma was sworn in as Delhi High Court judge in October 2021.

Corruption within judiciary Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, reacting to the development, said that corruption within the judiciary "has been going on for years".

"The issue of corruption within the judiciary is a very serious issue. This is not something that has been articulated by senior councils and lawyers in the country for the first time. It has been going on for years.

"It is time for the Supreme Court to start looking at issues of how the appointment process takes place. The appointment process should be more transparent and carefully done... Corruption is a very serious issue among public functionaries," said Mr. Sibal, who is president of the Supreme Court Bar Association.

The challenge of holding judges accountable

#### Removing a judge

The Supreme Court's in-house enquiry process starts with the appointment of a three-member fact-finding committee of two Chief Justices from other High Courts and a High Court judge to probe the allegations. The judge in question can appear before the committee and have his or her say.

If the committee reports sufficient material to remove the judge, the CJI can ask the latter to retire voluntarily. In case, the judge refuses to do so, the CJI can ask the Chief Justice of the High Court to suspend his work and intimate the President and the Prime Minister about the allegations along with the committee report, clearing the way for removal.

Judges of constitutional courts can also be removed by a parliamentary process on the grounds of "proved misbehaviour or incapacity". The Judges (Inquiry Act), 1968 regulates the procedure to investigate the judge and the presentation of an address for his removal by the Parliament to the President. The motion for removal of a constitutional court judge must be supported by a special majority of the total membership of the House and of at least two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.

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### **Minister Sakeena Itoo visits Anant**nag fire victims, assures full support

She was accompanied by legislators Altaf Kaloo, Abdul Majeed Larmi, and Peerzada Saeed besides Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Syed Fakhrudin Hamid. The legislators assessed the damage caused by the massive blaze that damaged around twenty residential houses in old Town Gajinag Kadipora.

Around forty families were left homeless by the blaze on Thursday.

### Saurabh Bharadwaj appointed **Delhi AAP Chief Mehraj Malik** to head J&K Unit

changes, AAP general secretary (organisation) Sandeep Pathak said Gopal Rai has been given charge of Gujarat, where the party is aiming to expand its base. Pathak, a Rajya Sabha MP, has been named in-charge of the

AAP's Chhattisgarh unit, while Pankaj Gupta will lead the party's Goa chapter.

Mehraj Malik has been named the new chief of the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit.

The meeting also discussed the "unfulfilled" promises made by the BJP in Delhi, including giving monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500 and free LPG cylinders to women, Pathak said.

#### HC rejects bail for **J&K resident in** alleged JeM recce plot

after conducting the recce, to his handler in Pakistan.

In the bail plea filed through advocate Nihalsingh Rathod, Sheikh had claimed that there was no evidence to prove he was conducting a recce of the places concerned for any unlawful activity.

Sheikh's activities do not fall under the purview of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), his lawyer argued in the court.

Government pleader Devendra Chauhan told the court that there was ample material to show that Sheikh was associated with the banned terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

His activities were in furtherance of a future terrorist attack and therefore it would be covered under the definition of a terrorist act under the UAPA, he said.

"The purpose of the act (recce) was not to wait till the outcome of the final action, but even preparatory actions are held as terrorist

#### acts," he said.

"There was no natural conduct about why he came to Nagpur and that his coming to the city was not natural. The accused had no relatives or business purpose and other factors which could say that his visit was natural," Chauhan had said.

He also brought to the notice of the court the statements of autorickshaw drivers and staffers of the hotel that the accused used.

Chauhan also told the court that the data related to the calls made by the accused outside the country were also available.

As per the police probe, Sheikh's target was to conduct a recce of the six lanes connecting the RSS headquarters. However, after observing a huge number of police personnel deployed for security, he did not dare to enter the lanes. After getting concrete evidence from Jammu and Kashmir police and intelligence agencies, a case under UAPA was registered against Sheikh at Kotwali police station.

#### Sushma Chauhan appointed Joint **Secretary in MHA**

cadre has been elevated to the position of Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A 2009-batch officer of the erstwhile J&K cadre, Chauhan previously served in key administrative roles in Jammu and Kashmir, including as Deputy Commissioner Jammu.

Before this appointment, she was posted as Director in the MHA.

### LOCAL

# Army conducts medical camp at Army Goodwill School Potha

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POONCH, Mar 21: Indian Army conducted a medical camp at Army Goodwill School (AGS), Potha on Friday.

The camp was aimed to provide essential primary healthcare services to the students of AGS Potha.

The primary focus was to offer comprehensive health check-ups, preventive care and consultation with medical experts.

The initiative is designed to promote the health and well-being of the students, especially those from underserved backgrounds. Services provided at the camp will include free medical check-ups, Guidance on Mental Health and wellness, vision, dental screenings and Nutritional advice were conducted and free medicines



were distributed to the students.

This initiative sought to ensure the health and well-being of the local population by making healthcare more accessible. The students/ staff expressed heartfelt gratitude for the care and attention they received.

The presence of a Lady Nursing Officer was particularly appreciated by the female attendees, who felt more comfortable discussing their health concerns. Previously hesitant to share their issues with male doctors, girl students were able to address core healthcare issues.

This effort highlights the Indian Army's commitment to community welfare and was widely appreciated by those in attendance, further strengthening the Army' image as of a nationbuilding force.

A total of 174 students, 06 teachers to include (97 male & 77 Female students) benefitted from this event. The overwhelming turnout of locals was a testament to the success of this campaign.

### Medical Patrol conducted for Gujjar and Bakarwals



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POONCH, Mar 21: In a humanitarian initiative, the Indian Army conducted an extensive medical patrol for the benefit of Gujjar and Bakarwal communities in multiple villages, including Chungra Batsiyala, Lam, Mathiyanigala, Sangiot, Gulair, Bafliaz in Poonch, Rajouri, and Reasi Districts on Friday.

The medical patrol, comprising army medical personnel, provided essential medical care and treatment to the local population, addressing various health issues and concerns. The team also distributed medicines and provided health advice to the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, who often face challenges in accessing basic medical facilities due to their nomadic lifestyle.

The Indian Army's medical patrol initiative demonstrates its commitment to serving the nation and supporting local communities, particularly in remote and inaccessible areas.

By providing medical aid and support, the Army aims to improve the health and well-being of the local population and foster a sense of trust and cooperation.

The success of the medical patrol reinforces the Indian Army's dedication to promoting health awareness and supporting the well-being of local communities.

The event has helped to create a positive impact on the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities encouraging them to prioritize their health and seek medical attention when needed.

# Tree plantation drive organised at Lam

#### **Top News Report**

RAJOURI, Mar 21: The Indian Army organised a tree plantation drive at Lam on Friday. The campaign was aimed at promoting tree plantation, environmental conservation, improve air quality and support biodiversity.

With a vision to create a greener and healthier nation, the campaign engaged local volunteers and government entities to work collectively towards safeguarding the environment for future generations. The locals paid keen interest and actively participated in the tree plantation event.

This campaign is a call to action for every individual to become a custodian of our environment.

By planting trees today, we are securing a vibrant and sustainable future for generations to come and sowings the seeds of change for better tomorrow. As we embark on this journey towards



a greener and healthier future, the tree plantation campaign invites everyone to come together and take ownership of our environment.

During the campaign a total of 24 saplings were planted by the Indian Army with an aim to increase the Green Cover in the region and persuade people to curb deforestation and promote a clean and green future. A total of 18 students and 03 teachers actively participated in the event.

# Stitching and Tailoring Course, distribution of sewing machine for women organized at Marha

#### **Top News Report**

POONCH, Mar 21: Stitching and Tailoring Course and Distribution of Sewing Machines was organised by Indian Army at Marha with effect from February 17 to March 20, 2025 under Operation Sadbhavana, with an aim to enhance the socio-economic fabric of the region by equipping local women with valuable skills and opportunities.

In a continuous and inspiring effort to promote skill development and empower the women of Marha and nearby areas, the Indian Army conducted a Stitching and Tailoring Course and Distribution of Sewing Machines as part of Operation Sadbhavana.

Twenty enthusiastic and determined ladies from the local community participated in this transformative course.

They embarked on a journey of creativity and self-reliance, guided by an expert instructor in the art of stitching and tailoring.



Each participant's progress is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of these remarkable women. As a token of recognition, certificates for participation and Sewing Machines were awarded to all participants.

Operation Sadbhavana, with its mission to foster goodwill, development, and positive change in the region, continues to be a beacon of hope for the people of Marha and nearby areas. The Indian Army remains committed to empowering local communities through such initiatives, believing that a stronger, more self-reliant society is a testament to a brighter and more prosperous future for all.

The event also serves as a platform to strengthen the bond between the Army and the people of this region. It showcases the Army's commitment towards service to the nation. This gesture and effort by the Army was highly appreciated by Awam.

This endeavour by the Army to reach out to the population residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility, will go a long way in developing and strengthening trust between Jawan and Awam.

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### Students of Mother India School attend plasma exhibition and scientific exploration at IIT Jammu

**Top News Report** 

R S PURA, Mar 21: A group of Class 11th students of Mother India Sr. Sec. School, R S Pura,



learning opportunity for the students, providing them with an opportunity to observe scientific exploration and creativ-

### Dr. Manyal attends Satsang at Shri Guru Ravidas Mandir



went on an enlightening educational tour to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu, where they witnessed a motivating Plasma Exhibition and interacted with distinguished scientists and researchers. The tour gave students a first-hand experience of the latest scientific developments and lab demonstrations.

Narinder Singh Chib, Lecturer Physics at Mother India Senior Secondary School, R.S. Pura, was also awarded for his excellent contribution towards the educational field in the ceremony. Dr. Shikha Kapoor, Lecturer Biology, and Ankush Gupta, Lecturer Mathematics, also accompanied the students on the excursion.

The conference was a series of lectures pre-

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sented by renowned researchers from top academic institutions around the globe, providing the students with in-depth understanding of plasma science and its numerous applications.

The lectures included "Basics of Plasmas" by Harsha Machchhar, Scientist "F", IPR Gandhi Nagar; "Applications of Plasma" by Chetan Jariwala, Scientist "G", IPR Gandhi Nagar; "Lasers and Plasmas" by Dr. Deepa Verma, IIT Jammu; "An Overview of the Research Domain of Plasmas" by Dr. Sanat Tiwari; and

Dr. Sanat Tiwari; and "Plasmas and Fusion"

by Kartik Mohan, Scientist F Level, ITER, IPR Gandhi Nagar. They received the

h opportunity to interact g with scientists and gain d pertinent information regarding plasma physics, plasma technology d applications and fusion

energy. After the lectures and the exhibition, students toured various advanced labs and departments of IIT Jammu and engaged in hands-on learning and discussions with the experts.

In the Mechanical Engineering Workshop – Students engaged with working engineers to learn about actual applications of mechanical concepts.

In the Physics lab, Dr. Arjun Singh and his team conducted realworld demonstrations of complex physical phenomena in a simplified manner that was so captivating. In the Chemistry Laboratory – Experts gave interesting chemical demonstrations and in the Biology Laboratory - Students learned about biological experiments and engaged with experts.

Physics Research Lab – Ph.D. students showcased their current research work. The trip was a precious ity outside the confines of traditional classroom settings.

Mother India Sr. Sec. School staff expressed their sincere appreciation to Dr. Arjun Singh of IIT Jammu for his generous assistance in allowing access to several departments, thereby increasing the academic value of the trip. The school trip provided students with a unique perspective on scientific research and engineering applications, encouraging them to pursue careers in the science and technology fields. The school administration expressed its commitment to fostering scientific interest among students through these

hands-on field trips and interactive learning experiences.

Pradhan Ramgarh

Nancy Choudhary,

General Secretary

Sunil Choudhary, Prem

Paul Choudhary Former

Sarpanch, Anil Gupta

Former Vice Chairman

Municipal Committee

Ramgarh, Soudhagar

Mal, Trilok Singh, Tilak

Raj Thappa, Satish

Sharma, Dheeraj

Kumar, along with mem-

bers of the Shri Guru

Dr. Manyal highlighted

importance of religious

unity, peace, and the

Ravidas Committee.

#### **Top News Report**

RAMGARH, Mar 21: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh on Friday participated in a Satsang organized at Shri Guru Ravidas Mandir in Village Keso, Ramgarh.

The event brought together the local community to engage in spiritual discourse and seek blessings from Shri Guru Ravidas Ji.

The occasion was also attended by former MLA Yaspal Kundal, Mandal values of service to humanity as taught by Shri Guru Ravidas Ji. He emphasized the need for continued efforts towards the welfare and upliftment of the community, urging all present to follow the teachings of the Guru ji in their daily lives. The event was marked

by a spirit of harmony and devotion, with local residents and dignitaries coming together to celebrate the teachings of Guru Ravidas ji.

### Yoga Camp organised for youth at Green Model Higher Secondary School Doda

#### **Top News Report**

DODA, Mar 21: Yoga has emerged as one of the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being.

To promote Yoga, the Indian Army organized a Yoga Camp for youth at Green Model Higher Secondary School, Doda on 20 Mar 25. Students eagerly participated in the event and performed yoga exercises, a asana and pranayama. tic 07 x Media Persons, ins 148 x students & 20 x m teachers took part in the said event.

The Yoga Camp featured sessions designed to cater to both beginners and seasoned practitioners.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage in a variety of yoga practices aimed at improving flexibility, strength, mental clarity and relaxation.

The session was later followed by an interaction between the participants and representatives of the Indian Army in which various health



benefits of yoga were discussed.

The Yoga instructors shared with the gathering that Yoga embodies unity of mind, body, thought, action and not only creates a harmony between men and nature but also inculcates holistic approach to health and well-being. Regular practice of yoga can also alleviate chronic pain and improve posture.

Local residents thanked the Indian Army for organizing such an event which will go a long way in stimulating a healthy lifestyle and inner peace amongst the locals and young students.

# **SPORTS**

# "Snack break before we get to work": Bill Gates enjoys vada pav with Sachin Tendulkar

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Bill Gates shared a video with Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, captioned "A snack break before we get to work," as per a video posted by Gates on Instagram. In the video, Gates and Tendulkar can be seen enioving vada pav together while sitting on a bench.

The clip concludes with the caption, "Serving soon." Reflecting on his visit to India, Gates wrote in his blog, "I came away with new ideas because India is full of smart, ambitious people tackling some of the world's hardest problems in creative ways."

Tendulkar, famously known as the 'God of Cricket,' still holds the records for the most runs in Test and One-Day Inter-



nationals (ODIs), along with the unique achievement of scoring 100 international centuries. Renowned for his exceptional skills and mastery of cricket, he entertained fans across the globe from 1989 to 2013. The Maharashtra-born cricketer made his Test debut on November 15, 1989, at just 16 years old, and played his first ODI on December 18 of the same year. Across 664 international appearances, he scored a total of 34,357 runs at an average of 48.52, remaining the

CHENNAI, Mar 21

(Agencies): Ahead of

the start of the Indian

Premier League 2025,

Chennai Super Kings

all-rounder Sam Curran

said that he will be

showcasing his capa-

bilities in this edition in

order to make an inter-

national comeback for

England, as per the ICC.

for England since he

featured in a white-ball

series against the West

Indies in November last

year and was recently

overlooked for the side's

ICC Champions Trophy

2025 campaign that

saw skipper Jos Buttler

resign as captain fol-

lowing a winless three

While Curran is pre-

dominantly considered

a T20I specialist and

was adjudged Player of

the Tournament during

England's successful

run in Australia in 2022

that saw them claim the

ICC Men's T20 World

Cup title, the 26-year-

games in Pakistan.

Curran hasn't played

highest run-scorer in international cricket. His 100 centuries and 164 half-centuries remain unmatched in the sport's history. Tendulkar was the first cricketer to score a double century in ODIs and played a record 200 Test matches. In ODIs, he accu-

mulated 18,426 runs at an average of 44.83, including 49 centuries and 96 half-centuries. In Tests, he amassed 15,921 runs at an average of 53.78, with 51 centuries and 68 fifties.

A key member of India's ICC Cricket World Cup-winning squad in 2011, Tendulkar fulfilled his lifelong dream of lifting the prestigious trophy after making his World Cup debut in 1992. From 2008 to 2013, he represented the Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League (IPL), helping them clinch the title in 2013.

### Ashleigh Gardner suffers injury as Australia register win over New Zealand Women in first T20I

AUCKLAND, Mar 21 (Agencies): Off-spinner Ashleigh Gardner met with an injury during the first T20I at Eden Park as Australia registered a magnificent win over New Zealand Women in the first T20I of the three-match series on Friday, as per the ICC. Beth Mooney's 75\* off

42 in her 200th international for Australia helped her team to a stellar eight-wicket win against New Zealand, helping the side get off to a winning start to the three-game series.

However, injury to experienced all-rounder Ash Gardner has given some concerns to the

Australia setup. Gardner bowled 14 balls in the New Zealand innings before injuring herself during the 17th over. She tried to go for a return catch against a powerfully hit shot from Sophie Devine; however, she ended up injuring her right index finger. Gardner immediately left the field, with her remaining over being completed by Georgia Wareham. While she wasn't needed during Austra-

availability.

feel like I have matured

when it comes to han-

dling the bad stuff. Being

a bit more experienced

and reading situations

better, I really hope I can

get back into the team.

There is only one way

(to do that), hopefully, I

can have a really good

IPL and see where we

are in the summer," the

Curran will also get

the chance to further

his leadership creden-

tials this summer as he

will captain County side

Surrey during their T20

campaign in England's

domestic Vitality Blast

It could help push Cur-

ran's name to the front

of the queue when Eng-

land sits down to appoint

a new T20I captain in

the coming months,

with McCullum recently

suggesting he would

consider appointing

separate ODI and T20I

skippers going forward.

"If it's the same person,

great; if it's two, that's

competition.

26-year-old added.

the format, and will be dearly missed if she fails lia's chase of 138, which to play in the remainder of the series. was superbly aced by The second T20I is Mooney and Georgia Voll, there are concerns about her immediate

all set to be played at Mount Maunganui on 23rd March.

### The Shining: BCCI lifts saliva ban in IPL after majority of captains agree to proposal

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): The BCCI lifted the ban on use of saliva on the ball in the upcoming Indian Premier League after a majority of captains agreed to its proposal, making it the first major cricket competition to do away with the restriction that was a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic

The decision was taken at the captains' meeting in Mumbai ahead of the league starting on Saturday.

"The saliva ban has been lifted. Majority of captains were in favour of the move. Some had reservations about the re-introduction, some sat on the fence but majority of them supported the move," a top BCCI official said.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) had banned the age-old practice of applying saliva to shine the ball as a precautionary measure during the COVID-19 pandemic, during which health practitioners advocated strict hygiene protocols and physical distancing

In 2022, the world body made the ban permanent.

The IPL too included the ICC ban in its playing conditions in the aftermath of the pandemic but its guidelines are outside the purview of the sport's governing body.

With the development on Thursday, the IPL became the first major cricketing event to re-introduce saliva's use after the pandemic. The captains meeting, which was scheduled to begin at 12.30 pm in Mumbai, did not start on time due to a delay in arrival of a few team officials at the BCCI office.

IPL, the ICC too might review its stance on the subject. On the sidelines of the ICC Champions Trophy, senior India pacer Mohammed Shami had spoken about the need to use saliva on the ball in what has become a predominantly batters' game.

The likes of Vernon Philander and Tim Southee had backed Shami's call.

"We keep appealing that we should be allowed to use saliva so that we can bring reverse swing back into the game and it becomes interesting," Shami had said during the 50-over event in Dubai, where India emerged victorious.

Also on the agenda of captains' meeting was the contentious Impact Player rule which the BCCI had already extended till at least 2027.

The likes of Rohit Sharma and more recently Hardik Pandya have expressed their reservations on the playing strategy.

"While a few have raised objections on the Impact Player rule, it has benefitted uncapped batters and bowlers who otherwise won't get to play," the official said.

DRS extended to height and off-side wides The BCCI also approved the use of DRS for height wides and wides outside the off-stump

"Hawk eye and ball tracking will be used to decide on the height wides and wides outside the off-stump," the official added. It was also decided that one ball will be changed in the second innings of an evening game after the 11th over due to dew.

### "Aim is probably just to get back into England side": Sam Curran on his international comeback ahead of IPL 2025

Cinch

of this year and a new white-ball captain set to be announced shortly following the resignation of Buttler, Curran sees plenty of opportunity in front of him in the coming months as the side get set to host the West Indies, India and South Africa at home this summer.

But a two-month stint in the IPL with the Chennai Super Kings is first on the agenda for Curran, with the all-rounder to team up with another Kiwi coach in Stephen Fleming as the side attempts to improve on their fifth-placed finish in the most recent edition of the tournament

help him earn a recall to international cricket.

"My main aim is probably just to get back into the (England white-ball) side. With England, I guess I've never really found that perfect role. In the Champions Trophy and the series in India (at the start of 2025), there was no hiding that they stacked the batting in terms of playing a lot of batters and those extra quicks.," the all-rounder said, as quoted by the ICC official website.

"I feel like if I get my role right with England, I'll get back into it, who knows what will happen now The cliche of ons Trophy campaign. While Curran is yet to work alongside McCullum, he is looking forward to the chance to prove himself in the coming months should the opportunity arise.

"Baz (McCullum) called me at the start when I did get left out, was clear and honest, and I respected that. I've never worked under him, but he seems very honest and clear about (what he wants). He said I won't be there right now, but that didn't mean the door was shut. It's about going away, doing really well and performing," Curran noted.

"He was very honest in terms of what the balance of the side was and how I could have been in had they done it differently. I respect that more than the classic 'you're just a little bit unlucky to miss out'. Sometimes, as a player, those ones that are a bit more brutal can be really good because you want to go and prove them wrong. Fingers crossed, come June, I'll be back in the squads and performing," Curran added.

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a statement from Cricket

Australia's reliable all-

rounder has 78 wick-

ets and 1411 runs in

Australia read.

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Now that the ban is revoked in the

"This is not a rule change, it's just an understanding for this year between teams and umpires. The changed ball will have wear and tear," an official said.

old has also played 24 Tests and 35 ODIs for his country since debuting back in 2018.

With Kiwi Brendon McCullum taking over as England coach in all formats from the start

last year.

Speaking at the Sky Sports Cricket Podcast, Curran believed some good performances in Chennai will catch the eye of McCullum and

(needing) runs and wickets is no debate; I've got to keep doing that. I feel in a really good space. I was obviously gutted when it happened, but I'm still pretty young and

great too. Give me a couple of weeks to work it out and get this thing back on track," McCullum said of Buttler's potential replacement as captain after England's disappointing Champi-

### Yuvraj Singh to lead India Champions in World **Championship of Legends season 2**

NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): Former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh has confirmed his participation as the captain of India Championship of Legends, in the second season of the World Championship of Legends, scheduled to take place in July in the United Kingdom, as per the WCL press release.

The esteemed allrounder previously guided India to victory in the tournament's inaugural edition. Yuvraj will be accompanied by accomplished opening batsman Shikhar Dhawan, who will be making his tournament debut following his retirement from international cricket last year.

Talking about leading India again in the second edition of the WCL T20 tournament, which is backed by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Yuvraj Singh said, "I'm looking forward to represent our nation at the World Championship of Legends again. The memories of our victory

in the first edition of the tournament, alongside my teammates, will always remain close to my heart."

The previous edition of the World Championship of Legends featured stunning performances from Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Robin Uthappa, Irfan & Yusuf Pathan, and many more cricketing stalwarts from India, proving that their passion for the game remains as strong as ever.

The tournament quickly became a global sensation, as Indian fans witnessed their cricketing idols delivering impactful performances on the grand stage.

Harshit Tomar, Founder of the World Championship of Legends, shared his vision for the tournament as quoted by WCL press release, "I've always seen this tournament as a way forward for cricket to have its future through its senior cricketers." He further added, "It's

been a fulfilment and satisfaction to see crick-



et's very own superstars recreating the same magic that made them immortals. Our cricketing heroes are our sentiments, and hosting them to the best of our ability and care has always been our vision."

Adding to the excitement, Nishant Pitti,

Chairman & Founder and Chief Patron of WCL, expressed his enthusiasm for the league's impact on global cricket.

"The World Championship of Legends is more than just a tournament--it's a celebration of the sport's greatest playlegacy. We are thrilled to be part of this remarkable journey that brings together legendary cricketers, revives iconic rivalries, and offers fans a nostalgic yet highly competitive cricketing experience," Nishant Pitti said.

ers and their enduring

The India Champions, owned by Sumant Bahl, Salman Ahmed, and Jaspal Bahra, are set to return to Edgbaston, ready to engage in fierce battles against top international stars from Australia, West Indies, England, Pakistan, and South Africa.

"Our journey of owning the legendary Team India Champions, working alongside the Legends, and lifting the inaugural edition's trophy by beating archrivals Pakistan is still like a dream come true. We are very excited about season 2 and are looking forward to repeating history with the help of a stronger and better team this year," said Sumant Bahl, Co-owner of Team India Champions.

#### Hawk-Eye technology to assess wides outside off stump and above head in IPL 2025



NEW DELHI, Mar 21 (Agencies): The Indian Premier League (IPL-2025) has sanctioned the use of Hawk-Eye technology to assess wides outside the off-stump and above the batter's head, eliminating subjectivity in umpiring decisions, with the ruling being conveyed to all ten captains during a pre-season meeting in Mumbai on Thursday ahead of the tournament's commencement on March 22, as reported by ESPNcricinfo.

The same technology that was used to assess over-the-waist no-balls in IPL 2024 will now be implemented for overthe-head wides. The ball-tracking technology, which includes Hawk-Eye, will evaluate the ball's height as it crosses the batter at the popping crease and compare it to the batter's toe-to-head height in an upright stance.

Each player's head height will be recorded in the database. The subjective factor in determining wides will be eliminated this season, as the IPL has decided that the wide guideline--typically in blue--will shift along with the batter. The Hawk-Eye system will automatically measure both the extent of the batter's movement and the corresponding shift in the guideline.

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) will begin their title defence in IPL 2025 with a highly anticipated clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), the 'OG Derby,' which also kicked off the tournament in its inaugural edition in 2008.

KKR IPL 2025 squad: Ajinkya Rahane (C), Manish Pandey, Rovman Powell, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Ramandeep Singh, Rinku Singh, Quinton de Kock, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Luvnith Sisodia, Moeen Ali, Venkatesh Iyer, Sunil Narine, Anukul Roy, Andre Russell, Vaibhav Arora, Harshit Rana, Spencer Johnson, Mayank Markande, Anrich Nortje, Chetan Sakariya, Varun Chakaravarthy.

RCB IPL 2025 Squad: Rajat Patidar (c), Virat Kohli, Yash Dayal, Josh Hazlewood, Phil Salt, Jitesh Sharma, Liam Livingstone, Rasikh Dar, Suyash Sharma, Krunal Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Swapnil Singh, Tim David, Romario Shepherd, Nuwan Thushara, Manoj Bhandage, Jacob Bethel, Devdutt Padikkal, Swastik Chhikara, Lungi Ngidi, Abhinandan Singh, Mohit Rathee.

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# **YCET students visit "Sewage Treatment Plant** and E-BUS Yard, Jammu



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: The Visit was organized by the Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET) to "Sewage treatment plant and E-BUS Yard, Jammu," for 6th, 4th and 2nd semesters students of Civil Engg, Electrical Engg, Mechanical Engg and Computer Science & Engineering.

During the visit Vinod Kumar, Plant Incharge, along with his team interacted with the faculty and students and described the working of Sewage treatment plant processes and also the functioning of various units like Preliminary Treatment etc. The capacity of plant is 30 MLD.

Students connected theoretical knowledge from their engineering courses and learnt about how the byproducts, or sludge, are treated and disposed off. This experience exposed students to

the complexities and challenges of managing water resources and wastewater, helping them make informed career choices. After visiting and understanding the work-

ing of sewage treatment plant students were further taken to Electric vehicle Bus yard which is established by TATA

Motors. Sanjeev Kumar Depot Manager, Tata Motors gave detailed knowledge regarding two types of E-buses currently serving in state one is of 9m i.e is for local routes and other is of 12 m i e is inter district buses.

He also explained the charging procedure of E-buses and the various safety measure and precautions taken during the process, he further elaborated e-buses washing process, maintenance checks, inventory management etc. Vinayak Sharma, Service Incharge also

provided inputs regarding routes of buses, distance travelled by each bus per day and the environment friendly technology they are adopting.

A special Thanks to Vinod Kumar, JSCL, Jammu for co-ordinating to make these visits possible.

The aim of organizing such visit is to acquaint students to the real world of work. The students were accompanied by Er. Rajnish Magotra, H.O.D (Civil Engg), Er.LoveneeshTalwar, Head (Electrical Engg), Er.Anupreet, Head(CSE), and Er. Inderdeep Singh ,Head (Mechanical Engg.).

The Management appreciated the steps being taken by the college regarding exposure to the students at various project Sites. Er Dinesh Gupta,Dean Academics and Er B R Verma, Chief Coordinator also appreciated the visit and such initiatives.

### Week-long campaign on Citizenship Skills, Constitutional Values, and Knowledge of India concluded at Jindrah

#### **Top News Report**

JINDRAH, Mar 21: In a remarkable initiative under the PM SHRI (Prime Minister Schools for Rising India) scheme, the PM Shri Govt Girls Middle School Jindrah successfully conducted a week-long campaign on Citizenship Skills, Constitutional Values, and Knowledge of India. The campaign aimed to inculcate a strong sense of civic responsibility, constitutional awareness, and national pride among students.

Key Activities of the Campaign include

A special session was conducted by Dr. Shakoor Ahmed Dar, who provided in-depth insights into the Fundamental Rights and Duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution. He emphasized the importance of democratic participation, equality, and social justice, encouraging students to become responsible citizens. A seminar on constitutional values was orga-



nized, highlighting the core principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The session focused on how these values shape India's governance and impact the daily lives of citizens. Students participated in a Preamble Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the ideals of the Indian

Constitution. This event aimed to instill a deep respect for the nation's democratic ethos. As part of the cam-

paign, General Knowl-

edge books were distributed among students to enhance their understanding of India's history, governance, and global position. The initiative aimed to develop their critical thinking and awareness of national affairs.

A series of debate competitions were held, allowing students to express their perspectives on citizenship, governance, and democracy. Additionally, an awareness camp was conducted where students learned about the role of youth in nationbuilding and the significance of constitutional literacy.

The PM SHRI (Prime Minister Schools for Rising India) scheme, launched by the Government of India, aims to transform schools into model institutions by integrating innovative education practices, values-based learning, and national development goals.

The week-long campaign at PM Shri Govt Girls Middle School Jindrah aligns with the scheme's objectives in which Students were educated about their constitutional rights and responsibilities, preparing them to become active participants in

democracy. The initiative combined academic knowledge with experiential learning, ensuring a well-rounded educational approach. The programmes emphasized the principles of the Indian Constitution, the program nurtured respect for diversity, equality, and social justice. The week-long cam-

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paign at PM Shri Govt Girls Middle School Jindrah successfully instilled a sense of national pride. democratic responsibility, and civic consciousness among students. The efforts of Shamash Din (Incharge), Sadaket Ali, Lakshmi Devi, and Bindya Rani were instrumental in making this initiative a success.

The school administration expressed gratitude to all participants, experts, and students for their enthusiasm and commitment to the program. This initiative marks a significant step towards empowering young minds with constitutional knowledge and fostering a generation of informed and responsible citizens, in line with the PM SHRI vision.

### Kaith among many participate in Bhandara at Khwaja Garib Nawaj's shrine

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: On annual Bhandara, Social and Political Activist R.L.Kaith accompanied by many others, paid obeisance to Khwaja Garib Nawaj at his shrine near Poonch

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House, today. Kaith said that Khwaja Garib Nawaj was a Persian Islamic scholar and mystic from Sistan, who eventually ended up settling in Indian subcontinent in the early 13th century, where he promulgated the Chishtiyya order of Sunni mysticism.

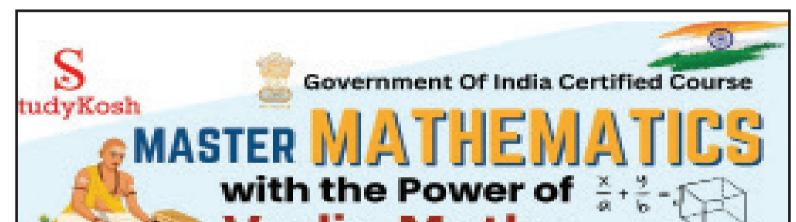
This particular Tariga became the dominant Islamic spiritual order in medieval India. Kaith further said that

people from every religion, caste, creed come here to seek blessings

of great Sufi saint to at the great shrine. show their devotion and Besides these offerings, offer prayers. More often they also recite Quran, their wishes do come Nafal Namaz, Milad and true and the wish fulfill-Aayat-e-Karima and Khatam-E-Khawajgan. ment is usually followed by devotees offering ser-All those paid obeivices such as presenting sance at the shrine, flowers, gilaf, attar and partook parsad from the sandal wood powder Langar.

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### FTII delegation led by Dr Sanjay **Bansal meets Delhi CM, discusses Business Community issues**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 31: A delegation led by Dr. Sanjay Bansal, National President of the Federa-



tion of Trade and Industry of India (FTII), met with Smt. Rekha Gupta, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, to discuss pressing issues faced by the business community in Delhi.

The meeting also served as an opportunity to extend an invitation to the FTII Traders Conclave, scheduled to take place in Delhi on April 20, 2025.

Dr. Bansal briefed the Chief Minister on the activities of the FTII, highlighting its efforts to promote trade and industry in India. The Chief Minister assured Dr. Bansal that her government would address the problems faced by the Delhi business community as soon as pos-

sible. The delegation included Ghanahyam Dass Goyal, Patron of FTII. and Shri Rajesh Jain, Delhi FTII Chairman. The meeting was a significant step towards strengthening the partnership between the FTII and the Delhi government, with the aim of promoting economic growth and development in the region.

The FTII Traders Conclave, scheduled for April 20, 2025, aims to bring together traders. industrialists, and policymakers to discuss key

issues and opportunities in the trade and industry sector. The event is expected to provide a platform for stakeholders to share their experiences, discuss

challenges, and explore solutions to promote economic growth and development.

The FTII is committed to working closely with the government and other stakeholders to address the challenges faced by the business community and to promote a favorable business environment in Delhi and across India.

#### *CB* books proprietor of private security agency for gaining illegal entry in Govt tenders

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 21: Crime Branch (CB) on Friday booked proprietor of a private security agency then operating in Jammu division under the name & style of Unique Sanitation and Outsourcing Services for gaining illegal entry in government tenders by using forged PSARA certificate.

"The accused owner of Unique Sanitation and Outsourcing Services namely Ram Sharma, son of Amar Nath Sharma, resident of Jeevan Nagar, Gadigarh, Jammu has gained illegal entry in government tenders held at Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET) Jammu, Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri and other departments by modifying, forging and using PSARA certificate issued to some other agency under Private Security Agencies

Regulation Act 2005." CB official said.

"Crime Branch has received a written complaint from Imran Khan, son of John Mohd, resident of Bathindi, Jammu against Ram Sharma wherein it is alleged that the accused has modified/forged PSARA certificate submitted by some other agency and gained illegal entry in government tenders thereby committing fraud and forgery punishable under law," official said.

As confirmed by Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh a case FIR No. 18/2025 has been registered on the basis of the contents of the complaint and preliminary verification report submitted by the enquiry officer and investigation has been entrusted to a senior investigating officer of the rank of Deputy SP for thorough probe under law.





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