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Div Com establishes dedicated helpline for assistance / facilitation of tourists in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, Apr 24: In order to facilitate tourist movement/stay in Kashmir valley, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir has established a dedicated helpline at Divisional Level at Srinagar to provide assistance and support to the tourists presently in Kashmir valley or intending to visit in coming days.

An order from Divisional Commissioner's office reads that in case of any help/assistance, the tourists can reach 24 x 7 Helpline Numbers +911942-740003, 8899931010 and 8899941010.

It further reads that the following region-wise contact numbers are put in public domain for providing tourist related assistance/ facilitation:

1. Mr. Rahul Raina – Tourist Reception Centre – Srinagar, Directorate of Tourism – 9596311771
2. Ms. Mehnaaz Khan – Srinagar, Directorate of Tourism – 9622484772
3. Mr. Irfan Bini – 9419013335
4. Mr. Sandeep Pandita – International Airport Srinagar – 6005892772
5. Mr. Rafiq Ahmad – 7006154329
6. Mr. Gohar Rafiee – Shopian Mughal Road Status – 7006580763
7. Mr. Shafaqat Itoo – District Budgam, Doodpathri – 7006823575.
8. South Kashmir: Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian & Pulwama – 9906663868.
9. Central Kashmir: Srinagar, Budgam & Ganderbal – 9906906115

The communique further reads that the helpdesk shall function under overall supervision of Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq.

Resident Commission New Delhi establishes helpline for J&K students

NEW DELHI, Apr 24: Resident Commission, J&K Government New Delhi has established a helpline for the students of J&K studying across the country.

A communique received from Resident Commission New Delhi reads, "the students hailing from J&K, studying in different States, may contact on following Telephone numbers of

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Army soldier martyred in encounter in Udhampur

JAMMU, Apr 24 (Agencies): A soldier of the special forces of the army was martyred in an encounter between security forces and terrorists following a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Thursday, officials said.

The firing took place in the Dudu-Basantgarh area during a cordon and search operation that was launched based on information about the presence of terrorists, they said.

"Based on specific intelligence, a joint operation with Jammu and Kashmir Police was launched today in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur," the White Knight Corps said on X.

Contact was established, and a fierce firefight ensued, it said.

"One of our bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the initial exchange and later succumbed despite best medical efforts," the Army said.



The deceased soldier has been identified as Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of 6 Para of the Special Forces.

"GOC White Knight Corps and all ranks salute braveheart Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of 6 PARA SF, who made the supreme sacrifice during a counter-terror operation," the Army said on X.

The Army said his indomitable courage and the valour of his team

will never be forgotten. "We stand in solidarity with the bereaved family in this moment of grief," the Army added.

The operation was still underway when the last reports came in from the spot, they added.

Four suspects were also picked up for the area for questioning.

This is the third encounter between terrorists and security forces in Jammu in the past over 24 hours.

On Wednesday, an encounter broke out after terrorists opened fire on security personnel during a cordon and search operation in Tangmarg area of Kulgam district of south Kashmir.

The Indian Army foiled an infiltration bid in the Uri Nala area of Baramulla, killing two terrorists amid an intense firefight on Wednesday. This came after a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam claimed

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LG Sinha pays tribute to Army Braveheart Hav Jhantu Ali Shaikh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha paid tributes to Army Braveheart Hav Jhantu Ali Shaikh, who laid down his life for the nation during anti-terror operation in Udhampur.

"I bow to our army braveheart Hav Jhantu Ali Shaikh who made supreme sacrifice for the nation. His valour and sacrifice will never

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Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir receives death threat email



NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): The head coach of the India men's cricket team, Gautam Gambhir, has found himself at the centre of a security scare after he reportedly received threatening emails, Delhi Police said on Thursday.

The threats were reportedly received on

April 22 — the same day terrorists gunned down 26 people, mostly tourists, in Kashmir's Pahalgam — from a suspicious Gmail account.

"We have been informed about an alleged threat mail received on an email ID associated with Gautam Gambhir. The matter is being investigated," DCP (Central) M Harsha Vardhan said in a statement.

"Gautam Gambhir is already a Delhi Police protectee and we do not comment on specific security arrangements," the officer said in the statement.

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"Please don't think that Kashmiris are your enemies": CM Omar Abdullah after Pahalgam attack

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): Amid the nationwide mourning and protests against the tragic April 22 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday pleaded to the people of the country not to be under the impression that Kashmiris are their enemies.

Speaking to ANI, Abdullah expressed his



solidarity with the victims of the attack and appealed to the people of the country to refrain from blaming Kashmiris for the incident.

He acknowledged the efforts of the Kash-

miri people, who condemned the attack and voiced their opposition to it, stating that it was an attack carried out by external elements, not the local population.

"I would like to show solidarity towards the families of the victims who had to go through such a tragic incident... Be it our 25 guests who came here to enjoy their vacation, or that one

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4 OGWs of Lashkar arrested in Bandipora: Police

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): Security Forces have arrested four suspected Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of Lashkar-e-Taiba in north Kashmir's Bandipora district, police sources said.

Police said the arrests were made on Wednesday in two separate operations.

The police said they received credible information that some OGWs

affiliated with LeT had hatched a criminal conspiracy on directions of their handlers and were seeking a chance to attack police, security forces and non-locals.

"Acting on this information, Bandipora Police launched a manhunt, and special nakas were placed at different places in the district," police said.

They said a naka was established by joint

forces at Kanipora Naidkhai Sumbal, and during checking, two persons identified as Mohammad Rafiq Khanday of Khanday Mohalla Watalpira, Banyarai, and Mukhtar Ahmad Dar Bunpora Mohalla S K Bala were apprehended.

"During the search, two Chinese hand grenades, one 7.62 mm magazine and 30 rounds of 7.62 mm were recovered

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IB Officer killed in Pahalgam wanted to take parents to Vaishno Devi after this vacation, say friend

RANCHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer Manish Ranjan, who was killed in the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, had planned to take his parents to the Vaishno Devi shrine after returning from this vacation, one of his friends recounted.

Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, who was at the Ranchi airport on Thursday morning to receive Ranjan's mortal remains,

said he was a meritorious student.

"His father recently retired as the headmaster of the Hindi High School in Jhalda. Ranjan had planned to take his parents to Vaishno Devi after this vacation," he said.

Ranjan, a section officer with the IB posted in Hyderabad, was among the 26 people killed in the terror attack on Tuesday.

"We had never thought such a gruesome inci-

dent would take place. People say terrorists have no religion, but innocent people were brutally killed because of their religion," said another friend, Aditya Sharma, who also came to the Ranchi airport to take his mortal remains to his native place in Jhalda in West Bengal's Purulia district.

Jharkhand BJP president Babulal Marandi was among the leaders and administrative

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US issues 'Do Not Travel' Advisory for Jammu & Kashmir after Pahalgam terror attack

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, Apr 24 (Agencies): The US has issued a 'Do Not Travel' advisory for Jammu and Kashmir owing to the "terror attacks" and possible "violent civilian unrest" in the Union Territory and also within 10 kms of the India-Pakistan border.

The advisory warning for all US citizens was issued on Wednesday, a day after terrorists opened fire in Kashmir's Pahalgam, killing

26 people, mostly tourists, in what is the deadliest attack in the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019.

"Terrorist attacks and violent civil unrest are possible in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Do not travel to this state (except visits to the eastern Ladakh region and its capital, Leh). Violence happens sporadically in this area and is common along the Line of Control (LOC) between India and Paki-

stan. It also occurs in tourist spots in the Kashmir Valley: Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam," the US Department of State's updated travel advisory for US citizens said.

It also asked its citizens to avoid going within 10 kilometres of the India-Pakistan border "due to the potential for armed conflict." India on Wednesday suspended the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Raj Dulari Gurtu (Raniji)**, wife of Late Sh. Arjun N. Gurtu, originally from 447 Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar, Kashmir, who passed away on Thursday, 17th April 2025. The 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Murad Nagar Ghat (Chhota Haridwar) on Saturday, 26th April 2025 at 7:30 AM. Following the Kriya, a gathering will be held at our residence: B-4/271, Paryatan Vihar, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi - 110096 at 11:00 AM. **Contact: 9810194530/ 9871634774/ 9560061636**



Smt. Raj Dulari Gurtu (Ranijee)

TENTH DAY KRIYA


With profound sorrow, we inform that **Smt Phoola Kothidar**, W/o Sh M.K. Kothidar D/o Lt Shobawali and Bhagwan Das Durrani R/o presently B-203, Sispal Vihar, Sec-49, Gurugram, left for Vaikunth Dham on 20-04-2025. **TENTH, ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Haridwar on 28th, 29th, 30th April " May Paramhansa Sri Rama Krishna Bless her at his lotus feet". **GRIEF STRICKEN**
M.K. Kothidar - Husband
Amit and Prashansa Kothidar- **Son & Daughter-in-law**
Vinu and Rakesh Kaul- **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Dulari Tickoo- **Sister-in-law**
Usha Safaya- **Sister-in-law**
Jai Krishan/Nirja Kothidar- **Brother & Sister-in-law**
Upender/Renu Kothidar- **Brother & Sister-in-law**
Ipsita Kaul- **Grand Daughter**
Ishika Kothidar- **Grand Daughter**
MOBILE : 9867151098, 9004333443, 9149470941, 9892076660
DURRANI'S, KAUL'S, TIKOO'S



SMT PHOOLA KOTHIDAR

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Avtar Krishan Bhat** S/o Lt. Sh Prem Nath Bhat originally resident of Umanagri (Baniangan), Kashmir presently residing at H.No 491 B, Suraksha Vihar, Patoura Top Jammu who embarked upon his eternal journey towards Hare Krishan's Lotus feet on 18 April 2025. **10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 27.04.2025, Sunday 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN:**
Smt Jaya Bhat - Wife (Brother and Bhabhi)
Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat and Smt. Teja Bhat - Son and Daughter in Law
Sh Vijay Bhat & Smt Anita Bhat - Son in law and Daughter
Sh. Sandeep Bhat & Smt Vicky Bhat - Grand Sons and Daughters
Vignesh, Shivangi, Kaira, Nikhlesh, Vamika
Mob:- 9858629075, 9419023016, 9419180009



Sh. Avtar Krishan Bhat

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA


With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. **K.K. Sharma (Retd Dy Director, Youth Services and Sports Department)** S/o Late Shri Kedar Nath Sharma, who left for heavenly abode on 14th April, 2025. **Tenth Day Rituals** shall be performed on Tuesday, the 22nd April at 11:00 AM and **KRIYA** shall be performed on 23rd April (Wednesday), both at H.No. 26-J, Lane 6, Tawi Vihar Colony, Sidhra. **UTHALA** shall be performed at Shiv Mandir, Sector 3, Trikuta Nagar on 28th April, 2025 (5:00 PM to 6:00 PM). **GRIEF STRICKEN:**
Mrs Vri (Neena) Sharma (Wife)
Mrs Sheetal and Mr. Mohinder Sharma (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Mrs Shalini and Mr. Vikas Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Mrs Shweta and Mr. Dinesh Choudhary (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Mr. Romil and Mrs Hano Jaggi (Nephew and Daughter-in-Law)
Brothers-in-Law and Bhabhis
Mrs Parveen Kumar W/o Late Shri Jagdish Jaggi
Mr. Kuldeep and Mrs Sugandha Marikola
Mr. Rajnish and Mrs. Jyoti Marikola
Sisters-in-Law and Co-Brothers
Mrs Snehlata and Mr. Naveesh Bahl
Mrs Sunam and Mr. Ravinder Mahotra
Grandchildren: Vaibhav, Sharmya, Shivaj and Divit
Mobile: 9419243158, 914677758



Shri K. K. Sharma

10TH DAY AND KRIYA


"कहने को आत्मा का परिवर्तन अदृश्य साथ और आशीर्वाद पर उग्र भर की अचूरी खाहिशों न भूलने वाली उग्र भर की याद"
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Vinod Kumar Kailu (Mis Kailu Textorium, Udh)** S/o Lt. Sh Durga Dass Kailu who embarked upon his eternal journey towards Hare Krishan's Lotus feet on 15th April 2025. **10th Day:** 24-04-2025 (Thursday) at 11.30 AM, W.No. 13, H.No. 44, Lambi Gali, Udhampur (J&K). **Kriya:** 27-04-2025 (Sunday) at 12.00 Noon (Home). **Grief Stricken**
Smt Basant Kailu -Wife
Sh Sonu Kailu -Son
Lt. Sh Menu Kailu -Son
Miss Sarika Kailu -Daughter
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Sh Vinod Kumar Kailu

TENTH DAY KRIYA


WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. OMKAR NATH KOUL** S/O LATE SH. AMAR CHAND KOUL ORIGINALLY A RESIDENT OF BATAGUND KRENDI-GAM, ANANTNAG PRESENTLY RESIDING AT H.NO. 07, SEC. 01, DURGA NAGAR (ENCLAVE) JAMMU ON 16-04-2025. **TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL TAKE PLACE AT MUTHI GHAT ON 25TH APRIL, 2025 AT ABOUT 8:30 AM.**
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SMT. RATNI KOUL (WIFE)
DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND SONS
SMT. SUNITA & SH. RAMESH KUMAR KOUL
SMT. JULLEY & SH. VUJAY KOUL
GRANDCHILDREN
RISHU & RAHUL KOUL
RICHU, PARTH, HARDIK
MOB: 9469213893, 9797850569



SH. OMKAR NATH KOUL

Obituary/ Tenth Day Kriya

"The soul cannot be pierced by weapons, burned by fire, moistened by water, or withered by the wind." With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Shree Omkar Nath Pandita (Dervesh)** S/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Dervesh of Waterkhani Kupwara A/P L.No. 1, R K Vihar, Behind Ramakrishna Mission Udhaywala Jammu on 20 April 2025(Sunday). **Tenth Day** will be performed on 29 April 2025 (Tuesday) at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education office Jammu. The mourning from in-laws with be held on same Adress. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Pandita (Dervesh), Dass, Koul & Bhat Families
7006454327, 9650539383, 7889849367, 6005180573



Shree Omkar Nath Pandita

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Renu Ganjoo** w/o Sh. Rajesh Ganjoo originally resident of Zaloura Sopore, presently residing at H.No. 31 Gobind Nagar (Bank Colony) Gole Gujral Road, Talab Tillo Jammu, 180002 who breathed her last on 19-03-2025 at a very young age. **10th Day Kriya** will be held on 28-04-2025 Monday at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education Jammu) at 8:00 am.. **Grief Stricken:**
Smt. Tosha Ganjoo- Mother in Law
Sh. Rajesh Ganjoo- Husband
Miss Simran Ganjoo- Daughter
Miss Shagun Ganjoo- Daughter
Smt. Simmi Ganjoo and Sh. Sunil Ganjoo - Sister in Law and Brother in Law
Smt. Fancy Pandita and Sh. Anil Pandita - Sister in Law and Brother in Law
Piyush, Danya, Arin, Kristy- Nephews and Nieces
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Smt. Renu Ganjoo

Obituary/ 10th Day Kriya

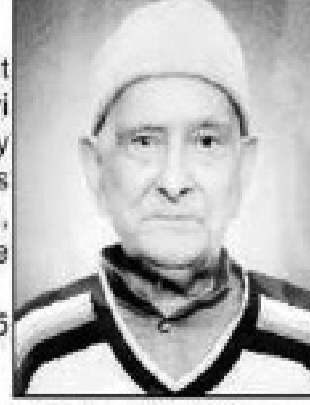
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Gunwati Pandita** W/o Late Shri Ganesh Dass Pandita R/o Hangalgund, Kokernag, Dist Anantnag who breathed her last on 20 Apr 25 at 1530 hrs at Qasim Nagar, near Exhibition Ground, Jammu. The Mourning will be held at Durga Vihar, Haji Gali Toll Post Nagrota. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of school Education) at 0830 hrs on 29/4/2025 (Tuesday). **GRIEF STRICKEN:**
Smt Daizy & Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita (Daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Sulakshana & Sh. Ravi Kumar Pandita (Daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Basanti & Jai Krishan Koul (Daughter & Son in law.)
Chand Krishan Bhat H/o Late Sunita Bhat (Son in law)
Meenakshi Koul & Sandeep Koul (Grand daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Preeti & Sh. Vinny Raina. (Grand Daughter & Son in law.)
Grand Children: Monu, Nishu, Neha, Tishu, Khushi
Mob. No. 9419833812
C. L. Pandita 9596648300
Ravi Pandita 9419651919
Jai Kishan Koul 9419787383, C K Bhat



Gunwati Pandita

10TH DAY KRIYA

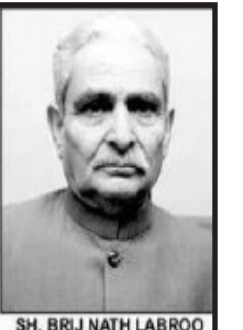
With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Badri Nath Kaw** S/o Lt Sh Keshav Ram Kaw originally R/o Kawpora Handwara Kashmir breathed his last on 17/4/2025 at his residence H No 124/2, Lane No 3, Govind Nagar Camp Road Gole Gujral Jammu. **10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 26/04/2025 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat at 9.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Smt Pyari Kaw -Wife
Smt Priya & Banner Ji Kaw -Daughter in law & Son
Bitta & Ramesh Raina -Daughter & Son in law
Sunita & Amit Bhat -Daughter and Son in law
Seema and Manoj Pandita -Daughter and Son in law
Mob number 9797466125 9796810221 9149442145



Sh Badri Nath Kaw

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Brij Nath Labroo**, S/o Late Sh. Darshan Pandit, erstwhile resident of Ranipora, Anantnag, and presently residing at House No. 18, Durga Vihar, Near Toll Post Nagrota. He passed away on 17/04/2025. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 26.04.2025, Saturday (08:30 AM) at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN:**
Smt. Kamla Ji (Wife)
Pyary Lal Labroo (Son)
Shubani Ji Labroo and Sunita Labroo (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Ashok Kumar Bhat and Sunanda Bhat (Son-in-law and Daughter)
Asiraj Ji Raina and Soni Raina (Son-in-law and Daughter)
Grandchildren: Sachet, Shivam, Rohit, Amit, Ritik, Rakshit
Samast Labroo, Ganjoo, Raina, Bhat Parivar. Mobile No:7006260510, 6006259302, 941953864



SH. BRIJ NATH LABROO

TENTH DAY

IN LOVING & EVERLASTING MEMORY OF **SMT. RATNI KAUL (25th Feb 1944-17th Apr 2025)** With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Ratni Kaul W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal Kaul, who left for her heavenly abode on 17th Apr 2025. The 10th Day rituals shall be performed at Ganaghara Ghat, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P) on 28th Apr 2025 (Saturday) at 7:00 AM. **REMEMBERED BY**
Archana & Ritesh Kaul
Rashmi & Sajeet Raina
Nityania, Namish & Shivansh
Kaul's, Raina's, Padroo's, Bangroo's & Tikoo's
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CONTACT NO: 9910015812, 9910015416, 7006337019



SMT. RATNI KAUL (25th Feb 1944-17th Apr 2025)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely death of our beloved **Pummy Kumari** R/o Lokipora Sehpora Tehsil Karlgund Distt Kupwara. A/p Lane No 16 Block No 74 Flat No 06 R/o Jagti Colony Nagrota Jammu. **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be held on 30-04-2025 (Wednesday) at Tawi Ghat Nagrota Behind Sainik School Nagrota, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Smt Phoola Pandita W/o Late Janki Nath Pandita - Mother in Law
Shri Babu Krishan Pandita - Father in Law
Sanjay Kumar Pandita - Husband
Sushma Je Pandita (Jadhav) W/o Late Satish Pandita
Sh. Pintoo Pandita & Smt Suman Pandita -Devar and Devrani
Mayank Pandita- Son
Yash Pandita- Son
Mobile No: 9797597887, 7006196335, 7889357182



PUMMY KUMARI

UTHALA

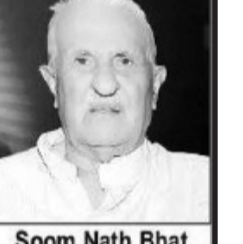
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. RATTAN LAL GUPTA** S/o Late Sh. ISHER DAS Gupta, R/o 55-A, SECTOR-4,MARBLE ENCLAVE, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU on 22nd April 2025. **UTHALA** will be performed on 25th April 2025 at SHIV MANDIR, SECTOR-3, TRIKUTA NAGAR, Jammu From 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:**
Smt. Benia Gupta (Wife)
(Sons & Daughters-in-Law)
Ravi & Ranu Gupta
Ajay & Sarita Gupta
Uma & Seema Gupta
Parveen & Inna Gupta (Daughters & Sons-in-Law)
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Sh. RATTAN LAL GUPTA

TENTH DAY

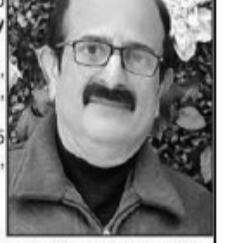
"The soul cannot be harmed by weapons, scorched by fire, dampened by water, or dried by the wind." With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Soom Nath Bhat** at H.No. 192, Sector- 2 Janipur, Pamposh Colony, Jammu. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 30 April 2025 (Wednesday) at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education office Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Wife - Prabhawati Bhat
Shama Ji W/o Lt N Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law
Naney Ji W/o Abhinav Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law
Santosh W/o Sanjay Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law
Venna Mujoo W/o B L Mujoo - Daughter and Son in law
Usha Raina W/o S L Raina - Daughter and Son in law
Sunita Koul W/o J K Koul - Daughter and Son in law
Grand Children
Nikhil, Himanshi, Yashu, Ralu, Gudis, Aka, Yickoo, Vbu, Ashu, Amit, Puchu, Yatish
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Soom Nath Bhat

10TH DAY/ KRIYA/KARAM


With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our **Sh. Sanjay Sombria** on 15-04-2025. **10th Day** will be performed on 24th of April, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Trikuta Bhawan, Amphallia Near Patrol Pump, Jammu. **Karam** will be performed on 25th of April 2025 at our residence Mohalla Naraina H.no 241 A, Kachi chawani Jammu at 12.00 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Sh. Vishwantra Sombria - Father
Smt. Sushma Devi - Wife
Brother and Sister in law
Sh. Sanjeev Sombria and Smt. Jyoti Devi
Sister and Brother in law
Smt. Sanjogita Kalsotra and Sh. Jatinder Kalsotra
Mr. Gourav Sombria - Son
Miss Shivangani Sombria - Daughter
Sombria Family - 6005408563



Sh. Sanjay Sombria

CHOUBARSI

Four years have passed since your noble soul departed to heavenly abode creating vacuum in our lives. Your sweet memories are always in our hearts. We deeply remember in every moment. May god give your noble soul the eternal peace. **Choubarisi** of our beloved **Late Sh. Mohan Singh** S/o Late Sh. Chail Singh will be performed on 25-04-2025 (Friday) at 11:00 am onwards at our residence H.No. 143, Lane No. 3, Priyadarshani Nagar, Talab Tillo. **Deeply Missed & Remembered By:**
Smt. Savitri Devi - Wife
Son & Daughter-in-law
Dharub Singh & Sonia
Randhir Singh & Ranju Jamwal
Bhupinder Singh & Vandna
Daughter & Son-in-law
Renu & Satinder Pal Singh
Rashmi & Lieutenant Col. Lakhan Pal Singh
Contact No: 9419149764, 9596819005, 6006457909



Late Sh. Mohan Singh

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SRS appeals for free Air Evacuation of Tourists from Kashmir following Pahalgam Terror Attack



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: In response to the recent horrific terror attack in Pahalgam, Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena (SRS), J&K UT, has urgently appealed to the Government of India and the Jammu & Kashmir UT Administration to immediately arrange free air

evacuation services for tourists currently in the Kashmir Valley.

Mahajan expressed deep concern over the safety and mental well-being of tourists, many of whom are reportedly traumatized and eager to return home. He strongly condemned the exorbitant airfare hikes by private airlines, calling it "economic exploi-

tation of fear and grief." Free or heavily subsidized flights for tourists, to be arranged via the Indian Air Force or government-supported civil charters.

Strict action against private airlines engaging in price gouging during such national emergencies.

Establishment of a dedicated helpline

to assist and coordinate the evacuation of stranded tourists from Kashmir.

Emphasizing the Indian ethos of "Atithi Devo Bhava" (Guests are like Gods), Mahajan called for compassion and swift government intervention to ensure the safety and dignity of both domestic and international tourists.

ABDPSS holds protest rally against Pahalgam terrorist attack



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JAMMU, Apr 24: In response to the recent brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, a massive protest rally was organized today at Channi Himmat, Jammu, by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti (ABDPSS), supported by various religious and social organizations. The protest reflected intense public outrage and a united call for justice and national solidarity.

Volunteers from Satsang Prachar Sewa Mandal, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Brahman Sabha Channi Himmat, and Vichar Kranti Manch International, along with

prominent citizens and retired officers, participated in large numbers. The rally began at Channi Himmat Main Chowk, winding through the streets of the locality and culminating at Tawi Chowk. Women participants raised vociferous slogans against terrorism and Pakistan, asserting their demand for peace and protection. The protesters raised key demands: stern action against Pakistan, the creation of a Separate Union Territory for Jammu, and immediate elimination of terrorists and their local supporters. Speakers at the rally urged unity and firm national response, declaring, "We stand

in solidarity with the victims' families and demand swift justice."

In a strong symbolic gesture, an effigy of Pakistan was set ablaze, representing the collective anger of the people.

Prominent figures present included Sushma Sharma, Poetess Girija Sharma, Dr. Vijay Sharma, Subash Shastri, Ajay Bhalla, Rohit Shastri, Yash Paul Sharma, Parveen Kumar, and many others from the region's social and religious circles.

The protest sent a clear message: the people of Jammu will not remain silent in the face of terror—they will stand united, resilient, and demanding justice.

Dimple leads intense anti-Pakistan protest

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, led a massive anti-Pakistan demonstration in Jammu against the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Anantnag, where 27 tourists were targeted and many injured. The protest was held as part of the Jammu Kashmir Bandh called by Mission Statehood, and witnessed the burning of Pakistani flags and effigies, marking a strong message of resistance against terrorism.

Addressing the protesters, Dimple made a direct appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to initiate a full-scale war with Pakistan. He welcomed recent decisions reportedly discussed in the Cabinet Committee on Security, including proposals to scrap the Indus Water Treaty, shut down the Pakistani embassy in India, withdraw India's diplomatic presence in Pakistan, halt the Amritsar-Attari



railway line, and revoke Pakistani visa and passport facilities.

Raising the stakes further, Sunil Dimple announced a ₹50 lakh reward for anyone who brings back the head of wanted terrorist Hafiz Saeed, asserting it as a symbol of justice for the countless innocent lives lost.

He demanded Home Minister Amit Shah to immediately launch "Operation All Out", crush Pakistan-backed militancy, liberate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir,

Gilgit, and Baltistan, and officially integrate them into India. He stressed that if the Union Government cannot control the growing unrest, it should issue a public advisory discouraging tourism in Kashmir. Appealing for communal harmony, Dimple urged Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs to stand united in this time of crisis.

He warned that the true motive of Pakistan and anti-national forces behind the Pahalgam killings was to incite communal riots, remi-

niscent of the horrors of 1947.

Responding to media questions about the All Party Meeting in Kashmir, Dimple thanked the Kashmiri public for showing solidarity with Jammu and the victims, but warned leaders like Dr. Farooq Abdullah to ensure that Gupkar alliance members stop sympathizing with Pakistan. "If they continue on that path, they will not be welcomed in Jammu," he warned, stating, "Enough is enough." He accused the

Bharatiya Janata Party of total failure in protecting the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially the tourists and outsiders. He alleged that after the abrogation of Article 370, militancy has not declined but rather spread into peaceful regions of Jammu.

Dimple emphasized that the recent attacks across Kathua, Samba, Doda, Kishtwar, Bhandarwah, Basohli, Poonch, Rajouri, Arnia, and the border belts show increasing infiltration due to weak security. He strongly condemned the killing of a soldier in the recent Udhampur encounter, calling it a national tragedy.

He appealed to the Director General of J&K Police and security forces to begin an aggressive elimination of ISI sleeper cells and Pakistani guides operating inside Jammu and Kashmir.

Accompanying him in the protest were several prominent leaders and supporters, including Biloo Pahlwan, Arun Verma, S. Kala Singh, Vijay Virdi, Lohri Shaha, Rajinder Gupta, Babu Kumar, and many others, all voicing their anger and demanding immediate, decisive action.

Ajeet Bhagat condemns cowardly terror attack in Pahalgam

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 24: National Conference Sr. leader, Spokesperson of Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat has expressed deep anguish over the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, which tragically claimed the lives of more than 27 tourists from across the country.

Calling it one of the most drastic and brutal acts of terror in recent times, Bhagat condemned the assault as a "barbaric and cowardly strike on innocent

lives" and asserted that such actions will never be tolerated on Indian soil.

"This reprehensible act of violence against peaceful visitors is an affront to our national conscience.

The National Conference under the strong

and resolute leadership of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, stands firmly committed to its Zero-Tolerance Policy against terrorism. T

he perpetrators of this heinous crime will be pursued relentlessly and brought to justice without delay," he said.

IJSA Jammu condemns terror attack at Pahalgam

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Brigadier (Dr.) Vijay Sagar Dheman, a renowned defence expert and Convenor IJSA Jammu, the only think tank in J&K, strongly condemned the heinous act perpetrated by terrorists from Pakistan, executed under the real-time direction of Pakistan's ISI, at Pahalgam.

He denounced the cowardly attack carried out by inhuman, anti-humanity and misguided Jihadis, which resulted in the death of 27 innocent, unarmed civilians and left many others injured.

He emphasized that such individuals deserve no reprieve and must be neutralized by security forces at the earliest opportunity.

He expressed full support for the administration in Jammu & Kashmir during this challenging period and assured his readiness to assist in any required capacity.

He also backed the Bandh call across the Union Territory to raise awareness among the misled sections of society and to expose the true intentions of the Pakistani deep state.

Brigadier (Dr.) Vijay Sagar Dheman further pointed out the strategic timing of this terror incident, coinciding with the visit of U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance to India, during which a \$500 billion trade deal was expected to be discussed, as well as the

Indian Prime Minister's visit to Saudi Arabia, where significant economic gains were anticipated.

He asserted that the objective of this attack was to portray India as unstable and chaotic before the international community, an agenda allegedly pushed by Pakistan's ISI at China's behest.

Brigadier Dheman also

highlighted Pakistan's disregard for the people of Jammu & Kashmir, as evidenced by targeting the region's key source of livelihood i.e tourism.

He noted that this exposed Pakistan's true motives and territorial ambitions devoid of any empathy for the local population. Calling for decisive retaliatory action, he advocated for strict measures against

jihadi training camps in Pakistan, comparable to the Balakote airstrike and the surgical strike in Uri.

He expressed deep condolences to the families of the deceased and injured and reiterated his commitment to stand by the people of Jammu & Kashmir and the nation in these trying times.

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With Profound Grief and Sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of Shri Darshan Pargal R/O 313-Sai Vihar, Marble Market, Trikuta Nagar who left for his heavenly abode on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025. Uthala will be performed at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat from 2 pm to 3 pm on Friday, 25th April.

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Smt. Shyamli Pargal & Sh. Abhay Pargal (Daughter in law & son)
Smt. Shivalika Pargal & Sh. Ajay Pargal (Daughter in law & son)
Smt. Dolly Gupta & Sh. Dinesh Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)

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EDITORIAL

Societal Collapse

Society, that intricate tapestry of culture, governance, economy, and human spirit, is often seen as a monument of permanence. Cities rise, laws are written, institutions are built, and generations pass through, believing that the world they inherit will continue unchanged. Yet, history whispers a sobering truth—no civilization is immune to collapse. The fall of mighty empires like Rome, the Mayan decline, and the sudden disappearance of the Indus Valley civilization are not just relics of the past, but warnings woven into time's great scroll.

Today, as we navigate the turbulence of the 21st century, the specter of societal collapse feels closer—not as a sudden apocalypse, but as a slow unraveling, thread by thread. To understand how societies collapse, we must not only study ruins but read the signs written in the living fabric of our world.

Nature is both nurturer and judge. When societies stretch the limits of their ecosystems—through deforestation, pollution, water scarcity, or unsustainable agriculture—the earth retaliates. In ancient Mesopotamia, over-irrigation led to salinization and barren fields. Today, we see the same patterns with climate change, desertification, and extreme weather events threatening food and water security.

Global warming, driven by carbon addiction, is not just a scientific concern—it is a civilizational threat. When fields dry, rivers vanish, and seas rise, migration begins, conflict brews, and stability erodes.

One of the earliest signs of societal decline is rampant inequality. When wealth pools at the top and the foundation is ignored, collapse is not a matter of if, but when. In Rome, the growing gap between elites and plebeians destabilized the republic. In our modern world, billionaires orbit in space while millions starve.

A society where basic needs—food, shelter, healthcare, education—are unaffordable to many becomes a pressure cooker of resentment. When people lose faith in fairness, they lose faith in the system itself.

Institutions are the pillars that hold the roof of society. When these pillars are corroded by corruption, incompetence, or authoritarianism, collapse becomes inevitable. The fall of the Soviet Union was not just about politics—it was about a system that could no longer meet the promises it once made.

A failing justice system, unaccountable governance, censorship, and suppression of dissent are all signs of a society gasping for integrity. Trust, once lost, is hard to reclaim.

Societal collapse is often preceded by a deep fragmentation of identity. When people no longer see themselves as part of a collective story—when religion becomes division, language becomes weapon, and ethnicity becomes blame—the soul of society begins to crumble.

Polarization, propaganda, and the breakdown of civil discourse turn neighbor against neighbor. Social media, instead of connecting hearts, often amplifies anger, misinformation, and division. Unity, once fractured, creates a society easy to break from within.

Historically, external threats—be it Mongol invasions or colonial conquests—have exposed the fragility of societies weakened from within. But invasions today are not just physical. They come in the form of cyber attacks, economic warfare, ideological infiltration, and disinformation campaigns.

A society unsure of its values, plagued by internal strife, becomes an open target—vulnerable to manipulation, collapse, or conquest without even a shot being fired.

Collapse is not always visible in the skyline—it often begins in the heart. When cultures lose their moral compass, when art loses meaning, when truth is replaced by convenience, and sacrifice by selfishness—a slow decay begins. Hedonism replaces heroism. Purpose withers. The soul of civilization dims.

A people without vision, without values, and without dreams to fight for, inevitably lose the will to protect what they built.

Yet, collapse is not destiny. It is a path—a path we can choose to walk away from. Hope lies in renewal—in education that teaches empathy, in economies that value equity, in politics that serve the people, and in leaders who carry the weight of wisdom.

We must invest in sustainability, rebuild trust in institutions, foster inclusion, and anchor our identity not in fear of the other, but in shared humanity. It begins with each of us—with how we treat the planet, how we vote, what we believe, and how we raise the next generation.

28 Begunahu Ka Narsanhar Koun Zemawar ?, Pahalgam Carnage –most unfortunate

By: Omkar Dattatray

Once again the Sufi land has been soaked by the innocent human blood and much blood has been spilled and there is need that spilling of innocent human blood should stop. The savage and inhuman terrorists have enacted Nadimarg and 2000 Pahalgam like carnage on Indian tourists at Baisaran valley in Pahalgam which is six / seven Kms away from the world famous tourist resort and the exact place is called mini-Switzerland. It is the biggest terrorist attack after the Pulwama attack of 2019. It is also the first such attack on tourists. In past there were very scant attacks on tourists in which only one or two tourists lost their lives. The massacre at Pahalgam has shook not only J&K, but whole India. There is a pall of gloom and grief in Jammu and Kashmir. The Pak sponsored marauders have stooped too low and this time targeted our tourist guests in most savage way which has very few parallels in the history of the terrorism in J&K. This time the terrorists have attacked tourists in the groups and the savages have swooped tourists in their groups and had formed the pair of two, three terrorists and killed tourists. The savage attack on innocent tourists has taken time before the Amar Nath Ji Yatra as it will commence in July 2025 and this terrorist attack will have adverse ramifications on Amar Nath Yatra. This act of terrorists is abominable and most despicable and such terrorist designs should be curbed with iron fist. The terrorist act at Pahalgam is violence against peaceful and innocent tourists who are our esteemed guests. The terrorists have killed tourists and injured at least 10 tourists after first identifying their victims and the attack has horrified, terrified, and it was a grisly attack. It was a dreadful attack and a most coward attack. The terrorists have chosen Baisaran valley near Pahalgam to target the tourists and gave a message that terrorism is alive and kicking and not on the death bed as claimed by the NDA government. The gruesome and barbaric as well as dastardly attack on tourists who were enjoying horse ride is most despicable. The spine chilling massacre has resulted in killing of 28 tourists and injures to many others. The terrorists of TRF which is affiliated to

Lashkar-ie-Tioba and Hizbul Mujahed-Din dreaded terrorist organizations and TRF has taken responsibility for the dastardly attack. The attack is hair-raising and spine chilling. The gruesome attack has rightly been condemned by the LG Manoj Sinha, Chief minister Omar Abdullah, Dr Jitendra Singh MoS PMO, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, all most all political parties, NC president Farooq Abdullah and other leaders. Prime minister who was away in a Saudi Arabia has cut short his visit and returned to New Delhi has condemned this barbaric terrorist act and talked to HM Amit Shah and deputed him to Kashmir. Condemnation of this dastardly attack has been condemned by world leaders. Condemnations, anger and grief over the gruesome attack poured in from all directions and traders, transporters, Bar associations of both Jammu as well as Kashmir had called for a day's strike on Wednesday. A peaceful band was observed in Kashmir and Jammu against the terrorist attack. American president Donald Trump, Russian President Putin and Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, European Union, England and other countries of the world have condemned this attack. Whole India is one in condemnation of the terrorist attack. People are demanding that India should attack Pakistan and break the back of terrorist sponsored country. HM Amit Shah has since reached Srinagar and rushed to Raj Bhawan where a high level security meeting was held and strong message and instructions were given to the security forces. HM will visit the site of terrorist attack tomorrow and will take stock of the situation. The terrorists have attacked unarmed civilians who were tourists and the massacre is a blot and stain on so called Kashmiriyet if anything of this syncretism has still remained in Kashmir. This terrorist attack is the attack on the Kashmiriyet and communal harmony. The moot question is where has the so called Kashmiriyet gone or is it disappearing from the soil of Kashmir? The targeted attack on innocent tourists is an attack on the culture of Kashmir. The barbaric attack is anti religious, irreligious act which has rightly been condemned by one and all. It is not only an attack on tourists but also an attack on the economy of Kashmir. The terrorists who are enemies of humanity and the terrorist

act is an attack on the livelihood of taxi operators, Pouni Wallas, Horse owners, Hoteliers, Houseboat owners, traders, businessmen and last but not least on the composite and Sufi culture of Kashmir. This dastardly attack on tourists is the message to tourists not to come to Kashmir. The terrorists have in fact attacked the livelihood of the local traders and all those people who are directly and indirectly connected with tourism. Pakistan and its terrorists are nervous over the greater tourist footfall and peace and tranquility of Kashmir and thus they have raised their ugly and shameful face and shown their presence and perhaps put a full stop on the claims of NDA government that terrorism has drastically come down as there is decline in terrorist attacks across Kashmir valley. The terrorists earlier has surfaced in peaceful Jammu region as they had shifted the focus of their anti human acts to Jammu region. It is learnt that the terrorists who were in police uniform had attacked tourists with sadistic pleasure. Only condemnation is not enough and what is required is that the back of terrorists should be broken and all those who have taken part in this massacre and mayhem should be caught and after speedy trial given death sentence. No less than capital punishment should be given to these enemies of humanity so that trust and confidence of the common man is ensured otherwise people have the impression that the government is only names sake in Kashmir. All those injured tourists should be given treatment and those who lost their life should be duly compensated along with the injured ones. It is true that no amount of compensation can fully compensate the dead ones as the lives lost cannot be revived. We have been condemning the terrorist attacks and what is required is to put terrorism under foot and initiate anti terror operations with redoubled spirit so that terrorism is given death kneel. There is need of coordination among the different security agencies including CRPF, BSF, Army, JK Police. The people of Kashmir should also raise against terrorists and give information about the terrorists to the security agencies and then and only then we can say that Kashmiris are against terrorism. Common Kashmiri and political parties and religious organizations should protest on the roads of Kashmir and give

impression that Kashmiris are against terrorists. Then and then only it will be construed that Kashmiris have no sympathy with terrorists. This most barbaric attack is a multifarious attack and as such is an attack on Kashmiriyet, image of Kashmir, progress, prosperity, livelihood, economy and what not? Whole Jammu and Kashmir and India should forget differences and rise against terrorism with one voice. The Auqa of terrorism—the master and sponsor of terror to Kashmir that is Pakistan has been exposed and it should be punished for this massacre. A clear and unambiguous message and instruction should go to the security forces to deal with terrorists with iron hand and there should be no lapse in fighting terrorism. At vulnerable tourist spots and scenic places security forces need to be deployed to create a sense of security among the tourists. The high level security meeting has given a strong message to the various security agencies that no security lapse will be tolerated and the perpetrators of this dastardly attack should be sternly punished and justice should be ensured to the victims of this attack. This is only possible when those involved in this attack are identified and caught and given strong punishment so that the tourists and commoners feel secure and safe. Pakistan which is the mother of terrorism should be punished and for this if required the Army should cross the boundaries and inflict punishment on Pakistan and give a befitting reply to the enemy country. Enough is enough, the GOI should show its mettle and enter Pakistan and crack on the hideouts of terrorists in POK. The million dollar question is when will such terrorist attacks cease and everyone is asking only one question and that is, "Aur Kitna Khoon Bahayga"?

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Endangered Animal Population by Changing Lifestyle

By: Vijay Garg

In this newspaper of his own, there was a big gallop printed. In which it was reported that the calculation of animals in Punjab showed that their numbers, have reduced against previous calculations. Animals are calculated every five years. Their numbers have been down by 8.5 percent. Those calculated include buffaloes, cows, sheep, goats, horses, pony, mules, asses, camels, pigs, rabbits, dogs and elephants. Was this calculation also included cats, chickens, oxen? The same report said that just 127 donkeys, 77 camels and 1 elephant are left in the state now. A good news is that the number of desi cows is increasing. The decreasing number of milch animals has not been impacted by milk production. However, in the 2019 calculation, it was reported that the number of animals in India is 4.6 per cent higher in 2012. Maybe in five years it has reduced. The WWF report in 2022 reported that animals living in forests all over the world are rapidly decreasing. They were down by 69 percent. The big reason why the number of pets is low is that people are leaving the village and going to the cities side or abroad. In such a situation, when young people will not be there together, who should take care of animals. Free of doubt, their care also takes a lot of time and hard work. They also need extra space to stay. In the flat system of cities, milch animals cannot be reared. Yes, years ago a man in Kolkata had cow poly in his eighth floor flat. The shortage of animals is not

just Punjab, it is a matter of all India. Whatever the report says, animal cradle takes a lot of hard work. Once there was an interview of the people of Punjab only, which was reported that now even in rural areas, the women who come by marrying are not interested in farming works. We know that the work of animal care, their well-being, their milking, etc. has been done by a large number of women. But now this generation of women is on the verge of ending. Not even so much interested in this work of educated girls. Nor do they have the strength to work so hard. The same is the case in Uttar Pradesh. Rather say that in the whole country, now the practice of raising animals in homes is decreasing. However, Uttar Pradesh is said to be the most animal there. Animals have been called wealth. Go Money, Gaj Dhan, Baj Dhan. ie that cows, elephants and horses are as soon as wealth. Cow's milk only gets curd, butter, buttermilk. Earlier, the calf also used to give for farming works, which have a plight these days. Since the oxen were not needed after the tractor arrived, they are now on their way to death. No one sticks them. Scientists have also determined to eliminate the entire species of oxen. A few years ago, it was reported that scientists have developed a method in which cows will now simply give birth to the babies. A whole species will be destroyed by our see-see. will just survive in museums. This is a sample of man's selfishness. The wealth of the second number is Gaj Dhan i.e. Elephant. Elephant used to work from war to a lot of work. The rich people used to tie elephants at the door to perform their amiri.

And horses, what about saying their utility. They used to come to work in the war, also the means of transport. Used to transport goods too.

But with changing times, very few people now want to raise animals. Who brought these for a couple of kg of milk. What is the need for a good horse when such quick means of coming and going exist. As reported in Punjab, there is no shortage of milk in the country despite the number of animals being reduced. The major reason for this is also that the National Dairy Development Board was established to increase the production of milk itself in 1970 itself. Dr. The main aim of Varghese Kurian was to make India self-reliant in the matter by increasing the production of milk. It was the world's largest milk production program. This program started from Gujarat was spread all over India. DR. Varghese Kurian was also called the Milkman of India. He not only delivered milk made in Gujarat and all the products related to it from house to house in India but this movement also benefited farmers and especially women. their income increased. It was named Amul. Even today many people use these products. Amul's ads have also come to be very talked about. Its proprietary rights were also possessed by milk producers. On the same subject, in those days Shyam Benegal had made a film named Manthan. Smita Patil had acted brilliantly in it. Then too many other dairies opened. Ten major dairies in India include Amul (Gujarat), Mother Dairy (Delhi), Milma (Kerala), Dudhsagar (Mehsana, Gujarat), Nandini (Karnataka), Parag (Maharashtra), Sreeber (US),

Verka (Punjab) Aavani, (Tamil Nadu) etc. However, before Amul arrived in 1930 itself, Pollson had worked to supply milk in India. Perhaps milk is the only fruit of the revolution that there is no shortage of milk and its associated products in the country. This is why pets appear in ace homes in villages even now. A lot of animals were raised in this writer's house too. They were present in the village house-to-house. But now appear somewhere. In cities, tax has also to be paid for animals. The adoc-neighbours also complain of dirt. In such a way, who is also the animal court. Apart from this, the animal that is especially cows in India these days and the Go dynasty when it is old, is left behind. They starve. These are also huge problem for farmers. In the fifties-sixties, Indian railways used to give their employees to carry two cans of goods train goods at the time of transfer. It was called kit-cattle. i.e. that the concept was that staff goods would also have animals. Now it happens that no, don't know. Then not only in the village, a lot of animals were raised in cities. It may have probably been the second-third generation of people migrating to jobseekers and cities, which was also linked to villages. Now generations have changed, also the modalities of living.

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Free eyeglasses distributed to inmates at District Jail Bhandarwah under Health Department initiative



Top News Report

DODA, Apr 24: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, and under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Doda, Dr. Om Kumar, the Health Department conducted a distribution drive of free eyeglasses for inmates at District Jail Bhandarwah.

During the event, a total of 36 eyeglasses were distributed to inmates diagnosed with near or distant vision issues. The distribution was carried out by

Superintendent Jail, Hamid Ullah Naik, in the presence of Rishi Kumar Pandita, Nodal Officer Red Cross.

It is pertinent to mention that this initiative is the follow-up of a free eye screening camp organized by the Health Department in February 2025, during the visit of Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

During the camp, 36 cases of visual impairment were identified among the inmates, who have now been provided

with free spectacles as part of this welfare initiative.

On this occasion, Superintendent Jail Hamid Ullah Naik expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the District Administration and the Health Department for their continued support and compassionate efforts towards inmate welfare.

This step reflects the administration's commitment to ensuring health and well-being for all sections of society, including those within correctional facilities.

Civil Society welcomes appointment of Yasir Wani as Executive Officer Municipal Committee Doda

Top News Report

DODA, Apr 24: The people of Doda have wholeheartedly welcomed the appointment of Yasir Wani as the Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee Doda, a decision hailed as timely and much-needed by the civil society and residents alike.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir's move to delegate this crucial responsibility to Wani has been lauded across the board, with citizens expressing hope for a new era of efficiency and transparency in local governance. The

absence of a capable and dedicated officer had long been felt in the administration of the Municipal Council, and Wani's arrival is seen as a major step forward.

Prominent social activists including Firdoos Hussain Rather, Faizan Trembo, Naseer Khora, Ghulam Hassan Pampori, Manzoor Ahmed Butt and Ishfaq Ahmed Dev extended their gratitude to the government for appointing a competent and locally rooted officer to lead the prestigious civic body.

They praised Wani's reputation for administrative acumen, sincer-



ity, and a people-centric approach, expressing confidence that his leadership will bring about meaningful change.

Speaking to PNA Doda, Yasir Wani assured the public that addressing the growing monkey

and dog menace in the town will be among his top priorities.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining public safety and sanitation, and expressed his commitment to resolv-

ing these civic issues through coordinated and humane strategies.

"The Municipal Committee Doda has long required a committed officer to steer the institution in the right direction. Yasir Wani's appointment has restored our faith in the system, and we are optimistic about the future of Doda's civic development," said Firdoos Hussain Rather.

With this development, the citizens of Doda look forward to a more responsive and dynamic municipal administration under Wani's stewardship.

Sham Lal Gupta condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack, calls for united stand against terrorism

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of Anti-Crime (NGO), has strongly condemned the barbaric terrorist attack on tourists in the Baisaran area of Pahalgam, Anantnag district, in which 26 innocent lives were lost and dozens more were injured.

He described the act as cowardly and inhuman, aimed at disrupting the growing atmosphere of peace and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir.

Expressing deep anguish over the heinous incident, Gupta said such acts of terror reflect the desperation of those who cannot tolerate the return of normalcy, tourism, and stability in the Union Territory.

"Attacking unarmed civilians who had come to enjoy the natural beauty and cultural warmth of Kashmir is a shameful and despicable act," he stated. "These attempts to tarnish the image of Jammu and Kashmir must be condemned by every right-thinking citizen."

He further emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have repeatedly voiced their aspiration for peace, development, and brotherhood—an aspiration that terrorists are trying to sabotage.

"The enemies of peace are trying to instill fear among tourists and local communities. But their nefarious designs will not succeed, as the people of this region are united in their resolve against terrorism," he asserted.

Calling for a strong and decisive response, he further emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have repeatedly voiced their aspiration for peace, development, and brotherhood—an aspiration that terrorists are trying to sabotage.



Sham Lal Gupta urged the security forces to act with full strength against the perpetrators of the attack and anyone who supports or shelters the terror ecosystem.

"There should be zero tolerance towards those spreading bloodshed and disrupting communal harmony," he said. He also appealed to society at large, including political leaders and civil society organizations, to rise above all differences and come together in support of the victims, while extending full backing to the security forces in their mission to eliminate terrorism from the region.

Gupta expressed heartfelt solidarity with the injured tourists and their families, assuring them that Anti-Crime NGO stands firmly with all peace-loving citizens in the collective fight against terror.

Dr. Rajeev Bhagat issues stern directives to Revenue Department for improved public service, transparency

Top News Report

BISHNAH, Apr 24: In a determined move to improve public service delivery, Bishnah MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat convened a high-level meeting with revenue officials, addressing critical shortcomings within the department. The meeting, held at his office chamber, focused on systemic issues causing hardship to citizens.

Dr. Bhagat strongly criticized the persistent delays in issuing essential certificates, including domicile, category, character, and agriculture certificates. He reminded officials of the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) mandates and demanded strict adherence to prescribed timelines. "Citizens are entitled to timely services," Dr. Bhagat asserted, "and delays are unacceptable."

The MLA also addressed the slow pace of providing online revenue extracts and land records. Despite the availability of online platforms, services like Jamabandi and Khasra Girdwari are significantly delayed. Dr. Bhagat

instructed officers to prioritize online service delivery within the PSGA framework.

A key concern was the flawed practice of conducting Harvest Inspections (Girdwari). Dr. Bhagat denounced the practice of Patwaris completing Girdwari from their offices instead of conducting mandatory field inspections. He emphasized that this leads to inaccurate records and disputes among landowners. "Every Patwari will now be held accountable for conducting on-the-spot inspections," Dr. Bhagat declared.

The attestation of mutations also came under scrutiny. Dr. Bhagat stressed the importance of fair hearings for all stakeholders and mandated on-site attestations to ensure transparency and prevent delays. He further expressed concern over the non-incorporation of attested mutations into revenue records, calling the practice "unlawful" and demanding immediate action.

Regarding land acquisition, Dr. Bhagat urged the Collector to meticu-

lously review records, particularly the LB-10 forms, to prevent discrepancies. He cited past issues with Ring Road acquisitions and stressed adherence to the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Dr. Bhagat also highlighted the lack of regular inspections of revenue records by supervisory officers, which he believes has enabled manipulation of records. He called for strict adherence to the inspection schedule outlined in the Land Revenue Act.

Finally, Dr. Bhagat directed the swift disposal of pending partition cases and reiterated his commitment to eradicating corruption within the department. He also called for the immediate distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA scheme.

Dr. Bhagat's assertive stance signals a push for significant reforms within the Revenue Department, with a focus on citizen-centric services, accountability, and transparency.

GDC RS Pura organizes plantation drive for herbal tea garden



Top News Report

R S PURA, Apr 24: NSS unit of Government Degree College RS Pura has taken a green leap forward by organizing a Plantation Drive for establishing a Herbal Tea Garden in college campus on Thursday promoting both environmental consciousness and holistic health.

The drive saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and NSS volunteers.

A diverse selection of herbal plants, including Tulsi, Lemongrass, Mint, Chamomile, and Ashwagandha, were planted

during the event. These plants will serve as the foundation for the college's new Herbal Tea Garden, which aims to educate students on the benefits of herbal remedies and sustainable agriculture.

Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, applauded the initiative, stating, "This plantation drive is not just about greenery—it's about cultivating a healthier lifestyle, connecting with nature, and inspiring students to value traditional knowledge."

The Herbal Tea Garden will also be integrated into the academic and extracur-

ricular framework of the institution, offering students practical exposure to herbal sciences and eco-friendly practices, she added.

Speaking on the event Program Coordinator, Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS PO said that this initiative aligns with broader efforts to instill Eco-conscious habits among youth and supports India's mission for a cleaner, greener future.

The faculty members who make the event successful were Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour.

J&K EJAC Gool announces new appointments

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GOOL, Apr 24: In a significant step towards strengthening the organizational structure and ensuring effective representation from all departments, the J&K Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC), Gool announced the new appointments effective immediately.

Fayaz Ahmed Sheikh (ITI Gool) has been appointed as Media Secretary, Ishaq Ahmed Rather (Education Deptt.) as Chief Coordina-

tor, Shaheen Kousar (Education Deptt.) as Female Representative, Mehmood Ashiq Bhat (BLO Association Gool) as Additional Spokesperson, Mohd Iqbal Sheikh (President, PHE Employees) as Organizer, Manzoor Ahmed Mir (JKHDFE) as Convener, Shoket Ahmed (PHE Employees), Manzoor Ahmed (BLO Association), Parvaz Ahmed, Zafar Ahmed Mugal (Animal Husbandry Department), Asgar Ali (PDD Department), and Farooq Ahmed Bhat (PDD Department) as Executive Members.

These appointments aim to enhance the committee's functionality and ensure that all voices within the organization are heard. The newly appointed members are expected to work collaboratively to address employee concerns and promote the welfare of all members.

The President of J&K EJAC Gool, Jalil Ahmed, congratulated the newly appointed members and expressed confidence in their ability to contribute positively to the organization's objectives.

Modi Sarkar ensure strong measures against Pakistan after Pahalgam terror attack: Rohiin Chandan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Rohiin Chandan has strongly condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, where 26 tourists including a Nepali National were killed and many others injured in Kashmir's Anantnag District.

He emphasized that this was a targeted killing aimed at innocent civilians, underlining

the brutal nature of the assault. Rohiin Chandan expressed confidence that under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India will deliver a befitting reply to any act of terror emanating from the neighboring country, Pakistan, at an appropriate time. He highlighted that the Union government is fully committed to a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and will respond decisively to such provocations.

Rohin Chandan stated that Pakistan now understands that India will not remain passive or "sit like a lame duck" when faced with terror attacks. This resolve was echoed by our Home Minister Amit Shah and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh; they assured that those responsible for the cowardly attack will soon face a strong and appropriate response on

Indian soil. The government, led by PM Modi, is taking every necessary step to ensure justice and security.

The Cabinet Committee on Security has banned several entities linked to terrorism as part of the government's comprehensive approach to counter terror threats.

Although the specific details of the Cabinet Committee on Security's decision mentioned in the prompt are not verifiable, a recent decision to hold the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance has been reported, among other measures against Pakistan.

The attack in Pahalgam, which targeted tourists and struck at the heart of the region's economic lifeline, has united the nation in grief and determination. Chandan expressed that all political leaders across

party lines have condemned the attack and expressed solidarity with the victims' families.

He added that Prime Minister Modi has personally monitored the situation, condemning the attack as heinous and assuring that those behind it will not be spared.

The government is providing all possible assistance to the affected families and injured.

The incident has reinforced India's unshakable resolve to fight terrorism and protect its citizens from such barbaric acts.

Rohiin Chandan's remarks reflect the broader national sentiment of resilience and resolve to combat terrorism decisively, ensuring that such acts do not go unanswered and that peace and security are restored in Jammu and Kashmir.

Salman Khan, Shah Rukh Khan among others, condemn Pahalgam terror attack

Salman Khan has expressed grief and anger over the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, which led to the loss of many lives and has shaken the nation. "Kashmir, heaven on planet earth, turning into hell. Innocent people are being targeted, my heart goes out to their families. Ek bhi innocent ko maarna puri kainath ko maarne ke barabar hai," Salman Khan said in a post on X.

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan also took to his X account to express his pain over the loss of innocent lives and urged people across the nation to stay 'strong and united'. "Words fail to express the sadness and anger at the treachery and inhumane act of violence that has occurred in Pahalgam. In times like these, one can only turn to God and say a prayer for the families that have suffered and express my deepest condolences. May we, as a nation, stand united, strong and seek justice for this heinous act," he said in a post on X.

Alia Bhatt called the news from Pahalgam 'heartbreaking', writing, "Innocent lives lost. Tourists, families, people who were



just... living. Seeking beauty. Seeking peace. And now there's only grief." Anushka Sharma condemned the incident as a 'cold-blooded terror attack', while Sidharth Malhotra said it is a 'cowardly act'. "I have full faith in our armed forces, and I'm sure they will do the needful," he said. Kareena Kapoor Khan, Vicky Kaushal and Sunny Deol also strongly condemned the attack. In an Instagram Story, Kareena wrote: "Beyond heartbroken for the victims and their families. Praying for the lives lost. #Pahalgam."

Hope the culprits behind 'this heinous act' are brought to justice, said Vicky Kaushal. "Can't

imagine the pain of the family members of those who lost their loved ones in the absolute inhumane act of terrorism in Pahalgam. My deepest condolences and prayers," he added.

Earlier, Akshay Kumar, Sonu Sood, Sanjay Dutt, Kamal Haasan and Ritesh Sidhwani condemned the attack. Nani, who shot for his Telugu film Hit: The Third Case in Pahalgam three months ago, said he was speechless. "Over 200 people team for almost 20 days. Pahalgam was like a dream. The place, the people and the warmth... Why?" he wrote in an X post.

In an X post, Pushpa 2 star Allu

Arjun said he was heartbroken. "Such a beautiful place with kind hearted people. Condolences to all the families, near and dear of the victims. May their innocent souls rest in peace. Truly heart-breaking (sic)" he wrote.

Actor Suniel Shetty wrote on X that it was an attack on 'the soul of Kashmir and its centuries-old legacy of hospitality'. Sunny Deol said it was high time that ending terrorism became a priority. "Victims are only innocent people, humans need to look within themselves. I stand with the affected families in this hour of grief. #PahalgamTerroristAttack," he wrote in Hindi.

Actor-filmmaker Ajay Devgn said he was shocked to hear about the terrorist attack. "The victims and their families were innocent souls, and what happened is heartbreaking and purely evil. My thoughts and prayers are with them," he wrote on X.

An emotional Anupam Kher shared a selfie video on social media with the caption: "Wrong. Wrong!! Pahalgam mas-sa-daar! Words are incompetent today!! #Pahalgam."

Diljit Dosanjh excited about Sardaar Ji 3



Punjabi singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh is eager to showcase his film Sardaar Ji 3 to the audience. Diljit took to

Instagram and shared that the shooting of the film had finished, and he was extremely excited to release it this June.

"Sardaar ji 3 releasing 27th June, finally shoot finish ho gaya sari team ne bahut mehnat kiti aa... Baba bhaag lavye milde an theatres Booooooo... main tan dar gi," he wrote.

Diljit also shared a couple of pictures in which he is seen striking poses in a black leather jacket that he paired with blue denims. Sardaar Ji 3, which also stars Neeru Bajwa and Pakistani actress Hania Aamir, will be released in theatres on June 27. The first part of Sardaar Ji, directed by Rohit Jugraj, also starred Mandy Takhar and Neeru Bajwa and had a record opening in Punjabi cinema. The second part, Sardaar Ji 2, was also directed by Jugraj.

The second instalment of the Punjabi fantasy horror-comedy Sardaarji came out eight years ago, in 2016, while the first film was released in 2015.

Actress Megha Prasad says working out is therapeutic

Megha Prasad, who is playing Malishka in Zee TV's show Bhagya Lakshmi, has a strict workout, fitness and wellness routine. But Megha says she does not tie herself to only one type of workout.

For me, fitness is non-negotiable, it's a part of my lifestyle, not a task. Just like I prepare for my role, I prepare for my work out routine as well. Some days it's early morning training, other days it's late-night cardio sessions, but I make it a point to do some kind of work out every day. I've learned to adapt. I don't tie myself to one type of workout. If I can't hit the gym, I'll do strength training at home, go for a run, or squeeze in a yoga session. I also keep my resistance band set and a jump rope in my bag at all times.

Having nutritious meals is the foundation of my lifestyle. I truly believe that what you eat reflects in how you feel and perform, both physically and mentally. I focus on clean, whole foods while staying hydrated and avoiding processed items. I also make sure I'm providing my body the right protein intake before and after workouts in order to recover well.

Working out is actu-



ally therapeutic. It keeps me calm and grounded, especially when life gets chaotic. I believe there's something incredibly empowering about pushing your body and seeing what it's capable of. It clears my mind, boosts my mood and helps me stay mentally resilient.

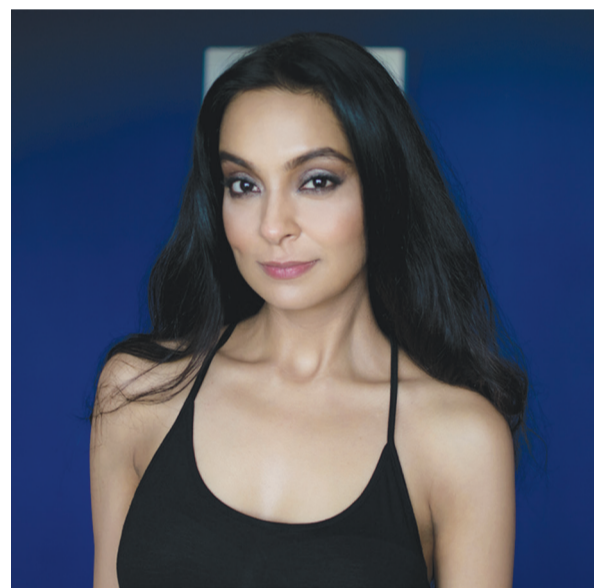
The feeling of satisfaction and fulfilment that you get after a good work-out is my biggest motivation. It's not just about the physical benefits, it's the clarity of thoughts, the energy and the confidence that I get. Fitness keeps me focused and aligned with my bigger purpose.

Priyanka Setia says patriarchy and violence against women are the leitmotif in her latest web series Khauf

Lovely actress Priyanka Setia, associated with a host of prestige projects like Khufiya, Sacred Games 2, The Office et al, may not yet be a household name. With a large body of work, including plays like the path-breaking The Vagina Monologues behind her, she rarely fails to nail her parts, small or big.

As she once again makes a mark in Amazon Prime Video's web series Khauf in a key character of Reema, thoughts like how to stand out in an ensemble cast do not bother her. Nor is she rankled by the fact that even though she has given her best, reviews may or may not mention her superlative performance. She says, "If you start getting upset over such small matters, you will only mess up your head. For me what matters is that my director, show-runner and writer are happy."

Writing is what anyway makes her say yes to a part. Since creator and writer Smita Singh is someone whose work she had seen in Sacred Games (Priyanka too starred in second season), there was no reason to say no to Khauf. She quips, "It was a no-brainer."



Horror, indeed, isn't the easiest watch and we wonder if it is equally difficult for actors to step into the horror verse. Well, firstly she doesn't think Khauf is your average horror, filled with jump scares and regular ghost-haunted mansions. She adds, "Khauf is more of a psychological thriller dealing with many deeper issues."

Indeed, she agrees that horror is fast becoming the name of the entertainment game and as a genre, in execution

and treatment is certainly coming of age too, more true in context of Khauf. Since patriarchy and violence against women are the leitmotif in the series, she nods that these are

indeed very relevant, all-pervasive issues of our society. Why she a Delhi girl learnt how to defend herself early in life from sexual harassment in public spaces. But she is not sure whether it's the job of cinema/series to sensitise people on such concerns. She says, "We are telling a story which is human, relatable and relevant and not upholding a flag, only showing things the way they are. In the process if majority of women can relate to the subject and some men too are waking up and getting the creeps, it's wonderful, but that is not the prime motive."

Women's world As she herself picks up a pen and is busy writing a web series, women are at the front

and centre of it. Whether she has herself in mind for the protagonist's role, whose character arc grapples with vicissitudes of life after her husband's suicide, the answer is a big no. She smiles, "A lot of people tell me to write for myself (actor in me.) Only I don't think this is how it works." Yes, the part that would launch her on the national consciousness might still elude her. But her metric is not the length of screen-time, rather how deep and meaningful the role is.

Former flight attendant and model Priyanka turned to acting for the sheer love of its craft and art. Trained under the likes of thespian Pankaj Kapur, her first teacher, she learnt the all important lesson of how to use body as a tool of acting. Acting, after all, she surmises is all about giving and receiving. Of course, after signing Khauf, one look at the star cast and she was a wee bit daunted. "Imagine acting with such phenomenal actors, all of whom were going to bring in their A game. I was a tad apprehensive about whether I could do justice to what the writer had written and what the makers had envisioned." Judging by her performance, perhaps, she

needn't have worried. Dead right in her observation, "When a series works, credit goes to the entire cast," to glamour struck aspiring actors her advice is equally on point, "Whatever may be your reasons for joining the industry, get a complete grasp over your craft."

Real take A style diva herself, she doesn't discount the value of glamour per se but counters, "Where is glamour in Jaideep Ahlawat's Hathiram Chaudhry in Paatal Lok? Or, the characters in Khauf?" Glamour, she knows is what you see on the outside, a byproduct, while acting is deep dive into cesspool of emotions. Just as she plumbed the psyche of Reema in Khauf, a character which stayed with her for a long time, and hopefully in people's memory too. Only to keep refreshing our memory log she will be seen in Raat Akeeli Hai 2 and a movie she is not at liberty to talk about yet. What she does divulge is how the industry where she began her journey with, Hawaizaada in 2015, has certainly changed for the better. "Auditions ensure casting is merit-based and OTT has truly become the equalizer," she says.

Fawad Khan condemns Pahalgam terror attack amid calls for ban on his film 'Abir Gulaal'

Pakistani film star Fawad Khan and Indian actor Vaani Kapoor say they are deeply saddened and gutted over the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam as growing calls to ban their upcoming film "Abir Gulaal" continue to intensify.

On Tuesday, 26 people, mostly tourists, were gunned down in a terror attack in South Kashmir's Pahalgam. It is being described as the deadliest attack in the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019.

Fawad, who is set to return to the Hindi film industry with "Abir Gulaal" after almost nine years, shared his anguish over the strike in an Instagram Story on Wednesday night.

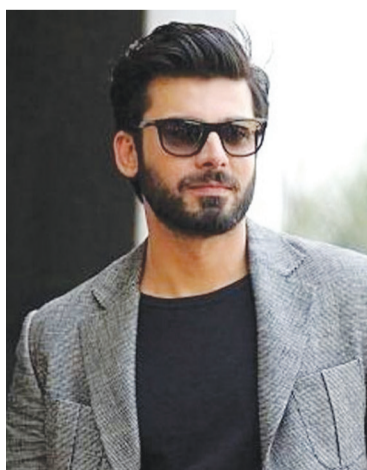
"Deeply saddened to hear the news of the heinous attack in Pahalgam. Our thoughts and

prayers are with the victims of this horrifying incident, and we pray for strength and healing for their families in this difficult time," the "Zindagi Gulzar Hai" star wrote.

His co-actor Vaani, whose next release is "Raid 2", also shared a post on her Instagram Stories.

"Have been numb, at a loss of words since the time I have seen the attack on innocent people in Pahalgam. Gutted. Devastated. My prayers are with the families," she wrote.

Their responses come shortly after the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) reiterated its directive on Wednesday, calling for complete non-cooperation with all Pakistani artists, singers, and technicians within the Indian film and entertainment industry.



"Despite the ongoing directive, we've been made aware of the recent collaboration with Pakistani actor Fawad Khan for the Hindi film, 'Abir Gulaal'.

"In light of the recent attack in Pahalgam, FWICE is once again compelled to issue a

blanket boycott on all Pakistani artists, singers and technicians participating in any Indian film or entertainment projects. This includes performances or collaborations occurring anywhere in the world," the FWICE said in a statement.

The industry workers' union had issued the directive in February 2019 after the Pulwama terror attack, which claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel.

The makers of "Abir Gulaal" earlier this month announced that the movie is slated to be released on May 9.

The FWICE, the parent body of 32 different crafts of the workers and technicians of the industry with more than five lakh members, warned that it will take disciplinary action against those who work with Pakistani artists.

Rectified my mistakes: Honey Singh on with Raid 2 promotional song Money, Money



Rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh said he is a huge fan of Ajay Devgn and has learned many things from the superstar. Singh, who has collaborated with Devgn for Raid 2 promotional song Money Money, said he still remembers the time when they first worked together on Singham. "During the making of Ata Maazi Satakli, I reached the set four hours late but (Ajay Devgn) sir was relaxed and cool when he met me. He spent 10-15 minutes with me. I became an even bigger fan of his as I thought he would scold me but he didn't say

anything," Singh said.

Singh said he ensured that he reached on time for the making of Money, Money. "I have rectified many of my mistakes by learning from these people because if you have to run long (in career)... It has been more than 35 years that Ajay sir is in the industry. It's a big deal for me to make a song for Ajay sir because obviously I am his fan; as an actor and as a human being I am his big fan," he added. The Rajkumar Gupta-directed film is a sequel to the 2018 film Raid that saw Devgn play the role of IRS officer Amay Patnaik. The actor is reprising the role once again. At the event, Devgn praised Singh. "Honey did a fantastic job. It's a mind blowing song. He is the OG," Devgn said. T-Series head Bhushan Kumar said he asked Singh to create a song in the zone of his past hit promotional track Lungi Dance from Shah Rukh Khan-starrer Chennai Express.

Pahalgam attack: PM Modi vows to punish terrorists, their backers 'beyond their imagination'

MADHUBANI (BIHAR), Apr 24 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday declared that the killers of Pahalgam will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" and promised to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers".

In his first speech after the April 22 attack in Pahalgam in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed, the prime minister vowed to punish terrorists behind the strike and said India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.

Modi spoke briefly in English and said, "Friends, today from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their backers. We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished."

In the stern message, he said, "Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this



resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in these times."

In a message to Pakistan without naming the country, Modi said he will state it categorically that the terrorists who carried out the attack and those who hatched the conspiracy, they will be punished beyond their imagination. "Punishment will definitely be served."

The prime minister said the

willpower of 140 crore Indians will break the back of patrons of terrorism.

Paying condolences to the victims and their families, he said citizens across the country are in mourning over the brutal manner in which terrorists killed 26 innocent civilians in Kashmir on April 22. The nation stands with their families, he said.

Modi, other leaders on the dais and the crowd observed silence to pay homage to the victims of the attack at the beginning

of the prime minister's speech.

He said people lost their sons, brothers and husbands and noted that the victims belong to different parts of India, be it Bengal, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha and Bihar.

"Our sorrow and anger are same from Kargil to Kanniyakumari," he said. Peace and security are the most necessary conditions for fast development, he added.

India had on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures, including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the horrific Pahalgam terror attack.

The gunning down of tourists by terrorists has sparked outrage across the country and a demand for decisive action from the Modi government, which is identified with a muscular stand on the plank of national security.

Terrorism breathing its last; nation must believe in PM Modi's leadership: Adityanath



KANPUR (UP), Apr 24 (Agencies): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said the Pahalgam terror attack was a "grotesque" act, and asserted that terrorists and those who patronised them would now have to face the repercussions of the zero-tolerance approach of the central government.

He also said that "terrorism is breathing its last" and that the nation must believe in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Speaking to journalists after meeting the kin of 31-year-old Shubham Dwivedi, a Kanpur resident killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, he said targeting of innocent individuals

based on their religious identity, especially in front of their families, is intolerable.

"To ask people their religion before killing them, turning women widows is unacceptable in India," he said.

Highlighting the Centre's response to the attack, including the decisions taken at the CCS meeting under PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Kashmir, he said, "The decisions taken at CCS meet would prove to be the last nail in the coffin for terrorism".

"In this hour of grief, the country must believe in PM Modi's leadership," Adityanath reiterated.

The chief minister pledged a "zero toler-

ance" approach to terrorism.

"This is not a government which withdraws cases against terrorists or sees its vote bank in such situations. We are committed to crush the deadly, poisonous fangs of terrorists. Terrorists and those who patronised them would now have to face the repercussions of the zero tolerance approach and now all will watch what follows next," he said.

The chief minister asserted that the "double engine" government would deliver a "befitting response" to the terrorists.

Adityanath also noted that Shubham had been married only two months and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Terrorists opened fire in a meadow near the tourist hub of Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday afternoon, killing 26 people, mostly tourists. It is the worst attack in Kashmir since the Pulwama strike in 2019 when 40 CRPF personnel were killed.

Pahalgam attack masterminded by Pakistan; BJP exploiting tragedy to promote polarisation: Congress

Congress to hold candle marches across the country on April 25 to pay homage to victims of the attack and protest against terrorist activities

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Top Congress leaders on Thursday held an emergency Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting at the party's Akbar Road office in New Delhi to deliberate on the Pahalgam terror attack.

The terror attack in Pahalgam, a famed tourist destination in south Kashmir, left 26 people dead and several injured. The attack on tourists took place in the meadows of Pahalgam on Tuesday.

The CWC, the highest decision-making body of the party, adopted a resolution expressing its deepest shock and condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack.

The party said the "cowardly" Pahalgam attack has been masterminded by Pakistan and is a direct assault on the "values of our republic", even as it accused the BJP of exploiting the tragedy to promote discord and polarisation at a time when unity is most needed.

The party's top brass, including president Mallikarjun Kharge, CWC chairperson Sonia Gandhi, senior leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and KC Venugopal, and several other top leaders, including P Chidambaram, Meira Kumar, Anand Sharma, Pawan Khera, Mukul Wasnik, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, attended the meeting.

The meeting started with leaders paying tribute to the victims of the attack by observ-

ing a moment of silence in their memory.

"The Congress Working Committee extends its deepest condolences to the bereaved families. It stands with them wholeheartedly in this moment of profound anguish.

"This cowardly and calculated act of terror, masterminded by Pakistan, is a direct assault on the values of our republic. The deliberate targeting of Hindus was done to inflame passions across the country," the party's resolution said.

"We appeal for calm in the face of this grave provocation and reaffirm our collective strength in the face of adversity. The CWC appeals for calm and reaffirms the Indian National Congress' longstanding resolve to combat cross-border terrorism with determination and unity," the resolution said.

Reading out the resolution at a press conference, party general secretary K C Venugopal, along with Jairam Ramesh and Pawan Khera, said the CWC also paid tributes to the local ponywalas and tourist guides, one of whom was killed while trying to protect tourists to uphold the idea of India.

The CWC said in its resolution that the massacre has rightly drawn condemnation from all political parties in Jammu and Kashmir and from a wide cross-section of its citizens.

"However, it is shocking that the BJP is exploiting this grave



tragedy through official and proxy social media platforms to sow further discord, mistrust, polarisation and division at a time when unity and solidarity are most needed," it said.

Venugopal said the Congress, being a responsible opposition, asks questions on the security and intelligence failure that led to the terror attack.

"Our primary question is only on security lapses and intelligence failure, which are evident. We are expecting an answer from the government, let the answer come, and then we will respond," he said.

Venugopal also announced that the Congress will hold candle marches across the country on April 25 to pay homage to the victims of the attack and protest against terrorist activities.

The CWC noted that Pahalgam is known to be a heavily guarded area, secured by a three-tier security arrangement and, "It is imperative that a comprehensive analysis is conduct-

ed into the intelligence failures and security lapses that enabled such an attack in a Union Territory -- an area directly under the purview of the Union Home Ministry."

"These questions must be raised in the larger public interest. This is the only way justice can truly be seen to be served for the families whose lives have been so brutally devastated," the CWC resolution said.

Noting that the Amarnath Yatra is set to commence shortly and lakhs of pilgrims from across India will participate in the annual journey, the CWC said their safety must be treated as a national priority.

"Robust, transparent, and proactive security arrangements must be put in place without delay. The safety of pilgrims, as well as the livelihoods of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, many of whom depend on tourism, must be protected with full sincerity and seriousness," the resolution adopted by the CWC said.

PM should chair all-party meeting on Pahalgam terror attack: Congress

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): The Congress on Thursday said it expects Prime Minister Narendra Modi to chair the all-party meeting scheduled for this evening on the Pahalgam terror attack, and take all political parties into confidence as well as build a collective resolve.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that on the night of April 22nd itself his party had asked for an all-party meeting to discuss the fallout of the brutal Pahalgam terror attack and the targeted killings of so many tourists.

"Considering the extreme seriousness of the issue and the mood of the nation, the Indian National Congress expects the PM to chair the All-Party meeting scheduled for 6 PM today and take all political parties into



confidence and build a collective resolve," Ramesh said.

The Centre will brief leaders of various political parties on the Pahalgam terror attack and hear their views at the meeting.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah are expected to brief the leaders, official sources said. Singh will chair the meeting.

With the government announcing a host of measures targeting Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack where terrorists

killed at least 26 persons, mostly tourists, on Tuesday, sources said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar may also speak at the meeting.

The decision to call the all-party meeting was taken on Wednesday, with Singh and Shah reaching out to various parties.

There has been a convention for calling an all-party meeting following an incident with serious repercussions related to national security, as was seen after the Pulwama terror attack in 2019 or during the India-China standoff in 2020.

With eyes on Pakistan, India speeds up launch of special spy satellite

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): In the wake of the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam -- that killed 26 people -- the Indian space agency is accelerating the launch of a special spy satellite that can help protect and keep a sharp eye on India's borders in all weather conditions.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is ready to launch a special radar imaging satellite in the next few weeks. This satellite has the capability for imaging both during day and night, and it can also see through clouds. It is very hard to hide assets on the ground from this bird in the sky, and hence it is often called a 'spy satellite'.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said the ISRO will launch the PSLV-C61 mission carrying the state-of-the-art EOS-09 satellite.

"Equipped with a C-band synthetic aperture radar, EOS-09 will



be capable of capturing high-resolution images of Earth's surface under all weather conditions, day or night," he said.

This radar imaging satellite has been made by Indian scientists and will be an addition to the existing constellation of over 50 satellites India already has in space.

India's sophisticated Cartosat-3 satellite, which is already in service, can beam down images with a resolution of less than half a meter from its low Earth orbit.

But this satellite gets blinded at night, and the enemy can move its assets. But the high-end EOS-9 can always find what the enemy is trying to hide, as it never gets blinded.

The ISRO chairman, Dr V Narayanan, told agency that the program to launch the workhorse rocket -- the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) -- with the radar imaging satellite is going on in a campaign mode with the target to launch it as soon as possible.

Three naxalites killed in massive anti-Maoist operation on Chhattisgarh-Telangana border

RAIPUR, Apr 24 (Agencies): In what is cited as one of the biggest offensive underway against the banned outfit CPI (Maoist), at least three Naxalites have been killed in an exchange of fire with security forces along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh densely forested border area during the early hours of Thursday.

The ongoing interstate operation involving around 5000 security personnel is continuing in the region for the last 40 hours, a source revealed.

As the operation continues, the casualty count of the Maoists may increase.

According to the source following the development, the troops in massive strength belonging



to District Research Guard (DRG), Special Task Force (STF), CRPF and its elite elite CoBRA force, Bastar Fighters from Chhattisgarh state, have joined the Greyhounds force from Andhra Pradesh in the major anti-Maoist operation close to the hilly terrain of Karregutta and Nilam Sarai along the border area of Telangana-Chhattisgarh, where Maoists in huge strength including

most of their top leaders were stated to be present. The region is long considered to be their safe shelter.

A massive anti-Maoist operation is underway near the Karregutta and Nilam Sarai hills along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border, with heavy deployment of forces including DRG, STF, CRPF, CoBRA, Bastar Fighters from Chhattisgarh, and the Greyhounds from Andhra

Pradesh. The area, known to be a Maoist stronghold, is believed to be hosting several top leaders of the group.

The choppers from the Air Force have been pressed into action to support the forces on the ground--airlifting food items and other essentials for them.

The troops are closely following the inputs acquired from the advanced drones. The police officials based in south Chhattisgarh and adjoining states are closely monitoring the progress of the operation.

Sources said there were specific inputs about the presence of Maoists in and around the hilly forested terrain. Further details are awaited.

Massive Russian strike on Kyiv kills 9 overnight, injures dozens

KYIV, Apr 24 (Agencies): A large-scale Russian missile and drone attack hit Kyiv overnight, killing nine people and injuring another 70, including six children, Ukrainian authorities said Thursday.

The Kyiv City Military Administration said on its Telegram channel that Russia struck Kyiv with drones and ballistic missiles. At least 45 drones were detected, the administration said, adding that Ukraine's Air Force would update the figures later.

The attack came hours after peace negotiations appeared to stall, with President Donald Trump lashing out at Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, saying he was prolonging the "killing field" by pushing back on ceding Crimea to Russia as part of a potential peace plan.

Zelenskyy has said multiple times that recognising occupied territory as Russian is a red line for his country.

At least 42 people were hospitalised in Kyiv, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said. Rescue operations were



still underway early morning Thursday to find bodies under the rubble.

At a Kyiv residential building that was almost entirely destroyed, emergency workers removed rubble with their hands, rescuing a trapped woman who emerged from the wreckage covered in white dust and moaning in pain.

An elderly woman sat against a brick wall, face smeared with blood, her eyes fixed to the ground in shock as medics tended to her wounds.

Fires were reported in several

residential buildings said Tymur Tkachenko, the head of the city military administration.

The attack, which began around 1:00 am, hit at least five neighbourhoods in Kyiv. In Sviatoshynskiy district, a fire broke out in a residential building that was damaged in the attack.

Agency saw rescue teams dig out people trapped under the rubble of the building and dead bodies being taken away.

Oksana Bilozir, a student, suffered a head injury in the attack. With blood seeping from her bandaged head, she said

that she heard a loud explosion after the air alarm blared and began to grab her things to flee to a shelter when another blast caused her home's walls to crumble and the lights to go off.

"I honestly don't even know how this will all end, it's very scary," said Bilozir, referring to the war against Russia's invasion. "I only believe that if we can stop them on the battlefield, then that's it. No diplomacy works here."

More fires were reported in the Shevchenkivsky and Holo-siivskiy districts.

Anastasiia Zhuravlova, 33, a mother of two, was sheltering in a basement after multiple blasts damaged her home. Her family was sleeping when the first explosion shattered their windows and sent kitchen appliances flying in the air. Shards of glass rained down on them as they rushed to take cover in the corridor.

"After that we came to the shelter because it was scary and dangerous at home," she said.

US: Marco Rubio denies report of lifting Russian sanctions



WASHINGTON DC, Apr 24 (Agencies): US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has refuted a recent report in the US media which alleged discussions about lifting sanctions on Russia in connection with a Ukraine deal, and termed it "unequivocally false."

Accused the POLITICO outlet of "journalistic malpractice," Rubio in a post on X stated, "This is unequivocally false. Neither Steve Witkoff (US Special Envoy to Middle East) nor I have had any conversations about lifting sanctions against Russia as part of a deal with Ukraine. This is journalistic malpractice. If @POLITICO has an ounce of integrity they will fully retract this piece of fiction."

POLITICO, in a report citing sources, had said that the White House is debating whether to lift sanctions on Russia's Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline

and potentially other Russian assets in Europe as part of discussions on ending the war between Russia and Ukraine.

Lifting the sanctions currently in place on one of Russia's main pipelines connecting its natural gas fields to Western Europe would be a sharp reversal in the US policy first put in place during President Donald Trump's first term. President Joe Biden waived those sanctions early in his term, but reimposed them after Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, POLITICO reported.

According to sources cited by POLITICO, White House special envoy Steve Witkoff has been a key advocate for easing sanctions on Russia. Witkoff, who reportedly formed a friendship with Vladimir Putin during his time as Donald Trump's envoy to Moscow, has instructed his team to compile a comprehensive list of US energy sanctions imposed on Russia as part of ongoing discussions, the sources said.

One of the two Nord Stream 2 pipelines, constructed to transport gas through the Baltic Sea to Germany, remains functional despite an explosion in 2022 that damaged one of its lines along with both pipelines of the adjacent Nord Stream 1. The September 2022 blast, which disrupted gas supplies, is still under investigation, with some reports suggesting possible involvement of Ukrainian nationals.

China says there are no negotiations with the US over tariffs

BANGKOK, Apr 24 (Agencies): China on Thursday denied U.S. President Donald Trump's assertion that the two sides were involved in active negotiations over tariffs, saying that any suggestion of progress in this matter was as groundless as "trying to catch the wind."

China's comments come after Trump said Tuesday that the final tariff rate on China's exports would come down "substantially" from the current 145%. "China's position is consistent and we are open to consultations and dialogues, but any form of consultations and negotiations must be conducted on the basis of mutual respect and in an equal manner," said Ministry of Commerce spokesman He Yadong. "Any claims about the progress of China-U.S. trade negotiations are groundless as trying to catch the wind and have no factual basis."

Trump had told reporters earlier in the week that "everything's active" when asked if he was engaging with China, although his Treasury Secretary had said there were no formal negotiations.

Trump had put 145% tariffs on imports from China, while China hit back with 125% tariffs on U.S. products. While Trump has given other countries a 90-day pause on the tariffs, as their leaders pledged to negotiate with the U.S., China remained the exception. Instead, Beijing raised its own tariffs



and deployed other economic measures in response while vowing to "fight to the end." For example, China restricted exports of rare earth minerals and raised multiple cases against the U.S. at the World Trade Organization. China also made it clear that talks should involve the cancellation of all tariffs it currently faces.

"The unilateral tariff increase measures were initiated by the United States. If the United States really wants to solve the problem, it should face up to the rational voices of the international community and all parties at home, completely cancel all unilateral tariff measures against China, and find ways to resolve differences through equal dialogue," said He, the spokesman.

Despite the economic measures leveled against China, Trump said Tuesday that he would be "very nice" and not play hardball with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"We're going to live together very happily and ideally work together," Trump said.

South Korea's former President Moon indicted for alleged bribery

SEOUL, Apr 24 (Agencies): South Korean prosecutors indicted former liberal President Moon Jae-in on bribery charges Thursday, saying that a budget airline gave his son-in-law a lucrative no-show job during Moon's term in office.

Moon's indictment adds him to a long list of South Korean leaders who have faced trials or scandals at the close of their terms or after leaving office.

Prosecutors allege that Moon, who served as president from 2017-2022, received bribes totalling 217 million Won (USD 151,705) from Lee Sang-jik, founder of the budget carrier Thai Easter Jet, in the form of wages, housing expenses and other financial assistance provided to Moon's then-son-in-law from 2018-2020.

South Korean media reported that Moon's daughter and her husband were divorced in 2021.



The Jeonju District Prosecutors' Office said in a statement that Lee was also indicted on charges of paying bribes to Moon and committing breaches of trust.

The prosecutors' office said Moon's former son-in-law was hired as a director-level employee at Lee's company in Thailand even though he had no work experience in the airline industry.

The office said he spent only brief periods at the company's office in Thailand and carried out only minor duties while claiming to be working remotely from South Korea.

The prosecutors' office said it had not found evidence that Moon performed political favours for Lee, who worked on Moon's campaign, but that Lee likely expected his assistance to be repaid.

Lee was later named the head of the state-funded Korea SME and Startups Agency and was nominated by Moon's party to run for parliament while Moon was in office, but the prosecutors' office said that it hasn't found any evidence that Moon helped Lee win those positions.

There was no immediate response from

Moon.

Moon's indictment comes before South Korea elects a new president on June 3 to succeed conservative President Yoon Suk Yeol, who was ousted over an ill-fated imposition of martial law.

It's unclear if Moon's indictment will influence prospects for liberals to win back the presidency. Observers say liberal presidential aspirant Lee Jae-myung is heavily favoured to win the vote as conservatives remain in disarray over Yoon's ouster, although Lee also faces criminal trials on allegations of corruption and other charges.

Most past South Korean presidents have been embroiled in scandal in the final months of their terms or after leaving office. In 2017, Park Geun-hye, South Korea's first female president, was removed from office and arrested over an explosive corruption scandal.

Park's conserva-

tive predecessor Lee Myung-bak was also arrested on a range of crimes, years after leaving office. Moon's friend and former liberal President Roh Moo-hyun jumped to his death in 2009 amid corruption investigations into his family.

Moon is best known for his push to reconcile with rival North Korea as he met North Korean leader Kim Jong Un three times and facilitated the start of the high-stakes nuclear diplomacy between Kim and President Donald Trump.

Moons' supporters credit him with achieving now-stalled cooperation with North Korea and avoiding major armed clashes, but opponents say he was a naive North Korea sympathiser who ended up helping the North buy time to advance its nuclear programme in the face of international sanctions and pressure.

"India must do to Pakistan's ISI what Israel did to Hamas": Former Pentagon official

WASHINGTON, Apr 24 (Agencies): Following the deadly Pahalgam attack, Michael Rubin, a former Pentagon official and senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, issued a strong statement and said that "it is now the duty of India to do to Pakistan and to Pakistan's ISI what Israel did to Hamas," calling for decisive action against Pakistan's intelligence agency for its alleged role in supporting terrorism.

Drawing a comparison to the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel, Rubin said that both attacks targeted peaceful civilians—liberal Jews in Israel and middle-class Hindus in India.

While speaking with agency, Rubin stated, "That is exactly what went on when October 7, 2023 Hamas attack

on Israel. It was directed specifically against Jews and not only against Jews, but among the most liberal Jews who were most prone to wanting peace and normalcy with the Gaza Strip. Targeting a vacation resort, middle-class Hindus, it is evident that the Pakistanis are trying the same tactic now. It should be no more successful for Pakistan than it was for Hamas. And frankly, it's now the duty of India to do to Pakistan and to Pakistan's ISI what Israel did to Hamas."

He added, "It's time to wipe out the leadership of the ISI to treat them as a designated terror group and demand that every country that is an ally of India, every country that is an ally of the world's largest democracy, do the same."

Rubin also said that



the recent remarks made by Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir may have served as a direct provocation for the Pahalgam attack.

"Certainly that speech seemed to green light terror. Asim Munir said that Kashmir is the jugular vein. What India now needs to do is to cut Pakistan's jugular. There's no ifs, ands, or

butts. There are no shortcuts anymore. Asim Munir gave the green light," Rubin stated.

"We know that Pakistan is home to a myriad of terrorist groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba... Unfortunately, because of a lack of concerted counter-terror action, because Pakistani diplomats are playing the West for fools, we now

have an expansion of the problem, not only in Pakistan but frankly in Bangladesh as well," he added.

The brutal attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday left 26 civilians dead after terrorists opened fire on tourists in the Baisaran meadow, making it one of the most horrific incidents since the 2019 Pulwama terror strike. The attack has drawn comparisons with past high-profile attacks and has reignited public outrage across the country.

In response, India announced stringent countermeasures against Pakistan, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 and closing the integrated check post at Attari with immediate effect—moves intended to send a strong diplomatic message against cross-border terrorism.

Khalifa University ranks 37th in Asia, tops UAE in THE Asia University Rankings 2025



ABU DHABI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Khalifa University of Science and Technology today announced it has climbed three positions to be ranked 37th in Asia in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2025, reinforcing its standing as a leading institution for research, enterprise, and innovation in the region.

Khalifa University has retained its position as the top in the UAE and second among Arab countries listed in the 2025 edition.

With a strong regional outlook, the university continues to align its research priorities with the most pressing challenges and innovation goals locally and globally.

From AI and auto-

nous robotics to sustainable energy and advanced materials, the university's core research centres are actively contributing to advancing innovation in a range of areas.

Prof. Ebrahim Al Hajri, President of Khalifa University, said, "Our steady rise in various world rankings reflects the strength of our research ecosystem and the local and global relevance of our academic programmes."

"Khalifa University remains a hub for high-impact research that supports industrial growth and scientific collaboration, while contributing meaningfully by nurturing talent, advancing discovery, and building partnerships that transcend borders."

KCCI urges Central Govt to ensure effective protection for Kashmiris across India

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 24: In view of the growing incidents of harassment targeting Kashmiri students, businessmen across various parts of India, the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has strongly condemned such actions and taken up the matter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. KCCI is deeply concerned about the violence against Kashmiris and has appealed for urgent intervention.

In official communications addressed to the Prime Minister, Home Minister, Lieutenant Governor, and Chief Minister, KCCI has requested that the Central Government co-ordinate with all con-

cerned state governments and union territories to ensure effective protection for Kashmiris across India.

Reports indicate that Kashmiris residing in other states have faced intimidation and threats, with some receiving ultimatums to vacate their residences. Such developments have created anxiety and fear within the Kashmiri community.

KCCI has called for urgent directives to safeguard the safety, security, and dignity of Kashmiri students, business people, and residents living outside Jammu & Kashmir, preventing harassment and forced displacement.

The Chamber has urged both Central and State governments to implement immediate protective measures for Kashmiris living outside the region to uphold their rights and safety.

Guest Lecture on 'INFLIBNET Services for Higher Education Institutions' organized at JU



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu, under the headship of Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Plan-

ning and Development, on Thursday organized a guest lecture on "INFLIBNET Services for Higher Education Institutions".

Prof. Umesh Rai Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu as Chief Guest and Prof. Devika

P Madalli, Director INFLIBNET as Speaker graced the event with their presence.

Prof. Umesh Rai, in his presidential address, emphasized the importance of innovation and adaptability in the rapidly evolving field of library and information science.

He also discussed ways to implement the services provided by INFLIBNET and allocated responsibility for its execution to the delegates present within

the lecture.

He also complemented the department for organizing the event and encouraged participants to leverage such opportunities for knowledge enhancement.

The guest lecture provided by Prof. Madalli's shed insightful presentation and light on emerging trends and best practices, offering valuable perspectives for students, faculty, and professionals. She introduced the partici-

pants with various services of INFLIBNET and the ways to incorporate these services for academic excellence.

Prof. Sangita Gupta expressed her gratitude to Prof. Madalli for sharing her expertise.

The event concluded with an interactive session. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Pooja Rana and Kumar Chitraketu. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Meghna Dhar.

JKTF welcomes ZEPO Arnas, highlights teachers' issues

Top News Report

REASI, Apr 24: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Forum (JKTF) unit of Zone Arnas, led by Zonal President Parshotam Singh, welcomed Zonal Planning Educational Officer (ZEPO) Arnas, Prahlad Singh, in his office chamber on Thursday. The JKTF leadership presented a bouquet to the officer as a token of respect.

During the interaction, the JKTF leadership assured full cooperation to the ZEPO office in ensuring smooth functioning of schools and hoped for timely redressal of teachers' issues.

They also raised genuine concerns, including release of time-bound and other arrears, entry of earned leave for teachers engaged in



surveys during winter vacation, release of time-barred arrears for teachers/masters, rationalization of teachers as per PTR, and updation of service books.

ZEPO Arnas listened to patiently and assured the JKTF leadership that each issue would be addressed. He thanked the JKTF for the warm welcome.

JKTF Zonal President Parshotam Singh

thanked the ZEPO for the positive assurance, highlighting that JKTF, led by State President Mohd Ashraf Sheikh, is affiliated with the All India Teachers Federation and Educational International, representing all grades of teaching and non-teaching staff.

Others present included Sukhdev Singh, Rayaz Ahmed, Ahmed Nawaz, and Panchan Singh.

Pahalgam attack raises serious questions of security, intelligence failure: Congress's Ghulam Ahmad Mir

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: The Pahalgam terror attack raises serious questions of security and intelligence failure, Congress leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir said on Thursday. In Tuesday's terror attack in Baisaran near Kashmir's resort town of Pahalgam, 26 people, mostly tourists, were gunned down. Mir, who is the Leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Congress Legislature Party, asked the government why there was no security in the area.

"The Pahalgam attack raises major questions of security and intel-



ligence failure," Mir said. "Why was there no security in the area, which is usually there. The government should respond," Mir said. Baisaran is a favourite tourist hotspot and is frequented by several tourists every day.

Department of Sociology, GDC Kishtwar organizes guest lecture

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 24: The Department of Sociology at Government Degree College, Kishtwar, organized a thought-provoking guest lecture under the patronage of Principal Dr. Basharat Iqbal, with valuable guidance from Prof. Sonika Sen, Head of the Department.

The highlight of the session was the insightful lecture delivered by Rabia Sehrish, a research scholar from Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), who spoke on the crucial topic of "Gender-Based Violence."

Sehrish elaborated on various dimensions of gender-based violence, its profound impact on society, and the critical need for awareness and proactive measures to address this pressing issue. Additionally, she touched upon various other significant social challenges, fostering an environment of critical thinking and open dialogue among attendees.



The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Sociology students, who engaged in rich discussions with Sehrish, demonstrating their keen interest and awareness of contemporary social challenges.

The program was coordinated by Sanjay Kumar, who graciously welcomed the guest and effectively set the tone for an engaging session with an inspiring introduction.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Amit Rathore, who expressed gratitude to Sehrish, the faculty members, and the stu-

dents for their active involvement and contributions that made the event a resounding success.

In attendance were distinguished faculty members including Dr. Parveen Singh, Dr. Nasir Rashid, Dr. Inam ul Haq, Dr. Iqra Manzoor, Dr. Asif Iqbal, Shivani, Monika Soni, and Sahiba Malik, all of whom contributed to making this event remarkable.

The Department of Sociology remains committed to fostering awareness and dialogue on important social issues, and this lecture served as a significant step towards that goal.

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Army soldier martyred in encounter in Udhampur

26 lives on Tuesday, prompting a national security response.

Udhampur district's Basantgarh belt has witnessed a chain of terror incidents in the past one year.

On April 9, an encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in the Jopher-Marta belt of Ramnagar, Udhampur district. However, the terrorists managed to escape.

On September 11 last year, two terrorists affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit were killed in an encounter in the upper reaches of Basantgarh.

On April 29 last year, a Village Defence Guard member was killed in an exchange of fire with unidentified gunmen in Panara village of Basantgarh.

Several encounters and operations have taken place in this strategic belt, which lies between the Kathua border district and the Doda-Kishtwar belt, as part of infiltration routes.

LG Sinha pays tribute to Army Braveheart Hav Jhantu Ali Shaikh

be forgotten. The entire nation stands firmly with the family of the martyr in this hour of grief," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir receives death threat email

Gambhir, a former BJP MP, reportedly received two threat mails reading "I KILL YOU" from a sender identifying as "ISIS Kashmir", police sources said.

An email complaint regarding the threats was received at the Rajinder Nagar police station along with screenshots of the threat mails.

"Dear Sir, Namaskar. As we spoke, please find below the 'Threat Mails' received on the mail ID of Mr Gautam Gambhir (Ex-MP), Head Coach Indian Cricket Team. Kindly register the FIR accordingly and ensure the safety and security of the family," the complaint read.

This isn't the first time that Gambhir has been threatened. In 2022, he received similar threats, prompting the authorities to tighten his security measures.

"Please don't think that Kashmiris are your enemies": CM Omar Abdullah after Pahalgam attack

person from our valley who sacrificed his life to save the people there... I am also thankful to the people of Kashmir who came out after the attack and condemned it," Abdullah said.

"People (of Kashmir) came out and voiced the same thing: that they were not involved and the attack was not for them... I just want to request the people of the country: please don't think that Kashmiris are your enemies; we are not guilty of it... We have also suffered for the last 35 years... Please refrain from making such a statement... We request to put a stop to it," he added.

The J&K CM further emphasised that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want peace and that such acts of violence do not represent their will.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir are not against peace; they want peace... What had happened hasn't happened according to our will? If we had the will, it wouldn't have happened... It's unfortunate," Abdullah said.

His remarks came in the aftermath of the deadly terror attack at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent people.

The attack, carried out by terrorists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on Tuesday, is one of the deadliest in the Valley since the 2019 Pulwama strike in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed.

US issues 'Do Not Travel' Advisory for Jammu & Kashmir after Pahalgam terror attack

announced downgrading diplomatic ties with Pakistan, including expulsion of its military attachés, because of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam terror attack.

4 OGWs of Lashkar arrested in Bandipora: Police

from their possession," police said.

The forces established another joint naka at Sadunara Ajas, and during checking, two suspects identified as Rayees Ahmad Dar Saderkoot Bala and Mohammad Shafi Dar of Banyari were apprehended, and during the search, illegal arms and ammunition were recovered, police said.

The recovery included a Chinese hand grenade, a 7.62 mm magazine and 30 rounds of 7.62 mm.

Police have registered two separate cases under relevant sections of UAPA in police station Sumbal, and further investigation has been taken up.

"During questioning, the arrested terrorist associates admitted to being the OGWs of banned terrorist outfit LeT and were tasked to target police/SF and non-locals in Ajas, Naidkhai, Sumbal and adjacent areas," police said.

IB Officer killed in Pahalgam wanted to take parents to Vaishno Devi after this vacation, say friend

officers who paid homage to Ranjan at the airport.

Marandi said the way innocent people were killed on the basis of their religion is not pardonable.

"The perpetrators of the crime will be brought to justice by the government. The masterminds of the attack will also not be spared," he said.

Resident Commission New Delhi establishes helpline for J&K students

Jammu and Kashmir Resident Commission, New Delhi in case of any help/assistance:

1. Hello JK Mobile Number: 7303620090

2. Manager JK House, Chanakyapuri: 9682389265

3. Manager JK House, 5 Prithviraj Road: 9419158581

4. Resident Commission J&K Govt, New Delhi: 01124611108, 01124615475, 01124611157, 01126112021 and 01126112022".

The communiqué adds that the above-mentioned numbers shall remain operational 24/7 for any kind of assistance.

Golden Debut for J&K at Masters Nationals

One Gold, One Silver – UT's Basketball Teams Leave Their Mark

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JAMMU, Apr 24: In a moment of immense pride for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, its Masters Basketball teams have etched their names in the annals of Indian sports history by clinching one gold and one silver medal at the 7th Masters National Games held in Dharamshala. Making their debut at the prestigious tournament, the teams delivered stand-out performances that have inspired a wave of celebration and admiration across the region.

Organized by the Masters Games Association Himachal Pradesh under the aegis of the Super Masters Games and Sports Federation (India), the tournament witnessed Jammu and Kashmir's athletes shine on a national platform, proving their mettle and leaving an indelible mark.

Leading the charge was the dynamic Iqbal Singh, whose performance was nothing short



of spectacular. With over 30 points to his name, Singh's leadership and skill on the court earned him the coveted title of Best Player of the Tournament.

His influence extended far beyond the scoreboard, motivating his teammates and lifting the entire squad with his energy and focus.

The highlight of the tournament was the J&K men's team in the 35+ age category, who stormed to a decisive 64-46 victory over Haryana in the final match, capturing the

gold medal. The team, composed of Bhanu Partap Singh, Iqbal Singh, Ranbir Singh, Sumit Kumar, Varinder Dabgotra, Sahil Sharma, Vaneet Pangotra, Mohan Singh, Sachin Bhambra, Sahil Uppal, Sumit Dogra, and Sandeep Khajuria, showcased exceptional coordination and resilience throughout the tournament.

In the 40+ men's category, the team fought valiantly against Kerala in a tightly contested final, ultimately securing the silver medal with

a narrow 50-57 defeat. The squad, including familiar faces like Iqbal Singh and Bhanu Partap Singh, along with Ranjeet Singh Chib, Sumit Kumar, Varinder Dabgotra, Vaneet Pangotra, Mohan Singh, Sachin Bhambra, Sahil Uppal, and Sumit Dogra, earned widespread applause for their spirit and sportsmanship.

Ranjeet Singh Chib, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Masters Games Association (JKMGA) and a former international handball player, hailed the victory

as a landmark achievement for the UT.

He extended his gratitude to key institutions such as the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, led by Sh. Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), the J&K Police, and the Secretary of the J&K Sports Council, whose collaborative efforts were instrumental in creating a supportive environment for the athletes.

The remarkable achievements of J&K's Masters Basketball teams are more than just wins on the court—they represent a triumph of perseverance, unity, and the indomitable spirit of the region's athletes.

Their success has ignited a renewed passion for sports across Jammu and Kashmir and serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when talent meets opportunity.

As the dust settles on a historic tournament, the legacy of these athletes is only just beginning.

Inter School Zonal Level Tournament of Zone Basohli held



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BASOHLI, Apr 24: The Inter School Zonal Level Tournament of Zone Basohli was successfully conducted at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Basohli, in alignment with the Activity Calendar issued by the Worthy Director General YSS, Jammu & Kashmir UT, and under the guidance of the Worthy DYSSO Kathua, Sh. Sunil Singh Sambyal Ji. This sporting spectacle was meticulously coordinated by the Zonal Physical Education Officer, Sh. Tara Singh Ji, alongside the dedicated team of physical education staff of Zone Basohli.

The event featured enthusiastic participation in the disciplines of Athletics and Yoga, with boys from the Under-14 and Under-17 age groups competing with great zeal.

A total of 713 boys from various government and private schools across Zone Basohli took part, reflecting the vibrant sporting spirit of the region and a collective commitment to physical excellence and holistic development.

In the 100 meters Under-14 category, Sahil from Govt GMS Basohli showcased his remarkable speed to secure selection.

In the Under-17 category, it was Ritik Thakur from VSHSS Basohli who impressed with his swift sprint to the finish

line. The 200 meters race saw Bhiregav Balotra of VSHSS Basohli take the lead in the Under-14 group, while Amit Kumar from MHSS Basohli emerged victorious in the Under-17 race.

Field events also brought forward outstanding young talent. In Javelin Throw (U/14), Krish from VSHSS Basohli stood out with his powerful performance.

The Shot Put event crowned Kamal Singh of Cluster Bhoond as the Under-17 champion, while Wasim Hussain secured the top position in the Under-14 category.

The Long Jump event brought accolades to GHS Sandhr, with Mohit Verma and Mohd Sahid winning first place in the Under-14 and Under-17 categories, respectively. These results reflect not only individual talent but the strength of athletic training and encouragement across schools.

The tournament also featured some spirited running events. Avnish Kumar from GHS Daramn claimed first place in the 100 meters, showing exceptional sprinting prowess.

Salman Khan of HS Janu took the top spot in the 200 meters, while Varun Singh from HS Sandhar triumphed in the 400 meters.

The 600 meters race was clinched by Manjeet Thakur of HS Daramn, who ran with persistence and power.

The event was a grand celebration of youthful enthusiasm, talent, and sportsmanship.

It reflected not only physical strength but also discipline, teamwork, and the collective spirit of Zone Basohli's educational institutions.

This tournament stood as a testament to the bright future of sports in the region, with young athletes carving paths to glory and setting the foundation for greater achievements ahead.

Shri Kaal Bhairav Dham Trust distributes educational materials to GMS Raika



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JAMMU, Apr 24: In a commendable initiative, Shri Kaal Bhairav Dham Trust distributed educational materials to Govt Middle School (GMS) Raika.

The distribution was carried out with the blessings of Mahant Rahul Giri Ji Maharaj, who continues to inspire such social service efforts. As part of the event, the children received books and other essential learning supplies aimed at encouraging their interest in education and supporting their academic journey.

Trust members emphasized that this initiative is a step towards empowering underprivileged children by providing them with the tools they need to succeed. They also assured that similar activities will be organized regularly in the future. The local community expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Mahant Rahul Giri Maharaj for his constant support and guidance. The event not only brought smiles to the faces of the children but also reflected the Trust's commitment to social welfare and the upliftment of society through education.

Sant Hare Ram Das Public School pays tribute to victims of April 23 incident



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JAMMU, Apr 24: Under the guidance of President Shri Shri 1008 Sant Hare Ram Das Ji Maharaj and Principal Prof. Ekta Gupta, Sant Hare Ram Das Public School held a heartfelt tribute service today to honor the victims of the tragic incident that occurred on April 23, 2025.

The school community gathered in unity, observing a moment of silence and offering prayers for those affected.

Students, teachers, and staff came together to pay their respects and express solidarity with the victims and their families.

Principal Prof. Ekta Gupta expressed deep

sorrow and condemned the act of violence, stating, "We strongly denounce these heinous acts. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families, and we wish for the speedy recovery of the injured."

The school reaffirmed its commitment to promoting peace, unity, and compassion within and beyond its community.

Senior Citizen Services Support Club Chowadhi expresses condolences on demise of innocent tourists



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JAMMU, Apr 24: The members of the Senior Citizen Services Support Club, Chowadhi, Jammu, extended deepest and heartfelt condolences on the tragic and tearful demise of innocent tourists, who became victims of a deliberate and targeted terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, on the afternoon of April 22, 2025.

This heinous crime and cowardly act by militants has shaken

the conscience of every peace-loving citizen.

In solidarity with the bereaved families and to mourn this irreparable loss, a condolence and prayer meeting was solemnly held under the chairmanship of Dr. Kasturi Lal Gupta.

During the gathering, members expressed their anguish and outrage over this brutal incident, while strongly condemning the forces of terror that continue to threaten the harmony and sanctity of our nation.

"We pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls and offer strength, courage, and solace to the families grappling with this unbearable loss.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with them during this deeply sorrowful time," they said.

The Senior Citizen Services Support Club stands united in the face of terror and reaffirms its faith in peace, justice, and the resilience of the people of India.

Modi Govt's actions show zero tolerance for terror: Vibodh

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JAMMU, Apr 24: In a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the Mandir Committee of Gangyal today organized a Yagya to offer prayers for those who lost their lives and to seek blessings for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Later, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressed the media at the venue. Expressing deep anguish over the incident, Gupta stated, "We strongly condemn the cowardly attack on innocent civilians. Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the peace and unity of our nation, and the perpetrators will not be spared."

He further emphasized India's long-standing ethos of peace and non-aggression, while also asserting the country's right to self-defense. "India has never attacked any country out of hatred or contempt, but if our interests are



threatened, we will not hesitate to take a big step," Gupta added.

He further highlighted the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national security, noting several strong measures taken in response to repeated provocations from Pakistan. He also asserted that Pakistan's support to terrorism is a global threat. "This government has not stayed silent. We have taken steps like keeping the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, cancelling SAARC visas for Pakistani citizens, among others — sending a clear message that terrorism will not be toler-

ated," Gupta said. Speaking to the media, Baldev Singh Billawaria expressed profound grief and condemned the heinous act in the strongest terms. "This cowardly attack is not just an assault on individuals, but on the very spirit of our nation — a nation built on unity, resilience, and peace."

He called on the people to remain united adding, "Terror has no justification. Such violence will only strengthen our resolve to defeat it in all its forms. We must continue to support our security forces and stand firm against any attempt to destabilize our peace."

KVK Reasi promotes Silkworm Rearing

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REASI, Apr 24: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) and Department of Sericulture, Reasi are promoting the silkworm rearing in Reasi distt. of J&K. KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J.

According to Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Reasi, Reasi distt. has an immense potential in sericulture and farmers need to adopt the latest techniques in sericulture so as to get maximum production.

He said that there are immense entrepreneurial opportunities in sericulture and farmers can increase their cocoon production by adopting the latest techniques in



sericulture. He added that farmers should avail the benefits of schemes to enhance their farm income and improve the socio-economic status.

He said that KVK is guiding farmers on the scientific cocoon production and mulberry plants cultivation.

He said that silkworm rearing is a profitable enterprise and stressed on the modern techniques in sericulture. He stressed on the nutrition management in mulberry crop and improved varieties of mulberry for the commercial cultivation of silkworms.

He also emphasised on the timely disease

management in cocoon production for maximum returns. He suggested farmers on the hygienic management in silkworms farming. He emphasised on the horizontal expansion of cocoon rearing and discussed on the commercial rearing of silkworms so as to enhance income among the farmers of hilly areas.

He also stressed on the efficient marketing management practices for cocoon sale. By observing the results of successful silkworms' rearers many new farmers are showing keen interest towards this remunerative venture.

Sachin Tendulkar turns 52: A look through the extraordinary cricketing journey of 'Master Blaster'

Tendulkar is a name known in households not only in India, but across all major cricketing nations in this world. It would not be wrong to say that the sport owes a lot to the 'Master Blaster' for the sheer popularity, competitiveness and money power it currently enjoys.

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, who made a name for himself as possibly the greatest batter in cricket's history with his unmatched consistency, longevity, hunger for runs and audacity to take on some of the world's very best teams and bowlers, turned 52 on Thursday.

Tendulkar is a name known in households not only in India, but across all major cricketing nations in this world. It would not be wrong to say that the sport owes a lot to the 'Master Blaster' for the sheer popularity, competitiveness and money power it currently enjoys. Many of the world's current great batters and leaders, such as Virat Kohli, Steve Smith, Kane Williamson, Joe Root, Virender Sehwag, MS Dhoni, etc., owe their strokeplay, passion for the game and match-winning abilities to the master himself.

The Maharashtra-born player made his Test debut on November 15, 1989, at the age of 16. In the same year, on December 18, he also got his maiden ODI cap. Over the years, with his astonishing range of strokes, which he kept re-inventing, upgrading, and polishing owing to injuries, team situations, age, conditions, etc., Tendulkar accumulated a massive 34,357 runs in 664 international appearances at an average of 48.52.

Sachin is the highest run-scorer in international cricket. He has scored 100 centuries and 164 half-centuries, the most in international cricket. He stands alone at the top with a century of centuries.



The once-child prodigy went on to become the undisputed greatest batter in Tests, amassing 15,921 runs in 200 matches at a batting average of 53.78 that many greats would envy, against bowling attacks and conditions that rattled some highly talented stars. Along the way, Tendulkar scored 51 Test centuries, the most by any player.

With 18,426 runs in ODIs at an average of 44.83 in 463 matches, 49 centuries and 96 half-centuries, Tendulkar evolved from a middle-order batter to being the greatest ODI batter and opener ever. Though he was surpassed by Virat Kohli for the record of most centuries during 2023 Cricket World Cup at his home venue of Wankhede Stadium, the show of respect by the man hailed as 'King' proves that Sachin's 49 tons are more than a statistic and hold a special place in everyone's hearts and there is surely no one above 'The God of Cricket' no matter what the number game is.

The Master Blaster is also the

first-ever cricketer to have hit a double hundred in ODIs, against South Africa at Gwalior in February 2010 and to have played a total of 200 Test matches.

Tendulkar is part of the Indian team that won the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2011. After his World Cup debut in 1992, his dream to win the prestigious trophy came true in 2011 after India defeated Sri Lanka in the final by six wickets. The batting legend, committed fully to his dream of holding the cup in his hands, emerged as India's top run-getter with 482 runs in nine matches, with two centuries and two fifties. It was only fitting that Tendulkar experienced the greatest night of his cricketing career at Wankhede Stadium, a venue that he first stepped inside as a boy wonder.

Overall, Tendulkar is the highest run-getter in the Cricket World Cup history. In 44 innings across 45 matches, he has scored 2,278 runs at an average of 56.95 with six centuries and 15 fifties. His best score in the tournament is 152.

Sachin had a great record in the knockout matches. In seven knockout stage matches in the World Cups, he scored 339 runs at an average of 48.42. He scored four half-centuries in knockout matches for India, with the best score of 85. However, he was not able to hit it big in the two finals he played.

Though Tendulkar failed to win an ICC Champions Trophy with India, he was a part of a total of five CT campaigns with Team India. Tendulkar has a solid record in the Champions Trophy as well, though not as good as his World Cup records.

Throughout his 16 ICC Champions Trophy matches, he scored 441 runs at an average of 49.43, with seven centuries and 16 half-centuries.

In knockout matches in this tournament, he managed only 169 runs at an average of 42.25, with one half-century.

In all, across both these ICC events, Sachin has scored 2,719 runs in 61 matches at an average of 49.43, with seven centuries and 16 half-centuries.

Though Tendulkar played only 1 T20I for India, scoring just 10 runs, he still got a taste of T20 cricket through the Indian Premier League (IPL) with Mumbai Indians (MI). He scored 2,334 runs in 78 matches at an average of 34.83, with a strike rate of 119.81, a century, and 13 fifties. His best score was 100*.

In the IPL, he won the title with MI in 2013, but also secured the Orange Cap for most runs in 2010, with 618 runs in 15 matches at an average of 47.53, a strike rate of over 132 and five fifties.

Rohit Sharma second Indian to complete 12,000 T20 runs



HYDERABAD, Apr 24 (Agencies): Star Mumbai Indians (MI) batter Rohit Sharma completed 12,000 runs in T20 cricket, becoming the second Indian player and overall eighth player to achieve the milestone.

Rohit reached this feat during his side's Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) at Uppal Stadium. During his match, Rohit continued his upward trajectory form-wise, posting his second successive fifty in the competition, making 70 in 46 balls, with eight fours and three sixes. His runs came at a strike rate of 152.17.

In 456 matches and 443 innings, Rohit has made 12,058 runs at an average of 30.91, with eight centuries and 80 fifties. His best score is 121*. He is the eighth-highest run-getter in T20s.

The highest run-getter among Indians in T20s is Virat Kohli, who has made 13,208 runs in 407 matches and 390 innings at an average of 41.79 and a strike rate of 134.33, with nine centuries and 101 fifties and

the best score of 122*. He is the fifth-highest run-getter in the format.

The top run-getter in T20s in the all-time list is West Indies icon Chris Gayle, who has made 14,562 runs in 463 matches and 455 innings at an average of 36.22 and a strike rate of 144.75, with 22 centuries and 88 fifties. His best score is 175*.

Rohit is slowly finding his groove in this season, having made 228 runs in eight innings at an average of 32.57 and a strike rate of 154.05, with two fifties and the best score of 76*.

The last instance of Rohit Sharma getting back-to-back 50-plus scores in the IPL was in 2016. He had done that twice that year, getting four 50-plus scores in a span of five innings, finishing the season with 489 runs in 14 innings with five fifties as the sixth-highest run-getter and his side's top scorer.

Since IPL 2024, Rohit has been more prolific in run-chases, scoring 532 runs in 15 innings at an average of 40.92 and a strike rate of over 153, with a century and three fifties to his name.

However, while batting first, he has managed just 113 runs in seven innings at an average of 16.14 and a strike rate of 143.03.

Coming to the match, MI won the toss and opted to field first. The five-time champions had SRH down and out at 35/5, but a 99-run stand between Heinrich Klaasen (71 in 44 balls, with nine fours and two sixes) and Abhinav Manohar (43 in 27 balls, with two fours and three sixes) took MI to 143/8 in their 20 overs.

Trent Boult was MI's top wicket-taker with 4/26 in four overs. Deepak also picked 2/12 in four overs. Pandya and Bumrah got a wicket each.

During the run-chase, a 64-run stand between Will Jacks (22 in 19 balls, with two fours and a six) and Rohit Sharma and a 53-run stand between Rohit and Suryakumar Yadav, propelled MI to an easy win by seven wickets in 15.4 overs.

Rohit made his second successive fifty, scoring 70 in 46 balls, with eight fours and three sixes. Suryakumar finished unbeaten at 40* in 19 balls, with five fours and two sixes with Tilak Varma (2*) unbeaten.

Eshan Malinga, Zeeshan Ansari and Jaydev Unadkat got a wicket each.

MI have climbed up to third spot in the points table, with five wins and four losses, giving them 10 points and their fourth successive win. SRH is at ninth spot with two wins and six losses, giving them just four points.

Royal Challengers eye home improvement against struggling RR

BENGALURU, Apr 24 (Agencies): Struggling to find form in their own den, Royal Challengers Bengaluru will look to regain control of their IPL campaign at home when they meet a floundering Rajasthan Royals here on Thursday.

RCB's three defeats at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in as many matches offer one of the biggest paradoxes of this edition. An outfit that has steamrolled opposition in all parts of the country has been left chasing shadows in its own backyard.

The RCB batters have appeared strangely subdued and their bowlers seem to have forgotten the lengths to adopt here. Central to that woeful run is the changed character of

the 22-yard strip here which has offered some grip to the bowlers.

The Bengaluru batters are yet to find the right tempo to tide over the slowness in the pitch, as they seem to have been caught in the dilemma of whether to step on the gas or not.

It's evident in the team's totals here so far — 169/8, 163/7 and 95/9 (14 overs). They have scored over 9-10 runs an over at other venues, but here the rate has dropped down to 7-8 runs an over.

Their mainstay Virat Kohli has been in decent form this season, averaging 64, but more would be expected of Phil Salt, Devdutt Padikkal and skipper Rajat Patidar.

The inconsistent bounce is holding back

the RCB batters, particularly after the powerplay segment and, hopefully, they will find the rhythm against RR.

The Bhuvneshwar Kumar-led bowling attack's story is not different either. Despite the deck offering some assistance they have not been able to fully utilise the conditions here, unable to find the right spots.

RCB currently have 10 points to be placed at third on the table but Punjab Kings and Lucknow Super Giants also have 10 points. Mumbai Indians are quietly sneaking up the ladder with eight points.

Therefore, a favourable result will help RCB to stay above the possible mid-table logjam of four teams with 10 points.

"Senseless act of violence": AIFF condoles loss of lives in Pahalgam terror attack

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey expressed deepest condolences on the tragic loss of lives in the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam and described it as a "senseless act of violence". The brutal attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on Tuesday killed 26 civilians, mostly tourists and left many more injured.

"On behalf of the entire Indian football fraternity, we express our deepest condolences on the tragic loss of lives in the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam. This senseless act of violence has taken away innocent lives and left



families and communities shattered. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims during this heartbreaking time," Chaubey said as cited in the AIFF.

"Football has always been a force that unites,

inspires, and heals. In these trying times, we hope that the spirit of togetherness and resilience will prevail over hatred and violence," he added.

A minute's silence was observed before the Kalinga Super Cup

2025 round of 16 match between Bengaluru FC and Inter Kashi kicked off at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday, in remembrance of the Pahalgam terror victims. Both teams wore black armbands in mourning.

Earlier, India's decorated striker Sunil Chhetri expressed grief over the terror attack in Pahalgam. In a story post on Instagram, Chhetri said, "Saddened at the news coming out of Pahalgam. Words fall short. My thoughts are with the families of all those affected by what is a cowardly act of terror."

India, on Wednesday, announced a series of steps to give a strong message to Pakistan

for its support to cross-border terrorism, stating that the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance and the integrated checkpost at Attari will be closed with immediate effect.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri announced the decisions in a press briefing on Wednesday after the CEC meeting.

The attack, carried out by terrorists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on Tuesday, is one of the deadliest in the Valley since the 2019 Pulwama strike in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed. The attack was one of the biggest terror attacks in the region after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

After facing defeat in series opener, Bangladesh recall in-form opener for 2nd Test against Zimbabwe

CHATTOGRAM, Apr 24 (Agencies): After suffering a historic defeat against Zimbabwe in the opening Test, Bangladesh have decided to recall in-form opener Anamul Haque back to the fold, while tearaway Nahid Rana has stepped aside to fulfil his commitments in the ongoing Pakistan Super League (PSL) for the second and last fixture of the series.

In their attempt to secure victory in the second Test and end the series on level terms, Bangladesh made two changes: Anamul replaced Zakir Hasan, and uncapped left-arm spinner Tanvir Islam came in place of Rana.

Anamul stands in line to play his first Test for Bangladesh in nearly three years after he earned a spot on the back of his recent scintillating performances. He is the highest run-scorer in the ongoing Dhaka Premier League (DPL 50-Over tournament), courtesy of his four scorching centuries in his



last 10 innings.

The 32-year-old, who made his Test debut for Bangladesh in 2013 and has only featured in five games in the format and has a high score of 23, will look to make a much larger impact in the longest format of cricket.

On the other hand, Rana, who Peshawar Zalmi picked, has left space open for Islam. The left-arm spinner has featured in 41 first-class matches and scythed 134 scalps at an average of 27.06. His impressive figures

include six five-wicket hauls with a best of 8/51.

Bangladesh were outdone by Zimbabwe's pace spearhead, Blessing Muzarabani's nine-wicket haul in the opening Test. With a three-wicket triumph, Zimbabwe won its first Test match since March 2021. The tourists will strive to put the final nail in the coffin and whitewash Bangladesh with a victory in the second Test, which is scheduled to begin on April 28 at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium.

Bangladesh squad for second Test vs Zimbabwe: Najmul Hossain Shanto (capt), Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Shadman Islam, Anamul Haque, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahidul Islam Ankon, Jaker Ali (wk), Mehidy Hasan Miraz (vice-capt), Taijul Islam, Nayeem Hasan, Tanvir Islam, Hasan Mahmud, Khaled Ahmed, Tanzim Hasan Sakib.

City boost Champions League hopes with 2-1 win

MANCHESTER, Apr 24 (Agencies): Pep Guardiola celebrated wildly as Manchester City took a big step toward Champions League qualification with a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa in the Premier League. With clenched fists, the City manager roared with delight after Matheus Nunes struck deep into stoppage time at the Etihad Stadium. "I was so happy. I have to admit it," Guardiola said after a win that could help salvage a troubled season for his once dominant team.

The late winner moved four-time defending league champions City up to third in the standings, with the top five securing a place in European club football's top competition. Nunes fired home from a tight angle in the fourth minute of added time after Jeremy Doku's low cross through the box. The game had looked destined to end in a draw after Bernardo Silva's first-half goal had been canceled out by a Marcus Rashford penalty. There is still likely to be

a tense battle for the Champions League with a clutch of teams in contention going into the final weeks of the season and just four points separating third to seventh in the standings. But City's fate is in their own hands after a troubled campaign that saw their title defence unravel before Christmas and their hopes of winning the Champions League end in the playoffs.

A top-five finish would go some way to ending the season on a high — and Guardiola's celebration was evidence of just how important the win could prove to be.

"We have a lot of pressure for the club to go to the Champions League," said Guardiola, whose City team won the competition for the first time in 2023.

"If we win the next four games, it will have been so important," he added.

Victory moved City up to 61 points and above Nottingham Forest in fourth and Newcastle in fifth. Chelsea are sixth and Villa, with 57 points, are seventh.

11th State Board for Wildlife meeting held under chairmanship of Lt Governor Brig Mishra

Several defence projects, defence roads and transmission line cleared and approved in meeting

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LEH, Apr 24: The 11th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife was held under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat in the presence of the wildlife board members.

At the outset, the LG and the board members observed a minute's silence to pay respect to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Chief Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal, informed the board members about the request made by the LG to renowned wildlife expert Dr MK Ranjitsinh to help UT Administration in drafting detailed profiling of wildlife of Ladakh, a comprehensive wildlife policy for Ladakh and the guidelines on role and responsibilities of armed forces in the protection and conservation of wildlife in Ladakh, out of which Dr Ranjitsinh has already worked on detailed profiling of wildlife of Ladakh and work



is underway on the other two aspects.

The Chief Secretary also apprised the members of the assessment report on status of black-necked crane in the High Altitude Cold Desert (Changthang) Wildlife Sanctuary 2024-25, informing them that 25 wildlife stewards have been engaged by the Department of Wildlife Protection for seven months and trained and assigned duties to protect and tasked with recording data on number of black-necked cranes, nest sites, chicks, eggs, etc. in 25 different habitats

of black-necked crane in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. He also informed that currently there are 69 adult and 20 chicks of black-necked crane in Ladakh.

He further informed the members about the workshop/training held for user agencies such as Army and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) officials for handling and correctly uploading wildlife diversion proposals on Parivesh 2.0 portal with the help of NIC Delhi, Gol.

23 infrastructure development proposals received from the

Indian Army and the Intelligence Bureau, MHA, along with wildlife clearance proposal for defence roads and wildlife clearance for transmission line in Karakoram and Changthang Wildlife sanctuaries, were put up for discussion during the meeting. After a detailed discussion, all the projects were approved by the board members, headed by the LG.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson; Dr Ranjitsinh; wildlife expert Dr RK Singh and Director, Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust,

Tsewang Namgail gave their valuable suggestions in the meeting such as holding discussions on the proposed defence projects with the concerned area councillors so that there is no confusion; minimal acquisition of land owned by the villagers; the need to put up barricades/speed barriers to stop the killing of endangered species such as Pallas's Cat by speeding vehicles, etc.

Chairman/CEC LAHDC Leh, Adv Tashi Gyalson; Chief Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS; Wildlife expert Dr MK Ranjitsinh; former PCCF Jigmet Takpa, IFOs (Retd); DGP Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, IPS; Commissioner/Secretary, Dr Vasanthakumar N, IAS; CCF Ladakh, Sajad Mufti, IFOs; Secretary, IT, Shashanka Ala, IAS; officials from Army, Border Roads Organisation; PDD, Wildlife Department; Wildlife Institute of India and other wildlife experts were present in the meeting.

Shiv Sena released poster "Fearlessly visit Baba Barfani"

Appeal to devotees to take part in the yatra and give a befitting reply to terrorism

Warning to terrorists to face dire consequences



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JAMMU, Apr 24: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has issued a poster with the message "Fearlessly visit Baba Barfani" and appealed to devotees of Bholenath to take part in the Amarnath yatra and give a befitting reply to terrorism.

Along with this, a warning has been issued to terrorist organizations to face dire consequences if they dare to carry out any untoward incident.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the purpose of the cowardly attack on Hindus in Pahalgam is to affect the Shri Amarnath yatra and create fear among Hindus. Sahni has issued a warning to the terrorist organizations that they will have to face serious consequences if they make any nefarious attempt to carry out any untoward incident during the pilgrimage.

Along with this, Sahni said that to encourage the devotees of Baba Barfani, a group of Shiv Sainiks of revered Bala

Saheb Thackeray will be present at the main base camps Pahalgam and Baltal during the yatra.

Sahni has released a poster "We will have darshan of Baba Barfani without fear" and appealed to people to participate in the yatra and take blessings of Bhole Baba. General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Senior Vice President Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kohli were present on this occasion.

Manish Sahni praised the local Muslim youth Syed Adil Hussain Shah present at the Pahalgam attack site, who lost his life while trying to snatch the gun from the terrorist and save the Hindus, and others who saved the lives of people by lifting them on their shoulders and keeping them away from the reach of the terrorists' bullets, for which a unique example of mutual brotherhood, Kashmir and humanity has been set, which is commendable. This is a slap on the face of those who create an atmosphere of terror and divide Hindus and Muslims, including Pakistan. Manish Sahni, while

expressing deep concern over the increasing terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, has demanded to increase the deployment of the army, bring the Jammu and Kashmir Police Force under the state government and appoint an experienced and senior former army or police officer who has served in the state as the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sahni said that the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has organized an all-party meet in Kashmir today regarding the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, in which he was also invited to participate.

But due to some reason, he could not be a part of this meeting. Sahni demanded to raise his voice in unity in the all-party meet for the immediate restoration of full statehood and bring the Jammu and Kashmir Police Force under the people's elected state government.

Along with this, he reiterated the demand to appoint an experienced former senior army or police officer as the Lieutenant Governor.

IIM Jammu hosts immersion program for BBA students of Institute of Technology and Science Ghaziabad

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, organized an enriching Immersion Program for BBA students from the Institute of Technology and Science (I.T.S), Ghaziabad.

Held at the Dhama Classroom, Vedanta MDP Centre from April 24 to 28, 2025, the program aimed to foster collaborative learning and provide valuable industry exposure to aspiring management professionals.

The Immersion Program featured the participation of 30 enthusiastic BBA students and two faculty members from I.T.S Ghaziabad. The students received a warm welcome and were taken on an engaging campus tour, beginning at the iconic Clock Tower and covering key facilities including the IIM Jammu Reception Area, Mandapam Auditorium, Smart Classrooms, and the state-of-the-art Nalanda Library.

The Inaugural Ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of wisdom. The event was graced by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean



Academics, IIM Jammu; Dr. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy; and Dr. Vinod Durge, Chairperson, Alumni Affairs. Representing I.T.S Ghaziabad were Prof. Vijayanti Anand and Prof. Shivoham, who extended their support and encouragement to the participating students.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, welcomed the students and emphasized the importance of active participation and co-creation in the learning process. He encouraged the students to come prepared, be engaged, and leverage this opportunity to the fullest. Highlighting that learning at IIM system goes beyond classroom sessions, he underscored the value of peer learning and out-of-

classroom experiences. He thanked I.T.S Ghaziabad for collaborating in this initiative and encouraged students to explore the IIM Jammu campus, reflect on key takeaways, and fully immerse themselves in its vibrant academic ecosystem. "This five-day journey is not just about learning—it's about discovery, challenge, and growth," he remarked.

Dr. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and shared a key learning from a past industry immersion—the importance of discovering something new each day. He emphasized that the five-day BBA program is designed to align with students' aspirations and equip them

to become future leaders and job creators. Highlighting the role of Executive Education, he noted that IIM Jammu focuses on practical skills, policy awareness, and industry insights essential for today's dynamic business landscape. He reiterated IIM Jammu's commitment, in contributing to policymaking and nation-building through continuous learning and innovation.

Dr. Shreya Rastogi, Program Director, IIM Jammu, warmly welcomed the participants and provided an insightful overview of the program's objectives, setting the tone for an engaging and enriching learning experience.

The five-day program featured a thoughtfully curated curriculum designed to equip

students with essential managerial insights and practical knowledge. Key topics included International Business, Capital Budgeting, Critical Thinking, Digital Branding, Fundamentals of Forex Markets, Capital Structure and Leverage Analysis, Operations Management, Practical Applications of Business Strategy, Supply Chain Management, Consumer Behaviour, Digital Transformation in Business, Lean Management, Business Statistics for Managers, Monetary Policy, Digital Marketing, Team Building, and the Role of AI in Business Communications. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Garima Maurya, Program Director, IIM Jammu. The inaugural ceremony culminated with the national anthem and group photograph.

The Immersion Program at IIM Jammu stands as a testament to the institute's unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and strengthening industry-academia partnerships. Through such transformative initiatives, IIM Jammu continues to set new benchmarks in management education and plays a pivotal role in shaping future-ready leaders.

LG Brig Mishra seeks cooperation from tourism stakeholders to welcome tourists in Ladakh in wake of terrorist attack in Pahalgam



Top News Report

LEH, Apr 24: In view of the cowardly attack on innocent tourists by the armed terrorists in Pahalgam, in which around 26 people lost their lives, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) appealed to all stake-

holders and sought their assistance in welcoming tourists with open arms and take all necessary measures to increase the footfall of tourists in Ladakh.

Stating that tourism is the lifeline of people of Ladakh as majority of people are engaged in tourism activities for their livelihood, the LG

sought cooperation from all tourism stakeholders to welcome and support tourists and not indulge in any malpractices that might hamper the footfall of tourists in Ladakh and affect the livelihood opportunities of the people of Ladakh.

The LG stated that, going by the trend, he was expecting more tourists to visit Ladakh in 2025 than in 2024.

The LG stated that appropriate action would be taken against the travel advisories issued by the United States and United Kingdom, categorising the Union Territory of Ladakh under Jammu and Kashmir and thereby creating confusion and concern among foreign and domestic tourists.

Stating that the nation is facing a difficult time, the LG highlighted the need to secure the nation and protect our sisters and daughters.

Further stating that nobody wants Kashmir's economy—which is dependent on tourism, as majority of people in areas such as Pahalgam are dependent on tourism for their livelihood—to suffer, the LG sought everyone's goodwill and support and the need to evoke the 'nation above everything else' sentiments to overcome the difficult period.

SNM organises voluntarily blood donation camp at Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Reflecting the spirit of love and brotherhood, Manav Ekta Diwas (Human Unity Day) is observed annually on

April 24 by the Sant Nirankari Mission in a spiritually charged atmosphere, in sacred remembrance of Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji. This day is not only an occasion to pay homage

but also a spiritual confluence of humanity, harmony, and unity.

On this day, the Mission initiates a nationwide blood donation drive that flows throughout the year as a symbol of collective awakening toward selfless service. Alongside, spiritual congregations spread the message of love, peace, and inclusiveness to the masses. This day signifies that service is not merely an act but an inner sentiment of self-

less dedication. This year too, the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation organized an extensive series of blood donation camps across more than 500 branches throughout India. In Jammu the camp was held at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Shastri Nagar and was inaugurated by Smt. Seema Basin JKAS Director Finance, Social Welfare Department Civil Secretariat Jammu, She said that the camp witness-

ing the enthusiastic participation of devotees who voluntarily donated blood with full dedication and zeal, contributing to the welfare of humanity. A total of 217 units of blood donated by devotees.

Through his realization of Truth, Yugdrishta Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji initiated movements that freed society from superstitions and social evils, encouraging de-addiction, simple marriages, and positive

thinking among youth. Carrying forward his noble legacy, Baba Hardev Singh Ji gave the eternal message, "Let blood flow in veins, not in drains," making blood donation an integral part of the Mission's spiritual service. T his message continues to live in the hearts of Nirankari devotees as a glowing torch of service and sacrifice.

Dr. Geetika Duggal, Medical Director of Sant Nirankari Health City,

shared that approximately 30,000 units of blood were collected across the country during this blood donation drive, with nearly 1,000 units donated at the Delhi camp alone.

This day also honors the sacred memory of devoted martyrs like Chacha Partap Singh Ji and many other saints who dedicated their lives walking the path of human unity, selfless service, and spiritual awakening.