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## BRIEFLY

### Soldier shoots self at Army Camp in Ramban

JAMMU, Apr 6 (Agencies): A soldier allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself with his service rifle at an Army camp in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir in the early hours of Sunday, officials said.

Sepoy Vijay Kumar, posted with 26 Rashtriya Rifles, was on sentry duty when he shot himself at Dharmund military hospital at 3.40 am, the officials said.

The reason behind his extreme step was not known immediately. The body has been shifted to Ramban district hospital for post-mortem, they said.

According to the officials, Kumar was a native of Rajasthan and had rejoined his duty on March 28 after availing almost two months of leave.

### 10-year-old boy killed; 6 others injured as Darul Aloom Tral gutted in massive fire

PULWAMA, Apr 6 (Agencies): In a tragic incident a 10-year-old boy was killed while as six others were injured after a massive fire erupted in a Darul Aloom Tral in South Kashmir's Awantipora.

Officials told GNS that massive fire erupted in Shah I Hamdan Darul-Uloom Tral, soon it engulfed whole Darul-Uloom.

Fire tenders with the assistance of Police and locals after hectic efforts brought fire under control, however the whole building of Darul-Uloom was gutted in the incident.

In this incident, one 10-year-old boy was killed namely Yasir Ahmad Son of Bashir Ahmad resident of Karmulla Tral.

Six others were also injured who have been identified as Majid Ahmad(12) son Bashir Ah Gaggi resident of Gulshanpora Tral; Ishfaq Ahmad(15) S/O Mohd Ashraf; Mohd Altaf S/O Masood Ah R/O Zardihard; Irfan Ah(12) S/O Bashir Ah R/O Bata-gund; Javid Ah(14) S/O Mohd Yousuf R/O Gulshanpora; and Nasir Ahmad S/O Abdul R/O Doodmarg Tral.

All the injured have been shifted to SMHS Srinagar for further treatment.

Meanwhile, cause of fire was being ascertained, and police have taken the cognizance of the incident.

## Devotees queue up at Vaishno Devi Temple in Katra to offer prayers on Chaitra Navami

KATRA, Apr 6 (Agencies): Devotees arrived in large numbers at the Mata Vaishno Devi Temple in Katra on Sunday to offer prayers on the occasion of Ram Navami, the ninth day of Chaitra Navratri.

Earlier today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended the greetings of 'Ram Navami' and wished for fresh enthusiasm in the lives of countrymen.

Taking to X, PM Modi said, "Heartfelt greetings to all countrymen on the occasion of Ram Navami. May this holy and sacred occasion of Lord Shri Ram's birth festival bring new consciousness and fresh enthusiasm into all your lives and continuously provide new energy to the resolve of a strong, prosperous, and capa-



ble India. Jai Shri Ram!"

Meanwhile, scores of devotees thronged Ayodhya's Ram Temple on this auspicious occasion.

Before visiting the temple, devotees take a holy dip in the River Saryu in Ayodhya.

On Ram Navami, the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya was adorned with vibrant flowers and dazzling

lights, drawing devotees

from across the country to celebrate Lord Ram's birth.

One devotee said, "I am feeling very good after coming here...The arrangements here are very good..." Another devotee from Varanasi said, "I have come from Varanasi to offer prayers at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple on the occasion of Ram Nava-

mi..." Devotees also thronged the Hanuman-garhi Temple in Ayodhya.

Hanuman Garhi temple priest Mahant Raju Das said, "I would like to extend greetings on the occasion of Ram Navami. Aarti took place in the morning at 3 am. Devotees are offering prayers at the temple in large numbers on the occasion of Ram Navami. Today is the birthday of Lord Ram, and I extend best wishes to all the devotees. I will pray for the welfare of the world."

Ram Navmi is celebrated all over India every year on the last day of Chaitra Navratri to mark the birth of Lord Rama. On this auspicious day, young girls, representing the nine forms of the goddess Durga, are offered gifts and prasad.



### One held with counterfeit currency, Arms: Punjab Police

CHANDIGARH, Apr 6 (Agencies): A man has been arrested with counterfeit currency with a face value of Rs 2.15 lakh and arms and ammunition, Punjab Police said on Monday.

The accused, Jarman Singh, was arrested by Amritsar Rural police, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav.

Recovery: One Glock 9mm Pistol, One .30 Calibre Pistol, 3 Magazines & Rs 2,15,500 in fake currency," the officer said in a post on X. Preliminary

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### Two suspects apprehended in Kupwara, incriminating material recovered: Police

SRINAGAR, Apr 6 (Agencies): Police on Sunday said that it has foiled subversive attempt by apprehending two individuals with incriminating material in North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

In a handout, the police said that a joint Naka was established at Khazan Mati, Kralpora by Police Station Kralpora in coordination with SOG Kralpora, 3 NAGA, and CRPF 98 Bn. During routine checking at the naka, two individuals moving on foot from Bus Stand Kralpora towards Trehgam were observed behaving suspiciously.

The police spokesman further stated that upon

noticing the presence of security forces, both individuals attempted to flee from the spot.

However, due to the swift and tactful response by the alert Naka party, both suspects were successfully apprehended on the spot. During preliminary questioning, the individuals identified themselves as Imtiyaz Ahmad Najjar, S/O Ghulam Hassan Najjar, and Muneer Ahmad Sheikh, S/O Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Sheikh

Upon personal search of the individuals some Pakistani posters containing provocative and anti-national content

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## Govt sincere toward reservation issue, some people politicising it: Sakina Itoo

SRINAGAR, Apr 6 (Agencies): Education Minister Sakeena Itoo Sunday said that the government and the Cabinet Sub Committee

(CSC) is sincere toward the reservation issue and that the affidavit was filed in a wrong way.

Speaking to reporters, the minister said that

the panel met several delegations today and received their feedback on the reservation issue.

She said that Chief Minister Omar Abdul-

lah has already formed the panel, and it will submit its report within six months. "Those who criticise the government will know about its

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## Cyber Police Kashmir cracks down on rising trend of cyber frauds through mule bank accounts in the valley

SRINAGAR, Apr 6 (Agencies): Cyber Police Station Kashmir Zone, Srinagar, has unearthed a sprawling and sophisticated network involved in the creation and management of mule bank accounts, which have become critical tools in the execution of large-scale cyber fraud and financial crimes.

As per the statement issued by Police, A mule bank account is an account used to receive and transfer illicit funds on behalf of others, often in return for a commission. These accounts—belonging to individuals,

shell companies, and enterprises—are primarily scouted through social media platforms such as Telegram and Facebook, and are then remotely controlled by fraudsters operating from outside Jammu & Kashmir and even from overseas.

Once these accounts are set up, they are integrated into illegal payment gateways and used by criminal syndicates to collect deposits from victims on fake investment websites, offshore betting and gambling platforms, and fraudulent stock trading

portals. Funds received in these mule accounts are immediately layered and diverted to other accounts or converted into cryptocurrency to obscure the money trail.

Bulk payout facilities provided by banks are also being misused in this process to distribute proceeds quickly. These accounts typically remain active for a short span—often less than a week—before being flagged due to suspicious transactions. However, within this brief window, transactions worth crores of rupees are executed and

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## Wanted gangster arrested in Udhampur



JAMMU, Apr 6 (Agencies): A gangster, wanted by police in Jammu and Kashmir and neighbouring Punjab, was arrested in Udhampur district here on Sunday, officials said.

Jammu travel guide Amir Khan, a resident of Khoon village, was arrested in a well-coordinated operation, based

on reliable intelligence regarding his movement from the Majalta area, a police spokesperson said.

He said the accused, wanted in numerous criminal cases including rape, drug trafficking, attempt to murder and illegal possession of weapons, attempted

to evade but was overpowered and taken into custody.

Khan was wanted in at least half a dozen FIRs registered across various police stations of J-K and Punjab, the spokesperson said.

He said Khan was a member of a gangster group which was active in Manhor Gopala, Check Deyala, Check Manga Gujrain, Mandhara, Rakh Brotia, and Vijaypur in Udhampur and Samba districts.

"His apprehension has given a blow to criminals operating in the area and provided a sigh

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## Shat Chandhi Yagya concludes with Divine Blessings at Vaishno Devi Shrine



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KATRA, Apr 6: The sacred 9-day-long Shat Chandhi Maha Yagya, organized by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), concluded with immense reverence and devotion on Mahanavami. Over 3.5 lakh devotees from across India and abroad visited the shrine during the Chaitra Navratra to seek the blessings of the revered Mata Vaishno Devi Ji. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Vikas Anand, SDM Bhawan; other officers and staff of the Shrine Board, besides pilgrims participated in Purnahuti and other religious ceremonies performed amidst Vedic mantras on the occasion. This spiritual occasion was further

sanctified by a group of Pandits led by Padma Shri Prof Vishwamurti Shastri, who conducted the Maha Yagya. The Shrine Board, under the directions and guidance of Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT), introduced several initiatives to make the Navratra more memorable. Key additions included smart lockers, free public call booths and complimentary slots for divyang devotees to participate in Garbjoon and Atka Arti at Adhkuwari and Bhawan. Dedicated quotas for helicopter bookings and complimentary battery car services were also provided for divyang pilgrims. Additionally, resting and holding areas were set up at Banganga and Adhkuwari and the dining area at Indraprastha Bhojanalaya was expanded.

The Langar facility was extended to Shubhra Bhawan at Banganga, with all Shrine Langars offering fast-related food options for visiting devotees observing fasts during the Navratra. The Shrine Board made elaborate arrangements to enhance the pilgrimage experience including decorative flowers at Bhawan, Atka and surrounding areas. Round-the-clock water and power supply, sanitation, and sanitization measures were ensured along the tracks and in the Bhawan area. The Bhawan area and other sectors along the track were illuminated with attractive facade lighting and facilities like accommodation, battery-operated vehicles, passenger ropeway and helicopter services operated smoothly. Additionally, pilgrims benefited

from free food at various locations, including Tarakote Marg, Prasad Kendra at Sanjichhat, Langar Sewa at Bhairon, Adhkuwari, Banganga and Railway Station, Katra, ensuring a seamless and spiritual experience for devotees. Other highlights during these Navratra were captivating performances by renowned artists including Maithili Thakur, Raj Pareek, Shelly Taluja, Jeet Ganguli, Brijesh Shandilya, Hargun Kaur, Bhoomi Trivedi, Suraj Singh/Juhi Singh, Pratibha Singh Baghel and Neetu Chanchal. The students of SMVD Gurukul also showcased their musical talents, blending tradition with youthful energy and enriching the spiritual experience.

## Navratras Festival concludes at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir



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JAMMU, Apr 6: The Festival of Navratras i.e 9 nights of worshipping Goddess Durga is celebrated by all Hindus throughout the world. During Navratras devotees hold special prayers in the morning as well as in the evening to pay their obeisance to Goddess Durga. Ever since its incep-

tion the Management Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu is also celebrating Navratras every year with lot of pomp and show. This year too after Beeja Ropan on 1st Navratra, Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust arranged Ram Katha in Dogri by Pt. Satpal Raina. Followed by Ladies Satsang reciting

Durga Bhajans wherein quite large number of Sanatan devotees participated. This was followed by Maha Arti of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji, which was a unique feature this year as the pattern of Hari Dwar Maha Arti was followed and hundreds of devotees, Trustees, Special Invitees of the Trust, learned Pandits and Pujaris participated.

During all these days, devotees were offered parshad. Whole of the Temple complex was profusely illuminated had all the appreciation for the arrangements done by the Management Trust. On Ashtami day Vikram Randhawa local MLA alongwith other dignitaries participated. Further reiterating as per past practice special Hawan Yagya was today organized attended by large number of devotees followed by Kanjak Pujan. Th. Gulchain Singh Charak (Former Minister) and President of the Trust alongwith SC Rekhi Gen. Secretary and other members of the Trust thanked all the participants and all the devotees for making the proper decorum during all these days.

## Eight-day long spiritual activity concludes by Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust

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JAMMU, Apr 6: To inculcate moral and spiritual values among the masses, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust organized eight-day long spiritual activity at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu during auspicious 'Navratras.' Hundreds of devotees thronged the Ashram during these days and it was gratifying to watch the devotees participating in the spiritual activities in a spirit of true devotion and humility.

The Hawan started on 30th of March, 2025 and Puran Ahuti was offered on the 6th of April, 2025 at 1 p.m. marking the end of the festival days. A huge gathering of devotees took part in recitation of about crores of mantras during these auspicious days for propitiating the Blessings of Mother Goddess. Devotees prayed to Bhagawaanji for the well being of mankind. Prasad was distributed among the devotees in the lush green lawn of Bhagawaanji's Vatika.



It is pertinent to mention that such spiritual activities are held on a regular basis by the Trust at its various ashrams / centres spread

across the country to inculcate spiritual and moral values in the young and old to preserve our rich culture and heritage.

## Aryans Law student present sketches to Law Minister Meghwal & Justice Palli

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JAMMU, Apr 6: The 4th Memorial Lecture in memory of Justice Madan Mohan Pundhi, 28th Chief Justice of India, at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Chief Guest of this event was Minister of Law Arjun Ram Meghwal while Guest of Honour was Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court. The Law students of Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh participated in this session and presented handmade sketches to dignitaries. Over 100 Aryans BA-LLB & LLB students participated in this event. The event was organized by Sanjay Tandon & Satyam Tandon, Compete Foundation on "Tackling the challenges created by artificial intelligence through the existing legal framework." Meghwal traced the evolution of industries in different eras, from



industry 1.0 to industry 4.0 and spoke about the emergence of cloud computing, robotics, Internet of Things (IoT) and 3D printing. Meghwal further provided examples of The French Revolution, BR Ambedkar and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar in guiding a constitutional integration of AI into society. Justice Arun Palli highlighted the existing legal tools available to tackle the challenges posed by AI,

as well as the potential gaps that need to be addressed. He underscored the importance of the legal system in accommodating the rapid growth of AI technologies while ensuring fairness, transparency and accountability in their use. Legal author Dr. Shruti Bedi emphasised that AI could help address India's backlog of over 4.5 crore pending cases.

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| 1       | 2<br>➤ Laying, Fitting, Testing and Successful Commissioning of GI/HDPE Pipes for Gravity main, Sub main & Distribution System of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves incl. other allied works.<br>➤ Construction of Civil Structures i.e., RCC Ground Service Reservoirs, Inlet Tanks, Storage Tanks & Valve Pit along with other allied works etc. of Water Supply Scheme in respect of Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Doda of Jammu Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) | 3<br>As per Annexure-1 to this bid document | 4<br>₹ 1000/- | 5<br>2% of the estimated cost | 6<br>60 days | 7<br>As per Annexure-1 to this bid document. |

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## Defenders of Peace and National Security

By Abdul Quddir  
Kundria

*(The writer is an eminent poet of Urdu/Dogri of Jammu and Kashmir)*

The soil of our homeland is imbued with a sacred essence that nurtures an unparalleled spirit of sacrifice in its people. Throughout history, whenever the sovereignty of our nation has been threatened, our brave sons have stepped forward without hesitation, offering their lives to protect the land they hold dear. Their unwavering courage, selfless valor, and supreme sacrifices have ensured that we continue to live in peace and security. It is because of these fearless warriors that our nation stands tall, its foundations strengthened by their blood, and time and again, the sinister designs of the enemy have been crushed beneath the might of our defenders.

While the entire nation was immersed in the joyous celebrations of Eid-ul-Fitr and Navratri, a tragic event unfolded, turning moments of happiness into grief and mourning. On March 27, 2025, in the dense forests of Juthana, Sufiyan in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, the police launched a high-risk counter-terrorism operation. At the helm of this daring mission was DSP Dheeraj Singh Katoch, leading his brave team with the singular aim of eliminating the enemy. This was not just another operation, it was a decisive battle against terrorism, a fight for peace and justice, where our fearless officers stood at the front-lines, prepared to lay down their lives for the country.

A fierce and intense encounter ensued, shaking the silence of the valley. With

indomitable courage, our officers engaged the terrorists in direct combat, displaying unparalleled gallantry. Their tactical acumen and battle-hardiness led to the neutralization of five terrorists. However, this victory came at a heavy price. Four of our bravest warriors named Tariq Ahmed, Jaswant Singh, Balwinder Singh and Jagvir Choudhary sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, embracing martyrdom while defending their motherland. Their loss is immeasurable, a wound that will never truly heal, yet their supreme sacrifice fills every heart with immense pride. They stood as a testament to the unyielding resolve of our armed forces, proving once again that our nation is never short of heroes ready to give their all for its security.

Terrorism is a scourge devoid of conscience or morality. Its sole purpose is to spread destruction, bloodshed, and fear. But against this darkness stands the unwavering light of our forces, forming an impenetrable shield against all threats. Because of the courage and sacrifices of our officers, we are able to sleep peacefully in our homes, send our children to school without fear, and lead normal lives in our cities, towns, and villages. If not for the swift and strategic response of our police forces, the terrorists could have wreaked unimaginable havoc, causing irreparable harm to innocent civilians.

Even in this moment of grief, we salute the valor of DSP Dheeraj Singh Katoch and SOG officer Bharat Chalotra, who were injured in the operation. Despite their wounds, their unwavering determination remained intact, exemplifying the true spirit of our protectors. These men, who stand firm in the face of danger and fight till their last breath, embody the very essence of bravery. Their heroism ensures that our enemies can never succeed in their evil designs. Had our forces not acted with the precision and bravery

they displayed, the consequences could have been far more devastating.

The sorrow of this loss has gripped every heart across the nation. Eyes are moist with tears, and hearts are heavy with grief, but along with this pain, there is also an overwhelming sense of pride. These warriors did not just sacrifice their today—they secured our tomorrow. Their bravery has reignited a flame of unity and determination across the nation, strengthening our collective resolve to eradicate terrorism once and for all.

It is imperative to acknowledge the swift and strategic coordination between senior officials such as the DGP, IGP, DIG, SSP, and other security agencies, whose leadership ensured that the situation was effectively managed. The role of the media in providing accurate reports also helped the nation witness the bravery and efficiency of our police force and administration. The vigilance and dedication of our police and armed forces form the cornerstone of our national security, and we must always honor their sacrifices by upholding their mission.

However, it is also crucial to address the shortage of police and security personnel in certain sensitive areas. The government must deploy additional forces in these high-risk zones to ensure that potential threats are countered proactively. Terrorism is a persistent menace, and to dismantle its networks, a joint strategy involving the army, police, CRPF, BSF, and special commandos is essential. A unified and coordinated effort will ensure that no enemy can ever dream of destabilizing our peace.

The role of civil society in this fight is equally important. If the people stand united with our security forces, no adversary can succeed in its nefarious designs. The fight against terrorism is not just the responsibility of the police or the military—it is a collective battle that the entire nation must fight together. Until we all rise as one and stand

against this menace, true victory will remain elusive. Every citizen must remain vigilant and support our forces in their relentless mission to safeguard the nation.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Honorable Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, the Honorable Chief Minister, the district administration of Jammu, Reasi and Kathua, senior officers from Udhampur-Reasi Range and Jammu-Kathua Range, SSPs, Additional SSPs, DSPs, SHOs, and every single police officer who stood by the grieving families in this difficult time. Their support has been instrumental in uplifting the morale of both the security personnel and the public.

The sacrifices of our brave jawans and officers can never be forgotten. Their courage, resilience, and devotion to duty are etched in the annals of history. We must keep their legacy alive and ensure that their families are supported, for this is the least we can do to honor their supreme sacrifice. These martyrs are our true heroes, the protectors of our nation, and we will always hold them in the highest regard.

If we walk in their footsteps, carrying forward their mission, and prioritize the security of our homeland above all else, no enemy will ever dare to challenge us. It is now our solemn duty to take this mission forward, to stand united against terrorism, and to ensure that the peace and integrity of our motherland remain unshaken. This is not just a responsibility—it is a sacred duty, a duty we owe to those who gave their all so that we may live in peace. We salute our jawans, our police, and our armed forces for their unyielding spirit, their unmatched bravery, and their eternal commitment to the nation.

Jai Hind!

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## High Salary Courses After 12th Science

By: Vijay Garg

Just finished 12th grade with science and wondering what's next? You're probably dreaming of a career that pays well and feels exciting. Lots of students are in the same boat, trying to figure out which high salary courses after 12th science fit their talents and goals.

It's not all about the paycheck—though that's nice! It's about picking something you like that also brings in good money. Since you've studied science, you're already ahead in areas like engineering, healthcare, and tech, all set to grow huge by 2030. Let's jump in and see how high salary courses after 12th science can lead you to a great career.

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## EDITORIAL

### Tourism Promotion: A Catalyst for Economic Growth

Tourism is one of the most powerful engines of economic development, cultural exchange, and global connectivity. With millions of people traveling across the world every year, tourism has become a crucial sector for countries looking to boost their economies, create jobs, and promote their cultural heritage. However, successful tourism promotion requires strategic planning, investment in infrastructure, and innovative marketing strategies.

Tourism is not just about leisure and recreation; it plays a pivotal role in economic growth, employment, and cultural development. The industry significantly contributes to a country's GDP by generating revenue through accommodation, transportation, food services, and entertainment. Many countries, including Thailand, Italy, and the Maldives, heavily rely on tourism for their economic prosperity.

Beyond the economic impact, tourism creates millions of jobs worldwide, from hospitality and transport to local artisans and tour guides. It also facilitates cultural exchange, allowing people to experience different traditions, cuisines, and lifestyles. Moreover, popular tourist destinations often see improved infrastructure, such as better roads, airports, and public services, which benefit both visitors and local communities. Sustainable tourism further promotes environmental conservation, ensuring that natural landscapes and heritage sites are preserved for future generations.

In the digital era, social media and online platforms play a crucial role in influencing travel decisions. Governments and private companies must leverage digital marketing, travel blogs, and influencer collaborations to promote destinations. Platforms like Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and TripAdvisor help showcase attractions, local experiences, and travel packages.

For example, the "Incredible India" campaign utilized digital platforms to highlight India's diverse landscapes and heritage, significantly increasing tourist footfall. Similarly, countries like New Zealand and Iceland have successfully used social media to attract adventure travelers.

A well-developed infrastructure is essential for a thriving tourism industry. Tourists expect efficient transportation systems, quality accommodation, clean public spaces, and easy access to healthcare services. Countries that invest in tourism-friendly infrastructure see higher visitor satisfaction and repeat tourism.

Cultural tourism is a growing trend, as travelers seek authentic experiences that connect them to a destination's history and traditions. Countries can promote their cultural heritage by showcasing festivals, handicrafts, traditional music, and historic sites.

Modern travelers are increasingly interested in eco-tourism and adventure sports. Governments should promote activities such as trekking, wildlife safaris, scuba diving, and rural tourism to cater to different traveler segments. Sustainable tourism initiatives help protect the environment while providing unique travel experiences.

Tourism boards must partner with airlines, travel agencies, and online booking platforms to offer discounted travel packages, group tours, and easy access to visas. Affordable airfare, well-structured tour packages, and simplified visa processes encourage more tourists to visit a destination.

Sustainability has become a major concern for travelers. Countries must promote eco-friendly accommodations, conservation programs, and responsible tourism practices to attract visitors who prioritize sustainability. Encouraging the use of renewable energy, reducing plastic waste, and supporting local communities can make tourism more sustainable.

Effective tourism promotion requires a joint effort between the government and the private sector. Governments must invest in infrastructure, provide subsidies to tourism businesses, offer tax incentives for hospitality investments, and simplify visa policies. At the same time, private businesses must focus on creating unique travel experiences, improving customer service, and partnering with local communities for authentic tourism.

Public-private partnerships can drive tourism growth by combining government resources with private-sector innovation. Collaborative efforts can enhance marketing strategies, develop better facilities, and create policies that benefit both tourists and local communities.

The tourism industry is continuously evolving, especially in the post-pandemic world. New trends are shaping the future of travel, including:

Technology will also play a crucial role in shaping the future of tourism, with artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and smart tourism applications enhancing the travel experience.

Tourism is an essential pillar of economic growth, cultural exchange, and international cooperation. With strategic promotion, sustainable practices, and modern marketing techniques, countries can tap into the immense potential of tourism and position themselves as top global destinations. Investing in infrastructure, digital outreach, and eco-friendly initiatives will ensure that the future of tourism is both prosperous and sustainable.

By embracing innovation and responsible tourism practices, the world can continue to benefit from the economic, social, and cultural advantages of a thriving tourism industry.

## Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj's soul-stirring discourse awakens hearts in Akhnoor



### Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Apr 6: A serene morning turned spiritually vibrant as the Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi, Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, graced the sacred soil of Akhnoor with his divine presence and poured forth the nectar of truth in a heartfelt parvachan

that left the congregation spellbound.

With his timeless wisdom and tender voice, Maharaj Ji unveiled a profound truth: "To give up material possessions is easy, but to renounce the ego – that deceptive shadow within – is the real surrender."

In his poetic unveiling,

Maharaj Ji reminded seekers that what we believe we are – the 'I' that eats, sleeps, falls ill – is but an illusion. The soul, eternal and unbound, knows neither hunger nor fatigue. Yet we act, driven by the commander of this illusion – the mind.

"The soul does not sleep. The soul does

not fall ill. Then who is it? It is the mind. The I. The ego."

Through analogies that danced between the mystical and the everyday, Maharaj Ji compared the seeker to a seed chosen with care – like grain chosen for strength, purified so that it resists decay. "The Guru," he said, "refines you so Maya cannot touch you."

He revealed the fourfold nature of the mind – manas (desire), buddhi (intellect), chitta (memory), and ahankar (ego) – and declared ego the most cunning veil between the soul and the Supreme. "You have no enemy but your mind," he proclaimed, "and the biggest wall between you and God is the 'I'." A moment of deep reflection rippled through the satsang as he recounted an

encounter with a woman who sought her wishes fulfilled. With gentle firmness, Maharaj Ji replied: "You have come to the wrong place. Wishes are not fulfilled here. They are crushed."

In a world obsessed with desire and personal gain, his words rang like a clarion call to higher truth. "Hope is not life," he reminded all. "Desire is the chain. True emperors are those who want nothing."

As petals of silence fell and eyes brimmed with tears of realization, the gathered devotees glimpsed the truth: To find the Sahib within, one must first erase the I.

In this age of distractions, Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj's voice was a beacon – guiding countless seekers home to the eternal, the pure, the selfless soul.

## Delegation from ALTOA calls on CEC, LAHDC Leh



### Top News Report

LEH, Apr 5: A delegation from the All Ladakh Tour Operators Association (ALTOA), led by President Tsewang Dorjey and General Secretary Tsewang Namgyal, along with executive members, called on the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalsan, to discuss key issues concerning tourism in Ladakh.

The delegation raised

the need to simplify the current process for obtaining Protected Area Permits (PAP), highlighting that tourists are currently required to submit the same information multiple times. They requested the introduction of a single, streamlined application system to make the process more tourist-friendly. They also urged the implementation of a single registration process for Mountaineering

Tour Operators (MTOs), Adventure Tour Operators (ATOs), and general Tour Operators, to ease administrative challenges and improve efficiency.

Concerns were also raised regarding the continued collection of Open Peak Permit fees by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF). CEC assured the delegation of his full support in addressing the issues raised.

## Outgoing and Incoming BGS (Int), HQ 14 Corps call on CEC, LAHDC Leh

### Top News Report

LEH, Apr 6: The outgoing BGS (Int), HQ 14 Corps, Brig Vinod S, and the incoming BGS (Int), HQ 14 Corps Brig Satyakam Dabas, made a courtesy call to the Hon'ble Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalsan.

The CEC felicitated Brig Vinod S on the occasion, appreciating his dedicated service in the region and extending best wishes for his future endeavours. He



also welcomed Brig Satyakam Dabas and assured him of contin-

ued support and close coordination from the Hill Council.

## Chairman LAHDC Leh discusses Haj pilgrimage arrangements

### Top News Report

Leh, Apr 6: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalsan was called on by the Chairperson, Haj Committee, UT Ladakh, Mohd Ali Majaz. During the interaction, various matters related to the Haj pilgrimage were discussed, particularly the construction of a

Haj House in the Union Territory. The issue of land allotment for this purpose was also discussed in detail.

They also discussed about the need to provide better facilities and support for Ladakh Haj pilgrims.

The CEC assured full support and cooperation in addressing the concerns raised.

## Army conducts informative lecture on J&K Government Schemes at Mendhar



### Top News Report

POONCH, Apr 6: In an effort to raise awareness among students about various welfare initiatives, Indian Army conducted an enlightening lecture at Chhattral Higher Secondary School attended by 40 students and 10 teachers on the key government schemes of the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

The session, led by Indian Army aimed to educate students about the benefits and opportunities available to them and their families through these schemes.

The lecture covered significant programs such as the Ladli Beti scheme, which supports the education and well-being of the girl child, the Mumkin scheme for youth employment, and Ayushman Bharat for healthcare benefits.

Students also learned about the scheme Mission Youth, which empowers young individuals with skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Speaking at the event, Indian Army emphasized the importance of awareness in ensuring that these initiatives reach the people who need them most.

"Government schemes are designed to uplift communities, and educating young minds about these programs will enable them to guide their families and contribute to society's progress," Indian Army stated. The interactive session also allowed students to ask questions and gain clarity on how they or their families could benefit from these programs.

School authorities expressed their gratitude to the organizers for conducting such an informative session and encouraged similar awareness programs in the future.

This initiative reflects the commitment of Indian Army to spreading knowledge and ensuring the effective implementation of government welfare programs across the region.

## Army organizes stationery distribution drive, drawing competition at Samote



### Top News Report

RAJOURI, Apr 6: In a heartfelt initiative to support underprivileged student, Indian Army, in collaboration with NGO (PC Dogra Charitable Trust, Chandigarh) organised a stationery distribution drive and a drawing competition at Govt Middle School, Satta and Govt Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Samote.

The NGO generously contributed essential educational materials to poor and needy students, ensuring that students have the necessary resources to continue their studies.

As part of the event, students received notebooks, pens, pencils and other stationery items to aid their studies. Additionally, a drawing competition was held,

encouraging students to express their creativity and artistic skills.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation, with students showcasing their talent through vibrant and meaningful artworks. Winners were awarded prizes to further motivate them in their creative endeavors.

Representatives from the NGO emphasised the significance of education and extracurricular activities in shaping young minds, expressing their commitment to supporting economically weaker students.

By providing these educational resources and encouraging artistic expression, the initiative aimed to remove barriers to learning and foster all-round development among students.

A total of 180 students from Govt Middle School, Satta and 100 Students from Govt Higher Secondary School, Samote availed the benefit of distribution of stationery

. The event not only provided much needed assistance to the students but also strengthened the bond between the local population and the Indian Army. The school administration expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army and the NGO for their generous support, acknowledging the positive influence such initiatives have on student motivation.

The Indian Army reaffirmed its dedication to community development and assured continued efforts to uplift education in the region.

## BJP leader Javid Qureshi visits Badrakali Mandir on Ram Navami, meets displaced Kashmiri Pandits

### Top News Report

KUPWARA, Apr 6: Senior BJP leader Javid Qureshi, along with his team, visited the Badrakali Mandir today on the eve of Ram Navami.

During the visit, Qureshi met with several Kashmiri Pandits who had migrated from Kashmir nearly two to three decades ago due to unrest in the region.

Speaking to the media, Qureshi expressed his joy at reconnecting with the displaced community.

"We are very happy to see our Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters with us today. Our aim is to facilitate their rehabilitation and help them return to their original homes," he said.

Qureshi also extended his gratitude to the district administration for ensuring smooth



arrangements during the festival. He specifically thanked SSP Handwara for overseeing the security and other necessary preparations at the Badrakali Mandir.

The visit highlighted efforts towards communal harmony and the government's commitment to the safe return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits.

## Kaith, others pray at Sidh Bawa Garib Nath temple in Khanpur



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: BJP Activist R.L. Kaith accompanied by many others, paid obeisance to Sidh Bawa Garib Nath in Khanpur here today, and prayed for the well-being of all.

Kaith mentioned that when Rishi Vyas's son, Shukdev, was born, 84 Siddhas (spiritual

beings) were also born in different places at the same time. Baba Garib Nath Ji, who was one of these Siddhas, was a disciple of Dattatreya.

Kaith further revealed that prayer during the month of Sawan, has special significance, which helps to fulfill all wishes. After paying obeisance, all partook parsad from the Langar

arranged by the local villagers.

Prominent among them were Mahant Ram Dass, Havildar Des Raj, Panch Yog Raj, Raj Kumar, Gopal Dass, Bua ditla, Joginder Lal, Kuldeep Raj, Som Nath, Sunny Kumar, Jag Pal Bodh Raj, Mohan Lal, Girdhari Lal, Kamlesh Kumar, Bhushan Lal and Ajay Kumar.

## Child actors from TV shows Anupamaa, Bhagyalakshmi, Kumkum Bhagya share secrets on balancing exams and shoots

As the exam season comes to a close and the new session begins, television's young stars talk about balancing their passion for acting with their pursuit of knowledge.

Aurra Bhatnagar Badoni

The 14-year-old, who played Choti Anu in Anupamaa, is now in Class 9. She is over the moon after scoring 94% in her Class 8 finals. "My final exams took place after the shoot. A big challenge was managing my studies between shoots," she shares, adding, "The heat and heavy scenes, sometimes with even four pages of dialogues, were exhausting. During small breaks, I often felt like taking a nap, but I had to push myself to study." She has found her own way to optimise studying within a limited time frame: "I focus on understanding a chapter within 30 minutes. I don't study for long hours, but I make sure



I grasp the concepts well, which helps me score well." On starting Class 9, she says, "It will be more challenging. My schedule is already packed with studies and exercise, as staying fit is equally important. However, I'm open to movies, web series, ads, or any big projects."

Swarna Pandey, who plays Pihu in Kundali Bhagya, has scored 80% in Class 3 but insists that "balancing studies with the shooting schedule was the

biggest challenge." But she achieved that with proper planning. "I follow a schedule, which allows me to give time to studies, tuitions, and extracurricular activities along with shoots," she says.

Ahnaf F Khatri Having featured in TV shows Tenali Rama and Kumkum Bhagya, Ahnaf F is thrilled to have scored A+ and B+ in Class 3. Reflecting on his grades, Ahnaf mentions he was shooting during his first term exams, and it was "dif-

icult to balance exams with shooting". "Once I had two exams on the same day, and I also had a shoot. I somehow managed both," says the young actor. Ahnaf, who loves to learn new things, states that he is taking online classes for his next grade, too, "during the breaks between takes on set".

Asmi Deo Asmi, who appeared in the TV show Jagriti, was recently promoted to Class 4 after scoring 92%. She shares, "I was shooting for Jag-

riti, and my mom helped me balance studies with shoots. During breaks, I'd focus on completing my course thoda thoda karke, so I managed it all." While she is currently focused on her studies, she plans to take a break from shooting to learn new skills like playing the guitar and Kathak this year.

Trisha Sarda Known for her role in Bhagyalakshmi, Trisha scored an A+ in her final exams and is now in Class 2. She credits her tutor and mother for helping her balance studies with her acting career. "When I get time between shoots, my tuition ma'am comes to help me study. If I don't understand something, my mom helps me out," shares Trisha, adding, "I was shooting for a movie during exams, but I had a 10-day break, so I covered all the main topics then." This year, Trisha has her aim clear: "I want to focus on movies along with my studies."

## Fame isn't permanent, believes actress Aishwarya Raj Bhakuni



Aishwarya Raj Bhakuni, who has been part of shows like Shrimad Ramayan, Tenali Rama,

Jhansi Ki Rani, Vighnaharta Ganesha, to name a few, is currently seen as Parvati in Veer Hanuman.

The actress says it's easy for her to disconnect from her character as soon as the camera is off.

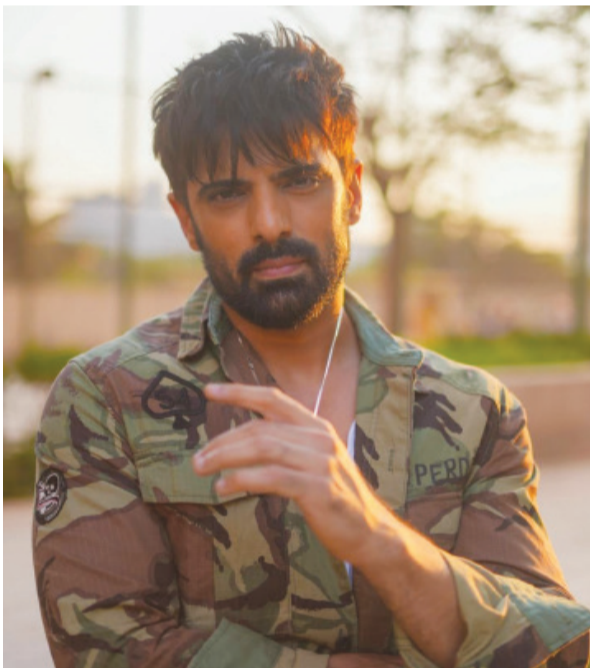
She said, "When I'm on set playing a character, the moment I remove my makeup and costume, I become myself again. I've been doing this for years, so it's easy for me to disconnect from the character and switch back to my real self."

An actor needs to be humble and down-to-earth, and she confessed that her family and close friends play a huge role in keeping her grounded and uplifting her whenever she needs it. She added, "Their love and support keep me humble and focused." She also credited social media for letting her be herself. She said, "Social media plays a big role in this. It allows me to be myself."

## Mohit Malik's character in Chamak: The Conclusion shines through

Character evolution is the hallmark of exceptional storytelling, and Chamak: The Conclusion delivers on this promise. The spotlight shines on Mohit Malik's character, Guru, whose transformation from Season 1 to Season 2 is a masterclass in acting.

About his character evolution, Mohit says, "In season one, he was soft and in a closet, trying to find acceptance. Thus, my look was casual with curly hair. When you see season two, you see me in a sharper look—the character is becoming stronger and more firm. He is looking to expand the business. However, towards the end of the series, when



he is the protector of the family, his looks are tougher and darker, as he is ready to go to any

extent to save his family. It's not just the evolution of his looks, but his character also."

## Laapataa Ladies writer denies plagiarism claims after similarities found to Arabic film: 'Undermine my efforts'

Laapataa Ladies writer Biplab Goswami issued a statement responding to recent plagiarism allegations against his film. Numerous people on the internet recently found similarities between the Kiran Rao-directorial and the Arabic film Burqa City. Here's what the writer said.

Laapataa Ladies writer denies plagiarism claims Biplab issued a statement on social media claiming that he had registered Laapataa Ladies with the Screenwriters Association in 2014, well before the Arabic film was made. He also stated that the contended scenes were written in the registered synopsis. In 2018, he claimed to have registered the feature-length script, which he called Two Brides, with the SWA. It even won an award at the Cinestaan Storytellers Competition that



same year, he says in the statement.

He then added that the concept of veils and disguises resulting in mistaken identities is a common trope that has been used for centuries, listing out writers like William Shakespeare and Rabindranath Tagore as examples. "Laapataa Ladies uses this mistaken iden-

tity form with entirely original and unique characters, setting, narrative journey, and social impact," reads a portion of his statement.

Claiming that his story, dialogues, characters and scenes stem from years of research and 'honest reflection' apart from 'understanding the nuances of gender discrimination and

inequality', Biplab ended the note with, "Our story, characters, and dialogues are 100% original. Any allegations of plagiarism are completely untrue. These allegations not just undermine my efforts as a writer, but also the tireless efforts of the entire filmmaking team."

What happened Recently, the Hindi film that was India's official pick for the Oscars came under fire when several internet users posted scenes from Laapataa Ladies and Fabrice Braccq's 2019 film Burqa City, pointing out the similarities between both films. Burqa City tells the story of a newlywed man who finds himself frantically searching for his wife after she is mistakenly swapped with another woman wearing an identical burqa. Kiran has yet to respond to these claims.

## Elizabeth Olsen admits Marvel movies don't align with her personal taste

Actor Elizabeth Olsen has revealed that her personal film taste doesn't necessarily align with projects she's starred in, namely Marvel movies. The actor, who played Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch, in the Marvel Cinematic Universe for nearly a decade, recently opened up on NPR's Wild Card with Rachel Martin podcast that she feels pressure to "prove" her creative taste when it comes to the content she consumes.

Elizabeth Olsen on feeling the pressure to prove personal taste "I think I haven't always successfully made choices in my work that are aligned with my personal taste, and that is something I feel like I'm still trying to prove when I meet people," Elizabeth explained, "Especially if it's a work-type meeting and be able to express my personal taste in films, literature,

and so I still think I have that to prove."

Elizabeth said, "Because I have spent so many years doing Marvel that I feel like all the other jobs I have to do have to really reflect my personal taste, because as much as I love being a part of this world -- and I'm proud of what I've been able to do with the character -- it's not really the art that I consume. Which I have been very honest about."

Proud of playing Wanda but...

Elizabeth first played Scarlet Witch, aka Wanda Maximoff, in 2015's Avengers: Age of Ultron before appearing in several other Marvel films, including Avengers: Infinity War (2018), Avengers: Endgame (2019), and Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (2022). She also scored an Emmy nomination for best actress in a limited



or anthology series or movie for her performance in the Disney series WandaVision (2021).

Elizabeth later shared that she is still extremely proud of her work with Marvel, "I thought they were such great Greek-type scale stories that reflected politics, culture in a really lovely way," The Assessment actor said. "And so I felt really proud to jump into it. And then, within the last 10 years, it's taken on this narrative of like, it's like a hot take, whether an actor says they would never do a Marvel movie or not."

Though Elizabeth shared last year that she's open to returning as the Scarlet Witch "when there's a way to use her well," she shared in March that she won't be a part of the Russo brothers' two upcoming Avengers movies, Doomsday and Secret Wars.

## Preeti Puri Choudhary says the set of Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai has a lot of positive vibes



Preeti Puri Choudhary, who portrays Kajal Poddar Bansal in Rajan Shahi's Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai, shares her experience of being part of the long-running show and the positive energy that keeps her

motivated. For Preeti, stepping onto the set of Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai feels like coming home. "A typical day on set is a big scene in the Poddar hall, and we all love shooting together. The set vibes are very

positive and good. In fact, all the actors and crew maintain a family-like atmosphere, which drives me to come to the set daily." She strongly believes that working with like-minded people creates a productive environment.

"Everybody works for the betterment of the scene." She also emphasises the importance of chemistry with co-stars. "It is very important because it gives a lot of comfort while doing a scene."

The actress acknowledges how television continues to adapt. "TV shows are evolving and it's great that the industry has managed to keep up with changing times." She also stresses the importance of catering to the audience's expectations. "It is very important to change because the audiences' liking reflects on the progress of the show."

## PM Modi inaugurates new Pamban bridge in Tamil Nadu

*This will improve connectivity to the spiritual destination flocked by devotees throughout the year from across the country and beyond*

RAMESWARAM, Apr 6 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the Pamban sea bridge, providing rail link between Rameswaram island and the mainland and flagged off the new Rameswaram-Tambaram (Chennai) train service here.

The PM also flagged off a Coast Guard ship which passed under the bridge.

The bridge is all set to improve connectivity to this spiritual destination flocked by devotees throughout the year from across the country. Built at a cost of over Rs 550 crore, this is India's first vertical sea-lift bridge. Spanning 2.08 kilometres, the



bridge comprises 99 spans and a 72.5-metre-long vertical lift span that can be raised up to 17 metres, allowing the smooth

passage of large ships while ensuring seamless train operations. The bridge features stainless

steel reinforcement, high-grade paint, and fully welded joints, enhancing durability while reducing maintenance requirements.

Its foundation is supported by 333 piles and 101 piers/pile caps, designed for dual rail tracks and future expansion. The use of polysiloxane paint protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment. This bridge is a remarkable blend of tradition and technology.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi and state Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu were present.

## Centre does not seek to control Waqf Boards, but to ensure they operate within law: Nadda



NEW DELHI, Apr 6 (Agencies): The Centre does not seek to control Waqf Boards but ensure that they operate within the bounds of law so that their assets are used in promotion of education, healthcare and employment to the Muslim community, BJP president JP Nadda said on Sunday.

Addressing an event organised at the BJP headquarters here to mark the party's 46th foundation day, Nadda said the governments in Turkey and many other Muslim countries have taken the Waqf properties under their control. "We are only asking those who are operating (the Waqf Boards) that

you do it as per rules. You will have to do it as per rules," he said.

"We do not seek to control the Waqf Board. Our goal is simply to ensure that those managing it operate within the bounds of the law and adhere to established rules. The properties and funds of the Waqf Board will be dedicated to promoting education, providing healthcare and employment opportunities for the Muslim community," Nadda said.

Before addressing the party leaders and workers, the BJP chief hoisted party's flag at the headquarters.

## BJP largest political party in world because of PM Modi, other stalwarts: Fadnavis

NAGPUR, Apr 6 (Agencies): Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday credited the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and efforts of stalwarts like Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee for helping the BJP become the largest political party in the world.

The BJP was founded on April 6, 1980 by leaders of the erstwhile Bharatiya Jana Sangh, a party which had merged with other opposition parties to form the Janata Party to take on the Congress in the post-Emergency 1977 polls.

The BJP won only two Lok Sabha seats in the first national election it fought in 1984. However, it rose rapidly later under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani, coming to power in the 90s as the head of a coalition, before Modi led the party to its maiden majority in 2014. The party has been in power at the Centre since then.

Fadnavis was speaking after Union minister Nitin Gadkari laid the founda-



tion stone of the BJP's new office in Nagpur.

The CM said it feels like "the foundation stone laying ceremony of our own house".

"Due to the efforts of Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP has become the largest party in the world," Fadnavis said.

He contributed Rs 5 lakh for the new BJP office and requested all the party workers to contribute as per their capacity.

## A leader should consider party, its workers as his family: Gadkari

NAGPUR, Apr 6 (Agencies): Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Sunday said that for a political leader, the party should be like his family and he should consider the party workers as his family members.

Gadkari was addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for the BJP's new office in Maharashtra's Nagpur city.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and BJP state chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule were also present in the programme.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is also celebrating its foundation day on Sunday.



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majority in 2014. The party has been in power at the Centre since then.

Gadkari said, "For a leader, his party should be like his family and the party workers like family members. You should love the party workers like you love your children." He said leaders like him and Fadnavis got the opportunity to become what they are today because of the dedication and sacrifice of innumerable party workers from the beginning.

There was an adverse time when the Congress tried to propagate a wrong image of the Jana Sangh, Bhartiya

Janata Party (BJP) and RSS in the society, Gadkari said.

"But, we overcame that spread of misinformation about us. Ours is not a casteist or a communal party," he said.

Gadkari further said no one is bigger because of his caste, and added that "being a BJP worker is our caste (identity)".

The BJP's objective is the overall development of the nation, he said.

"Nation comes first and above everything for us," said the Lok Sabha member from Nagpur.

Gadkari personally contributed Rs 25 lakh for the construction of the new BJP office here.

## India will 'talk tough' with US on agri, relax tariffs on others

NEW DELHI, Apr 6 (Agencies): India will push hard to continue to protect its agricultural sector, but will be open to compromise on lowering tariffs in the non-agricultural segment, when senior government officials meet their US counterparts in the coming days to discuss the 26 per cent tariffs imposed by US president Donald Trump on India, official sources have told agency.

The triumvirate of Commerce ministry's secretary-level officer Rajesh Aggarwal, Foreign secretary Vikram Misri and India's ambassador to the US Vinay Kwatra is said to be exploring ways on how best to alleviate the concerns of US officials, so that both sides can "arrive at a win-win situation," the source said.

As \$5.4 trillion is wiped from the US economy in the bloodbath over two trading sessions and China strikes back by imposing a 34 per cent return tariff on US goods, India's aim is to demonstrate an unshakeable resolve to protect its farmers, but at the same time agree to significantly reduce tariffs in the auto industry, for example, which are in any case beyond the ken of most people. "If India opens up to the US auto industry, it is unlikely that Indian consumers are still going to buy American cars that are significantly more expensive than either the Maruti or cheaper Korean and Japanese cars," a source involved in the India-US negotiations told agency.

"A fair, equitable and balanced deal is what we are working for," a highly placed government official said.

In order to alleviate Trump's concerns that India is "very, very tough" on its negotiations, the government officials said India would be willing to buy more oil and gas from the US, as well as machinery and medical equipment.

This larger negotiation would define the ongoing Bilateral Trade Negotiations (BTA), which is expected to be finalised towards the end of the year.

Compared to US-China trade, where the deficit against the US is \$295 billion, the trade deficit on the India account is only \$45 billion in India's favour.

India's strategy, the officials confirmed, is to engage openly, demonstrate constantly that it is willing to reduce the deficit by expanding its purchases in other parts of the US economy and open up areas, like the civil nuclear sector, at home.

However, in the interest of maintaining food security, India is willing to be guided by the policy of protectionism, the official said.

India, which treats the agricultural sector as sensitive, has followed a policy of zero to 150% tariffs on farm imports in order to firewall it from outside pressure. For decades, officials have argued that the rural economy sustains over 70 crore people, some of them living hand-to-mouth, and there can be no further diminution of their status.

The sources said India is fully able and ready to answer US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's recently question, "Why won't India buy even a single bushel of American corn?"

"Our answer is," the source said, "that we need to protect our people, especially in the rural economy. We can discuss everything else," he added.

Agricultural items only constitute a minor share of India's \$87 billion exports to the US, only \$4.4 billion. The remainder comprises the non-agricultural sector, of which \$9 billion worth of goods from the generic pharma industry are exempt.

The government officials said India is willing to both lower tariffs in the non-generic pharma sector as well as in the non-agri segment of its exports to the US.

"Everything is off the table. Nothing is off the table. We will work on a fair and respectable deal," the senior government official said.

Official sources said they were confident that both sides already understand each other better.

"India is the only country which the US negotiators visited in the run up to Trump's tariff announcement. Our competitors have been far worse hit which places our exporters at an advantage over them," the official added. Box-Willing to lower non-generic pharma tariff.

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It is willing to both lower tariffs in the non-generic pharma sector as well as in the non-agri segment of its exports to the US, say government officials.

## Myanmar Quake: India sends more humanitarian aid in C-17 aircraft



NEW DELHI, Apr 6 (Agencies): India on Sunday sent 31 tonnes of humanitarian aid, including replenishment stores for an Indian army field hospital unit deployed in Myanmar, to augment New Delhi's efforts to provide succour to the quake-hit neighbouring country.

The aid was sent in a C-17 Globemaster heavy-lift aircraft.

It took off from the Hindon air force station in Ghaziabad early Sunday, a senior official

said. the rubble for signs of life.

India mounted its relief mission named 'Operation Brahma' as a swift response to the devastation caused by the earthquake that hit Myanmar as well as Thailand on March 28.

The field hospital, under 'Operation Brahma', continues its humanitarian mission in Myanmar as the local government and its agencies also soldiered on with their efforts in relief and rescue work.

The hospital unit comprising 118 personnel was deployed in Myanmar using two C-17 heavy-lift aircraft of the IAF which had taken off from Agra on March 29.

The field hospital has been set up by the Indian Army in Mandalay. A 7.7-magnitude earthquake jolted Myanmar last week, with the toll rising to over 3,000 even as rescuers continue to search through

## 15-year-old girl ends life after being scolded by family over romantic relationship in UP's Ballia district

BALLIA, Apr 6 (Agencies): A 15-year-old girl here allegedly died by suicide after being scolded by her family over a romantic relationship, a police officer said on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Reshu Paswan from Nandpur village in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district. She allegedly hanged herself at her house on Saturday afternoon.

According to Baira Deputy Superintendent of Police Faheem Qureshi, preliminary investigation revealed that the girl was admonished by her family recently for talking over the phone to a youth she was in a relationship with.

On Saturday afternoon, the girl's mother who returned home from work in a field, found her hanging from

a hook on the ceiling of their house. The girl's father, Yadunath, a mason, had gone out for work at the time of the incident.

The family rushed her to the district hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead, the DSP Qureshi said.

The body has been sent for post-mortem and further legal proceedings are underway, he added.

## Three injured after car hit divider on Bandra Worli Sea Link

MUMBAI, Apr 6 (Agencies): A 30-year-old businessman and his two friends were injured when their speeding car hit a divider on the Bandra Worli Sea Link here in the wee hours of Sunday, police said.

The businessman, who was driving the car, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident, they said.

The accident took place at around 1.45 am when the three



persons were returning to Ghatkopar from Haji

Ali area via the Bandra Worli Sea Link, an offi-

cial said.

The businessman, who lives in Ghatkopar, had gone to Haji Ali in south Mumbai along with his two friends, aged 32 and 47, he said.

While returning, the businessman lost control over the wheels and as a result, his speeding car hit a divider on the sea link.

The three car occupants suffered injuries in the incident, the official said.

After getting informa-

tion, the Worli police rushed the spot and the injured persons were taken to hospital.

During the medical test, it came to light that they were under the influence of alcohol, the official said.

The Worli police registered a case against the businessman under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Motor Vehicles Act and a probe was on into it, he said.

## PM Modi leaves for home after concluding Sri Lanka visit

COLOMBO, Apr 6 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for India on Sunday after concluding a "very productive" visit to Sri Lanka where he held extensive talks with President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and witnessed the signing of several agreements to boost cooperation in sectors such as defence, energy and digitalisation.

Modi arrived in the Sri Lankan capital from Thailand, where he attended a summit of the BIM-STEAC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation).

"A very productive State Visit to Sri Lanka concludes. PM @narendramodi emplanes for India," the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

During the prime minister's visit, the two nations inked a defence pact to institutionalise military cooperation, signalling an upward trajectory in defence relations, leaving behind the bitter chapter of India pulling out the Indian Peace Keeping Forces (IPKF) from the island nation around 35 years ago.

The prime minister asserted that the security of both nations is interlinked and dependent on each other, reaffirming that



New Delhi will always stand with the island nation's people.

Dissanayake said Sri Lanka will not allow its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security interests of India as well as the region.

The two sides firmed up a total of seven pacts, including one on developing Trincomalee as an "energy hub" under a trilateral framework, which also involved the United Arab Emirates and another agreement on power grid connectivity.

Other notable pacts included cooperation in sharing digital solutions and India's multi-sectoral grant assistance for

the Eastern province.

India also firmed up a debt restructuring agreement as part of its economic assistance for Colombo with Modi saying it will facilitate immediate assistance and relief to the people of Sri Lanka.

Modi and Dissanayake also virtually inaugurated the Sampur solar power plant and several other India-assisted projects.

During the wide-ranging talks with Dissanayake, Prime Minister Modi conveyed New Delhi's expectation from Colombo to fulfil the aspirations of the Tamil community in the island nation

and conduct provincial council elections.

On Saturday, Sri Lanka conferred its highest civilian award, the Mithra Vibhushana, on Prime Minister Modi in recognition of his role in strengthening the ties between the two countries.

Separately, the prime minister met a group of Tamil leaders from Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka.

In a social media post, Modi said that he reiterated India's "unwavering commitment" to a "life of equality, dignity and justice" for the Tamil community within a united Sri Lanka.

He also met Leader of the Opposition Sajith Premadasa and in a post on X, expressed his appreciation for the opposition leader's personal efforts in fostering India-Sri Lanka ties.

Modi visited the IPKF Memorial in the Sri Lankan capital city and laid a wreath.

He also visited the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi temple in the historic city of Anuradhapura and paid respects at the Buddhist shrine.

In Anuradhapura, Modi jointly inaugurated with President Dissanayake the track upgrade of the existing Maho-Omanthai railway line.

## Yemen's Houthi rebels say US airstrikes kill 2 as Trump's bombing video suggests higher death toll



DUBAI, Apr 6 (Agencies): Suspected U.S. airstrikes killed at least two people overnight in a stronghold of Yemen's Houthi rebels, the group said Sunday, as a bombing video posted by U.S. President Donald Trump suggested casualties in the campaign may be higher than the rebels acknowledge.

The strikes in Saada killed two people and wounded four others, with footage aired by the Houthis' al-Masirah satellite news channel showing a strike collapsing what appeared to be a two-story building. The Iranian-backed Houthis aired no footage from inside the building, which they described as a solar power shop.

The intense campaign of airstrikes in Yemen under Trump targeting the rebels over their attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, according to casualty figures released by the Houthis.

However, the Houthis have not acknowledged any casualties from their security and military leadership — something challenged after an online video posted by Trump.

Early Saturday, Trump posted what appeared to be black-and-white video from a drone of a group of several dozen people gathered in a circle. An explosion detonates during the 25-second video, with a massive crater left in its wake.

"These Houthis gathered for instructions on an attack," Trump claimed, without offering a location for the attack or any other details about the strike. "Oops, there will be no attack by these Houthis! They will never sink our ships again!"

The U.S. military's Central Command, which oversees America's Mideast military operations, has not published the video, nor offered any specific details about the strikes it has conducted since March 15. The White House has said there have been over 200 strikes so far targeting the Houthis.

The rebel-controlled SABA news agency in Yemen, citing an anonymous source, described the bombing as targeting "a social Eid visit in Hodeida governorate." Muslims across the world just celebrated Eid al-Fitr, the festival at the end of the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. SABA had published images of other commanders meeting fighters during the holiday, though not any high-level Houthi officials.

"Those present at that gathering had no connection to the operations carried out by the (Houthis), which are implementing the decision to ban navigation on ships linked to the American and Israeli enemy," the SABA report said, adding that the attack killed and wounded "dozens."

However, the Houthis previously have not acknowledged any strike on Hodeida during that time with such a high casualty count. The SABA report also did not describe those killed as civilians, suggesting those killed had ties to the rebels' security or military forces.

Mohammed al-Basha, a Yemen expert of the Basha Report risk advisory firm, cited social media condolence notices suggesting a colonel overseeing police stations for the Houthis in Hodeida

had been killed in the strike Trump highlighted alongside his two brothers.

"The strikes have expanded significantly, hitting multiple governorates simultaneously, alongside telecommunications infrastructure, command nodes, properties tied to senior Houthi leadership and previously untouched tunnel networks in mountainous areas," al-Basha told The Associated Press.

"We've also seen direct targeting of Houthi force gatherings, indicating a more aggressive and evolving shift in the targeting strategy," al-Basha said.

An agency review has found the new American operation against the Houthis under Trump appears more extensive than those under former U.S. President Joe Biden, as Washington moves from solely targeting launch sites to firing at ranking personnel and dropping bombs on cities.

The new campaign of airstrikes started after the rebels threatened to begin targeting "Israeli" ships again over Israel blocking aid entering the Gaza Strip. The rebels have loosely defined what constitutes an Israeli ship, meaning many vessels could be targeted.

The Houthis targeted more than 100 merchant vessels with missiles and drones, sinking two of them and killing four sailors from November 2023 until January of this year. They also launched attacks targeting American warships without success.

The attacks greatly raised the profile of the Houthis, who faced economic problems and launched a crackdown targeting dissent and aid workers in Yemen amid a decadelong stalemate war that has torn apart the Arab world's poorest nation.

The campaign shows no signs of stopping as the Trump administration repeatedly has linked its airstrikes on the Houthis to an effort to pressure Iran over its rapidly advancing nuclear program.

## Tibetans in-exile strongly condemn China's white paper on human rights

LHASA, Apr 6 (Agencies): The Tibetans in-exile strongly condemned China's recent white paper on human rights. A new report published by the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) argues that Chinese authorities committed egregious human rights abuses that amount to crimes against humanity in Driru county, one of the most tightly controlled areas in Tibet.

The report titled 'If Gyalmo Ngulchu Could Feel: Crimes against Humanity in Driru' details widespread and systematic human rights violations committed by Chinese authorities between 2012 and 2022.

Executive Director of TCHRD, Tenzin Dawa told agency, "The report presents extensive evidence of crimes against humanity, including persecution, arbitrary detention, torture and extrajudicial killings as part of a state-led policy to suppress resistance

and identity."

The report highlights the violent crackdown that began on 28 September 2013, when local Tibetans in Driru dumped a five-starred Chinese flag into the Gyalmo Ngulchu (Nujiang/ Salween) river in protest against a coercive flag-flying campaign. The findings in this report make it clear that the situation in Driru is a human rights crisis that demands immediate international attention.

Tenzin Lekshay, spokesperson of Tibetan government-in-exile told agency, "China came up with the white paper on human rights this time and the so-called white paper is not a white paper actually because what they have been talking about, it's all about developments for the sake of China's stability. So if they are really concerned about the Tibetan people and their rights, they should have talked about the universal human rights

as freedom of expression, freedom of movement, freedom of belief, which is not allowed to be seen in this so-called white paper."

"China is talking about developments and this development induced human rights which they have been talking about has so many things which were not been covered. We still say that there are so many political restrictions, civil rights are not being there, and we can say that the situation inside Tibet is more than critical right now under Xi Jinping's rule. So the white paper does not really talk about the rights for the Tibetan people, rather they talk more about their own stability," he added.

Tenzin Tsundue, a Tibetan activist in exile, has strongly criticized China's recent white paper on Tibet, calling it an attempt to legitimize China's 75-year occupation of the region.

He further argues that the document distorts

the truth, claiming Tibetans benefit from Chinese development and human rights protection.

Tsundue said, "I went through the entire documents, there are eight chapters and all the eight chapters constantly try to do only one thing, tried to buy legitimacy of the 75 years of invasion and occupation of Tibet... They are talking about the developments in Tibet, and they keep on saying that Tibetans love those developments in Tibet. They are trying to say that they are protecting the human rights in Tibet. So the question is from whom? It's been a dictatorial regime for 75 years, if the Chinese government has to protect the human rights in Tibet, from whom? from Xi Jinping? Then they say that they are protecting the environment of Tibet, so again, from whom? From the Chinese miners? From the Chinese government who is mining and cutting the trees and dam-

ming in Tibet."

"The white paper recently launched is saying that the United States government and his Holiness the Dalai Lama are making human right cases against China. But that's exactly what China has been doing. In 75 years of Chinese occupation of Tibet, more than 1 million Tibetans were killed by China, over 6000 monasteries were destroyed, the environment was plundered, and Tibetan monks and nuns were thrown out from their traditional monastic institutions. Tibetan nomads and farmers have been thrown out of their ancestral lands. These lands are being used by China for mining. Glaciers are melting in the Tibet in Himalayas so it's all because China is exploiting the natural resources in Tibet and with this white paper that China launched recently, China is only trying to protect its own skin," he added.

## UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy calls Israeli detention of two MPs "unacceptable, counterproductive"

LONDON, Apr 6 (Agencies): United Kingdom Foreign Secretary David Lammy expressed concerns over the detention and refusal of entry of two British MPs on a parliamentary delegation to Israel, calling it "unacceptable" and "counterproductive."

Lammy further emphasised the UK government's commitment to supporting the MPs and reiterated its focus on achieving a ceasefire and engaging in negotiations to "stop the bloodshed, free the hostages and end the conflict in Gaza."

"It is unacceptable, counterproductive, and deeply concerning that two British MPs on a parliamentary delegation to Israel have been detained and refused entry by the Israeli authorities. I have made clear to my counterparts in the Israeli government that this is no way to treat British Parliamentarians,



and we have been in contact with both MPs tonight to offer our support," the UK government quoted Lammy in a statement.

"The UK government's focus remains securing a return to the ceasefire and negotiations to stop the bloodshed, free the hostages and end the conflict in Gaza," the statement added.

Notably, two British parliament members who support anti-Israel policies were denied entry to Israel today, Times of Israel reported,

citing the country's Population and Immigration Authority.

The Labour Party MPs, Abtissam Mohamed and Yuan Yang, were barred entry after questioning revealed that the purpose of their visit was "to document Israeli security forces and spread hateful rhetoric against Israel," the population authority in a statement said.

During their interrogation, the two MPs claimed that they had arrived as part of an official UK parliamentary delegation.

However, this claim was disproven as no Israeli authority had confirmed the arrival of such a delegation.

Interior Minister Moshe Arbel, therefore, decided to deny entry to all four individuals "in accordance with the law and ordered their removal from Israel," the population authority said, Times of Israel reported.

## Yas bin Hamdan bin Zayed inaugurates Challenge Sir Bani Yas 2025



ABU DHABI, Apr 6 (Agencies): On behalf of Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in the Al Dhafra Region, Sheikh Yas bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, officially inaugurated the Challenge Sir Bani Yas Triathlon, marking the first-ever full-distance triathlon to take place in the Middle East and North Africa.

Sheikh Yas bin Hamdan was accompanied by Nasser Mohammed Al Mansouri, Undersecretary of the Ruler's Representative Court in Al Dhafra Region, Mohamad Ali Al Mansouri, Director General of Al Dhafra Region Municipality, Brigadier Hamdan Saif Al Mansouri, Director of the Al Dhafra Region Police Directorate, and Humaid Matar Al Dhaferi, Managing Director and Group CEO of ADNEC Group.

During the visit, Sheikh Yas bin Hamdan toured the vibrant Race Village - the central hub of the event -

which features entertainment and witnessed the start of the men's middle-distance race featured multiple ranked triathletes from across the world.

Challenge Sir Bani Yas reinforces Abu Dhabi's and Al Dhafra's rising profile as premier sports tourism destinations, while also fostering greater community engagement. In line with the UAE's 'Year of Community' initiative, the event brings together more than 3,100 elite and amateur athletes from 47 countries, competing across long, middle, and Olympic-distance triathlons, alongside a variety of community-focused races held over two action-packed days.

The full-distance triathlon features a 3.8 km swim, 180 km cycle, and a 42.2 km run. The middle-distance race includes a 1.9 km swim, 96 km cycle, and 21.1 km run, while the Olympic-distance event consists of a 1.5 km swim, 45 km cycle, and 10 km run.

In addition, a wide selection of Community Races is available for participants of all ages and skill levels, ensuring an inclusive and memorable experience for families, first-time triathletes, and recreational athletes alike. These races offer a unique opportunity for everyone to be part of the triathlon excitement within the breathtaking setting of Sir Bani Yas Island.

The Challenge Sir Bani Yas Triathlon not only celebrates athletic excellence but also promotes the values of unity, health, and wellbeing, while showcasing the remarkable natural beauty and cultural heritage of Sir Bani Yas Island, a leading destination in the heart of the Al Dhafra Region.



## Dr Rajeev Bhagat promises irrigation water upto tail end of Bishnah Constituency



### Top News Report

BISHNAH, Apr 6: In a significant move aimed at alleviating the water scarcity issues faced by farmers in the Bishnah constituency, particularly those residing in the border villages, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, ceremoniously opened the irrigation water (canal head) at Pandoria. This initiative promises to bring much-needed relief to the agricultural community, ensuring a more stable and prosperous farming season. The event, attended by local farmers, irrigation department officials, and community leaders, marked the culmination of persistent efforts by Dr. Bhagat to address the long-standing water woes that have hampered agricultural productivity in the region. The opening of the Pandoria canal head is expected to significantly improve irrigation facilities, enabling farmers to cultivate their lands more effectively and efficiently. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Bhagat emphasized his commitment to the welfare of the farmers, particularly those living in the challenging conditions of the border villages. He highlighted

the importance of irrigation in sustaining agriculture, which forms the backbone of the local economy. "Our farmers have been facing immense difficulties due to the lack of adequate irrigation facilities. The opening of this canal head towards ensuring that they have access to the water they need to cultivate their crops and sustain their livelihoods," he stated. He further instructed the irrigation department to ensure that the water reaches the tail end of the Bishnah constituency, leaving no farmer deprived of this essential resource. "It is imperative that the benefits of this initiative reach every farmer in the Bishnah constituency. We must ensure equitable distribution of water, especially to those at the tail end, who often face the most severe water shortages," Dr. Bhagat added. The farmers expressed their gratitude to Dr. Bhagat for his proactive approach and unwavering support. said a local farmer, expressing the collective sentiment of the community. The irrigation department officials assured the MLA and the farmers of their commitment to ensure the efficient dis-

tribution of water. They outlined the measures being taken to maintain the canal and ensure that water reaches all the designated areas. "We are committed to fulfill the instructions of the Hon'ble MLA and ensuring that the irrigation water is effectively distributed to all the farmers in the Bishnah constituency," said a senior irrigation department official. Dr. Bhagat reiterated his commitment to working closely with the farmers and the irrigation department to ensure the sustainable management of water resources. He also pledged to continue advocating for the development of infrastructure and other essential facilities that would benefit the farmers and the community at large. The event concluded with a sense of optimism and renewed hope among the farmers, who look forward to a more productive and prosperous future. The opening of the Pandoria canal head has brought immediate relief in the Bishnah constituency, particularly in the border villages, highlighting the importance of government involvement in improving farmer's lives.

## Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti celebrates Ram Navami

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: On the auspicious eve of Ram Navami, the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti brought divine colors to the streets of Jammu by organizing a series of grand devotional events, including a magnificent tableau, Shri Ram Stuti, and Poojan ceremonies, to honor the birth of Bhagwan Ram Ji. The celebrations saw enthusiastic participation from volunteers and devotees across the city. The centerpiece of the event was a beautifully designed tableau depicting the life and ideals of Lord Ram, featuring a gracefully adorned idol under a symbolic

canopy, embellished with traditional decorations and vibrant materials. The artistic presentation captured the hearts of thousands who lined up along the route to witness the spiritual grandeur. The procession commenced from the heart of the city, passing through key locations and neighborhoods. At every step of the yatra, the tableau was met with resounding cheer, flower showers, and warm welcomes by the public, reflecting the deep reverence and cultural unity inspired by Lord Ram. Simultaneously, a soulful Shri Ram Stuti and poojan ceremony was held, where devotees

immersed themselves in chanting and prayer, filling the atmosphere with devotion and divine vibrations. Speaking on the occasion, the National Coordinator of the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Sharma, praised the tireless efforts of the volunteers who worked with love and commitment to make the tableau and celebrations a memorable success. He reaffirmed the Samiti's dedication to organizing such spiritually enriching events in the future as well, under the blessings and guidance of Guruji and the Almighty. Prominent figures and devotees present during



the celebrations included Ramlata Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Madan Mohan Gupta, Ajay Bhalla, Pankaj Sharma, Rakesh Kihli, Parshotam Sharma, among others. The celebrations served not only as a spiritual tribute to Lord

Ram but also as a vibrant expression of India's rich cultural and religious heritage. With devotion, unity, and community participation at its core, the event truly reflected the eternal message of "Ram Rajya" – righteousness, peace, and harmony.

## Waqf Amendment has shaken trust of Muslims & other minorities: Ravinder Sharma

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: Terming the overall security situation in Jammu region as grim, JKPCCC has asked the visiting Home Minister Amit Shah to explain the utter failure of his ministry to contain the spread of terrorist activities in Jammu region in recent years. Referring to the growing concern of the people over the worsening of the security situation in various parts of Jammu region, JKPCCC Chief Spokesperson Advocate Ravinder Sharma has said that the Home Minister should explain the failure of his ministry to check rising terrorism in Jammu region, when UT is under direct control of his ministry. The terrorism was almost wiped out in Jammu region in the past two decades by the previous governments but it has risen again from January 1st, 2023, when seven minor-

ity hindus were martyred at Dhangri, Rajouri. Since then series of attacks continue if different parts of region including on army and security forces who have rendered several supreme sacrifices. The BJP in opposition used to target Congress government headed by Dr Manmohan Singh for the cross border infiltration and terror incidents as part of BJP politics, so it's BJP turn to answer to the nation why it failed to check terrorism for the last eleven years of its rule, although Congress doesn't play politics on the issue of terrorism and is fully behind the army and security forces to eliminate terrorism. Reiterating the party's demand for early restoration of statehood as per repeated commitments by the centre government especially Home Minister Amit Shah, Sharma said that the dual system of governance under UT is harmful to the interests of common people and causing

political unrest here. Home Minister should give timeline for the restoration of statehood, at the earliest, during his current his visit, as all people want it. Home Minister should also explain his government's approach towards the 2014 package for refugees of 1947, 1965 & 1971 who were promised Rs. 30 lac per family but meagre amount of only 5.5 lac was sanctioned but rest components of package, reservation etc. are still not fulfilled. He should explain his government's failure to fulfill the commitments with them and meet their genuine demands. Congress also questioned the failure of Modi government to ensure the safe and dignified return of Kashmiri migrants in past eleven years and failed to enhance their monthly financial aid and other facilities and jobs, after Dr Manmohan Singh gov't package.

The Home Minister should explain the road map of his government on their return and rehabilitation besides other special measure being taken by his government. Sharma strongly lashed out the divisive policies of Modi government and said that Muslims, and other minorities are feeling isolated by the communal actions of BJP, which is dangerous for our unity in diversity of our nation. Terming passage of Waqf bill an assault on the basic spirit of secularism and concept of equality & freedom to profess religion as well as non interference of the state into religious affairs of any citizen, JKPCCC has said that it has shaken the confidence of minority Muslims in the country, who have developed a feeling that this government wants them to treat like second class citizens in the country.

## Free Artificial Limbs, Medical Camp organized by Shri Atam Vallabh Jain Clinic

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: Shri Atam Vallabh Jain Clinic, Jammu, organized a free Artificial Limbs Camp and Medical OPD Camp on Sunday at Fattu Chogan, Kali Janni, here. This initiative marked the 449th monthly limb camp conducted by the organization. During the camp, 35 new artificial limbs (Jaipur Foot), 18 calipers, 2 tricycles, and 4 hearing aids were distributed to the underprivileged individuals. In the medical OPD section, 224 patients were examined, and free laboratory

tests were conducted. Essential medicines were also provided to patients at no cost. Beneficiary expressed their appreciation for the commendable efforts of the clinic. They acknowledged the dedicated work being done for the welfare of the poor and underprivileged sections of society. Pritul Jain, General Secretary of the Society, briefed on the institution's history and its continued commitment to social service. Pradeep Jain, Chairman of the Society, extended heartfelt thanks. Several dignitaries



were present at the camp, including Kimti Jain, Davinder Jain, Praveen Seth, Deepak Jain, Vikas Jain, Rishek Jain, and Shailesh Jain.

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JAMMU, Apr 6: Marking the auspicious

occasion of Ashtami and Ram Navami, the NSS Units of Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, undertook a significant environmental initiative titled the "Save Tawi Campaign". Held over two days at the sacred Bikram Chowk Ghat along the Tawi River, the campaign saw the active participation of around 50 NSS volunteers, who engaged in cleanliness drives and awareness activities focused on conserving the river and its surrounding ecosystem. The campaign was aimed to highlight the hazards of pollution, especially plastic waste, and its adverse impact on rivers, biodiversity, and public health. Volunteers worked tirelessly to clean the riverbank and engaged with the public, spreading key

## NSS volunteers of GGM Science College lead "Save Tawi Campaign" on Ashtami, Ram Navami

messages on, Hazards of Plastic Usage, Water Pollution and Its Link to Public Health, Loss of Biodiversity Due to Pollution besides, importance of Preserving the Aesthetic and Cultural Value of Natural Resources. The volunteers were engaged and guided by, NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, who demonstrated commitment and leadership, making the campaign both effective and inspiring. Their proactive involvement encouraged the students and exemplified the values of social responsibility and environmental stewardship. Adding strength to the cause, Prof. Amit Pal Kour, NSS Coordinator of Cluster University of



Jammu, visited the site to engage with the volunteers. She appreciated their enthusiasm and underscored the essential role of youth participation in ecological conservation. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, too applauded the initiative, and added that this campaign is a timely and commendable effort that showcases our duty toward environmental protection. It reflects the spirit of community service and sets a

benchmark for others to emulate. Dr. Gupta further added that, the "Save Tawi Campaign" not only instilled environmental awareness among students but also inspired the local community to join the movement for sustainable living. Through such impactful initiatives, GGM Science College continues to champion the values of community engagement, environmental care, and nation-building.

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### One held with counterfeit currency, Arms: Punjab Police

investigation revealed that the consignment was sent by operatives of Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI to create unrest in the region, Yadav said. A case has been registered at Gharinda police station in Amritsar and further investigations are underway to establish forward and backward linkages, he said.

### Two suspects apprehended in Kupwara, incriminating material recovered: Police

were recovered along with two mobile phones: Redmi Note 7 Pro and Redmi 9 Pro and a Samsung Galaxy-14, he said. In view of the recovery of incriminating material and initial findings, a case FIR No. 19/2025 under relevant sections of UAPA Act and BNS has been registered at Police Station Kralpora. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the motives and affiliations of the accused, he said. Kupwara Police remains committed to maintaining peace and thwarting any attempts aimed at disturbing the law and order in the region, reads the statement.

### Govt sincere toward reservation issue, some

### people politicising it: Sakina Itoo

sincerity after 6 months when the panel will file its report. "The government is committed and sincere toward the reservation issue. Some people are politicising it and using it to gain political mileage," she said. Itoo also said that the affidavit was filed in a wrong way, and is an excuse for them (opposition), but the government is ready to reply on the affidavit whenever required.

### Cyber Police Kashmir cracks down on rising trend of cyber frauds

### through mule bank accounts in the valley

funneled across a chain of accounts. Cyber Police Kashmir has also discovered that several local kingpins are managing the operations of these accounts, acting as recruiters and handlers. These individuals onboard people—often from economically weaker sections—by offering commissions for account access. In response to a request by Cyber Police Kashmir, the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), MHA, New Delhi has shared a list of 7,200 mule bank accounts operating from the Kashmir Valley alone—created since January 2025. This figure is expected to be

much higher as the investigation progresses. To date, Cyber Police Kashmir has registered 04 FIRs, and more are underway. Preventive security action has been initiated against 21 individuals, 19 of whom belong to Srinagar district. The hotspots for mule account activity include areas like Mehjoor Nagar, Natipora, Nowgam, Lasjan, Padshahibagh, Nowhatta, Khanayar, Rainawari, Soura, Batmaloo, Noorbagh, Qamarwari, Parimpora, Mujgund, Bemina, among others. Similar activities have been reported in other districts including Ganderbal, Kangan, Sumbal, Bandipora, Baramulla, Pulwama, Anantnag, Kulgam, and Shopian. Cyber Police Station Kashmir Zone, Srinagar, has strongly advised citizens not to sell or rent their bank accounts, company registration certificates, or Udyam Aadhaar registration documents

to any individual or entity. Any such involvement in laundering illicit funds could result in serious legal consequences, including arrest under provisions related to organized crime and cyber fraud. Banks are being encouraged to strengthen checks to detect misuse of accounts for illegal payment gateways. Citizens are urged to report any suspicious cyber activity immediately via helpline 1930 or online at www.cybercrime.gov.in. Cyber Police Kashmir remains fully committed to dismantling these networks and securing the financial ecosystem of the Valley. **Wanted gangster arrested in Udhampur** of relief to the local residents," the spokesperson said.

## Global Sourcing Fair Vietnam 2025: A Promising Sourcing Hub for Businesses Targeting the Asian Market

HO CHI MINH CITY, Apr 6 (Agencies): In today's unpredictable global trade landscape, international businesses are actively seeking stable, flexible, and cost-effective sourcing destinations. Amid shifting trade policies, increasing tariffs, and geopolitical tensions, Vietnam emerges as an ideal sourcing hub with its open business environment, strategic location, and investor-friendly policies.

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Moreover, Vietnam offers competitive production costs, a skilled workforce, and, most importantly, products that meet international standards. Suppli-



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ers, explore the latest innovations, and build lasting partnerships with suppliers offering competitive pricing and flexible production capabilities.

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One of the highlights of this year's edition is the Electronics & Home Appliances Zone, which will showcase a wide variety of cutting-edge and trendy products. This dedicated space aims to attract buyers looking for the latest consumer electronics, home gadgets, and

smart solutions, providing opportunities to explore innovative products.

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\* Global Sourcing: The Path to Net Zero."

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## India 10th with \$1.4 bn pvt investment in AI: UN

UNITED NATIONS, Apr 6 (Agencies): India and China are the only developing countries in the world with significant private investments in AI in 2023, according to a UN report. India ranks tenth.

The 2025 Technology and Innovation Report, issued by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), also states that India ranked 36th in 2024 on the 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index, improving its position from 48th in 2022.

India ranks 36th out of 170 nations on a global index measuring a country's readiness for frontier technologies, improving its ranking from last year, according to the report.

The index combines indicators for ICT deployment, skills, research and development (R&D) activity, industrial capacity, and access to finance.

India ranks 99th for ICT, 113th for skills, 3rd for R&D, 10th for industrial capacity, and 70th for finance.

Bhutan, India, Morocco, the Republic of Moldova and Timor-Leste improved their positions in human capital due to more years of schooling and a greater share of high-skill employment in their working populations, the report said.

The report also notes that China, Germany, India, the United Kingdom, and the United States show scientific strength in the field of Artificial Intelligence

(AI). The US leads the world in terms of private investment in AI, at USD 67 billion in 2023, or 70 per cent of global AI private investment.

The only developing countries with significant investments were China in second position, with USD 7.8 billion, and India in tenth position, with USD 1.4 billion, according to the report.

The report noted that AI is expected to reach USD 4.8 trillion in market value by 2033, becoming a prominent force in digital transformation.

However, access to AI infrastructure and expertise remains concentrated in a few economies. Only 100 firms, mainly in the US and China, account for 40 per cent of global corporate R&D spending. AI could impact 40 per cent of jobs worldwide, offering productivity gains but also raising concerns about automation and job displacement.

The benefits of AI-driven automation often favour capital over labour, which could widen inequality and reduce the competitive advantage of low-cost labour in developing economies. However, AI is not just about replacing jobs — it can also create new industries and empower workers.

Investing in reskilling, upskilling, and workforce adaptation is essential to ensure AI enhances employment opportunities rather than eliminating them, the

report said. The report further noted that Brazil, China, India, and the Philippines are developing countries outperforming in technology readiness.

"It might be expected that countries with higher per capita GDP are better prepared for frontier technologies. Overall, this is true but... some countries perform far better than their levels of income may suggest, as indicated by their distance from the regression line of the index score on GDP per capita," it said.

Developing countries need to prepare themselves for a world that is rapidly being reshaped by AI and other frontier technologies. A useful measure in assessing national preparedness to use, adopt, and adapt frontier technologies is the UNCTAD Frontier Technologies Readiness Index.

"Developed countries lead the ranking, but some developing countries, notably Singapore, China, and India, hold prominent positions." The report stated that with regard to the top 10 economies in terms of cloud infrastructure services from major providers, China and the United States have more services than the rest of the world combined; India and Brazil are two developing countries on the list, along with Singapore.

The United States has the most GitHub developers, followed by India and China.

## Study identifies brain areas that influence political intensity

ILLINOIS, Apr 6 (Agencies): A person's level of political engagement can be influenced by a variety of factors, including education and environment. A new study led by Northwestern University and Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, has for the first time revealed which brain networks control political passion.

The study analyzed Vietnam War veterans with and without brain injuries. By comparing people who had very localized brain lesions with those who didn't, the study team was able to identify the brain structures that can modify the intensity of political feelings.

Damage to the prefrontal cortex, a region responsible for cognitive control and reasoning, led to an increase in the intensity of political feelings. Conversely, damage to the amygdala, a brain structure involved in emotional processing, decreased political intensity in participants. These findings held true even after accounting for factors like age, education, party affiliation, personality traits and other neuropsychiatric symptoms.

"While most people have not sustained brain injuries akin to those experienced by the veterans in the study, our findings tell us what neural circuits are at play for the population at large," said senior author Jordan Grafman, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Northwestern University Fein-

berg School of Medicine and director of brain injury research at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

"We didn't find brain networks tied to liberal or conservative ideology, but we identified circuits that influence the intensity of political engagement across the political spectrum," Grafman added. "This suggests that factors like emotion shape how pre-existing political beliefs are expressed, rather than determining ideology itself."

Recognizing these brain mechanisms can help guide people in productive political engagement. For instance, one strategy would be to engage with others while reducing emotional attachment, or to take the position of an adversary in a discussion. Another approach would be to collaborate on a project both sides support.

The findings also have clinical implications. Currently, neuropsychiatric assessments rarely include questions about shifts in political behavior, but Grafman suggests they should. "Like other aspects of social behavior, assessments should consider asking whether a patient has experienced changes in their political attitudes since their brain injury," he said.

Grafman and his team studied Vietnam veterans with and without brain injuries as part of the Vietnam Head Injury Study, a long-term project on the neurobehavioral effects of combat-related brain injuries.

Grafman has led this study since his time in the U.S. Air Force decades ago.

Between 2008 and 2012, neuroscientists conducted extensive behavioral questioning on these veterans, assessing various aspects of their political beliefs and intensity of feelings -- roughly 40 to 45 years after their injuries. Participants reported both their current political behavior and their recollections of pre-injury political behavior.

The study included 124 male U.S. military veterans with penetrating head trauma and 35 combat-exposed control participants who had not sustained brain injuries.

Prior to the questioning, scientists had already mapped the veterans' brain lesions using lesion network mapping, a neuroimaging technique that identifies the broader brain circuitry connected to a given lesion. They then analyzed whether specific brain networks were linked to political beliefs based on the behavioral data.

Grafman, who has also studied links between the biological and cognitive underpinnings of religious fundamentalism, says understanding the brain's role in shaping beliefs "allows us to better assess meaningful aspects of life for patients and healthy individuals." Additionally, he says, "we expect this research will point to ways we can assist patients in recovering from brain injuries."

## India's Direct Selling Industry Hits Rs22,000 Cr Milestone, Driven by 88 Lakh Entrepreneurs--Women Leading Growth, Wellness Products Dominate

NEW DELHI, Apr 6 (Agencies): India's direct selling industry continues its upward trajectory, achieving an all-time high turnover of Rs. 22,142 crores in FY 2023-24. This marks a 4.4% year-on-year (YOY) growth from Rs. 21,282 crores in the previous fiscal year, according to their current political behavior and their recollections of pre-injury political behavior.

The survey, conducted by IPSOS, the knowledge partner of the IDSA, highlights the sector's sustained expansion with a CAGR of 7.15% over the past five years, growing from Rs16,800 crore in FY 2019-20 to Rs22,142



crore in FY 2023-24.

The country's northern region leads with 29.8% of gross sales, followed by the East (24.2%),

West (22.4%), South (15.3%), and Northeast (8.3%). Among states, Maharashtra holds the highest share at 13%,

followed by West Bengal (11.3%), Uttar Pradesh (10%), Bihar (6.2%), and Karnataka (5.7%). Wellness & Nutraceuticals reign supreme, accounting for a staggering 64.15% of total sales, while Cosmetics & Personal Care contribute 23.75% and Household Goods 3.1%. Together, these three segments drive a remarkable 91% of all direct sales, according to the survey.

The report also highlights a significant increase in the number of active direct sellers, rising to 88 lakh from 86 lakh in the previous year. Notably, women now constitute 44% of the total direct seller

workforce, up from 37% in FY 2022-23, showcasing the growing role of women entrepreneurs in the industry.

Vivek Katoch, Chairperson, IDSA, said, "The report showcases an encouraging trend for the direct selling industry in the country. The growth trajectory of the industry has been on a surge over the years. A CAGR of 7.15% is a testament to the fact that direct selling businesses in the country have made steady growth and are poised to strengthen further in the years to come on the back of a promising regulatory framework by the government for the industry."

## 8-kg cyst removed from 15-year-old girl's ovary after complex surgery

*The cyst has been sent for a histopathology test to find out whether it was cancerous*

INDORE, Apr 6 (Agencies): Doctors at a government hospital here have given a new lease of life to a 15-year-old girl by removing a 'cyst' weighing about eight kg from her ovary after a complex surgery.

Gynecologist Dr Sumitra Yadav of the Government Maharaja Tukojirao Hospital told agency that the girl was complaining of difficulty in breathing, stomach-ache and other problems.

During an examination, a cyst was found in her ovary.

A cyst is a closed, sac-like structure that can form any-



where in the body. It is filled with fluid, semi-solid material,

or even air.

"We were shocked to see the

size of the cyst during the surgery. When it was taken out, it weighed about eight kg," Dr Yadav said.

Before the surgery that lasted three hours, the girl's weight was 39 kg including the weight of the cyst, she said.

"The girl's condition is absolutely fine now.

If the cyst had not been removed, her life could have been in danger," Dr Yadav said, adding that a sample of the cyst has been sent for a histopathology test to find out whether it was cancerous.

# Royals give Kings reality check

Jaiswal and Archer shine as Rajasthan conquer Punjab in dominating IPL win

MOHALI, Apr 6 (Agencies): The return of Sanju Samson as the team's skipper worked wonders for Rajasthan Royals as they hammered Punjab Kings by 50 runs in the Indian Premier League at Mullanpur.

After scoring 205/4, the visitors kept Punjab to 155/9. Nothing worked for the Kings during their chase but the partnership between Nehal Wadhwa (62 off 41 balls) and Glenn Maxwell (30 off 21 balls) as the duo braved the Royals' attack to keep Punjab in the fight.

The Royals performed well with both bat and ball to give the Kings a reality check. The Kings have now won only two of their last 15 home games.

Despite it being the highest total at this ground, it was not going to be easy to defend the target for the Royals, given the conditions and the depth in the Kings' batting. However, English pacer Jofra Archer got to work right away. A stunning 144.6kph thunderbolt sent back Kings' Impact Player Priyansh Arya on the first ball of Punjab's chase. The opener, who had posted an impressive 47 off 23 against Gujarat Titans, failed to read the delivery that scattered his bails.

Kings skipper Shreyas Iyer joined the crease and hit Archer for two fours but the pacer had the last laugh. Iyer gave himself room to play a big shot but



missed Archer's full delivery that ramed into the stumps. Struggling at 11/2, there was more bad news for the home side as Marcus Stoinis (1) was caught by Sandeep Sharma off his own bowling. Local boy Prabhsimran Singh — who had scored 69 off 34 in their last outing against Lucknow Super Giants — was playing well until his mis-hit off Impact Player Kumar Kartikeya landed in the safe hands of Wanindu Hasaranga.

At 43/4, the Kings' innings was revived by Wadhwa and Maxwell with an 88-run stand off 52 balls. However, with the required run-rate climbing, Maxwell perished in an effort to clear the rope with Yashasvi Jaiswal taking an easy catch off the bowling of Maheesh Theek-

shana. Off the very next ball, Wadhwa also exited after Dhruv Jurel took a stunning catch off Hasaranga. The Kings' innings had nothing left in the tank after the fall of these two wickets as they accepted their first defeat of the season.

Earlier, Jaiswal (67 off 45 balls) scored his first half-century of this IPL to give RR the perfect start. Jaiswal and Samson (38 off 26 balls) were right on the mark with an 89-run stand in 10 overs. Lockie Ferguson dismissed the skipper, whose poorly-timed shot went right in the hands of Iyer at mid-off. Samson threw his bat in frustration.

While the Kings were celebrating the skipper's wicket, Jaiswal continued. The 23-year-old, who had endured a lean patch in

the opening three games with scores of 1, 29 and 4, roared back to form with a fluent half-century. However, he fell going after Ferguson, missing a well-disguised slower delivery that rattled his stumps.

Nitish Rana (12) got out cheaply but Shimron Hetmyer (20 off 12 balls) and Riyan Parag (43 off 25 balls) provided the late fireworks to lift the Royals past the 200-mark. The Royals plundered 55 runs in the final three overs to finish strongly.

"I thought that we would be conceding around 180-185 — that would have been a great total to chase," Iyer said.

"We gave away a few extra runs, were not able to execute according to our plans. Glad that the defeat happened at the start of the season. It was a decent pitch to bat on, it was holding a bit. We were trying to hit the deck and not give them much pace. We could have built a few partnerships and taken it a little slow, rather than over-attacking. Many things to learn from this game."

Brief scores: Rajasthan Royals: 205/4 in 20 overs (Jaiswal 67, Parag 43\*, Samson 38; Ferguson 2/37); Punjab Kings: 155/9 in 20 overs (Wadhwa 62, Maxwell 40; Archer 3/25, Sharma 2/21, Theekshana 2/26).

# IPL 2025: Mumbai Indians tease Jasprit Bumrah return ahead of high-profile RCB clash



MUMBAI, Apr 6 (Agencies): Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has joined the Mumbai Indians squad ahead of the team's clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. The franchise revealed the development to its fans on Sunday, April 6, a day ahead of the high-profile clash. Sources have told

Sports Today that Bumrah joined the side on Saturday and has already gone through match simulation on his return. The pacer might feature against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Mumbai in case everything goes well on Sunday.

The star fast bowler has not featured in any game since the final

Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where he was forced to leave the match midway due to a back injury. He missed the white ball series against England after that as well as the Champions Trophy 2025.

Bumrah's return will bring a huge reprieve to Mumbai, who have been found wanting in the Indian Premier League so far. In the absence of their star pacer, Mumbai have lost three of their first four games. Their only win came at home against Kolkata Knight Riders where Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar and rookie Ashwani Kumar combined to put up a fabulous performance.

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# MS Dhoni should have retired after IPL 2023, he is losing respect: Manoj Tiwary

NEW DELHI, Apr 6 (Agencies): Manoj Tiwary has claimed that MS Dhoni should have retired after the IPL 2023 title win with CSK and is now slowly losing respect of fans. Dhoni, who continues to be a vital player of the CSK lineup, has failed to make an impact this season, with Chennai struggling in the league.

In the 4 matches so far, Dhoni has 76 runs but fans and pundits have questioned his batting position. The CSK legend scored 30 off 26 balls as Chennai lost their 3rd game on the trot to DC on Saturday, April 5. Speaking to Cricbuzz, Tiwary felt that the 2023 final was the ideal time for Dhoni to retire. The former India cricketer said that the fans have started to turn on the CSK legend, and it's a sign that the magic isn't working anymore.

"I think the right time for him to retire was in 2023, when he won the IPL trophy. He should have retired then. Somewhere, I feel that all the fame, name, and respect he earned from cricket — it's kind of slipping away in the last two years with the way he's been playing."

"Fans are unable to bear watching him like this, and he's losing that spark. The trust he built in fans over the years — especially in the hearts of Chennai fans — after the last match, the way fans came out on the roads and gave interviews against him, it should have been a sign that it's not working anymore," said Tiwary.

Tiwary questioned the comments from Stephen Fleming, saying that Dhoni is unable to bat more than 10 overs. The former cricketer feels that the decisions aren't being taken in the best interest



of the team. Tiwary said that someone needs to step in and tell the management to end the experiment.

"They're still trying, and even Stephen Fleming said he can't run for more than 10 overs. But what I don't understand is, if you can field for 20 overs, keep wickets — where you have to get up, squat, dive sideways — if you can pull off run-outs, then your knees don't hurt. But when the team needs you to win, when you're sent out and expectations are high, then you talk about only playing for 10 overs? Everything is being based around that."

"The decisions being taken aren't in the interest of the team, in my opinion. I feel that a strong call needs to be made, a strong call should be made, and someone needs to explain — if it's not happening anymore, then it's okay, just let it go," said Tiwary.

CSK next travel to Mullanpur to face PBKS on April 8.

# ISL semi-finals: A look at incredible second-leg comebacks of all time

NEW DELHI, Apr 6 (Agencies): 'La Remontada,' a Spanish phrase meaning 'the comeback,' is often popular among football fans. To replicate such a job in the field is one of the toughest tasks to accomplish, but perseverance, resilience, and grit combine to make things happen, as per the official website of ISL.

A last-gasp winner can either escalate the heartbeats, bring out bursts of joy, and let the triumphant side go wild, or dash hopes, bring tears, and put an end to thousands of hours of hard work.

Playoff games that highlight neck-to-neck fights and captivating duels heat up individual battles for their knockout nature. The Indian Super League (ISL) has experienced a number of breathtaking moments in semi-final fixtures over the decade, where the losing team in the opening leg made it through to the final with a superb second-leg display.

FC Goa secured a clinical victory on their home soil in the return leg of the semi-final against Delhi Dynamos



in 2015 to make it into the final for the first time in league history.

Robin Singh's first-half goal powered Delhi Dynamos past FC Goa in the first leg, providing a crucial advantage ahead of the second leg. Despite the Gaurs suffering a narrow 0-1 defeat away from home in the first leg, they registered a 3-0 victory in the return leg with a dominating outing.

FC Goa leveraged their home strength, staging a commendable performance against the ten-man Delhi Dynamos. Jofre Mateu, Rafael Coelho, and Dudu Omagbemi were on target as the Gaurs marched on to the final with a 3-1 win on aggregate in the semi-final.

Bengaluru FC faced a stern test against North-

East United FC in the semi-finals of their first ISL Cup-winning season in 2018-19, where a spirited second-leg performance helped them reach the final.

The Blues succumbed to a 2-1 defeat against the Highlanders in the first leg in Guwahati. Banking on home support, Carles Cuadrat's men came back from a one-goal deficit as they put three past Pawan Kumar in the decisive second leg.

Despite the first half ending goalless, Miku opened the scoring for the hosts in the 72nd minute after missing a couple of chances. A quick counter-attacking move in the 87th minute saw the Blues taking the lead, thanks to Dimas Delgado's unmarked run and precise goal. Sunil

Chhetri further scored another in injury time, sealing a dominant win at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium.

ATK FC recorded a comeback for the ages in a do-or-die situation against the defending ISL Cup winners in the crucial semi-final second leg in 2019-20.

Antonio Habas' men were edged out by a 0-1 scoreline in the first leg in Bengaluru courtesy of a Deshorn Brown goal. Moreover, Ashique Kuruniyan scored an early goal in the second leg to double the lead for Bengaluru FC.

Banking on their home support and Habas' tactical supremacy, ATK FC pulled off a stunning comeback to make it to the final. Roy Krishna scored the opener for the hosts with his fantastic strike from a narrow angle inside the opposition's box in the first half. Krishna's forward partner, David Williams, levelled the scoreline with his spot-kick in the 63rd minute.

The Aussie forward scored the winner with his outrageous bullet header in the 79th minute to send the home side through in chal-

lenging circumstances. Local lad Prabir Das provided two assists in this high-voltage semi-final match and played a pivotal role in ATK FC's ISL Cup-winning season in 2019-20.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant produced another remarkable comeback in their maiden League Shield-winning campaign in 2023-24.

The Mariners went down fighting in the first leg of the semi-final as Odisha FC gained a slender advantage with a 2-1 victory. However, MBSG, who demonstrated their fighting spirit and champion mentality throughout the season, proved their mettle once again with a dominant performance on their home turf.

Jason Cummings' simple tap-in broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute, setting the stage for another thrilling comeback. Super-sub Sahal Abdul Samad scored a dramatic winner in the dying minutes of the second half added time to cap an astonishing MBSG fightback against Sergio Lobera's men, paving their way to back-to-back ISL Cup finals.

# Max Verstappen wins his 4th straight Japan Grand Prix. Norris, Piastri finish 2nd and 3rd.

Behind Verstappen, Lando and Piastri, it was only Mercedes who were able to finish together. George Russell and Kimi Antonelli finished 5-6, behind Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

TOKYO, Apr 6 (Agencies): Red Bull's Max Verstappen saw off the pressure from both McLarens to win his fourth straight Japanese Grand Prix. Verstappen put in an incredible drive on Sunday, April 6, to become the first man to win the Japan GP four times in a row.

Lando Norris finished second and saw his

lead over Verstappen in the drivers' championship slashed to one point, while his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri rounded out the podium in third place on his 24th birthday.

Verstappen's new partner at Red Bull - Yuki Tsunoda finished 12th in the race, 5 positions ahead of Liam Lawson, who was axed from the

team's seat ahead of this race.

IT'S MAX VERSTAPPEN IN JAPAN P1. WHAT A DRIVE#F1 #JapaneseGP pic.twitter.com/q6wfwq6f9qT— Formula 1 (@F1) April 6, 2025

In the final moments of the race, Verstappen saw off pressure from both McLarens behind him, who were gaining



on the Dutchman owing to their superior car. However, Max secured the win by finishing 1.423 seconds ahead of Norris, who was expected to finish on top today.

Red Bull's victory was set up by Verstappen's unprecedented pole earlier on Saturday. He beat his close friend Lando Norris by just 0.012 seconds in what was

described as a near-perfect lap in Suzuka. Max went flat out in the final lap of the qualifying session on Saturday, breaking very late ahead of the final chicane in Suzuka. The late breaking saw him post a lap time which helped him start from pole.

Behind Verstappen, Lando and Piastri, it was only Mercedes who were

able to finish together. George Russell and Kimi Antonelli finished 5-6, behind Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

Lewis Hamilton finished 7th in the race, 29 seconds behind winner Verstappen. Rookie Isack Hadjar (Racing Bulls), Williams' Alex Albon and Haas' Ollie Bearman finished 8,9, and 10 respectively.

## Natrang stages Munshi Prem Chand's famous short story 'Kafan'



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: Natrang staged a dramatic presentation of Munshi Prem Chand's famous short story, 'Kafan' here on Sunday at Natrang Studio Theatre in its Sunday Theatre Series. The play

was directed by Neeraj Kant. Though written many years ago by country's most celebrated and visionary writer, the story appears timeless and still has a lot to convey to the present generation and even generations to come and it is a very precise

satire on the degradation of human values. The play revolves around a father and his son who work as laborers in a village. The son's wife is near the end of her pregnancy and is in need of medical attention, which the family certainly cannot

afford. The poor lady cries in pain as 'Ghisu' and his son 'Madhav' watch helplessly. She eventually dies during childbirth, adding to the problems of the father and son. Driven to extreme poverty and despair, they have no money or means to perform the last rites for the unfortunate woman. They cannot ignore the dead body lying in their hut, and set out to ask the villagers for some monetary assistance which they get after some effort but when it comes to the purchase the shroud for her, they change their mind and rather buy liquor out of that charity money, giving consolation to their sinful souls that what would a dead woman do with that piece of cloth, she does not need anything but blessings. The play very emotionally exposes the monster of alcoholism and the story

seems to be so relevant and close to the contemporary times. The play shows that people ruin their life and lives of their dependents in lust of alcohol and those who are captured in its trap may have nothing to eat and feed their family but will go out of ways to muster resources for the acquisition of liquor. Kafan which translates to a shroud in English describes the degradation of human beings to the lowest level possible.

Natrang young actors who performed in the play included Sanket Bhagat, Shivam Singh, Adaksh Bagal, Aryan Sharma and Kartik Kumar. Lights of the play were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant whereas Manvi Devi rendered the music of the play who also presented the show before the audience. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

## Two days Virat Santmat Satsang concludes at Miran Sahib True Guru leads us on path of salvation: Swami Vyasa Nand



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: Two days grand spiritual event, "Virat Santmat Samagam", organized by Engineer Ravindra Kumar Sharma at Miran Sahib Sun City Farm from April 5-6, 2025 concluded.

The event featured esteemed spiritual leader, Satguru Swami Vyasa Nand Ji Maharaj who delivered enlightening discourses and shared profound spiritual insights with the gathered devotees. The event concluded with a grand langar (community kitchen) and Guru Diksha, leaving a lasting impact on the spiritual community.

Swami Vyasanand Ji Maharaj's ability to connect with his audience and convey complex spiritual concepts in an accessible way has earned him a devoted following. His satsangs offer a unique opportunity for spiritual growth, self-reflection, and community building.

Swami Vyasa Nand Ji Maharaj speaking on the significance of having a Guru in life said that True Guru navigates you through the troubled times; leads you to successful conclusions; guides you to lead a purposeful life; helps you to meditate and concentrate; makes you feel the urge to be in the company of God. A person without a Guru is considered as an orphan.

Swami Ji said in the

presence of a Satguru; Knowledge flourishes [Gyanaraksha]; Sorrow diminishes [Dukhakhshaya]; Joy wells up without any reason [Sukhaaavirbhava]; Abundance dawns [Samridhi]; all talents manifest [Sarvasamvardhan]. The Guru is the one who guides his disciple to become 'jivanmukta', the liberated soul able to achieve salvation in his lifetime, added Swami Ji.

Swami Ji stressed that acts of charity, kindness and generosity can have a profound impact on individuals and communities. By engaging in these practices, we can cultivate a sense of compassion and empathy within ourselves and inspire others to do the same. This can lead to a ripple effect of kindness and create a more supportive and caring environment. Swami Ji Maharaj captivated the audience with his engaging talks, sharing ancient wisdom and spiritual knowledge. Swami Ji observed that pursuit of material possessions can indeed lead to an insatiable desire for more, often leaving one feeling unfulfilled. In contrast, cultivating a deeper connection with the divine through worship and spiritual practices can bring a sense of true happiness and satisfaction. This perspective highlights the importance of prioritizing spiritual growth and inner fulfillment over external possessions,

added Swami Ji. Swami Vyasanand Ji Maharaj's Virat Satsang emphasized the importance of satsang (spiritual gatherings) and the role of sants (spiritual leaders) in one's life. He said Satsang provides a platform for spiritual growth, self-reflection, and introspection and fosters a sense of community and belonging among like-minded individuals. Satsang offers guidance and inspiration from spiritual leaders and peers. Swami Ji emphasized importance of showing respect and reverence to sants and spiritual leaders encouraged individuals to approach spiritual growth with humility and an open mind. He guided individuals toward personal transformation and spiritual growth through his teachings. By participating in satsang, individuals can experience a deeper sense of purpose, peace and fulfillment in their lives, added Swami Ji.

Earlier Captain (Retd.) Kundan Lal Sharma read out a welcome address on behalf of the people of Jammu, honoring Swami Ji Maharaj's presence. Organizer Engineer Ravindra Kumar Sharma along with Amar Nath Raina, Dr Padam Dev Raina and Captain (Retd.) Kundan Lal Sharma, presented a tribute to Swami Ji Maharaj on behalf of the people of Jammu.

## Dimple prays for peace, normalcy, restoration of J&K state



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: A majestic and soul-stirring Ram Navami celebration unfolded today at the Durga Temple, Mandir Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, where thousands of devotees, dignitaries, and people from all walks of life gathered to celebrate the birth of Maryada Purushottam Lord Ram. The grand event was led by Sandeep Maharaj Ji, who carried forward the rich spiritual traditions established by Late Krishan Joshi Ji, Jammu Maharaj.

The temple complex buzzed with spiritual energy as devotees, women, children, VIPs, and people from all religions came together in unity and devotion. The day marked the culmination of a nine-day Durga Pooja, observed

throughout Navratri with mantra-chanting and devotional offerings under the divine guidance of Sandeep Maharaj.

On Ram Navami, Sandeep Maharaj offered Puran Ahuti and performed special prayers for peace, harmony, and universal well-being. He invoked the blessings of Durga Maa and Vaishno Mata, showering divine grace upon all devotees and their families. The atmosphere was deeply moving as Maharaj Ji emphasized the importance of restoring spiritual balance in a turbulent world.

A grand Bhandara (community feast) was organized after the ceremonial rituals, symbolizing communal harmony and togetherness. Devotees participated with full faith, offering

prayers for the welfare of the society and expressing gratitude for the divine blessings received during the Navratri period.

Prominent social and political figure Sunil Dimple was also present on the occasion. With folded hands and a heart full of hope, he prayed for the restoration of Jammu & Kashmir's statehood, and for peace, happiness, and normalcy to return to the region. He also appealed for communal harmony and brotherhood across J&K and the nation.

Speaking to the gathering, Dimple emphasized that Ram Navami is a time not only for celebration but also for deep reflection, unity, and collective action toward building a harmonious and prosperous society.

## UNNAT helps needy people, organizes Jagran



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: The office bearers of UNNAT NGO on Sunday visited Rehan Basera Shelter Home at Bahu Fort area and provided essential food items. The program was presided over by Neena Abrol, General Secretary of UNNAT NGO. Jagran was also organized on the occasion of Navratri.

Neena said that the UNNAT organization is making continuous efforts for the needy and the weaker sections of the society. She said that work is being done for the welfare of the society and our mission is

getting support.

The Treasurer of UNNAT, Dr Anuradha said that the members of our NGO came to the Rehan Basera shelter and tried to extend a helping hand to the elderly people living there.

She further said that we will continue to provide such help in the future as well. UNNAT NGO thanked the persons running this shelter. Lauding their efforts she said that we all should come forward and help such organizations.

In the end, a vote of thanks was presented by President Rehan Basera Shelter Home.

## Work tirelessly towards building a stronger, more prosperous India: Kavinder Highlights BJP's unwavering commitment to national development & unity

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 6: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today commemorated the Party's Foundation Day by reflecting on its evolution and accomplishments since its inception.

Addressing party members and supporters at Party Headquarters in Jammu, the BJP stalwart underscored the BJP's unwavering commitment to national development and unity.

Tracing the party's roots, Kavinder recalled his early involvement with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at the age of thirteen and his subsequent imprisonment during The Emergency, highlighting the party's resilience during challenging times.

He emphasized the BJP's transformation



from a grassroots movement to a formidable political force, attributing its success to the dedication of its members and its focus on inclusive development. Kavinder lauded the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting that the Central Government's initiatives over the past decade have significantly contributed to India's progress. He cited the government's efforts in enhancing

infrastructure, promoting economic growth, and strengthening national security.

Kavinder expressed confidence that the populace's support would ensure Modi's third consecutive term as Prime Minister, stating, "People across Jammu and Kashmir, like other parts of the country, are convinced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shown real concern for the development and

welfare of over 140 crore people of the country."

Reflecting on the party's impact in Jammu and Kashmir, Kavinder highlighted the BJP's role in ushering in a new era of development and governance.

He pointed to the region's infrastructural advancements and the central government's focus on integrating Jammu and Kashmir more closely with the rest of the nation.

In his concluding remarks, Kavinder called upon party members to remain steadfast in their dedication to the BJP's principles and to work tirelessly towards building a stronger, more prosperous India.

He reiterated the party's commitment to serving the nation and its citizens, emphasizing that the journey of growth and development continues with renewed vigor.

## Kaith Biradari mourns Satsang Pathi Master Harkrishan Lal's demise

### Top News Report

R S PURA, Apr 6: Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Kaith Biradari Shiromani Committee at a condolence meeting held here today expressed deep shock over the sad, sudden and untimely demise of Radha Swami Satsang Pathi Master Harkrishan Lal.

Shiromani Committee General Secretary R L. Kaith mentioned to his members that Master



Harkrishan had many qualities. During teaching, he would use creativity so that students could concentrate on

their studies. He was a repository of knowledge and had the patience and confidence to take responsibility for the future of students. He only wanted to see his students successful and happy.

All present in the condolence meeting, prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give immense strength to the bereaved family to bear this immeasurable loss boldly.