

TOP NEWS OF J&K

JAMMU, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

Daily Evening Newspaper



ENTERTAINMENT | 6

Selena Gomez talks about body shaming and its impact on her



NATIONAL | 7

Nation not built by slogans, but performing duties: Yogi Adityanath

INTERNATIONAL | 8

Trump threatens 'far larger tariffs' if EU, Canada unite to cause harm to US



e-paper: www.topnewsjk.in

RNI No. JKENG/2010/39369

Regd. No. JK-435

Vol.-12 Issue-84 Pages-12 Rs.-2/-

BRIEFLY

PHE daily wagers call off strike after minister's assurance: Officials

JAMMU, Mar 27 (Agencies): The Public Health Engineering (PHE) daily wagers have called-off their strike after successful talks with Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmad Rana, official said today.

The Minister assured them that the government is committed to addressing their genuine issues in a phased manner, said an official spokesman, in a post on X.

"During the talks, representatives of the daily wagers presented their demands and raised concerns, which were acknowledged by the Minister. He encouraged them to raise their grievances with the committee set up to address these issues," it said.

Minister Rana also recognized the valuable contributions of daily wagers to various departments and assured them that their concerns are being heard, said the spokesman.

He said the government is working towards a fair and sustainable solution to address the problems faced by the daily wagers.

5 bullets, grenade recovered in Rajouri woods

JAMMU, Mar 27 (Agencies): Police and army on Thursday recovered five bullets and a grenade during a joint search operation in a forest area in Rajouri district.

Official sources said that police and army launched a search operation in Manyal Gali forest in Thanamandi area of Rajouri district and recovered five live rounds, one grenade, a gas cylinder, a solar panel (small), one noodles packet, some medicine and dry fruits. The grenade was later destroyed, they added.

Jammu Kashmir Police recover Rs 1.89 Lakh stolen in online scams

SRINAGAR, Mar 27 (Agencies): The Cyber Cell of Police District Awantipora has

Turn to page 9

Road projects worth Rs Two Lakh Crore being implemented in J&K : Gadkari

NEW DELHI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said the road infrastructure projects worth Rs two lakh crore are being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, which will boost the connectivity in the region.

Replying to supplementaries during question hour in the Lok Sabha, Nitin Gadkari said, "The government is working in converting 25,000 km National Highways into four lanes from two lanes in the next two years."

He informed that around 70 per cent of the work of Asia's longest tunnel - Zojila Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir has been completed.

He added that the project which will provide



all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh is being constructed at a cost of over 5500 crore rupees.

Zojila Tunnel Project consists of construction of a tunnel of more than 13 kilometers and approaching roads to a tunnel of length over 17 kilometers, totaling a total length of over 30

kilometers.

Speaking about the other road infrastructure in union territory, he said that 105 tunnels are also being built in Jammu and Kashmir to further improve the connectivity.

The Minister informed that the work related to 22 tunnels have been completed and another 14 tunnels are being

constructed by the Border Road organisation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Congress MP Manish Tewari moved an adjournment motion in the Lok Sabha to suspend the regular business of the House to discuss concerns regarding alleged aberrations in the higher judiciary.

In the notice, he alleged that aberrations in the judiciary have raised concerns within the legal community and among citizens across the country.

However, Lok Sabha Chairman Om Birla rejected the adjournment notices, saying Opposition MPs had sought a discussion on 'unusual activities' in the judiciary.

LG Sinha hands over appointment letter to sister of bus conductor martyred in terror attack in Reasi



JAMMU, Mar 27: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday handed over a job appointment letter to the sister of a bus conductor who was martyred in a terror attack in Reasi district, a Raj Bhawan spokesperson said.

Accompanied by a

relative, Renu Sharma, sister of bus conductor Arjun Sharma, received the letter from the Lieutenant Governor at Raj Bhawan here.

The LG assured the family would receive all possible assistance and support from the J-K administration.

Turn to page 9

17 injured as SRTC bus overturns inside Navyug Tunnel along Jammu-Srinagar Highway

SRINAGAR, Mar 27 (Agencies): In all 17 people, including the driver, were injured after an SRTC bus overturned inside the Navyug Tunnel along Jammu-Srinagar national highway on late Wednesday, officials said.

They said the accident occurred around 9:55 PM when an SRTC bus traveling from Jammu to Srinagar lost control due to overspeed and turned turtle inside the tunnel.

"All 17 passengers including the driver identified as Farooq

Turn to page 9

Senior officer among four policemen injured in ongoing Kathua gunfight



JAMMU, Mar 27 (Agencies): A police personnel was injured in an ongoing encounter

between security forces and terrorists in the Juthana area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Thursday, officials said.

Officials said that during the exchange of gunfire between the security forces and the terrorists, Deputy Superintendent of Police Dheeraj Katoch and three other policemen sustained injuries.

The injured policemen were shifted to the hospital for treatment. There are reports of a terrorist being killed in this gunfight, but there is still no official confirmation of this.

Turn to page 9

JK Police continue raids in UAPA cases

SRINAGAR, Mar 27 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out search operations at the residences of the banned organizations in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Police on Thursday said they carried out a search operation at the residence of Irfan Ahmed Kababi in the Jalal Sahib area of old town Baramulla in connection with case FIR No.12/2024 U/S 10,13 Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Police said Kababi is a member of the banned

Muslim League. "During the search incriminating materials like posters and i-card of Muslim league were seized. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the source and purpose of these materials," police said.

Police also conducted a raid in Kanispora Baramulla in connection with a case registered under the UAPA.

A police team carried out a search operation at the residence of Abdul Rashid Gilkar at Tawheed Colony, Kanispora.

Police said Gilkar is the District President of the banned Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party.

The raid was conducted in connection with case FIR No. 13/2024 U/S 10, 13 UAPA at Police Station Baramulla.

Over the last few days Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out raids at multiple locations across the valley including the houses of separatist leaders Abdul Gani Bhat, Masarat Alam and Shabir Shah, as part of

Turn to page 9

I-T Deptt offices to remain open on March 29-31: CBDT

NEW DELHI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Income tax department offices across the country will remain open on March 29 to March 31 to facilitate taxpayers in completing pending tax-related business for the fiscal year.

The ongoing financial year 2024-25 ends on March 31.

The Income tax department offices across the country will remain open despite the weekend and Eid-al-Fitr which will fall on Monday.

In an order, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said "to facilitate completion of pending departmental work, all the Income Tax Offices throughout India shall

remain open on 29th, 30th and 31st March, 2025." March 31, 2025, being the last day of the current financial year, all government payments and settlements pertaining to the fiscal have to be completed by that day.

March 31, is also the last date for filing

Turn to page 9

Let's Build a TB-Free Jammu & Kashmir

100 Day TB Elimination Campaign

Know the Signs of TB!

- Persistent cough for 2 weeks or more
- Chest pain and breathlessness
- Unexplained weight loss and night sweats

If you or anyone you know experiences these symptoms, get tested immediately

Contact Your Nearest Health Centre Today

Ni-Kshay Helpline: 1800-11-6666 (Toll Free)

Together, we can make Jammu & Kashmir TB-Free

Join as Ni-Kshay Mitra and take pledge to help persons with TB

Issued in Public Interest by Directorate of Information & Public Relations Government of Jammu & Kashmir

DIP/J-11419/24

10TH DAY KRIYA AND KREM
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Lalita Devi** W/o Late Shree Janki Nath Koul who left for her heavenly abode on Sunday, 23rd March 2025.
10TH DAY KRIYA will take place on 1st April 2025 from 11.00 AM onwards.
KREM on 2nd April 2025 from 10.00 AM onwards at home near old Talab matador Stand Muthi, Jammu
GRIEF STRICKEN
Santosh & Sushma, Vijay & Madhu, Kaka & Poli and Asha & Archana (Son & Daughter in Law
Mobile No: 9158113399, 9149731808




SMT LALITA DEVI

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and sudden demise of **Sh Santosh Kumar Tickoo**, S/o Late Janki Nath Tickoo and Sonbatni Tickoo of Batiyar Alikadal Srinagar, at present H.No 126, Dina Nagar, Bamai, Jammu.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 29th of march at Akhnoor Ghat and **Assembly** will be held at Muthi (Near Directorate of School Education) at 11 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Savitry Tickoo (Wife)
(Son and Daughter in law)
Sahil and Prajikta Tickoo
Smt Vijay and Late Maharaj K Tickoo (Bro & Babi)
Smt Babli and Late Ravinder Tickoo (Bro and Babi)
Smt Vijay and Ramesh Kumar Fotedar (Sister & Brother in Law)




Sh Santosh Kumar Tickoo

TENTH DAY KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE REGRET TO INFORM SAD AND SUDDEN DEMISE OF **SH. MOHAN LAL PANDIT** ON 21ST MARCH 2025. ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF AKINGAM (BONAPURA) ANANTNAG, AT PRESENT H.NO.9 PROFESSOR COLONY, YAMUNANAGAR.
TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 30.3.2025 (SUNDAY) AT YAMUNA NAGAR RIVER BANK, BACKSIDE CITY PALACE - AZAD NAGAR - GALI NO. 14 OPPOSITE GURU NANAK KHALSA COLLEGE.
GRIEF STRICKEN
SAMAST PANDIT FAMILY
9416050402, 9419148882



SH. MOHAN LAL PANDIT

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Smt Maya Devi** W/o Late Sh Chandu Lal Parotra (of Kohag Billawar) presently at 1/104- Indira Vihar, Old Janipur Jammu.
Tenth Day shall be held on 25/03/2025 (Tuesday) at our residence at 11 AM.
Kriya to be held on 28/03/25 (Friday) at 12 Noon at our residence.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Prem Lata Jandial (Daughter)
(Son & Daughter-in-law)
Dr Kuldeep Parotra & Smt Prem Lata (Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law)
Sh Kanavdeep (Kannu) & Smt Bharti



Smt Maya Devi

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Vijay Dhar (Nich/Didh)** W/o Lt Sh Satish Kumar Dhar, originally resident of Y K PORA, QAZIGUND (ANANTNAG) A/p BLOCK 102, FLAT 15, LANE 19 Jagti Nagrota expired on 19-03-2025.
TENTH DAY will be performed on 28-03-2025, Friday at 9.00 AM Trt Gath Nagrota
DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY
Sons & Daughter
Akash Dhar, Ankit Dhar, Anisha Dhar
Brothers & Bhabhi
Sh B.K Dhar & Smt Reeta Dhar
Sh Manoj Dhar & Smt Seema Dhar
Sister and Brother-in-law
Smt Tosha ji Bhat W/o Lt Sh Moti Lal Bhat
Smt Meena Tickoo W/o Sh Vinod ji Tickoo
Smt Shyama ji Raina W/o Lt Sh B.L Raina
Smt Bunty Dhar W/o Sh Sanjay Dhar
ALL NEAR AND DEARS
MOB NO - 9906386781, 8492901029, 9018518998



Smt Vijay Dhar (Nich/Didh)

TENTH DAY KRIYA/KARAM
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Janak Singh, Raja Ji** (Karlaid Meer, Panchari Wale) S/o Late Sh. Anant Singh R/o H.No. 189, Upper Bazar, Near Gadha Dhar Mandir, Panjirthi, Jammu.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 28-3-25 (Friday) at 11.00 AM at Rani Park, Jammu.
Karam (13th Day) will be performed on 31-3-2025 (Monday) at 12:00 Noon at his residence (Panjirthi, Jammu)
IN GRIEF
Daughter-in-law & Son
Smt. & Sh. Yashvir Singh Katoch
Smt. & Sh. Rattan Singh - **Bhabhi & Brother**
Smt. & Sh. Lashman Singh - **Bhabhi & Brother**
Smt. & Sh. Rajinder Singh (Lecturer) - **Bhabhi & Brother**
Smt. & Sh. Karnail Singh - **Bhabhi & Brother**
Smt. Sushma Devi & Sh. Pardeep Singh - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Smt. Neelam & Sh. Pankaj - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
All Nears & Dears
Mob. Nos.: 9797730680, 7051844662, 9682502360, 9858145559, 8803739473




Shri Janak Singh (Raja Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA
"YOUR DEPARTURE IS EXTREMELY PAINFUL BECAUSE YOU WERE SO SPECIAL FOR US SO YOU CAN NEVER BE FORGOTTEN."
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and ultimate demise of our beloved **Smt. UPASNA (Jyoti Pandita)**, Wife of Shri Puranmashi Pandita (King Ji) of Kulgam, Kashmir, presently at H.No. 2732/B, Kongposh Colony, Jain Nagar, Sec.38, Rohini, Delhi on 20.03.2025.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at DTC Depot Ghat, Sector-18, Rohin, Delhi, at 10.00 am on 28.03.2025 (Friday).
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Puranmashi Pandita (King Ji) - **Husband** (7896896488)
Vanshika, Ayushi, Angel - **Daughters** (6355507923, 9315039801)
Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law
Smt. Sudesh Pandita Wife of Late Girdhari Lal Pandita (7889627527)
Smt. Sunita (Jyoti) - Wife of Late Bal Ji Pandita (7006130814)
Shri Manohar Pandita (Gasha Ji) & Smt. Dulari Pandita, Srinagar (7006379090)
Shri Vinod Ji Pandita (Sahab Ji) & Smt. Sunita Pandita, Delhi (9999203478)




Smt. UPASNA (Jyoti Pandita)

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS
Our family mourns with lacerated heart the unfathomable loss of our beloved **S. Gurdev Singh JAA (Retd)** R/o Sant Nagar Upper Gadi Gath Jammu who passed on 21-03-2025. To solace our grief the shelter of Sri Guru Granth Sahib is solicited as per programme-> **Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib** on 26th March 2025 at 10 am at our Residence.
Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 28th March 2025 at 10 am followed by Shabad Kirtan up to 11am.
Vishesh Dewan i.e. **Kirtan and Antim Ardaas** from 3pm to 5pm On 28th March 2025 at Gurdwara Nirmal Sant Ashram Sant Nagar, Upper Gadi Gath, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Son and Daughter-in-law
S. Gurmeet Singh and Sdn. Manjot Kour
S. Manjeet Singh AEA(Agri.) and Sdn. Gurdinder Kour
S. Pawanjeet Singh and Sdn. Indjeet Kour
Daughter and Son-in-law
Sdn. Ajeet Kour and S. Ajab Singh (PHE)
Grand Children
Sanandeep Singh, Ravdeep Singh, Ranishdeep Singh, Jaideep Singh, Sandeep Kour and Pawandeep Singh



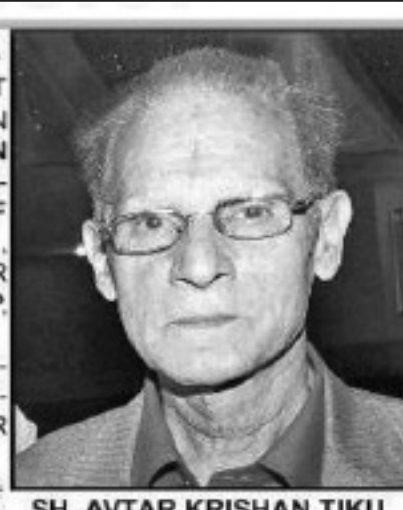
S. Gurdev Singh JAA (Retd)

KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rajeshwar Verma** S/o Lt. S.D Verma. **Kriya** will be performed on 28th March 2025 (Friday) at our residence H.No.83 Lane No. 2 Shiv Nagar, Talab Tilo, Jammu at 12 pm.
Uthala will take place on 31st march 2025 (Monday) at Shiv Mandir, Talab Tilo chowk at 4-5pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Son and Daughter-in-law
Sh. Sanjeev Verma & Smt. Veena (9419834307, 9419160630)
Daughters and Sons-in-law
Smt. Ritu & Sh. Updesh Kumar (DySp Jk Police) (9419138776, 9419951222)
Smt. Anshu Manni & Sh. Ashok Manni (9797438727, 6006902185)
Grand Children: Urvashti, Rdima, Ujjwal, Akshara, Akriti



SH. RAJESHWAR VERMA

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE REGRET TO INFORM SAD AND SUDDEN DEMISE OF **SH. AVTAR KRISHAN TIKU** S/O LT. SH. SHIV JI TIKU ON 23-03-2025. ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF 18-SHALLA KADAL, HABBA KADAL, SRINAGAR AND 25/1, BASANT NAGAR EXTENSION, BEHIND PETROL PUMP, JANIPUR, JAMMU.
PRESENTLY AT HIS RESIDENCE AT S-2, C-31, SHALIMAR GARDEN EXTENSION-2, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH.
TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 01-04-2025 (TUESDAY) AT MURAD NAGAR, GANGA GHAT, GHAZIABAD. **ASSEMBLY** WILL BE AT RESIDENCE AT 10.30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
NEW STANDARD CLINICAL LABORATORY
SRINAGAR, KASHMIR AND
CLINICIANS CLINICAL LABORATORY JANIPUR, JAMMU
Mobile: 9873555699, 8448555699



SH. AVTAR KRISHAN TIKU

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Arti Chowdhary**, W/o Sh. Moti Lal Chowdhary, originally from Nadyaar Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir, presently at H.No. C-2/276, Janakpuri, Delhi, who left for her heavenly abode on 23rd March 2025.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 01.04.2025 at Chota Handwar, Murad Nagar Ghat at 7:00 AM and **ASSEMBLY** at 12:30 PM at our residence.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Moti Lal Chowdhary (Husband)
Shivan & Vishal Chowdhary (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Aishah Chowdhary (Son)
Aekhya Chowdhary (Granddaughter)
Family
Raj Dulai Kaul (Sister-in-law)
Usha & K. K. Chowdhary (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law)
Suni & Paritosh Chowdhary (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law)
Children
Ships & Abhishek Magazine
Aishna & Abi Agrawal
Nidra & Rohit Thakur
Nahi & Pyush Chowdhary
Rohit Chowdhary
Grandchildren: Aastya, Aadyant, Renee, Prashan & Chowdhary, Rainas, Koush, Razdans, Bhas, Magazine, Thakur, Agrawala, Zafshis
Contact: 780483276, 9973674295, 9555874295, 8078971310, 7306483878




SMT. ARTI CHOWDHARY

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Sanjeet Singh JKP Bait No. 2093 J&K UT.**
Tenth Day Date - 18-03-2025 Friday 10 AM At residence R/o Nihalpur Simbal main road Kullian to Kirpind House near Patanjali shop Teh R S Pura, Jammu.
Kriya Uthala at Home 31-03-2025 at Residence
Deeply Missed & Remembered By:
Father: Sh. Surlinder Pal Singh Chouhan
Mother: Tara Banti Chouhan
Brother & Bhabhi: Manjeet Singh Chouhan & Monika Chouhan
Brother & Bhabhi: Jagjeet Singh Chouhan & Ari Rajput Sapna Chouhan W/o Lt Sanjeet Singh Chouhan, (Daughters Sana Chouhan)
(Brother & Sister in law) 1 Prem Singh Chouhan, Swaraj Singh Chouhan, Madhu & Rina Chouhan (Nephew and Niece), Aman Chouhan, Daman Chouhan Prakaraj Rajput, Dakeshesh Singh Chouhan, Lucky Chouhan, Mega Chouhan, Mana Chouhan
R/o Nihalpur Simbal Main Road Kullian to Kirpind House near Patanjali Shop Teh R S Pura, Jammu
Contact No. 9419204817, 8492877044, 9622179917



Sh Sanjeet Singh

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Pawan Kumar Verma** S/o late Sh. Babu Ram Verma R/o Hari Nagar (Pacca Gharat) Talab Tilo Jammu on 18th of March 2025.
TENTH DAY will be performed on 25th of March, 2025 Tuesday from 10 am to 11 am at Arya Samaj Mandir near Bakshi Nagar Police station, Jammu.
KRIYA will be performed on 28th of March, 2025 Friday at 12:00 Noon at our residence.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt Vijay Verma (Wife)
Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Sidharth Verma & Rekha verma
Smt. & Sh. Gautam Verma & Vasudha Verma
Sh. Gaurav Verma
Brother & Bhabhi
Late Sh. B.B. verma & Smt Sanjogita Verma
Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Verma & Smt. Champa Verma
Grand Children: Shubhang, Trishika, Shubhanshi, Vaishnavi & Koushiki
941912007, 9419234160, 700623860




SH. PAWAN KUMAR VERMA

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Shanta Pandita** W/o Sh. Prithvi Nath Pandita (Lathi Sht Sopore) Baramulla A/p H.No. 128-G, Lane 4C, Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu on 21/3/2025.
10th Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 30th March 2025 (Sunday) at 7AM.
Assembly shall be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 11 AM.
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:
Sh. Prithvi Nath Pandita - **Husband**
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Ashok Pandita & Smt. Soni Pandita
Sh. Baner Jee Pandita & Smt. Sony Pandita
Sh. Sanjay Pandita & Smt. Archana Pandita
Sh. Anil Pandita & Smt. Sneha Pandita
Mob.: 9419121195, 6006025936



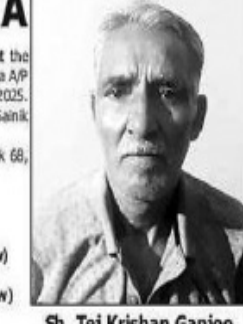
Smt. Shanta Pandita

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Late Dhaminder Singh Slathia** H/o Smt Bindu Bala on 20/03/2025, presently residing at H. No. 1/10-10 Vishal Nagar Talab Tilo, Jammu.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 29-03-2025 at h/o 1-D-10 Vishal Nagar Talab Tilo & **Mourning Assembly** will be held at 11:00 Am. at their residence.
Parents
Sh. Sujan Singh Slathia
Smt. Bimla Devi Slathia
Smt. Bindu Slathia - **Wife**
Bhenuka Slathia - Daughter
Pragati Slathia - **Daughter**
Brother and Sister in law
Sh. Arjun Singh Slathia
Smt. Madhu Slathia
Sh. Shivdev Singh Slathia
Smt. Reena Devi
Sisters and Brother in law
Smt. Veena Wazir
Sh. Joginder Singh
Smt. Manju Bhat
Sh. Balwinder Singh Bhat (SHO)
Nephew and Niece
Abhishek Slathia
Anmol Slathia
Sonali Slathia
Jashvardhan Slathia
Ravya Slathia



Shri Late Dhaminder Singh Slathia

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Sh. Tej Krishan Ganjoo** R/o Srinoo Pulwama A/P Lane No. 12, Block 68, Flat No. 06, Jagti, Jammu on 19-03-2025.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 28-03-2025 at Sank School Nagrota at 7:30 AM
ASSEMBLY will be held at 10:30 AM at Lane No. 12 Book 68, Flat No. 06, Jagti.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Nimra Ganjoo (Wife)
Mr Ashish Ganjoo (Son)
Smt Ruchi Bhat & Deepak Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt Baby W/o Ajay Kumar (Niece & Son in Law)
Smt Sheela Koul W/o Late Omkar Nath Koul (Sister in law)
Smt. Phoolo W/o Late Krishan Lal Koul (Sister)
Smt Girja & Tej Krishan (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Neetu W/o Shubham Lal Ganjoo (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Smt Sangeta Koul W/o Ashok Kumar Koul (Sister & Brother in Law)
Smt Loha Koul W/o Rakesh Koul (Nephew & Daughter in Law)
Sani Ganjoo (Nephew)
Contact: 8082547044 / 7899959600



Sh. Tej Krishan Ganjoo

10TH DAY/KRIYA/PAGRI
With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Sneh Lata (Nidhi)** (W/o Sh Ravi Kumar Sharma) Who left for her heavenly abode on **Wednesday, 19th March, 2025.**
10th Day - Friday, 28th March 2025, 9:00 AM
Kriya Karm- Saturday, 29th March, 2025
Uthala/Pagri - Monday, 31st March 2025, 2:00 PM
At our Residence Ward No. 8 near Shani Mandir, Samba (J&K)
IN GRIEF
Sh Ravi Sharma (Husband)
Kanav & Jatin - (Son)
(Sisters & Brothers in law)
Smt Veena Sharma W/o Late Sh Tirath Ram Sharma
Smt Kanchan & Sh Bhushan Sharma
Mob : 9086052587, 9906204914, 7006565105



Smt Sneh Lata (Nidhi)

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

MLA Randhawa inspects ongoing National Highway work



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: MLA Bahu, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, along with SDM South, prominent dignitaries from Channi, and senior officials of APCO Infratech Pvt. Ltd., conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing development and construction work on the National Highway.

During the visit, the MLA reviewed the pace and quality of the work and instructed the officials to expedite the process without compromising on safety and engineering standards. He emphasized the importance of the project

for the people of the region, highlighting how the upgraded highway would ease traffic congestion and boost connectivity and economic activities.

MLA Randhawa also interacted with local residents and commuters present at the site. He assured them that their concerns regarding road safety, traffic diversions, and inconvenience caused during the construction period would be addressed on priority.

Speaking to the media, Ch. Vikram Randhawa said, "The development of modern infrastructure is the backbone of progress.

We are committed to ensuring that this National Highway project is completed within the stipulated time frame and becomes a lifeline for the people of Jammu and surrounding areas."

The SDM South and the APCO Company officials assured the MLA that necessary manpower and resources have been deployed to ensure timely completion of the work.

The inspection reflects the commitment of the administration and public representatives towards the overall development of the region and the welfare of its people.

MLA Bishnah oversees desalting of D9 Canal, ensuring agricultural prosperity

Top News Report

BISHNAH, Mar 27: In a significant move aimed at bolstering agricultural productivity and ensuring efficient water management, Dr. Rajeev, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Bishnah, recently conducted a thorough inspection of the desalting work being carried out on the D9 canal and its associated minors.

The inspection, conducted in collaboration with the Engineering Wing of the Irrigation Department, covered key areas within the Bishnah Constituency, including Natral, Chakra, Khairi, Shibu Chak minor, and Prithvipur minor. The D9 canal is a vital lifeline for the region's agricul-



tural community, and its proper maintenance is crucial for the sustenance of crops and the overall economic well-being of the area.

Desalting, the process of removing accumulated sediment from canals, is essential to maintain optimal water flow and prevent blockages that

can lead to water shortages and crop damage. Dr. Rajeev's proactive approach in personally overseeing this work highlights the importance he places on addressing the needs of the local farming community. The inspection aimed to ensure that the desalting works was

being carried out efficiently and effectively, adhering to the required standards. Addressing Farmer Concerns, Dr. Rajeev interacted with local farmers, listening to their concerns and addressing any issues related to irrigation and water supply. The close collaboration between

Dr. Rajeev and the Engineering Wing of the Irrigation Department underscored the importance of coordinated efforts in infrastructure development. It is also documented that Dr. Rajeev is very active in many developmental works in his constituency.

The desalting of the D9 canal and its minors is expected to have a significant positive impact on the agricultural sector in the Bishnah Constituency, ensuring a reliable water supply for irrigation and contributing to increased crop yields. This initiative reflects the commitment of Dr. Rajeev to prioritize the needs of the farming community and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

India's economic growth under Modi Govt historic: Nitish Mahajan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: Nitish Mahajan, President BJP trikuta Nagar Mandal, Jammu, has lauded the Modi government for its visionary leadership that has propelled India's economy to new heights. Citing the latest International Monetary Fund (IMF) data, he highlighted that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has doubled in the last ten years, a testament to the country's robust economic policies and governance.

In a press statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader stated that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India's GDP at current prices has surged from USD 2.1 trillion in 2015 to an estimated USD 4.27 trillion by the end of 2025, marking a historic 100%

growth. "This phenomenal achievement demonstrates India's emergence as an economic powerhouse and is a direct result of Modi Ji's decisive reforms and pro-business policies," he asserted. The senior BJP leader further pointed out that India's real GDP growth rate for the current year stands at an impressive 6.5%, making it one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. "Despite global economic uncertainties, India continues to expand at a steady pace, reinforcing investor confidence and creating new opportunities for businesses and individuals alike," he said.

Touching upon inflation, Nitish emphasized that the government's prudent monetary policies have ensured that inflation remains within the RBI's target range of 4-6%, with the current rate at 4.1%. "This stability in inflation has safe-

guarded the purchasing power of the common man, ensuring sustained economic progress without burdening the citizens," he noted.

Nitish Mahajan also highlighted the remarkable rise in GDP per capita, which is projected to reach USD 11,940 in terms of purchasing power parity. "This increase reflects the growing prosperity of Indian citizens and the improved standard of living brought about by the Modi government's welfare and economic initiatives," he added. Nitish stated that the IMF's latest data reaffirms the success of the Modi government's economic policies and sets the stage for India's journey towards becoming a global economic leader. "With continued reforms, innovation, and inclusive growth, India is well on its way to achieving its vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047," he said.

Amit Kapoor demands waiver of old electricity bills, ban on alcohol, regularization of daily wagers



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Amit Kapoor has called for a complete waiver of old electricity bills and a total ban on alcohol in Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking at a press conference in Jammu, Kapoor extended full support to striking daily wage earners and demanded their immediate regularization along with the implementation of the Minimum Wages Act.

Kapoor criticized the BJP for its unfulfilled promises, particularly regarding 24-hour electricity supply after the installation of smart meters. He highlighted

the continued power cuts and demanded that the government provide 200 units of free electricity to all residents.

Expressing concern over the ongoing strike by daily wage earners, Kapoor urged the government to expedite the resolution of their grievances and release their pending salaries. He emphasized that daily wage earners working in essential departments, such as the National Health Mission (NHM) and Asha workers, deserve timely wages and dignified treatment.

The senior leader also demanded a thorough investigation into the alleged liquor and mining scams. He accused the BJP of enabling a

monopoly in the liquor trade and handing over mining contracts to outsiders, which has led to skyrocketing prices of construction materials, making it difficult for the common man to build homes. Kapoor called for a complete ban on liquor and a halt to the exploitation of Jammu's mineral resources.

Kapoor welcomed the recent announcement of free travel for women in SRTC buses and e-rickshaws but emphasized the need for an increase in their numbers. He also demanded that women employees be allowed to carry luggage free of charge on e-rickshaws and SRTC buses.

Addressing the political scenario, Kapoor praised AAP MLA Mehraj Malik for exposing BJP leaders in the assembly and expressed hope that AAP would emerge as the voice of the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

Other senior AAP leaders, including Yasir Matto, Harpreet Singh, and Sandeep Sharma, were present at the conference, reaffirming the party's commitment to addressing the issues of the people and holding the government accountable.

J&K will produce its own sex sorted semen: Director Animal Husbandry Says livestock to be imported from USA

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: Mega awareness camp was organised by Department of Animal husbandry here to address the growing unemployment and its containment through employment generation schemes of Animals husbandry department. At the onset of the programme, Director Animal Husbandry Department Jammu Dr Parvinder Singh Sudan conducted a plantation drive giving message to all the farmers "Plant trees, Sow happiness".

Later, farmers were briefed about the various departmental schemes under holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) regarding Roadmap for dairy development, Roadmap for poultry development, development of fodder development in UT of J&K further,

Departmental Schemes of sheep husbandry was also briefed to the farmers by officers of Animal Husbandry and Sheep husbandry Jammu.

Kulbushan Khajuria a progressive farmer thanked Director and CAHO Jammu for transforming the district from milk deficit to exporting milk to Punjab Moga.

He request a Mela or Mandi for purchase of animals (cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat and poultry) at district level so that we can sale our animals duly maintained and reared under Satellite heifer rearing units established in district Jammu under Holistic Agriculture development programme.

While addressing the Gathering and Dr. Sudan emphasized Animal husbandry and farmers are counterpart of each other, Department can't do anything without the sup-

port of the all the progressive farmers. Director informed the gathering that 20 High genetic merit Bulls are about to be imported for J&K from USA and we in future will be able to produce our own sex sorted semen Said Dr Sudan.

Director also emphasized the need for going towards milk value addition so that milk produced don't go in vain and farmers economy will be enhanced with sky touching heights.

The camp seen the presence and deliberations by eminent personalities including Saleem Patigaroo, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO), Jammu, Sandeep Singh Chib, President, J&K Dairy Association, Tajinder Singh, Member, Kisan Advisory Board, Jammu, Kulbushan Khajuria, Progressive Farmer, Captain Rajinder Singh, Progressive Dairy Farmer, Avtar Singh, Sarpanch, Chatha.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION
KATHUA
email: xenmedkathua@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT No: MHDK/TECH/e-NIT/2024-25/41 Dated: 25.03.2025 due on: 09.04.2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, tenders through e-Tendering mode are invited from registered, reputed, functional & financially sound OEM/Manufacturers or their distributors/dealers or contractors/ firms having the requisite eligibility criteria as per the Scope & Technical specifications and terms and conditions as envisaged in the standard bidding document.

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover I consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover II consisting of Financial Bid, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Description of work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Cost of tender document	Earnest Money (in ₹)	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Design, Fabrication, Providing, Installation testing & commissioning of 08 Passenger Machine Room Less (MRL) Elevator in Munsiff Court complex, Hiranagar on Turnkey basis	₹ 23.309 lacs	₹ 600.00	₹ 46,620/-	Registered & reputed contractors/ firms having work experience in similar nature of works

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of T.S: Sanctioned
Tender inviting authority: Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospital Division, Kathua.

CRITICAL DATES:

a)	Publish Date	25.03.2025
b)	Document Download/sale start date	25.03.2025
c)	Date of Pre-bid meeting	29.03.2025
d)	Bid submission start date	29.03.2025
e)	Bid submission end date	09.04.2025
f)	Date of Bid opening	10.04.2025

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- The pre-bid meeting shall held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospital Division, Kathua.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal. No MHDK/Tech/4992-97

Dated:-25.03.2025

DIP/J-11416/24

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical and Hospital Division,
Kathua

EDITORIAL

PLIGHT OF
DAILY WAGERS

The plight of daily wage workers in Jammu and Kashmir is a poignant tale of survival and struggle against the odds. These individuals, who form the backbone of various sectors, often find themselves grappling with economic instability, social neglect, and political indifference. Their stories echo through the valleys and hills of J&K, revealing a deep-seated crisis that calls for immediate attention and action.

Daily wage workers in J&K live under the constant shadow of financial insecurity. Their earnings, often as low as Rs 300 to Rs 500 per day, are barely enough to meet the basic necessities of life. With inflation driving up the cost of essential commodities, these workers struggle to afford food, shelter, and healthcare for their families. The irregularity of work further compounds their woes. In a region where seasonal changes and political unrest often disrupt economic activity, daily wagers are left without a steady source of income.

Agriculture, construction, and small-scale industries are major sources of employment for daily wage workers in J&K. However, these sectors are highly vulnerable to climatic challenges and socio-political disruptions. For instance, harsh winters render agricultural activities nearly impossible, leaving thousands of laborers without work for months. Similarly, strikes and curfews during periods of unrest bring construction projects to a standstill, further exacerbating their plight.

Daily wage workers in J&K are largely excluded from the formal social security net. They often work without contracts, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation by employers. They have no access to benefits like provident funds, health insurance, or pension schemes, which are essential for long-term security. In case of accidents or health emergencies, they are left to fend for themselves, plunging them deeper into poverty.

Moreover, the absence of organized labor unions or associations means that these workers have little bargaining power. Their grievances often go unheard, and they are forced to accept substandard wages and unsafe working conditions. The lack of legal protection further adds to their vulnerability, making it difficult for them to seek justice in case of exploitation or abuse.

J&K's unique geopolitical situation has a profound impact on the lives of daily wage workers. Frequent curfews, strikes, and internet shutdowns disrupt economic activities, leaving them without work for extended periods. The uncertainty of the region's political landscape often translates into economic instability, with the working class bearing the brunt of the consequences.

Social unrest also takes a toll on their mental and emotional well-being. Living in a conflict zone means that daily wagers are constantly worried about the safety of their families. This psychological burden, coupled with financial stress, pushes many into depression and anxiety, further diminishing their quality of life.

While the government has introduced various schemes aimed at improving the lives of workers, their implementation in J&K often falls short. Programs like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), which promises 100 days of guaranteed work, have not been effectively implemented in many areas. Delayed payments and corruption in the system prevent workers from reaping the benefits of such initiatives.

The absence of targeted policies for daily wage workers in J&K is another major concern. Most welfare schemes fail to address the unique challenges faced by this group, such as the seasonal nature of their work and the impact of political unrest on their livelihoods. A more tailored approach is needed to address their specific needs and provide them with sustainable solutions.

For the children of daily wage workers, education remains a distant dream. Many are forced to drop out of school to contribute to the family's income. The lack of quality educational facilities in rural and remote areas further limits their opportunities for upward mobility. Without education, they are trapped in a cycle of poverty, with little hope for a better future.

Healthcare is another area where daily wage workers face significant challenges. With no access to affordable medical services, they often delay seeking treatment for illnesses, leading to severe health complications. Women, in particular, suffer disproportionately due to the lack of maternal and child healthcare services.

Despite the numerous challenges, there is hope for improving the lives of daily wage workers in J&K. Grassroots organizations and NGOs have been working tirelessly to provide support and advocacy for this marginalized group. Skill development programs, microfinance initiatives, and community-based interventions have shown promising results in empowering daily wagers and improving their living standards.

The government must also step up its efforts to address the plight of these workers. Strengthening labor laws, ensuring timely implementation of welfare schemes, and investing in education and healthcare can go a long way in alleviating their hardships. Additionally, creating opportunities for alternative livelihoods, especially during periods of economic disruption, can provide them with a safety net.

The daily wage workers of J&K are the unsung heroes of the region, toiling day and night to support their families and contribute to the economy. Yet, their struggles often go unnoticed, overshadowed by larger political and social issues. It is time for policymakers, civil society, and citizens to recognize their plight and work collectively to create a more inclusive and equitable society. By addressing the root causes of their challenges and providing them with the tools to build a better future, we can ensure that the voices of these resilient individuals are heard, and their rights are upheld.

NEET UG 2025: Understanding maths behind 720 marks for medical exam

By: Vijay Garg

National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) is the door through which students wish to study medical and dental courses in India. The test adopts a well-organised marking pattern, with an overall of 720 marks.

NEET UG has three major subjects: Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. The exam contains a total of 200 questions, out of which 180 have to be attempted. Every question is worth 4 marks, and 1 mark is cut for each incorrect answer.

– Biology (Botany + Zoology) – 360 Marks

Biology is the most crucial subject in NEET because it carries 50% of the total marks. It contains 90 questions (45 Botany and 45 Zoology), and each correct answer has a 4-mark reward, giving the total mark of 360.

– Chemistry – 180 Marks- Physical, Organic, and Inorganic Chemistry constitute the Chemistry section. It has 45 questions, and every correct answer is worth 4 marks, totalling 180 marks.

– Physics – 180 Marks- Physics is regarded by many students as the most difficult section. It has 45 questions, and every right answer is worth 4 marks, totalling 180 marks.

NEET UG 2025: Classification of Subjects

Each subject is further divided into two sections:

– Section A – 35 questions (compulsory)

– Section B – 15 questions (10 to be attempted only)

So, the students will attempt a total of:

– 50 questions from Biology (out of 100)

– 35 + 10 from Chemistry

– 35 + 10 from Physics

NEET UG 2025: Marking Scheme and Negative Marking +4 marks for a correct answer

–1 mark for a wrong answer
0 marks for unattempted question

Story continues below this ad
For optimal scoring in NEET UG, the student should be more concerned about Biology but at the same time ensure that the foundations of Physics and Chemistry are firm. Intuitive preparation, accuracy, and efficient time management are the keys to obtaining a high score in this competitive examination.

Key Takeaways:

Accuracy is more important than blind guessing—even a few incorrect answers can bring the rank down significantly.

Biology carries the highest weightage—scoring full marks in Biology (360/360) can give a major advantage.

Attempt only when confident—minimizing negative marking helps maximize the score.

To maximize your NEET UG 2025 score and aim for a high rank, you need a smart study plan and effective exam strategies. Here's a step-by-step guide to optimizing your preparation:

1. Understand the NEET Exam Pattern & Syllabus

NEET has 180 questions: 90 from Biology, 45 from Physics, and 45 from Chemistry.

Biology (360 marks) has the highest weightage—mastering NCERT is a must.

Physics & Chemistry (180 marks each) require strong concepts and problem-solving skills.

2. Smart Study Plan

Biology (NCERT is the Key)

☐ Focus on NCERT – At least 85-90% of questions come from NCERT books.

☐ Make sticky notes and flowcharts for classification, cycles, and key points.

☐ Practice diagrams from NCERT – many questions are directly based on them.

☐ Solve previous years' papers to understand repeated concepts.

Physics (Conceptual + Problem-Solving)

☐ Understand formulas and derivations—don't just memorize them.

☐ Focus on numerical problems (Kinematics, Electrostatics, Modern Physics).

☐ Solve at least 50-100 MCQs daily to improve speed and accuracy.

☐ Learn shortcut tricks for solving problems faster.

Chemistry (Divide and Conquer)

Physical Chemistry:

☐ Master formulas and numerical practice (Mole Concept, Equilibrium, Thermodynamics).

☐ Solve at least 20 numerical problems daily.

Organic Chemistry:

☐ Memorize named reactions & mechanisms.

☐ Revise functional groups, reaction mechanisms, and conversions.

Inorganic Chemistry:

☐ NCERT is enough—focus on periodic table trends, coordination compounds, and metallurgy.

☐ Revise from short notes and flashcards.

3. Daily Routine for Consistency
6-8 hours of daily study with a balanced subject-wise schedule.

Divide time as Biology (3 hrs), Physics (2.5 hrs), Chemistry (2.5 hrs).

Include revision and MCQ solving in your daily plan.

Use Pomodoro technique (50 min study + 10 min break) for better focus.

4. Master Time Management

☐ Solve mock tests regularly (at least 3 per week, increasing to 1 per day before the exam).

☐ Solve in exam conditions—use OMR sheets for real-time practice.

☐ Time allocation strategy during the exam:

Biology: 45 minutes

Physics: 50 minutes

Chemistry: 50 minutes

Final 25 minutes: Recheck difficult questions

5. Minimize Negative Marking
Avoid guesswork unless you can eliminate at least 2 options.

Mark questions with "Review Later" to revisit in the end.

Read questions carefully to avoid silly mistakes.

6. Strengthen Revision & Practice

Revise daily – at least 2 hours of revision before sleeping.

Keep a "Mistake Book" to note down repeated errors and avoid them.

Focus on PYQs (Past Year Questions) – 80% of NEET questions follow a pattern from past papers.

7. Stay Mentally & Physically Fit
Sleep 6-7 hours daily for better memory retention.

Eat healthy food and avoid stress.

Practice meditation or light exercise to improve concentration

Final 30-Day Strategy Before NEET

First 15 Days: Revise entire syllabus, solve full syllabus mock tests.

Last 15 Days: Revise only important topics, focus on weak areas, and attempt previous year's papers.

Final 3 Days: No new topics, just light revision and formula revision.

Conclusion

By following this structured approach—NCERT-based learning, MCQ practice, smart time management, and regular revision—you can maximize your NEET UG 2025 score and boost your chances of securing a top rank.

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

Nagpur & UP: Demolitions must not bulldoze the law

By: AA Edit

It was not long ago that the Supreme Court, after watching state governments take the law into their hands, to turn judge, jury and execution and carry out demolitions of homes of citizens accused of crime, came out with a detailed list of guidelines on such demolitions

Article 141 of the Constitution states that the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts within the territory of India. In effect, it is the law of the land, binding not just the courts but the Indian state and all its institutions. However, the governments and its arms run by the BJP appear to answer to some other idea when it comes to their whimsical approach to people whom they see as criminals even when no court of law has found them

so. For, this can be the only reason why the Nagpur Municipal Corporation has gone ahead with the demolition of the houses of some of those accused of the recent violence in the town and of their kin. It demolished one house fully and stopped the operation on the premises of the other only after the Nagpur bench of the Bombay high court intervened and stayed its move. The court ordered that the corporation's actions required legal scrutiny after the petitioners complained that the demolitions were arbitrary and in contravention of the Supreme Court guidelines.

It was not long ago that the Supreme Court, after watching state governments take the law into their hands, to turn judge, jury and execution and carry out demolitions of homes of citizens accused of crime, came out with a detailed list of guide-

lines on such demolitions. The crux of the guidelines was that the government cannot raze homes as punishment for being accused in a case, and can do so only if the law warranted it.

And while doing so, the state must give early notice and sufficient time to the occupants of such houses to move out. Bulldozer raj has no place in a civilised society and cannot overrule the law, the court underlined, and warned that any lapse in sticking to the guidelines would be construed as contempt of court with the officials who are responsible for it facing appropriate consequences. The Supreme Court guidelines were clear and in line with the fundamental rights bestowed by the Constitution on citizens. Sadly, the apex court itself has so far been reluctant to act to protect them. It was only recently that a couple

of petitioners from Uttar Pradesh had to return disappointed after their homes were demolished in violation of the guidelines. Instead of taking an unequivocal position and upholding its own guidelines, the court, which expressed shock at the "high-handed" demolition in Prayagraj within 24 hours of serving notices to them without giving sufficient time to appeal, failed to give the victims their due even while observing that "courts cannot tolerate such process" and "If we tolerate in one case it will continue". Administrative high-handedness and arbitrary actions that make the lives of ordinary citizens miserable can be halted only if the courts of law stop those perpetrating such acts and punish them. It's time the courts stopped counselling errant authorities and made an example of them.

RSS vows to organizes various events on centenary celebrations

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: The centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) mark a significant milestone in its history, highlighting a century of unwavering dedication to societal upliftment, cultural preservation, and national service.

Speaking in a press conference, Dr. Gautam Maingi**, Prant Sanghchalak, remarked, "This centenary year is not just a celebration of 100 years but a reflection of our commitment to fostering unity and harmony in society. It is an opportunity to strengthen our bonds with the community and honor the values that have guided us through this journey."

Starting on Vijayadashami (2nd October 2025), the RSS will launch a door-to-door contact campaign across villages and cities in the Jammu & Kashmir province. Alongside this, events such as Hindu conferences, intellectual discussions, youth-focused programs, and gatherings aimed at fostering social harmony will take place.

Literature promoting the organization's ideals and cultural values will also be distributed to encourage widespread participation.



participation.

Dr. Gautam further emphasized, "These initiatives are a step towards ensuring that every individual feels a part of this collective mission of national rejuvenation."

In the recent Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha meeting in Bengaluru, the RSS passed a resolution addressing the human rights violations faced by Hindus and other minority communities in Bangladesh.

Highlighting these issues, Dr. Gautam stated, "The atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh are a matter of deep concern for all of humanity. It is our moral responsibility to stand with those who are persecuted and ensure their safety, dignity, and rights are upheld."

The centenary year is also a

time for gratitude and reflection. The RSS has acknowledged the selfless efforts of its volunteers, saints, and supporters over the last 100 years.

Dr. Gautam expressed, "Our journey has been guided by the blessings of revered saints and the tireless dedication of volunteers who have worked silently and selflessly to uphold our vision of a united society."

On this occasion, the RSS paid tribute to Queen Abbakka of Ullal on her 500th birth anniversary.

Recognizing her courage and leadership, Dr. Gautam said, "Queen Abbakka's legacy as a fearless warrior and an extraordinary strategist inspires us all. Her dedication to protecting her kingdom and forming alliances to resist colonial forces is

a reminder of the strength and resilience of Indian women."

The RSS has also set a target to expand its grassroots presence by establishing more shakhas (daily gatherings) and Mandalis (monthly units) by Vijayadashami. With 83,129 daily shakhas nationwide, including 678 in Jammu & Kashmir, the organization is committed to fostering deeper societal engagement. "Our aim is to connect with every corner of the society and strengthen the threads of unity," Dr. Gautam noted. As part of its cultural initiatives, the RSS has urged communities to celebrate the Bharatiya Vedic New Year on 30th March 2025, marking the start of Vikram Samvat 2082. Dr. Gautam encouraged everyone to participate, saying, "Let us come together to celebrate our rich cultural heritage, adorn our homes with the saffron flag, and create an atmosphere of joy and pride that reflects our timeless traditions."

With its centenary celebrations, the RSS reaffirms its vision of fostering national pride, cultural unity, and societal harmony, continuing its century-long legacy of selfless service and collective progress.

NCC interactive session held at GDC Doda

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 27: Government Degree College (GDC) Doda organized an interactive session with NCC cadets during the official visit of Brig. D.N. Pandey, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters Jammu, and Col. MK Sharma, Commanding Officer, 10 JK Battalion NCC Bhalra Baderwah to the institution.

The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by Dr. Javed Iqbal, Principal of GDC Doda and Lt Dr Jaswant Singh ANO, who presented them with a bouquet of flowers as a token of respect and appreciation.

Lt. Dr. Jaswant Singh, Associate NCC Officer of the college, delivered a comprehensive report highlighting the achievements, training activities, and contribu-



tions of the NCC cadets of Infantry and Naval Wings of the institution.

A memento of honour was presented to Brig. DN Pandey by principal of the college.

Brig. D N Pandey lauded the efforts of the NCC unit and encouraged cadets to continue their commitment to discipline, leadership, and national service.

They also interacted with the cadets, motivating them to actively par-

ticipate in various NCC programs and strive for excellence.

Principal Dr Javed Iqbal said the visit reinforced the significance of NCC in shaping young minds towards patriotism and social responsibility.

The programme was coordinated by Dr Barkat Ali CTO Naval wing and formal vote of thanks was presented by ANO Dr Jaswant Singh.

Tug of War competition organized at GDC Darhal



Top News Report

DARHAL, Mar 27: In continuing the Fit India Initiative, a thrilling Tug of War competition was organized today at GDC Darhal.

Students from all semesters enthusiastically participated, showcasing their strength and teamwork.

The match concluded with Kashish and her team emerging victorious over Misba and her team.

The event was held under the esteemed patronage of Prof. Z A Mir, the Principal of the college, who supported the initiative promoting fitness and camaraderie among students. Coordination for the event was managed by Dr. M Saleem Wani, Dr. Mohd Akhlag, and Dr. Anzaar Ahmed, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The presence of Dr. Ghulam Abbas as a

special guest added to the significance of the event. Other faculty members who played a crucial role in making the event a success included Dr. Sagir, Dr. Mukhtar, Dr. Shakeel Kataria, and Dr. Ata ur Rehman, among others.

The Tug of War not only served as a fun competition but also reinforced the spirit of unity and physical fitness among students, aligning with the goals of the Fit India Initiative.

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan protest, burns effigy

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu & Kashmir, led a strong anti-Pakistan rally in response to the ongoing encounter in the Sanyal border village of Kathua, where three security personnel, including a DySP, were injured.

The protesters burned effigies of Pakistan and expressed solidarity with the security forces in their fight against militancy.

Addressing the gathering, Sunil Dimple expressed unwavering support for the armed forces, stating, "We stand united with our security forces to crush militancy in Jammu & Kashmir."

He demanded answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah regarding the infiltration of mili-



tants armed with heavy ammunition. "Which borders remain open for these infiltrators?" he asked, while questioning the rising instances of militancy, targeted killings, and encounters after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A.

Dimple made a bold announcement of a Rs 10 lakh reward for anyone who could bring the head of wanted terrorist Hafiz Saeed to India. He also called for decisive action to liberate Pakistan-occupied

Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Baltistan and integrate them into India. "It is time to start a war to reclaim what rightfully belongs to our nation," he asserted.

Dimple urged the Director General of Police and the security forces to intensify efforts against militancy by launching a full-scale "Operation All Out" to dismantle ISI modules, eliminate sleeper cells, and crush Pakistan-backed operatives in Jammu & Kashmir. He called on PM Modi

and Home Minister Amit Shah to address Parliament regarding the ongoing infiltration, targeted attacks, and increasing militancy, demanding accountability and decisive action.

Criticizing the BJP's handling of Jammu & Kashmir, Dimple alleged, "In the past ten years, the BJP has only used Jammu & Kashmir for political gains. Despite the abrogation of Article 370, militancy has spread into the previously peaceful Jammu

region." He highlighted increasing militant activities and security vulnerabilities in regions like Kathua, Samba, Doda, Kishtwar, Baderwah, Basoli, Poonch, Rajouri, and Arnia.

Dimple assured the full support of Mission Statehood and the people of Jammu & Kashmir to the Indian Army, pledging solidarity in the fight to reclaim POK and ensure the safety and sovereignty of the region. "The people of Jammu & Kashmir will stand shoulder to shoulder with the Indian Army to secure our borders and bring POK under India's fold," he declared.

The rally was supported by senior leaders including Dev Raj, Sanjay Stehi, Mukesh, Vicky, Vipan, Happy, Harjiet, Suny Kumar, Rocky Kapoor, Narendar Chowdry, Sanjay Kumar, Sanjeev, Ashok Kumar, Gola Raja, and many others.

JKTF expands State Body

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), affiliated with the All India Secondary Teachers Federation (AISTF) and Education International (EI), announced the expansion of its State and Provincial body.

The newly appointed office bearers include Mohd Mahroof as UT Senior Vice Chairman, Joginder Singh as UT Spokesperson, Sadiq Poswal as Provincial General Secretary of Jammu

The Chairman, Showket Ali Beig, State President, Mohd Ashraf Sheikh, and General Secretary, Mir Bashir Ahmed, congratulated



the newly appointed office bearers and expressed hope that they would work towards the welfare of the teaching and student communities.

"We are excited to expand our State and

Provincial body, and we believe that our new office bearers will play a crucial role in promoting the interests of teachers and students in Jammu and Kashmir," said State President Mohd Ashraf Sheikh.

Samba police foils bovine smuggling bid, rescues eight bovines, seizes vehicle

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 27: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police on Thursday foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and rescued eight bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers.

The vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines was also seized.

An information was received at Police Station Samba from reliable sources regarding smuggling of bovines in a Mahindra Bolero bearing registration

No. JK02CT-2243 from Mananu towards Mansar side.

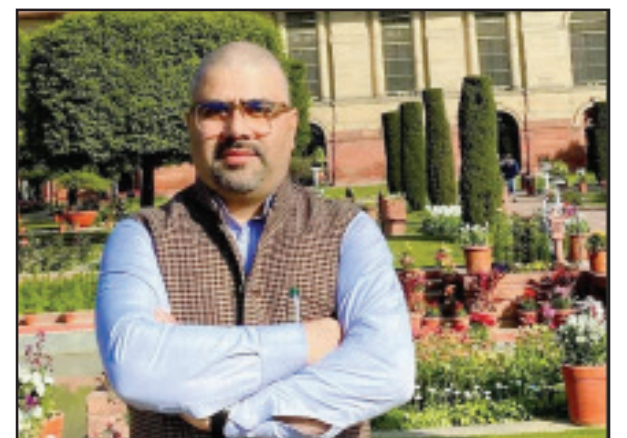
Acting on information, a Police team headed by SHO Police Station Samba successfully intercepted the said Mahindra Bolero at Mananu for its checking.

During checking, eight bovines found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place. A case FIR No. 82/2025 U/S 223 BNS 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Samba and investigation started.

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Mar 27: In a heartfelt message that resonates with the spirit of unity and reflection, Fahar Manzoor Baba, Director General Republic of India for International Human Rights Commission Global on Thursday has extended his warm wishes for Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida. Shab-e-Qadr a night of immense significance for many. This special occasion, often marked by prayer and contemplation, holds a deep place in the hearts of countless individuals.

Fahar Baba expressed his sentiments, saying, "On this auspicious night of Shab-e-Qadr, let us come together in prayer and reflection. It's a time to seek forgiveness, to strengthen our bonds,



and to remember those who are less fortunate. May this night bring peace and blessings to all." His words remind us to pause and appreciate the beauty of community and compassion during this sacred time. As we gather with loved ones, Fahar Baba further encourages everyone to share kindness and uplift those around us. "In these moments," he adds, "we find the

strength to support each other and create a brighter future for our country."

As Shab-e-Qadr approaches, let's embrace this opportunity to connect, reflect, and spread love. Fahar Manzoor Baba message serves as a beautiful reminder that together, we can foster understanding and compassion among one another, he added.

Opening act: On World Theatre Day, stars recollect their first play on stage

For them, it all began with their first act on stage that laid the foundation. It is theatre that has paved the way for some of Bollywood's finest actors, shaping their craft and bolstering their confidence to own the big screen. On World Theatre Day, stars recollect moments when they stepped on to the stage for the first time.

Extra special: Richa Chadha

In Class 11, Richa Chadha first appeared a play called *Aur Kitne Tukde*. Directed by Kirti Jain, it featured seasoned actors from the NSD. "I was cast as an extra in a period play, which worked well for me because I got to observe amazing actors from the National School of Drama (NSD) from close quarters. That was a great learning experience. Interestingly, I had braces at that time," she shared.

Patna act: Pankaj Tripathi

Based on a story by Bhisham Sahni and directed by Vijay Kumar, an NSD alumnus, Pankaj Tripathi's first play was *Leela Nandlal*



Ki. "The story is about a scooter that gets lost and the protagonist goes to the police station to file a complaint. I played both a cop and a thief," he shared. Performing in front of an unfamiliar audience in Patna, Pankaj was pleasantly surprised by the positive response he garnered, despite his lack of training at that time.

First steps: Ali Fazal
Written and directed by American playwright Michael Puzzo, *A Guy Thing* marked the beginning of the theatrical journey for Ali Fazal. However, his very first experience on stage was in a boarding school in Dehradun, thanks to filmmaker Sudhanshu Saria. "I remember

holding on to the light on the steps of the famous amphitheater of The Doon School and being tasked with the all-important task of uttering this single line – You blithering nincompoop," Ali recalled with a smile.

Good sign: Abhishek Banerjee

Abhishek Banerjee discovered theatre during his school days, but honed his craft at Kirori Mal College (KMC), Delhi, through the prestigious Players' Society – the same group that nurtured filmmakers like Kabir Khan, and actors like Siddharth and Divyendu. "I was not a very serious or good student, hardly attended classes and low marks was how it was. So, I wasn't sure

what to do in life. But one day, as I anchored an event, an irritated teacher said, 'You're only good for this.' Others might have felt insulted, but to me it was a sign. I got into Kirori Mal College through an acting audition—the same college where the great Amitabh Bachchan was," he recalled.

Lifelong gift: Shweta Tripathi

For Shweta Tripathi, it was an act by Yashpal Sharma on stage that kindled the fire for theatre in her. "There was a scene on top of a train and I fell in love with it. Another one was *Graffiti*, a musical choreographed by Shiamak Davar and directed by Roshan Abbas, which

I remember vividly," shared Shweta, who now owns a theatre company. Theatre also gave her a lifelong gift—her husband, rapper Chaitnya Sharma (*Slow Cheeta*)!

Quality matters: Akshay Oberoi

Akshay Oberoi's theatrical journey started while he was studying at the Johns Hopkins University. He later trained at Stella Adler Studio (New York) and Playhouse West (Los Angeles). "Theatre is the place where I learned what good quality acting was. I dabbled in all genres and that helped. I am grateful to have gotten this opportunity to fulfill my dreams," he shared.

Heart's call: Parul Gulati

Parul Gulati started her acting career at a young age, but always felt a deep connection with theatre. She has performed in several plays and continues to train with her mentor Saurabh Sachdeva. Recently, she expressed her desire to produce a play. "Theatre keeps me alive," she said.

Selena Gomez talks about body shaming and its impact on her



Selena Gomez has spoken about the negative impact of body shaming, revealing that comments about her weight make her feel 'a tad bitter'. In a recent appearance on the *On Purpose* with Jay Shetty Podcast, Gomez shared her frustrations about the constant scrutiny

she faces regarding her appearance.

"Everyone has something to say," she said, noting that women are disproportionately affected by body image issues. Gomez, who has been open about her struggles with lupus, a chronic autoimmune disorder, explained that

her weight fluctuates due to her medication. Despite this, she emphasised that she prioritised her health over societal beauty standards.

"I would rather be healthy and take care of myself. My medications are important, and I believe that they help me," she said. The actress and singer also pointed out the double standards in body image discussions, stating that men do not face the same level of scrutiny.

"It's the character that gets judged. It's the way I'm not white enough, I'm not Mexican enough... nobody cares about those kind of things with men," she added. Gomez clarified that she did not see herself as a victim, but wanted to raise awareness about the unfair expectations placed on women. "I just think it's made me a tad bitter," she admitted.

She also shared her strategies for coping with negative comments, including avoiding social media and focusing on her mental health.

Ben Affleck opens up about divorce with Jennifer Lopez

Ben Affleck has opened up about his divorce from Jennifer Lopez, praising his ex-wife for her ability to handle the spotlight with ease. In an interview, Affleck reflected on the differences in personality between him and Lopez, saying that she has 'handled celebrity status more adeptly and more adroitly' than he has. "My temperament is to be a little bit more reserved and private than hers. As happens in relationships, you don't always have the same attitude towards these things," he said.

Affleck also addressed the 2024 documentary Lopez and he made about their marriage, *The Greatest Love Story Never Told*. Affleck said



he participated in the documentary to provide an honest examination of their relationship. He also emphasised that their 2024 documentary, which chronicled their relationship, did not contribute to their breakup. Many fans

speculated that Affleck appeared unhappy in the film, but he clarified that he participated to support Lopez.

The divorce of Affleck and Lopez was finalised in January after the latter filed for it in August 2024.

All We Imagine As Light wins best feature film, Diljit Dosanjh best actor, at Critics Choice Awards

Payal Kapadia's acclaimed directorial *All We Imagine As Light* emerged as the winner of the best feature film at the 7th Critics Choice Awards in Mumbai. Actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh won best actor award for his role in *Amar Singh Chamkila* and Darshana Rajendran bagged best actress for her performance in *Paradise*. Other winners include Ravi Kishan as best supporting actor for *Laapataa Ladies* and Kani Kusruti, who won best supporting actress for *Girls Will Be Girls*. "I dedicate this award to Amar Singh Chamkila and to Imtiaz sir, who brought this beautiful film to life. I just had the chance to be a part of it was entirely Imtiaz sir's hard work. A big thank you to the entire cast and crew of the film," Dosanjh shared.

Kapadia, who also won the best director award, expressed gratitude for another acknowl-



edgement. "This year has been filled with incredible films, and it means so much to be among such inspiring filmmakers. The awards hold a special place in my heart, as so many critics have been wonderfully supportive of *All We Imagine As Light*. Thank you for supporting our film every step of the way."

Poacher, the drama series from Richie Mehta, won best web series and got Nimisha Sajayan, the lead actor of the project, a best actress award in the web series category. Barun Sobti took the best actor in web series award for his work in *Raat Jawaan Hai*.

"It's an honour to have our

series *Poacher* be awarded by the critics, as it was a series made with immense love and passion, by so many, to honour the guardians of all species, who themselves are never recognised," Mehta said. The latest edition also introduced a new best documentary category, where *Nocturnes* emerged as the winner. Among others, Shivkumar V. Panicker won best editing award for *Kill*, Anand Ekarshi got best writing award for *Aattam* and Ranbir Das for best cinematography in *All We Imagine As Light*.

Obur became the best short film and Faraz Ali got best director and best writing for it. Harish Khanna took best actor in short film category award for his work in *Jal Tu Jalaal Tu* and Jyoti Dogra got best actress for her role in *Taak*. Best cinematography award went to Anand Bansal for *Obur*.

Amidst break-up rumours Sydney Sweeney calls of wedding with fiancé

Hollywood actress Sydney Sweeney and her fiancé, Jonathan Davino, have encountered significant challenges in their relationship, leading them to call off their wedding, according to a recent report by *Us Weekly*.

"Sydney and Jonathan have been having major issues but are not fully split," an insider was quoted as saying. "Things are not great right now, but they aren't throwing in the towel yet. They are working on their relationship but have called off the wedding for now."

Sweeney, 27, and Davino, 41, were first linked in 2018 before getting engaged four years later. However, the source claims that all preparations for their wedding have now come "to a halt."

"They were supposed to get married this spring. The wedding is not happening, and they aren't having further discussions about it," the insider stated. "Sydney

wanted to cancel everything and couldn't handle the stress."

The primary source of tension in their relationship, according to the insider, appears to stem from Sweeney's demanding work commitments. "Most of their issues stem from Sydney being extremely busy with work commitments," the source continued. "She doesn't have a lot of downtime, and it causes tension in their relationship. Sydney is really focused on her career. Jonathan wishes they were able to spend more quality time together."

Sweeney's intense dedication to her film and television projects has reportedly exacerbated the strain between the couple.

Further fuelling speculation about their relationship status, Sweeney has seemingly removed a once-beloved memory from her social media, prompting fans to question whether the pair have indeed broken



up. Internet sleuths noticed that a particular image, previously part of the *Euphoria* star's celebratory New Year's Instagram post, is now missing.

The original carousel, shared on January 2, featured a snapshot of Sweeney and Davino sharing a kiss while their friends laughed in the background. How-

ever, the image has since been removed. The remaining post retains its caption: "The last few days of 2024 will forever be some of my favourite."

While Sweeney has yet to publicly address the speculation, she recently spoke to *Cosmopolitan* about her decision to keep her personal life private.

"I think that it's really important to keep my personal life personal," she explained. "I became an actor because I loved playing characters. I loved creating stories and jumping in and learning everything that I could about other people. I never really thought that people would be interested in Sydney. I thought that they'd want to see my character, and so I want to keep it about the work."

As rumours of a potential split continue to circulate, fans eagerly await further updates on the couple's future.

Galaxy to shoot and back, no detours now: Salman on his heightened security



Bollywood star Salman Khan says heightened security due to death threats from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang has significantly restricted his movements and cramps his style.

The security protocol has impacted his daily routine, Khan told reporters on Wednes-

day night.

"I cannot do anything about it (security). Khallas. So I go from *Galaxy* (home) to shoot to *Galaxy*, no detours." The 59-year-old could earlier be seen cycling around the city unhindered by his security team.

In April 2024, two

men belonging to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang opened fire outside Khan's building. After this, security was enhanced with bullet-proof glass protecting his balcony and CCTV cameras keeping watch on the road outside. Two months later, Navi Mumbai Police claimed to have discovered a plot to kill the actor when he travelled to his farmhouse at Panvel near Mumbai.

When asked about the elaborate security around him, Khan said, "You guys are sweet; that's why they are sweet to you. I don't wish for them to be sweet with those people who are not sweet." "It's not when I'm with the press, but when I'm without the press. This (security) cramps my style," Khan said in the interaction ahead of the release of his film *"Sikander"* this Sunday.

Review guidelines in light of technological advances: Dhankhar to Ethics Committee

Directive comes after a breach of privilege notice filed by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh against Home Minister Amit Shah was rejected

NEW DELHI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday directed the Ethics Committee of the House to review the 1998 S B Chavan Committee report on ethics and develop updated guidelines for members, considering the technological developments and the rise of social media in recent years.

Dhankhar's directive came after rejecting a breach of privilege notice filed by Congress Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh against Union Home Minister Amit Shah for "casting aspersions" on Congress Parliamentary Party head Sonia Gandhi. In his notice submitted on Wednesday, Ramesh claimed that Shah, during his Rajya Sabha speech on March 25, had made unfounded allegations about Sonia Gandhi with a premeditated intent to malign her reputation.

Ramesh quoted Shah, who reportedly stated, "The Prime Minister's National Relief Fund was established during the Congress' rule, and the PM-CARES Fund was established during PM Narendra Modi's and the



NDA's rule. During Congress' rule, only one family used to control the country."

Ramesh described Shah's statement as "blatantly false and defamatory," arguing that it amounted to a breach of privilege and contempt of the House.

Dhankhar said Shah had authenticated his statement citing a press statement issued by the Press Information Bureau of the Government of India on January 24, 1948, wherein the then prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had announced starting of the PMNRF which was to be managed by a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, president

of the Indian National Congress and certain other people.

Following protests from Ramesh, who dismissed the response as "too clever by half," Dhankhar remarked that the practice (of having the Congress president on the committee administering the PM Relief Fund) "continued for decades," but he chose not to delve into the details.

Dhankhar also pointed out that the breach of privilege notice had been widely covered in the media, indicating it had been shared with the press in violation of rules. He further noted that Ramesh had signed the notice with the wrong date.

Addressing the need for updated ethics guidelines, Dhankhar acknowledged the 1998 S B Chavan Committee report, which emphasised the importance of members maintaining the dignity of the House.

He quoted from the report: "Firstly, members must conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the dignity of Parliament and preserves their personal credibility. Secondly, members bear the responsibility of maintaining exemplary standards of morality, dignity, decorum, and values in their public conduct."

"Now Ethics Committee is headed by a distinguished parliamentarian Ghanashyam Tiwari. I am tasking the Ethics Committee to look into S B Chavan Committee report on ethics and take note of the intervening situations mostly brought about by technological developments and social media and evolve a mechanism (and) fresh guidelines for members for adherence," Dhankhar said.

The Chairman said he would not allow the Rajya Sabha to become a platform for diminishing anyone's dignity.

Nation not built by slogans, but performing duties: Yogi Adityanath



LUCKNOW, Mar 27 (Agencies): Nation is not served by slogans or speeches but by performing duties honestly, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Thursday, asserting that the state has been made into a "growth engine" in the eight years of his stewardship.

Addressing an appointment letter distribution programme for medical officers of Ayush department here, the CM said, "Eight years ago, Uttar Pradesh was known as a 'bimaru' (sick) state. It wasn't the state that was sick, but the system.

The working methods of the past governments were sick, and this led to a state incapable of making decisions and delivering results." He added, "Today, we see a new Uttar Pradesh, one that takes decisions with care, transparency, and honesty. These are the same values that have brought about significant changes in the state." Uttar Pradesh has experienced remarkable progress, particularly in administrative reforms, and its economic growth, once hindered by bureaucratic inefficiencies, has now become a driving force for India's development, he claimed.

Adityanath also claimed that the Maha Kumbh was made a success because of the mix of teamwork and technology.

He mentioned the growing international recognition of India's traditional practices, such as yoga, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Today, 193 countries celebrate World Yoga Day, acknowledging the value of India's heritage," he said.

"The AYUSH system, based on the wisdom of our ancient sages, teaches us not just to treat diseases but to live a healthier, longer life. Uttar Pradesh is leading in this area with an increasing number of ayurveda and homeopathy hospitals," he said.

"The service of the nation is not done by slogans and speeches. It is done by performing our duties honestly. Leaving work for tomorrow means you're not discharging your responsibilities properly," Adityanath added.

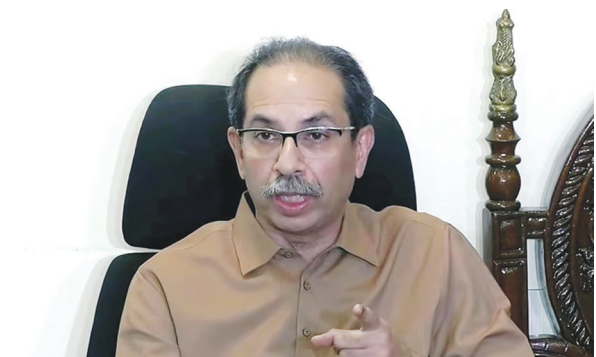
Maharashtra govt summons Kamra for insulting 'traitor', remains silent on Solapurkar: Uddhav

MUMBAI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday said the Maharashtra government summoned comedian Kunal Kamra for insulting a "traitor", but took no action against actor Rahul Solapurkar over his "insult" of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Speaking to reporters a day after the Budget session of the state legislature ended, he also criticised the BJP over its outreach programme for Muslim families 'Saugat-e-Modi'.

"You summon Kunal Kamra twice for insulting a traitor, but do not summon Rahul Solapurkar even once," Thackeray said.

Kamra, whose parody song targeting Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde led to an attack by



Shinde supporters on a studio here on Sunday, has been summoned by Mumbai Police. Shiv Sena (UBT) has often used the term 'traitor' for Shinde, who rebelled against Thackeray and split the party in 2022. Solapurkar recently came under fire after stating in a podcast that Shivaji Maharaj, the 17th century Maratha warrior king, escaped from Agra Fort by bribing Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb's officials and not by concealing

himself in a basket of sweets as per the popular account. Some right-wing organizations took exception to the term 'bribe'.

Talking about the 'Saugat-e-Modi' initiative, Thackeray said, "When Shiv Sena received overwhelming support from Muslim voters, a hue and cry was made, saying that I had abandoned Hindutva. They even coined terms like 'Satta-Jihad'. But now, the same people have reversed their position."

Indian Army conducts Integrated Multi-Domain exercise in Arunachal Pradesh

NEW DELHI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Indian Army's Kolkata, West Bengal-based Eastern Command has carried out a joint Tri-Service Integrated Multi-Domain Warfare Exercise in the Eastern Theatre.

"The exercise, named Exercise Prachand Prahaar, was carried out 'deep in the high-altitude terrain of Arunachal Pradesh' from 25 to 27 March 2025 and brought together the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and other elements of the Indian Armed Forces in a synergised combat drill designed to simulate future warfare," said the Army on Thursday.

"Carried out under the aegis of the Eastern Command, the exercise showcased the seamless integration of advanced surveillance, strike capabilities, and multi-domain operational planning. Cutting-edge platforms such

as long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft, armed helicopters, UAVs, loitering munitions, and space-based assets were employed to achieve total situational awareness and rapid target engagement," the Army added.

Once simulated targets were identified, they were swiftly neutralised through coordinated strikes using fighter aircraft, long-range rocket systems, medium artillery, swarm drones, kamikaze drones, and armed helicopters—all executed in an electronically contested environment that simulated modern battlefield conditions.

Elaborating about the current exercise, the Army said "integrated tri-service drill builds on the momentum of Exercise Poorvi Prahar held in November 2024, which focused primarily on the integrated application of

aviation assets." "Exercise Prachand Prahaar has now taken that concept further by validating a fully integrated approach to surveillance, command and control, and precision firepower across the three services."

Lieutenant General Ram Chander Tiwari, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, and Air Marshal Surat Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, reviewed the exercise and commended the troops for their operational excellence and high degree of professionalism.

The important Eastern Command of Army, apart from the Counter Insurgency in the area, also handles the 1346 kilometers long Line of Actual Control including Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

This command has

three corps 33 Corps (Sikkim), 4 Corps (Kameng Sector) and 3 Corps (Rest of Arunachal Pradesh) to handle the LAC. The IAF has its Shillong, Meghalaya-based Eastern Command looking after the Eastern Sector.

The Chinese thrust during the 1962 war was towards Arunachal Pradesh. While the entire 1,126 km long LAC along the state is sensitive, it has, as per the sources, six disputed areas: Asapila, Longzu, Bisa and Majha in Upper Subansiri District and Tulung-la and Yangtse in Tawang District.

Also, there are four sensitive areas: Fishtail 1 and Fishtail 2 and Thag la and Dichu. The state also houses one of the most revered places: Tawang Monastery.

Arunachal Pradesh, where the exercise took place, is generally divided into Kameng area on

the west and Rest of Arunachal Pradesh. Till 2010, there was only one Army division for the entire RALP, but now a major deployment of the 3 Corps is responsible for the LAC.

The Ministry of Home Affairs data fixes the length of the Line of Actual Control as 3,488 km long. It is an undemarcated border between India and China where both countries exercise actual control on the ground and have differing perceptions.

The exercise, highlighted by the Army, stands as a testament to the Indian Armed Forces' growing emphasis on jointness, technological superiority, and readiness to tackle multi-domain threats. It reinforces India's resolve to deter and, if necessary, decisively respond to any emerging security challenge along its strategic frontiers.

UP man kills his 4 children by slitting their throat, then hangs self: Cops

SHAHJAHANPUR, Mar 27 (Agencies): A 36-year-old man allegedly killed his four children by slitting their throats before hanging himself in a village under Roza Police Station here, an officer said on Thursday.

Rajiv Kumar, a native of Manpur Chachari village, killed his three daughters, Smriti, 12, Kirti, 9, Pragati, 7, and five-year-old son Rishabh, Superintendent of Police Rajesh Dwivedi said.

Rajiv slit their throats with a sharp weapon and hanged himself in another room of his house Wednesday night, he said. The carnage was discovered by Rajiv's father Thursday morning.

"When Rajiv did not open in the morning, his father climbed the

roof and went inside the house through the staircase. This is how he came to know about the incident," the officer said.

Family members revealed that Rajiv had suffered a severe head injury in an accident a year ago and was undergoing treatment. The injury had caused him to become easily agitated.

His wife had left for her maternal home the previous day.

The reason behind the incident is yet to be ascertained, police said.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that Rajiv used a sandpaper to sharpen the weapon before killing his children.

The weapon and sandpaper were recovered from the crime scene.

4 children dead, 20 hospitalised after food poisoning at Lucknow rehab centre

LUCKNOW, Mar 27 (Agencies): Four children, including two girls, died in Lucknow on Thursday from suspected food poisoning at a government-run rehabilitation centre.

The children, who were mostly orphans and suffered from mental disorders, were amongst 20 who were rushed to Lucknow's Lok Bandhu Hospital for emergency treatment after falling ill on Tuesday evening. The other 16 children have shown signs of improvement.

Following the incident, Lucknow District Magistrate Vishak G. Iyer formed a committee to investigate the cause of the alleged food poisoning. Food samples were collected from the rehabilitation centre and sent for analysis. Authorities are working to determine whether contamination in the food led to the sudden



illness amongst the children.

District Magistrate Vishak G told agency, "A total of four children, including two girls and two boys of the shelter home aged between 12 and 17 years of age, have died. Their bodies have been sent for post-mortem and their viscera will be preserved."

Health department officials reached the hospital and questioned the children about the incident. Officials of the Health Department and

Food Safety Department reached the hospital. These officials have also questioned the children admitted," as reported by news agency PTI.

"A team of the Health Department and Food Safety Department reached the rehab centre and took food samples. Action will be taken based on the investigation report," agency further reported.

Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav criticised the BJP government over the incident.

He posted on 'X', "In the eight years of the BJP's rule, the series of children's deaths that began in Gorakhpur has not stopped to this day. This is a sign of a failed government. Only the families of the children know their true value."

Uttar Pradesh Health Minister Brajesh Pathak attributed the tragedy to food poisoning, saying, "The incident occurred due to food poisoning. We are monitoring the situation closely. The children are stable, and there is no cause for concern."

According to District Probation Officer Vikas Singh, the rehabilitation centre houses 147 children, many of whom require special care. Singh emphasised the importance of ensuring the safety of these vulnerable children to prevent such incidents in the future.

Woman shot during liquor party in Indore house: Three, including two siblings, arrested

INDORE, Mar 27 (Agencies): Three persons were arrested on Thursday for alleged involvement in the murder of a 24-year-old woman on March 20 in Indore in Madhya Pradesh, a police official said.

Bhavna Singh was shot at during a liquor party in a rented house here and she was dumped outside a hospital by the accused, where she died some time later, the official said.

"We have arrested Mukul Yadav, his brother Ashu Yadav and their friend Swasti Rai from a bypass road between Delhi and Gwalior. We had earlier declared a reward of Rs 10,000 for information leading to their arrest. The three accused were having a liquor party with their friend Bhavna Singh on March 20. A dispute over music being played at the party led to Mukul Yadav shooting Singh in the head," Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Abhinay Vishwakarma told reporters. Bhavna Singh was originally from Gwalior and had come to Indore to become a makeup artist, he said.

"The accused left her in front of a private hospital and fled. She died during treatment. The three accused, after fleeing, were hiding in Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh and were planning to flee to Nepal. We have recovered a country-made pistol and two cartridge-filled magazines," he said.

The police probe has found the Yadav siblings were involved in online betting, the DCP said, adding 28 mobile phones, more than 50 ATM cards, some laptops, pass-books of more than 60 bank accounts have been recovered from the accused. These accounts have several lakh rupees and we have frozen transactions related to them, Vishwakarma said.

Apart from the case related to the shooting and murder, a separate FIR has been lodged in connection with online betting and a special team has been formed to probe it, he added.

South Korea wildfires 'largest on record', 27 dead

More than a dozen fires broke out over the weekend, scorching wide swathes of the southeast and forcing around 37,000 people to flee.

ANDONG, Mar 27 (Agencies): Wildfires in South Korea are now the largest and deadliest on record, having burned more forest and killed more people than any previous blaze, officials said Thursday, as the deaths hit 27.

More than a dozen fires broke out over the weekend, scorching wide swathes of the southeast and forcing around 37,000 people to flee, with the fire cutting off roads and downing communications lines as residents escaped in panic.

South Korea's Ministry of Interior and Safety said that 27 people had been killed and dozens more injured, with the deaths likely to rise. It is the highest number of deaths since the Korea Forest Service started records for wildfires in 1987.

More than 35,000 hectares (86,500 acres) of forest have been burned, Lee Han-kyung, disaster and safety division chief said, adding that the fire was still spreading "rapidly".

The extent of damage makes it South Korea's largest ever wildfire, after an inferno in April 2000 that scorched 23,913 hectares across the east coast.

Authorities said changing wind patterns and dry weather had revealed the limitations of conventional firefighting methods.

Many of those killed were residents -- in particular the elderly.

At least three firefighters were killed, and a pilot in a firefighting helicopter died when his aircraft crashed in a mountain area, officials said.



'Climate Crisis'

Last year was South Korea's hottest year on record, although temperatures in the months running up to the blaze had been colder than last year, and in line with the country's 30-year average, Korea Meteorological Administration data shows.

But the fire-hit region had been experiencing unusually dry weather with below-average precipitation, authorities said.

Some types of extreme weather have a well-established link with climate change, such as heatwaves or heavy rainfall.

Other phenomena, such as forest fires, droughts, snowstorms and tropical storms can result from a combination of complex factors.

"This wildfire has once again exposed the harsh reality of a climate crisis unlike anything we've experienced before," disaster chief Lee said.

"The affected areas have seen only half the average rainfall, coupled with unusually strong

winds, which have drastically accelerated the spread of the fire and intensified the damage," he said.

Yeh Sang-Wook, professor of climatology at Seoul's Hanyang University, told agency that the lack of rainfall had dried out the land "creating favourable conditions for wildfires."

"We can't say that it's only due to climate change, but climate change is directly (and) indirectly affecting the changes we are experiencing now. This is a sheer fact."

But another expert, professor Hong Suk-hwan at Pusan National University's Department of Landscape Architecture, said the country's forest management practices also took some blame.

South Korea has prioritised the preservation of large pine trees -- packed with oily resin -- above allowing a variety of deciduous trees to thrive, he said.

"If a fire breaks out, would

it spread more easily on wet paper or on dry paper soaked in oil? Our forests are essentially covered in oil-soaked paper, creating an environment where wildfires can spread at an alarming speed," he told agency.

Were South Korea to have cultivated more deciduous trees in a natural mixed forest it "would slow wildfire spread and prevent it from escalating."

Ancient Pines Cut

A 200-year-old pine tree at Bongjeongs temple in Andong -- the oldest wooden structure in South Korea and a UNESCO-listed site -- was cut down in a bid to preserve the temple itself.

"We had no choice but to cut it down... The fire is spreading rapidly from one pine tree to another," the chief monk said.

At UNESCO-listed Byeongsan Seowon, a former Confucian academy, the sky was hazy, agency reporters saw, with fire trucks spraying water and fire retardants onto the historic site in a desperate bid to save it.

"We are spraying three tonnes of water every day," Lee Seungmyung from the Andong fire department told agency.

Choi Young-ho, a firefighter at the heritage site, said that they were at the mercy of the wind.

"If there is a strong wind, it will carry flames from afar -- a very worrisome situation," he said.

Rain is forecast for late Thursday, potentially giving authorities a much-needed window to extinguish the blazes.

Russian strikes hit gas pipeline, cut electricity in Ukraine, officials say



KYIV, Mar 27 (Agencies): Russian strikes injured five people, damaged homes and a gas pipeline in the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson overnight on Wednesday, regional Governor Oleksandr Prokudin said.

Prokudin added that one Russian strike drone was shot down over the Kherson region -- most of which is occupied by Russian forces, with the region bisected by the Dnieper River -- and that one woman was killed by a drone attack on Thursday morning.

Ivan Fedorov, the governor of the southern Zaporizhzhia region -- which is also partially occupied by Russia -- said local frontline communities were left without electricity due to overnight shelling. More than 3,300 customers were affected, Fedorov said in a post to Telegram.

In the northwestern Kharkiv region, close to the front line, Governor Oleh Syniehubov said 11 people were injured in a "massive" drone attack. Several homes and industrial sites were damaged, he said.

In the central city of Dnipro, the local military administration reported multiple fires caused by drone impacts. "Enterprises, educational and cultural institutions, more than a dozen high-rise buildings were damaged in the city," it said

on Telegram. "More than 60 cars were damaged, several more were destroyed. Two trucks were also hit."

Overall, Ukraine's air force reported one missile and 86 drones launched into the country overnight. The force said on Telegram that 42 drones were shot down and 26 lost in flight without causing damage. Kharkiv, Sumy, Dnipropetrovsk and Chernihiv regions were impacted, it said.

Russia's Defense Ministry, meanwhile, said its forces shot down one Ukrainian drone over the western Bryansk region.

Cross-border strikes have continued despite progress on a U.S.-brokered partial ceasefire intended to freeze military action in the Black Sea and pause long-range attacks on energy infrastructure facilities in both countries.

Following talks in Saudi Arabia this week, the White House said the parties agreed to "develop measures to implement the agreement to ban strikes against energy facilities in Russia and Ukraine."

The Kremlin said its moratorium began on March 18, though Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's communications advisor said Russia hit Ukrainian energy infrastructure eight times since that date.

Zelenskyy said on Wednesday there had

been no attacks on energy infrastructure in either country since Tuesday, when Ukraine and Russia agreed to pause strikes following the latest round of talks in Riyadh.

The White House framed the partial ceasefire as a victory in its broader push for peace in Ukraine. But concerns remain in Kyiv that President Donald Trump's administration is too aligned with Moscow's narrative on the conflict.

This week, Trump Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff -- who has been central to talks with both Moscow and Kyiv -- echoed misleading Russian talking points, for example suggesting that the Russia's claimed annexation of five Ukrainian territories -- Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia and Crimea -- had the support of the local population.

During a press conference with reporters in Paris on Wednesday, Zelenskyy said Witkoff "often cites the Kremlin narrative."

"I think that this does not get us close to peace, I think this sadly will weaken the pressure of the U.S. on the Russian Federation," he added. "I have spoken with President Trump more than once -- we are trying to share real and truthful information since Witkoff's declarations disturbs us a lot since we are fighting Putin and we do not want him to receive support."

"I have always said to President Trump that we want the U.S. to be on our side," Zelenskyy said. "And even if the U.S. has chosen to be in the middle then they need to stay in the middle and not come closer to the Kremlin."

Police use force to break up protests at university in Turkiye's capital

ISTANBUL, Mar 27 (Agencies): Police used pepper spray, plastic pellets and water cannon against protesters in Turkiye's capital early Thursday, potentially reigniting tensions after two days of relative calm in the country's biggest anti-government protests in over a decade.

The demonstrations began last week following the arrest of Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, a key rival to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Imamoglu, jailed on corruption charges many see as politically motivated, is also accused of supporting terrorism. The government insists the judiciary is independent, but critics say the evidence is based on secret witnesses and lacks credibility.

Early Thursday, student demonstrators tried to march and gathered to read a statement near the gates at Middle East Technical University, pro-opposition broadcaster Halk TV and local media reported. They were met by security forces who deployed pepper spray, water cannon and plastic pellets. A standoff ensued where the stu-

dents hid behind a barricade of dumpsters until the police charged to detain them.

Melih Meric, a legislator with the Republican People's Party or CHP, was seen soaked with water and suffering from pepper spray exposure. "My student friends only wanted to make a press statement, but the police strictly did not allow it, this is the result," Meric said in social media videos.

Officials have not said how many people were detained.

Ozgur Ozel, the leader of party to which Imamoglu belongs, had promised that lawmakers would stand alongside protesters in the hope of lowering tensions. He also warned Tuesday that if the police provoked demonstrators he would "make a call for 500,000 people to (come to) the place that will disturb" the authorities the most.

At least 1,400 people were detained over the first six days of the protests, the interior minister said Tuesday.

Demonstrations involving hundreds of thousands have swept across major cities, including



opposition-organized rallies outside Istanbul City Hall. Other major protests have been held in Istanbul's districts of Kadikoy and Sisli districts in recent days.

Erdogan has accused the opposition of "sinking the economy" by calling for a boycott of companies it says support the government.

The president said those responsible for hurting financial stability would be held "accountable." Meanwhile, Imamoglu, speaking from prison via social media Wednesday, denounced

police violence against protesters, "I cannot call them police because my honorable police would not commit this cruelty to the young children of the nation," he said.

Imamoglu has been confirmed as the main opposition party's candidate for presidential elections due in 2028 but which could come earlier. He has performed well in recent polls against Erdogan, for whom his election as mayor of Turkiye's largest city in 2019 was a major blow.

Shooting in south Florida kills woman and 3 children; 2 others taken to hospital

PEMBROKE PARK, Mar 27 (Agencies): A woman and three children were fatally shot Wednesday night in south Florida and two others were taken to a hospital, according to law enforcement.

The shooting in Pembroke Park took place at about 8 p.m., Michael Kane, the Broward Sheriff's Office fire rescue battalion chief, told the South Florida Sun Sentinel. An adult male and a girl were transported to a hospital.

The conditions of the two people taken



to a hospital weren't immediately clear. Evan Ross, a spokesperson for Pembroke Park Police, described the shooting as domestic, according to the news report.

Trump threatens 'far larger tariffs' if EU, Canada unite to cause harm to US

WASHINGTON, Mar 27 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that larger tariffs could be placed on the European Union and Canada if they both work together "to do economic harm to the USA."

"If the European Union works with Canada in order to do economic harm to the USA, large-scale tariffs, far larger than currently planned, will be placed on them both in order to protect the best friend that each of those two countries has ever had," he said in a post on Truth Social.

On Wednesday, Trump unveiled a 25% tariff on imported vehicles, expanding a global trade war and prompting criticism and threats of retaliation from affected US allies.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen described the move as "bad for businesses, worse for consumers," while Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney labelled the tariffs a "direct attack" on Canadian workers and said retaliatory measures were being considered.



The new levies on cars and light trucks will take effect on April 3, the day after Trump plans to announce reciprocal tariffs aimed at the countries responsible for the bulk of the US trade deficit. They come on top of duties already introduced on steel and aluminium, and on goods from Mexico, Canada and China.

The EU has said it will delay its first set of counter-measures to mid-April, including a 50% tariff on US bourbon. In response, Trump threatened to slap a 200% tariff on all wines and other alcoholic products from the EU if the bloc went ahead with this.

Kim Jong Un observes tests of North Korea's new reconnaissance and attack drones

SEOUL, Mar 27 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un observed tests of newly developed reconnaissance and attack drones this week and called for their increased production, state media said Thursday.

Kim has been emphasising the development of drones and the tests were the latest display of his country's growing military capabilities.

Photos released by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency showed Kim observing what appeared to be a large reconnaissance drone roughly resembling Boeing's E-7 Wedgetail airborne warning and control aircraft. Other images showed exploding drones crashing into military vehicles used as targets.

The agency said the test demonstrated the reconnaissance drone's ability to track multiple targets and monitor troop movements on land and at sea, potentially enhancing North Korea's intelligence-gathering operations and ability to neutralise enemy threats.

The report said the new exploding drones are designed for various attack missions and feature unspecified artificial intelligence capabilities.



Kim expressed satisfaction with the drones' performance and approved plans to expand production, emphasising that drones and AI should be "top" priorities in efforts to advance his armed forces and adapt them to modern warfare, KCNA said.

The agency said the tests took place as Kim visited a drone technology complex and an electronic warfare research group on Tuesday and Wednesday.

South Korea's Defence Ministry didn't immediately comment on the North Korean report.

Kim previously inspected other demonstrations of drones that explode on impact in November and August last year.

North Korea also last year accused South Korea of sending its own drones to drop anti-North Korean propaganda leaflets over the North's capital of Pyongyang and threatened to respond with force if such flights occur again.

South Korea's military refused to confirm whether or not the North's claims were true.

Tensions on the Korean Peninsula have escalated recently as Kim continues to expand his military capabilities, which now includes various nuclear-capable weapons targeting South Korea and intercontinental ballistic missiles potentially capable of reaching the US mainland.

Kim is also aligning with Russian President Vladimir Putin over the war in Ukraine, sending troops and military equipment to support Russia's efforts.

This has raised concerns that he may receive Russian technology transfers in return, further strengthening the threat posed by his nuclear-armed military.

Symposium on “Role of Youth in Viksit Bharat” organized by NSS Unit of GDC Ramnagar



Top News Report

RAMNAGAR, Mar 27: The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramnagar organized a symposium on the theme “Role of Youth in Viksit Bharat” under the patronship of Dr. Bhavnai Chand Anthal, Principal GDC Ramnagar and guidance of Prof. Ritika Mahajan, NSS Program Officer. The event highlighted the pivotal role of young minds in shaping a developed India (“Viksit Bharat”).

The symposium witnessed active participation from 10 students, who presented thought-provoking perspectives on the responsibilities and contributions of youth towards nation-building.

The event commenced with a keynote address by the Principal of the college Dr. Bhavnai Chand Anthal, who emphasized the transformative potential of youth in driving social, economic, and cultural progress.

Prof. Sumita Rao, Prof. Manmohan Singh, and Dr. Piyush Kant Sharma served as jury members, evaluating the participants’ presentations with expertise and fairness.

The winners were felicitated with mementos and certificates, recognizing their exceptional insights and dedication. Preeti Devi secured the first prize, Preeti Sharma won the second prize, and Arpit Bandral received the third prize for their outstanding

presentations. All participants received certificates of participation along with refreshments.

Active NSS volunteers Arpit Bandral and Payal efficiently managed the stage proceedings, ensuring the seamless conduct of the event.

Prof. Ritika Mahajan, NSS Program Officer, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the participants, jury members, and organizing team for their efforts in making the symposium a success.

The event served as a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions and reiterated the importance of youth empowerment in achieving the vision of a developed and prosperous India.

One week MSME skill training programme conducted by SKUAST-K in collaboration with KVK Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 27: SKUAST Kashmir in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Samba has conducted one week MSME skill training programme on “Livelihood and entrepreneurial opportunities through Beekeeping” Under the entrepreneurship and skill development program of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), SKUAST-K at village Katera in District Samba.

This programme was conducted with the overall supervision of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, and Nodal Officer (MSME) Director Research SKUAST-K, Prof Haroon Rashid Naik. The programme was attended by twenty five participants.

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Scientist and Head of KVK Samba, Prof. Sanjay Khajuria. He highlighted the significance of beekeeping as a livelihood and entrepreneurial opportunity in Jammu and Kashmir and emphasized the importance of beekeeping in generating income and employment opportunities, particularly in rural areas.

Dr. Sushil Kumar, Professor (Entomology) at DPMO, SKUAST-K, and Course Coordinator of the training program, enlightened participants on the potential of beekeeping as a supplementary source of income.

He guided them on how to establish their own beekeeping enterprises, empowering them to become entrepreneurs and enhance their livelihoods.

Drug peddler nabbed with heroin-like substitute

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 27: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers and peddlers, Samba Police on Thursday arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered 03 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

Acting on an information received through reliable sources, a Police party headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana intercepted a car bearing registration No. JK04J-0975 near Lane

No. 17 Bari Brahmana for its checking. During checking, 03 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of driver of the said vehicle.

The drug peddler identified as Ridwan Bashir, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Nugwan, Tehsil Chadoora district Budgam has been arrested and contraband item has also been seized. A case FIR No 48/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Bari Brahmana and investigation started.

NHM employees to observe two-hour pen down strike on Mar 29

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: The All JK NHM Employees Association, Jammu Division—a constituent unit of the Government Employees Joint Action Committee and JK Medical Employees Federation—has announced a two-hour pen-down strike across Jammu Division on Saturday, 29th March 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon to press for their long-pending and genuine demands.

NHM employees have been serving in the Health Department of J&K for over two decades with unwavering dedication and sincerity. Their contributions have played a pivotal role in improving healthcare services and patient care across the region. However, despite their significant service, the Government has failed to address their legitimate concerns, which have been repeatedly raised before the relevant authorities.

The key demands of NHM employees include, Implementation of a job policy to ensure job security and stability, Salary enhancement to meet rising living costs, Timely salary disbursement, as frequent delays have caused financial hardships and mental distress among employees and their families and other genuine concern of the employees.

In light of these persistent issues, NHM employees will observe a two-hour complete “Kaam Chhod Hartal” at their respective places of posting on March 29, 2025, except for emergency services. This strike is aimed at drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to intervene immediately and address their long-standing grievances.

In a statement issued to the media, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Provincial President of the All JK NHM Employees Association, Jammu Division, informed that NHM employees are deeply distressed due to the continuous neglect of their genuine demands by the government.

He emphasized that despite serving for over 20 years, NHM employees are still deprived of job security, timely salary disbursement, and necessary salary revisions.

He urged the authorities to take immediate action and warned that if their demands continue to be ignored, they may be compelled to intensify their protest in the future.

Dr. Vikas Sharma also appealed to all NHM employees across Jammu Division to observe the two-hour strike effectively and ensure its success. He emphasized that unity and collective participation are crucial in making their voices heard and achieving their rightful demands.

The All JK NHM Employees Association, Jammu Division urges the Government to take prompt action to resolve these issues and ensure the well-being of thousands of NHM employees who have been serving the people of J&K with dedication.

KCPS students selected for National Netball Championship



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: The J&K Netball Association recently conducted trials to select a contingent of 24 boys and girls to represent the UT of J&K at the National Sub-Junior Netball Championship 2025 scheduled to be held at Bhiwani, Haryana from 27th March to 2nd April 2025.

Hundreds of gifted Netball players from all the District of J&K appeared in the selection trials and put their best foot forward in an effort to find a place for themselves in this prestigious National sporting event.

Four boys and two girls of KC Public School made a mark at the selection trials and earned the honour of representing the UT of J&K at this National Level contest.

The selected students were Devansh Singh, Aditya Raina, Advay Singh Shivansh Sharma, Manasvi Sudan and Sharanya Khajuria. The students were trained by their coach Shrishta.

“We are incredibly proud of our students for being selected to compete at the Sub-Junior National Netball Championship,” said Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra. “Their hard work, determination, and teamwork have paid off, and we are excited to see them showcase their talent on a national stage.”

Management of KC Public School wished the students the best of luck as they prepare to represent the school and the UT on this prestigious stage.

Army organises Iftar party in Kupwara to promote harmony



Top News Report

KUPWARA, Mar 27: Indian Army’s Kupwara Terriers hosted a grand Iftar celebration for local community at Patha Hirri Garrison Kupwara to promote Harmony.

This event was aimed at fostering inclusivity by bringing together individuals from various backgrounds to share a meal during the ongoing holy month of holy Ramadan.

The Iftar gathering served as a platform to strengthen the relationship between the Indian Army and the local population, promoting unity, mutual understanding, and camaraderie among all attendees, regardless of their religious affiliations.

ADC Kupwara Rouf Rehman along with Dr Zaffar BMO Kupwara, SHO Kupwara, SHO Trehgam, Mr Lateef Magistrate Panzgam,

Dr Ashraf SDH Kupwara along with Army officers and about 210 locals participated in the event.

With meticulous planning and thoughtful arrangements, the venue was set up to create a welcoming environment for everyone. Soldiers from Kupwara Terriers took an active role in organizing the celebration, handling everything from setting up the seating area to preparing a traditional Iftar spread.

As the sun set and the call to prayer echoed in the air, attendees broke their fast together, enjoying dates, fruits, and refreshing beverages in an atmosphere filled with warmth, laughter, and communal harmony.

From Page No:1

LG Sinha hands over appointment letter to sister of bus conductor martyred in terror attack in Reasi

Nine people were killed and 41 injured when terrorists opened fire on a 53-seater bus, which was en route from the Shiv Khori temple to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra on June 9 last year.

The attack caused the bus carrying pilgrims to veer off the road and fall into a deep gorge near Teryath village here. Arjun, a resident of Reasi, was the conductor of the bus.

17 injured as SRTC bus overturns inside Navyug Tunnel along Jammu-Srinagar Highway

Ahmad, a resident of Budgam, got injured in the mishap,” a senior official said.

All the injured passengers were immediately shifted to Emergency Hospital Qazigund Kulgam for treatment, while four among them were later referred to Government Medical College Anantnag for further

medical care.

Following the incident, police registered a case under sections 281, 125(a), and 324(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Qazigund Police Station, and an investigation has been initiated.

Authorities quickly cleared the accident site, and the bus was moved outside the tunnel towards the Navyug side.

“Traffic on both tubes of the tunnel has since been restored, and normal vehicular movement has resumed,” the official said.

Senior officer among four policemen injured in ongoing Kathua gunfight

After massive searches during the last four days, firing exchanges had started again on Thursday morning between the joint forces and the terrorists in Kathua.

“Contact has been re-established with militants in the forest area of Sufain under police station Rajbagh in Kathua,” an official said.

Security forces launched a search operation in the area during the early hours.

Massive searches initially started in the Sanyal village of Hiranagar Tehsil and spread to other adjoining areas as the terrorists had not responded to any speculative firing

by the security forces after the initial exchange of fire on Sunday.

A local woman informed the police on Tuesday that two men, in army uniform, asked her for water while they were having food in the area.

This prompted the area to be cordoned off. Security was tightened along the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway in the Samba-Kathua section, with increased vigilance on border roads, officials said.

The search operation was carried out in multiple areas from Sanyal to Ding Amb and beyond, covering several kilometers. The operation, involving the Army, the National Security Guard, the Border Security Force, police, the Special Operations Group, and the Central Reserve Police Force, armed with technical and surveillance equipment, is supported by helicopters, UAVs, drones, bulletproof vehicles, and sniffer dogs.

Security agencies have questioned several persons in various areas and picked up three suspects for questioning, the officials said.

During the search operation on Tuesday, security forces recovered two grenades among other material. The tracksuits found among a large cache of ammunition and other materials in the Sanyal forests were identical to those worn by the four Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) terrorists killed in the Assar forests and Doda in June and August last year.

Local people in the areas have

joined the operation by security forces and urged those living in other areas to remain vigilant and inform of any movement of suspected persons in their areas.

Several village heads have requested people to come forward with information about the movement of terrorists in their areas.

The operation, led by the Jammu and Kashmir DGP Nalin Prabhat, was launched on Sunday evening in the Hiranagar sector following an encounter between security forces and terrorists hiding in a nursery.

The Special Operations Group of police initiated the operation after receiving intelligence about terrorists hiding inside a “dhok” (local enclosure) in a nursery in Sanyal village, approximately five km from the International Border with Pakistan, officials said.

The hiding terrorists opened fire on the police team, resulting in a gunfight lasting over half an hour. Reinforcements were promptly dispatched as a manhunt began to apprehend the terrorists believed to have infiltrated on Saturday via either a ravine route or a newly constructed tunnel. Initial firing did not cause any casualties, and the area remained under tight security overnight before security forces moved in again at dawn, officials said.

The International Border between India and Pakistan is situated in the district, and in the past, terrorists have attempted to sneak into the Indian side over the border.

Recently in Kathua, three civil-

ians — Darshan Singh, 40, Yogesh Singh, 32, and Varun Singh, 14 — went missing on March 5 while returning from a wedding in Marhoon village.

Their bodies were discovered on March 8 near a waterfall on the edge of an escarpment in a wooded area following an extensive search involving the Army, police, drones, and sniffer dogs.

“The brutal killing of three relatives by terrorists in the Bani area of Kathua is extremely sad as well as a matter of great concern,” Union Minister Jitendra Singh said in a post on X.

In the wake of the incident, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan came to Jammu on March 9 and chaired a high-level security meeting regarding the safe and peaceful Amarnath Yatra beginning on July 3 and the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), which is shortly being inaugurated.

The Home Secretary laid emphasis on the security situation in the Jammu division while giving detailed directions on the overall security situation in the UT.

JK Police continue raids in UAPA cases

ongoing investigations into cases registered under UAPA.

I-T Deptt offices to remain open on March 29-31: CBDT

updated ITRs for AY 2023-24.

A similar directive was issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for banks dealing with government business to remain open on March 31, for the convenience of taxpayers.

In order to facilitate accounting of government receipts and payments in the current financial year itself, necessary arrangements have also been made to conduct special clearing operations across the country, the RBI had said.

Jammu Kashmir Police recover Rs 1.89 Lakh stolen in online scams

successfully resolved multiple cases of online financial fraud, recovering a total of Rs 1,89,238.

A police spokesperson said, “Several complaints were received regarding fraudulent schemes amounting to Rs 1,89,238. These scams involved fake investment opportunities, where victims were promised high returns in exchange for additional deposits.”

“Acting swiftly, the Cyber Cell of Police District Awantipora gathered evidence and necessary information from the victims. Using advanced cyber techniques, they managed to freeze the fraudulent transactions. The recovered amount of Rs 1,89,238 was successfully credited back to the victims,” he said.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar hosts lecture on 'Fit India'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: In its ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of health and wellness, Government College for Women (GCW), Bhagwati Nagar, successfully hosted an insightful and inspiring lecture on the theme of 'Fit India.' The event aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle among students while raising awareness about the multifaceted benefits of fitness, well-being, and mindful living. The overwhelming participation of students underscored their keen interest in adopting healthier habits and making wellness an integral part of their daily routines.

The session was conducted under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol, a staunch advocate of health and fitness initiatives within the institution. She has continuously encouraged students and faculty members to prioritize physical and mental well-being, recognizing its significance in achieving academic excellence and personal growth.

The keynote address was delivered by Goyal Giri, the college's dedicated Physical Training Instructor (PTI). With his extensive knowledge and expertise, Mr. Giri emphasized the importance of regular physi-



cal activity, balanced nutrition, and mental well-being in maintaining overall health. He elaborated on how adopting a fit and active lifestyle not only strengthens the body but also enhances mental clarity, reduces stress, and improves productivity. His engaging session provided students with practical tips on incorporating fitness into their daily schedules, such as simple stretching exercises, yoga, and mindful eating habits.

During his address, Giri urged students to take small yet impactful steps toward a healthier lifestyle. He stressed that fitness is not about rigorous gym workouts alone but also about making sustainable choices like staying hydrated, getting adequate sleep, and

maintaining a positive mindset. He further illustrated how fitness contributes to self-confidence, discipline, and resilience, which are essential for success in both academic and personal pursuits.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol lauded the enthusiasm and active participation of students, appreciating their willingness to engage in meaningful discussions on health and fitness. She reiterated the college's commitment to organizing more such initiatives, emphasizing that "Health is the foundation of a successful life. Through these awareness programs, we aim to instill in our students a life-long commitment to well-being, ensuring they prioritize their

health alongside their academic and professional aspirations."

The event concluded with an engaging and interactive session where students eagerly posed questions, shared their personal fitness journeys, and discussed challenges they face in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Many students expressed their interest in participating in future fitness-oriented activities, workshops, and yoga sessions.

Encouraged by the positive response and enthusiasm displayed by students, the college administration announced its plans to conduct a series of health-centric activities in the coming months. These initiatives will include yoga and meditation sessions, fitness challenges, mental health awareness workshops, and expert-led discussions on holistic well-being.

By organizing such impactful events, GCW Bhagwati Nagar continues to lead by example in fostering a culture of health and wellness.

The college remains dedicated to empowering students with the knowledge and resources needed to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives, ensuring that they excel not only academically but also in all aspects of their personal and professional journeys.

Diljit Dosanjh redefines comfort and confidence with Levi's



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: Diljit Dosanjh in frame The Levi's brand continues to push the boundaries of style and culture with its latest campaign, 'Easy in Levi's'. Featuring global brand ambassador, Diljit Dosanjh, the campaign brings relaxed and loose fits to the forefront, redefining effortless style with confidence and ease.

This association isn't just about style—it's a cultural moment. From sold-out world tours to turning heads in film and fashion, Dosanjh's influence transcends borders. This partnership reflects the brand's ongoing commitment to blending denim heritage with contemporary style in India, the company stated in a press note.

The 'easy in Levi's' campaign introduces a range of new relaxed and loose

fits that deliver a fresh take on comfort and self-expression.

The campaign unfolds through a series of dynamic montage films that capture Dosanjh in his comfort zone—at soundcheck, effortlessly moving through his world in Levi's Loose Fits. His style is unfiltered, authentic, relaxed and easy, perfectly embodying the campaign's message: Loose Fits aren't just about what you wear, they're about how you feel, it added.

"With 'Easy in Levi's', we're tapping into the growing demand for relaxed and loose silhouettes that marry comfort with style," says Amisha Jain, managing director and senior vice president, South Asia, Middle East and Africa at Levi Strauss and Co. "Diljit Dosanjh brings this vision to life, proving that when you feel good in what you wear, effortless style follows," she added.

SMVDU students, faculty visited small scale industries at Bhaderwah



Top News Report

KATRA, Mar 27: A group of B.Sc., B.Tech, and PhD students with faculty members from the School of Biotechnology (SoBT), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), recently embarked on an educational visit to Bhaderwah. The tour was aimed at providing students with practical exposure to small-scale industrial setups involved in essential oil production and cleaning product manufacturing.

During their visit, the students and faculty had the opportunity to explore the Himalayan Essential Oils Producer Company Ltd., a renowned enterprise in the region known for its high-quality essential oils, particularly lavender oil. The visit was facilitated by Bharat Bhushan, the owner of the Himalayan Essential Oils Producer Company Ltd., who briefed the students about the extraction process, quality con-

trol measures, and the growing importance of the essential oil industry in Bhaderwah.

Bhushan has been instrumental in promoting aromatic plant cultivation and essential oil production, significantly contributing to the economic development of the region.

In addition, the students also visited Centwin, a unit of JKRLM Umeed Bhaderwah, which specializes in the manufacturing of various cleaning products, including laundry soap and handmade soap.

They were given insights into the production process and the entrepreneurial initiatives supported under the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) scheme.

The visit was coordinated by Panoram Singh and Praveen, both serving as Cluster Coordinators under JKRLM Umeed Bhaderwah. A highlight of the visit was the exploration of

the expansive lavender fields, where students learned about the cultivation, harvesting, and processing of lavender, a key component in essential oil production.

The faculty members provided valuable academic perspectives on the biotechnological aspects of essential oil extraction and its applications in various industries.

This educational tour provided an enriching experience, bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical industry exposure.

The students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to witness real-world applications of biotechnology, and the faculty members acknowledged the support extended by the industrial partners in making the visit successful.

The trip was a well-coordinated effort, showcasing the synergy between academia and industry,

and paving the way for future collaborations in research and development.

The visit was organized under the guidance of the Head and faculty of the School of Biotechnology, Dr. Ratna Chandra, Dr. Indu Bhushan, and Dr. Vinod Singh. The trip was sponsored by the funds received under the PM USHA grant.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar applauded the efforts of the School of Biotechnology in providing students with firsthand experience of the operations, challenges, and opportunities within small-scale industries.

He encouraged more such field visits to expose students to the workings of small-scale industries, to organize guest lectures from industry experts, and incorporate case studies and projects that simulate real-world scenarios, fostering practical learning and understanding.

Comprehensive, not cosmetic approach needed for return & rehabilitation of Displaced Community: BJP Attempts to dilute status will not be permitted

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: A comprehensive approach and inclusive planning is required to ensure return and rehabilitation of Displaced Community from Kashmir back in Kashmir valley. Any effort to dilute the issue by superficial tactics of shifting focus will be counterproductive.

Girdhari Lal Raina, former MLC and spokesperson of BJP, accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP, said this during a press conference at party headquarters. He

was reacting to the discussion on this issue in the state legislative assembly recently.

First and foremost, requirement is discussion with the stakeholders. Government if serious, must enter into a dialogue with the leadership of the Displaced Community to understand and address their fears, apprehensions and aspirations, he added.

GL Raina emphasized the need to differentiate between political migrants and the displaced community. Their concerns, worries and difficulties are altogether different. The Displaced

Community particularly the religious minority of Hindus has been uprooted socially, economically and culturally. Their return and rehabilitation has to comprehensively address all these aspects as is laid down under norms.

Besides safety, dignity and security the reintegration with the milieu without compromising their individuality and community identity is paramount. Seriousness of the government will depend upon the steps taken in this direction, Raina asserted.

Illegal encroachment of immovable property, both individual and com-



munity is also troubling the displaced community earnestly. Distress sales of encroached property also need to be handled in appropriate manner.

GL Raina asked the government to ensure that respite and assistance provided by the central government

to needy and genuine migrants—irrespective of religious distinction—is not stolen by seasonal migrants—who have not abandoned their homes and enjoy benefits of migration also. GL Raina also demanded overhauling of relief organization to make it more people friendly.

Pakistan's attempts to disrupt peace in Jammu region won't succeed: Kesri

Top News Report

JAMMU, A, Mar 27: Shiv Sena Hindustan strongly condemns the terrorist attack in the Hiranagar area of Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir. The attack, which took place near Amba Nal, injured a brave DSP, Dheeraj Singh Katoch, and a young SOG jawan. The terrorists, who came from Pakistan via the high river route, were being searched for by the police, Indian Army, and administration for the past 5-6 days. This was stated by Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri while addressing press conference in Jammu today.

Addressing media persons, Kesri said that terrorists suddenly opened fire on the police, injuring some personnel. A counter-operation is underway, and the terrorists will be eliminated soon. This attack is part of Pakistan's proxy war against India, where they send terrorists to Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab, and also supply drugs to destroy



the youth of India.

Shiv Sena Hindustan demands that the government not show any leniency towards these terrorists. The people of Jammu and Kashmir, along with the Indian Army and security forces, will eliminate these terrorists. Pakistan's attempts to disrupt peace in the Jammu region are unlikely to succeed, thanks to the strong stance of the Indian government and the resilience of the local community. Govt has made it clear that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India, and no power can snatch it away, added Kesri.

Kesri observed that Govt's assurance comes as a reassurance

to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have faced turbulent times in the past. However, with the current government's commitment to maintaining peace and stability, it's unlikely that Pakistan's nefarious designs will come to fruition. As Govt put it, "our neighbor" won't be allowed to succeed in its attempts to disrupt peace in the region. This strong stance, combined with the efforts of the local administration and security forces, will ensure that the Jammu region remains peaceful and stable, added Kesri. Prominent leaders, including Rajeev, Balveer Kumar, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajkumar, Balwant and Fauji, were present at the occasion.

Lecture on Women Empowerment Conducted for Women at Lam, Rajouri

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Mar 27: The Indian Army organized an inspiring session on Women Empowerment for women at Pukharni. The engaging session aimed to inspire and uplift young minds, promoting the importance of self-belief, education and the collective power of women. The attendees were introduced to some of the most influential women in India's history, such as Kalpana Chawla, Sunita Williams, Mithali Raj, Indira Gandhi, Mary Kom, Kiran Bedi, Arundhati Roy and Dr. Tessy Thomas, the "Missile Woman of India," to name

a few. These women made significant contributions in their fields and have been role models for generations to come. The students were later called upon stage to express their ambitions in life.

The lecture focused on giving impetus to education and financial independence which are powerful tools in the journey of empowerment. Important aspects such as the wellbeing of women, women's equality, opportunities for self-development and how empowered women can be the building blocks of the nation were discussed by the students.

IPL 2025: Royal Challengers Bengaluru look up to batters to end 17-year Chennai jinx

RCB pacer Bhuvneshwar, CSK's Pathirana fitness in focus

CHENNAI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Royal Challengers Bengaluru's hopes of exorcising a 17-year jinx hinge on their experienced batting unit finding its range when they face familiar foes Chennai Super Kings in their IPL match here on Friday.

The Royal Challengers have beaten the Super Kings only once at Chepauk — in the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2008. In the current RCB squad, only star batter Virat Kohli was part of that moment and now he will like to breach the CSK's fortress for a second time.

But that's easy to dream. As ever, the Chennai outfit is constructed to win their home matches on a pitch that offers considerable help to spinners. They have the ever-familiar Ravindra Jadeja and have brought back 'old boy' Ravichandran Ashwin through last year's players' auction.

The Chennai side has also added Afghanistan left-arm wrist spinner Noor Ahmad too to the squad, and the trioka did well



against fellow five-time champions Mumbai Indians a few days back.

The triumvirate bowled 11 overs against Mumbai, conceding an appreciable 70 runs for five wickets.

The pitch is expected to retain its character for this match as well, and the RCB batters, led by Kohli, will have to lift their game several notches to outwit an experienced bowling unit.

Outwit is the key word here. The Royal Challengers' batting unit should be clever more than downright aggressive to score off CSK's three-pronged spin

unit, and Kohli should lead that charge.

Negating spin has not always been a strong point of Kohli's batting but in the last two years or so he has showed massive improvement in that department.

Central to that change is his willingness to play more sweep/slog sweeps against spinners, and Kohli will have to bring all those expertise to the table on a blockbuster Friday evening.

But then Kohli alone won't be able to tackle a competent bowling machine, and he will require full-hearted support from Phil Salt,

skipper Rajat Patidar, Liam Livingstone, Jitesh Sharma etc.

Looking at the Chepauk pitch, RCB might even consider bringing in Jacob Bethell, possibly for Tim David, who also provide a left-arm spin option.

They will also keep an eye on the fitness of pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who missed the first match against KKR due to a niggle, and if the veteran is fit then he will come in for Rasikh Salam.

On the other hand, the Super Kings will be eager for their middle-order to find its groove as Shivam Dube, Deepak Hooda and Sam Curran faltered against MI in the last match.

They should lend more support to Rachin Ravindra and captain Ruturaj Gaikwad, while hoping for another strong cameo from MS Dhoni if it comes to that.

The CSK will also closely monitor the fitness of ace pacer Matheesha Pathirana, who missed the game against Mumbai.

Nathan Ellis may sit out if the Sri Lankan regains his fitness in time.

LSG to face SRH's batting juggernaut



HYDERABAD, Mar 27 (Agencies): Having lost their opening clash, Rishabh Pant's Lucknow Super Giants will be wary of Sunrisers Hyderabad's ultra-aggressive approach with the bat when the two teams face off in the Indian Premier League here on Thursday.

Last year's runner-up SRH picked up from where they had left off in the opening clash to nearly break the record of the highest total in the IPL, handing the Rajasthan Royals a crushing defeat by 44 runs.

The huge win also propelled SRH to the top of the points table for having the best net run rate and given their all-round firepower, the Pat Cummins-led side would want to maintain their dominance in the competition.

SRH went hammer and tongs against RR with their new recruit Ishan Kishan smacking a century and the other big guns firing as usual to make 286/6 in their last outing here at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Uppal.

Such batting approach could be terrifying for the opponents and SRH's remarkable consistency makes them the most feared batting unit in the IPL circuit.

The addition of Kishan to the mix of SRH's premier weapons in Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head and Heinrich Klaasen is another masterstroke. To top it off, Nitish Kumar Reddy too struck his runs at more than 200 against Rajasthan Royals.

Kishan appeared to be a man on a mission as he struck his maiden century in the IPL after being let go by Mumbai Indians, smashing six sixes and 11 fours in his 47-ball 106 not out.

In such circumstances, LSG will be required to have clear bowling plans as the smallest of error is proving costly in the IPL, which has already witnessed a new record being made — 119 sixes have been struck in the first five matches.

On their part, LSG, who lost to Delhi Capitals by one wicket in a thrilling finish showed a similar approach with the bat but they were guilty of losing their way in the middle overs, which proved to be costly.

LSG lost six wickets and added only 76 runs in their last eight overs against Delhi Capitals and despite early wickets, they could not withstand the onslaught by the lower-order as Ashutosh Sharma's 66 not out handed his side a win.

LSG's new skipper Pant had a forgettable game of sorts in his first outing with the team, falling for a six-ball duck during their batting slide and he also missed a regulation stumping when DC needed six off the final over with one wicket in hand.

"I'm still contracted": Bairstow feels not pushing for England return is "stupid"

NEW DELHI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Wicketkeeper-batter Jonny Bairstow feels it would be "stupid" to brush away the prospect of pushing for a return to the England international setup this summer.

Thursday marks exactly nine months since Bairstow's last appearance in an England shirt. He was part of England's T20 World Cup 2024 semi-final heartbreak against India.

In the aftermath of England's exit, Bairstow was axed from the Test side as part of a shuffle and revamp of the red-ball squad. England was forced to consider making a couple of changes after being humbled by India in a 4-1 series defeat.

During the final match of the series, Bairstow made his 100th Test appearance in Dharamshala and then disappeared from the scene. England overlooked Bairstow and pondered on different wicketkeeping prospects.

Despite being out of favour, the 35-year-old has remained adamant about his return and said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo, "Yes, because I'm still contracted. I'd be stupid not to. The whole purpose of everything is to try and play for England, and that will be the challenge for the whole group. Everyone wants to go on and do that. As an 'exile' and someone who hasn't played for however long, it's something that, of course, you want to get back to. And that comes by scoring runs."

Jamie Smith began England's last



summer behind the stumps. Essex's Jordan Cox was brought into the squad during the New Zealand tour. When Cox broke his thumb during the series, Ollie Pope was handed the responsibility of keeping the wickets.

Bairstow's situation remains peculiar, considering he is down in the pecking order despite being centrally contracted, which will expire this October.

"Not my fault I got given a two-year contract, just to stay at the periphery. I was in at Yorkshire doing everything I can pre-season-wise. I went on pre-season with Yorkshire, starting the summer with Yorkshire, putting my best foot forward for the guys in the dressing room and seeing what the best for us as a group is. That bit is completely out of my control. It's not my choice. I can load the gun, but I won't be the one pulling the trigger. We'll wait and see on that," he added.

South African star's 97 guides KKR to dominant eight-wicket win over RR

GUWAHATI, Mar 27 (Agencies): Quinton de Kock struck a magnificent 97 not out on a tacky Barsapara wicket, anchoring Kolkata Knight Riders' chase to perfection as they secured a dominant eight-wicket win against Rajasthan Royals in their IPL clash on Wednesday.

Opting to bowl, KKR's disciplined bowling attack, led by their spin duo Varun Chakravathy (2/17) and Moeen Ali (2/23), restricted Rajasthan Royals to a below-par 151/9.

In response, De Kock remained 97 not out from 61 balls, his knock laced with eight fours and six sixes, as KKR comfortably chased down the target in 17.3 overs.

Despite the challenging nature of the surface, De Kock displayed controlled aggression, timing the ball beautifully while ensuring KKR's chase remained



on track.

The chase was never in trouble, with the required run rate hovering around a run-a-ball.

KKR lost Moeen Ali (5) and skipper Ajinkya Rahane (18) early, but De Kock held one end firm, finding an able partner in young Angkrish Raghuvanshi 22 (17 balls).

The duo stitched together an unbroken 83-run partnership that came off just 44 balls, sealing the first win of the season for the defending champions.

The Proteas keeper-batter was at his fluent

best, preferring ground-strokes over aerial risks, yet still finding boundaries with ease.

He took calculated risks, fully aware of the modest target. He took the attack to Jofra Archer, smashing him for a four and a six in the same over. He brought up his half-century in just 35 balls, swiping Wanindu Hasaranga for a towering six over wide long-on — his third of the innings.

The Royals may have overplayed their spin options, allowing KKR's batters to settle into a rhythm.

Hasaranga, who had dismissed De Kock twice in the past, was dominated in this match-up.

A more aggressive approach — bringing in Jofra Archer during the middle overs — could have added pressure, but English speedster was brought in as late as 18th over with KKR needing just 17 runs from 18 balls.

It was just a formality as De Kock welcomed him with a boundary before launching him for two sixes to wrap it up in a canter.

Earlier, Chakravathy and Ali dismantled the Royals' middle order, picking up two wickets each in successive overs right after the powerplay, shifting the momentum in KKR's favour.

Seamer Vaibhav Arora (2/33) was expensive but chipped in with two crucial wickets — regular Royals skipper Sanju Samson (13 off 11) with

a yorker in the power-play before dismissing impact substitute Shubham Dube (9) cheaply.

Harshit Rana (2/36) was instrumental at the death, breaking Dhruv Jurel's promising innings of 33 (28) and removing the dangerous Shimron Hetmyer for just 7, both in the crucial penultimate over.

A quickfire cameo 16 from 7 balls from Jofra Archer ensured that they reached 150-mark but he fell to Spencer Johnson (1/42) in the penultimate ball of their innings.

RR had looked set for a big total at 54 for 1, with a well-set Yashasvi Jaiswal (29 off 24) and local lad Riyan Parag (25 off 15) at the crease. However, KKR struck back immediately. Chakravathy, their mystery spinner, triggered the collapse in the seventh over, dismissing the dangerous-looking Parag with a well-disguised 113kph delivery.

Tom Latham ruled out of New Zealand's ODI series against Pakistan with fractured right hand

WELLINGTON, Mar 27 (Agencies): New Zealand wicketkeeper batter Tom Latham has been ruled out of the upcoming ODI series against Pakistan with a fractured right hand.

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) released a statement on Thursday to confirm the experienced star's absence from the forthcoming three ODIs against the Men in Green.

"BLACKCAPS ODI wicketkeeper-batsman Tom Latham has been ruled out of the upcoming Chemist Warehouse ODI series against Pakistan with a fractured right hand," NZC said.

The experienced southpaw was struck on the hand by a delivery during the nets session earlier this week. Subsequently, he went for an X-ray revealing the fracture, which will require a cast and at least four weeks of rest and rehabilitation.

The Kiwis' head coach, Gary Stead, confirmed that Henry Nicholls will replace him in the squad, with Michael Bracewell to continue to extend his captaincy stint from T20Is to ODIs.



In Latham's absence, Mitch Hay will take the wicket-keeping gloves. Nicholls has 78 ODI caps under his belt, amassing 2116 runs at an average of 35.26.

He missed much of this season with a calf strain sustained in November but returned recently and hammered five 50-plus scores in his six domestic innings.

Selectors also confirmed opener Will Young will miss the first ODI to be with his wife as they await the birth of their first child. He has been drafted in the squad for the second and third ODIs.

In Young's absence, the 23-year-old Rhys Mariu, who boasts a first-class average of 61.73, has

earned his maiden call-up and will act as the batting cover.

"We've had to be flexible this tour with numerous players unavailable for different reasons. What it does do is offer opportunities to others players and it's nice to introduce Rhys into the environment for the first time, as well as welcome back Henry. Henry's been in good form since returning from his three-month injury lay-off, and he'll add valuable skills and experience to the team," Kiwis head coach Gary Stead said in a statement by the board.

"It's obviously disappointing to lose Tom as captain on the eve of the series, and we wish him a speedy recovery. The side is in safe hands with Michael who's done a great job through the T20I series. Finally, we wish Will and his wife Elise all the best next week as they await their first child, which is such a special and important time for them," he added.

After stamping its authority in the T20I series with a 4-1 win, New Zealand will be keen on extending it in the three-match ODI series, beginning on Saturday.

I'm used to bowling with someone who is better than me: Moeen Ali

GUWAHATI, Mar 27 (Agencies): A candid Moeen Ali, who temporarily but successfully filled the void of Sunil Narine during Kolkata Knight Riders' IPL match against Rajasthan Royals, says he is "used to bowling with someone who is better than me." Part of a KKR attack that also has Varun Chakravathy in its ranks, Moeen worked well in tandem with the Indian mystery spinner and choked RR in the middle overs to restrict them to 151 for nine in their contest here.

"My job was to keep it tight, so that he can build the pressure and maybe get wickets. I'm used to bowling with someone who is better than me and has more mystery than me. My job is to bowl as tight as I can and hopefully that builds pressure for that person to then get wickets," Moeen said at the post-match press conference.

"Varun is bowling outstandingly well as we know and he is a brilliant bowler. He has improved so much over the last two-three years. It is amazing to bowl with somebody like that," he added.

While the 37-year-old Moeen rose to the challenge to return impressive figures of 2/23 from



four overs, his younger spin colleague Chakravathy finished with 2/23 in his full quota of four overs.

RR enjoyed a fruitful Power Play, scoring 54 runs in the first six overs but the introduction of spin changed the complexion of their innings.

Moeen dismissed Yashasvi Jaiswal in his second over but his best moment of the game came when he sent back Nitish Rana with a classic off-spinner that turned away sharply from the left-handed batter to hit the middle stump.

"That ball was a nice one. I was just trying to spin it as much as I could. I knew that there was a bit of pressure being built and I just tried to bowl in a good area, spin it as much as I could."

"I don't have the skill as other bowlers but my job is to contain as much as I can, not get hit for six over my head. If they play good shots and hit me for fours and sixes, then I'm pleased with that. My skill is that I think like a batter, so I think what they think and it works in my favour." Narine was unavailable for the match in Guwahati due to illness, forcing KKR skipper Ajinkya Rahane to turn to the former England international hours before the game.

T20 is an unforgiving format and Moeen admitted that bowlers need to evolve to keep challenging the batters.

"India is a great place to bat. But on wickets like this, you aren't going to get 300, you probably aren't even going to get 200. It's great to have these games in between those (high scoring) games."

"Big scoring games are great to see but it also gives a false sense of security, which is a bit too much. The game is developing fast and people are just fearless at the moment. The bowlers do have to come up with something, it is more important than ever before," Moeen said.

CTTIK pushes for Jammu as premier travel destination



Top News Report

KATRA, Mar 27: The Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra (CTTIK), represented by its President Raj Kumar Padha and Secretary Atul Sharma, presented a comprehensive representation to Mugda Sinha, Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in the presence of Yasha Mudgal, Secretary Tourism J&K, and Vikas Gupta, Director Tourism Jammu, on the sidelines of a brainstorming session and workshop for the promotion of tourism held at IIM Jammu.

The representation highlighted the pressing challenges faced in promoting Jammu as a top-tier tourism destination and proposed strategic solutions to overcome these hurdles.

One of the major challenges discussed was the acute shortage of skilled tourism professionals, which affects tourism planning, marketing effectiveness, and visitor experience management.

The lack of trained personnel in destination management, tourism marketing, and

hospitality services has resulted in weak policy formulation and an unstructured approach to tourism development. Additionally, the delegation pointed out that key government roles related to tourism are often managed by general administrators instead of tourism specialists, leading to ineffective tourism planning and implementation. Poor coordination among government bodies, tourism stakeholders, and private investors further exacerbates the issue, preventing long-term investment and sustainable growth in the sector. Another significant concern raised was the ineffective promotion and branding of Jammu as a tourist destination.

The representation also addressed the lack of stakeholder and community engagement in tourism-related activities. Local communities are not fully integrated into the tourism economy due to insufficient training programs for homestay owners, transport operators, and tour guides. Furthermore, regulatory challenges such as complex licensing procedures

and the absence of a single-window clearance system make it difficult for new tourism ventures to establish and grow.

To address these issues, president Raj Kumar Padha proposed several strategic measures, including the recruitment of tourism professionals in key government roles and the establishment of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to bring in corporate expertise and industry best practices. Strengthening training and capacity-building initiatives was emphasized, with a recommendation to set up tourism skill development centers in Jammu, Katra, and Patnitop, along with certification courses for adventure tourism, eco-tourism, and cultural tourism guides. The representation also stressed the importance of collaboration with universities and tourism institutes to create a skilled workforce, suggesting the introduction of practical training programs, internships, and fellowships for students pursuing tourism-related degrees.

Additionally, the development of a professional tourist guide network was proposed, with the establishment of certified training programs for multilingual and thematic tour guides. Special provisions should be made for ex-servicemen and local youth to be trained as professional guides, particularly in adventure tourism, with a focus on mountaineering, trekking, and river rafting. Another key suggestion was enhancing Jammu's global visibility through improved digital and international mar-

keting strategies. Hiring professionals skilled in social media marketing, travel branding, and content creation was recommended, along with the formation of a dedicated tourism marketing team responsible for international promotions, influencer collaborations, and participation in travel expos. Virtual tourism campaigns were also suggested as an innovative way to showcase Jammu's diverse attractions to a global audience.

The representation further emphasized the need to encourage tourism entrepreneurship by providing financial incentives, subsidies, and loans to young professionals interested in launching tourism ventures. Startups focusing on adventure tourism, rural tourism, and eco-tourism should be actively supported, while grants should be introduced to help locals develop homestays and community-based tourism projects.

Additionally, simplifying regulatory procedures by introducing a single-window clearance system for tourism projects was recommended to facilitate ease of doing business in the sector. Regular

stakeholder meetings involving industry leaders, hoteliers, and tour operators were also proposed to ensure that tourism policies align with industry needs and emerging market trends.

Mugda Sinha positively assured CTTIK that she would thoroughly examine the representation containing all the challenges and suggestions. She also assured that she would adopt a proactive approach in corroborating and addressing the concerns raised, working towards viable solutions to promote Jammu's tourism sector effectively.

In conclusion, the Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra reiterated its commitment to working closely with government authorities and stakeholders to transform Jammu into a world-class tourist destination. By investing in skilled manpower, strengthening tourism policies, and fostering strategic partnerships, the region has the potential to significantly enhance visitor experiences, boost tourism revenue, and contribute to the economic and cultural prosperity of Jammu.

Sahil Mahajan releases Vaishno Devi Bhajan "Naam Jap Ke"



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 27: In a grand and spiritually uplifting event organized by Kaith Music Factory, the devotional song "Naam Jap Ke" was officially released, spreading divine vibes across Jammu.

The event was graced by Sahil Mahajan, BJP J&K UT Co-Convenor of the Sanskriti, Art, and Culture Cell, along with renowned singers Vijay Malhotra and Arun Sharma.

The song, released under the banner Master Punm 7903 Music, is sung by the talented Poonam Sharma with

music composed by T L Music Studio (Ravi Raghuvanshi).

The soulful lyrics are penned by Sanjay Vidrohi, and the song's direction was skillfully handled by KK Malhotra. Avinash Sharma produced the project, while the visuals were brought to life by cinematographers Harsh Kumar and Nishan, with Prerna Sharma as the assistant director.

Speaking on the occasion, Sahil Mahajan emphasized the significance of devotional music in the cultural fabric of Jammu and Kashmir. "Devotional songs dedicated to

Gods and Goddesses form an integral part of every religious event in J&K, whether it's Jagratas, Langars, Poojas, or other rituals," he stated.

Mahajan urged the people of J&K to support and encourage local artists, enabling them to grow and shine on larger platforms, making the region proud.

He also called upon the youth of J&K to actively participate in religious and cultural activities, which, he said, can guide them towards a positive and enlightened future, steering them away from negative influences such as substance abuse.

Financial Commissioner Shantanu visits GDC Udhampur



Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Mar 27: Shantanu Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Higher Education Department J&K, and Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir (Director Colleges), Higher Education Department, J&K visited GDC Udhampur.

The visit was marked by meaningful interactions with students, faculty, and college administration, highlighting the institution's commitment to academic excellence and holistic development.

Upon their arrival, Financial Commissioner, along with Director Colleges was warmly welcomed by the NCC cadets, who presented a ceremonial Guard of Honour, showcasing their discipline and dedication.

During the interaction with faculty members, the Financial Commissioner emphasized on the importance of quality education and skill development in shaping the future of young

minds. He appreciated efforts of the college in fostering a dynamic learning environment and assured support in addressing key academic concerns.

While interacting with the staff, he made an emphasis on building a strong foundation of vernacular languages along with other subjects, among the students to foster the deep embedded cultural nuances, which the present generation is missing.

He further added that this will help to revive the cultural roots of our society. While extrapolating his talk he made a special note on the importance of Music in creating a rhythm in academics and other activities of life.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Principal of the College, expressed gratitude for the visit of Financial Commissioner and Director Colleges and highlighted the institution's evolving academic structure.

He however requested for the flexibility in the academic schedule, as

the implementation of additional semesters may require extending the timetable from 9 AM to 5 PM.

The proposal aimed at ensuring a smooth transition while maintaining academic rigor and student convenience.

The Financial Commissioner acknowledged the concerns and assured that necessary deliberations would be made to accommodate the evolving academic framework.

He also encouraged students to actively participate in extracurricular activities alongside their studies to develop a well-rounded personality.

The visit concluded with a note of appreciation from the Financial Commissioner, who lauded the institution's dedication to academic growth and student welfare.

Faculty members and students expressed their gratitude for his valuable insights and encouragement, making the day a memorable one for the college community.



Government Of India Certified Course

MASTER MATHEMATICS

with the Power of Vedic Maths

Enhance Your Child's Interest in Maths!
20+ years Experienced Trainer

100% LIVE 249 Days Course

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Rs. 249/- Only

249 Days of Learning
79 LIVE Classes
3 Sessions Per Week

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

Book Your Spot:
7087312888, 7087313888, 7087871871

Link in Description



SCAN QR CODE TO PAY

STUDY KOSH
stud@studykosh.com