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Terrorists shoot dead social activist in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, Apr 27 (Agencies): A 45-year-old social activist was shot dead by suspected terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Sunday.

The terrorists fired at Ghulam Rasool Magray inside his residence at Kandi Khas late on Saturday, they said.

Magray was rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead on arrival.

It was not immediately clear why the ultras targeted the social activist.

Three Police personnel injured in South Kashmir road accident

SRINAGAR, Apr 27 (Agencies): At least three civil police personnel were injured after a road accident involving a police gypsy and a bunker vehicle in the Adapora area of Khull DK Marg in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Sunday.

Police said that the civil police gypsy and its accompanying bunker were returning towards D H Pora after completing duty when the accident took place.

They said that a flock of sheep suddenly came onto the road, and although the driver tried to control the vehicle, the police gypsy and bunker collided with each other.

As a result, three personnel from the civil police sustained injuries. They were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, and their condition is stated to be stable, sources said.

More details are awaited.

Prohibition on Sale, Stitching and storage of Army Uniforms in Kishtwar

JAMMU, Apr 27 (Agencies): Authorities have ordered prohibition on sale, stitching and storage of army uniforms and combat pattern dresses in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district to check their misuse by anti-national elements. Jammu travel guide

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan ordered the prohibition. "Whereas, this threat posed by

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Intelligence Bureau identifies around 5000 Pakistani Nationals in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Apr 27 (Agencies): The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has handed over the list of around 5000 Pakistani nationals living in the national capital to the Delhi police to ensure these people return home.

The visas of Pakistan nationals have been revoked in the wake of the recent directive of the centre, prompted by a recent terrorist attack on tourists in the Pahalgam district of Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu travel guide

The Foreign Regional Registration Office (FRRO) has shared the list with a special branch of the Delhi police, and it was further shared with



the district concerned for further verification and identification.

The list includes the names of Hindu Pakistani nationals who have Long Term Visas (LTVs) and are exempted.

"The list has been handed over to the district concerned for verification, and asked the Pak nationals to return to

their homeland. Central and North East districts have a high number of Pakistani nationals living in the area," said a senior official.

The official added that a meeting was called over the matter and Delhi police has been instructed to take immediate action on the matter. Senior officers

are monitoring the situation.

The officers of the special branch of the Delhi police and the Intelligence Bureau have been entrusted to collect information about these Pakistani nationals residing in Delhi and ask them to leave India at the earliest.

Another officer confirmed that they have two lists of 3000 and 2000 Pakistan nationals staying in Delhi. There are certain names that overlap, and it is subject to verification of their stay as many Pakistan nationals have already left.

On Friday, MHA issued an order regarding the

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NIA takes over Pahalgam terror attack case following MHA orders



NEW DELHI, Apr 27 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA), following Union Ministry of Home Affairs orders (MHA), has begun the process of formally taking over the Pahalgam terror attack case, in which 26 killed and several others injured, official sources said

A spokesperson said in a statement that NIA

teams, which have been camping at the terror attack site since Wednesday, have intensified the search for evidence.

He added that the teams, overseen by an IG, a DIG and an SP from the anti-terror agency, are examining the eyewitnesses who had seen the horrifying attack unfold before their eyes at the peaceful and

picturesque Baisaran valley.

"The eyewitnesses are being questioned in minute detail to piece together the sequence of events that led to one of the worst terror attacks in Kashmir." The statement reads.

It added that the entry and exit points are being closely scrutinised by the investigating NIA teams for clues to the modus operandi of the terrorists.

Concluding the statement, the spokesperson said, "The teams, aided by forensic and other experts, are checking the entire area thoroughly for evidence to expose the terror conspiracy that led to the horrendous attack that has shocked the nation."

House of active terrorist Adnan Shafi demolished in Shopian



SHOPIAN, Apr 27 (Agencies): As the authorities intensify crackdown on terrorism amid heightened tensions over the Pahalgam attack, the security forces and Jammu and Kashmir police administration demolished the house of an active terrorist in Shopian district of the state.

According to the police, the terrorist has

been identified as Adnan Shafi of Wandina village located in Zainapora tehsil. He joined a terrorist organisation a year ago and is believed to be involved in the deadly Pahalgam attack on April 22, where 26 lives were lost and many were left injured.

The authorities demolished the house of another suspect linked to the deadly terror

attack. According to officials, the house in the Naz colony, Bandipora district, allegedly belonged to a terrorist believed to be involved in the April 22 attack in Pahalgam.

On Saturday, the authorities demolished the house of another suspect in Chotipora village of Shopian district linked to the assault. In a separate action, authorities also demolished the house of another suspect identified as Zakir Ahmad Ganie, at Mutalhama village in Kulgam district. Ganie is believed to have played a role in the Pahalgam terror attack, which has sparked nationwide outrage.

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Two suspected overground workers detained under Public Safety Act in Budgam

BUDGAM, Apr 27 (Agencies): Budgam police in Jammu and Kashmir have detained two suspected overground workers affiliated with terrorist ranks under the Public Safety Act (PSA), police said in

a statement.

According to an official statement, in a decisive move against terrorism and acting tough against ANES (Anti-national Elements), District Police Budgam on Sunday detained two "hardcore"

Over Ground Workers (OGWS) affiliated with terrorist ranks under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA). The Overground workers have been identified as Tahir Ahmad Kumar, a resident of Pakerpora and

Shabir Ahmad Ganai, a resident of Karpura Pakerpora.

The arrests followed sustained efforts and actionable intelligence indicating the involvement of the duo in

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Exit deadline ends Today; Pak citizens bid tearful goodbyes to kin, Rush home through Attari

CHANDIGARH, Apr 27 (Agencies): "My mother's an Indian and she is not being allowed to accompany us to Pakistan," bawled teenage Sarita, not knowing when she could see her in person. She, her brother and father were among the hundreds queued up at the Attari border point to exit India on Sunday as the clock ticked.

The exit deadline for Pakistani nationals visiting India on SAARC visas ended on April 26, while for the rest, except those on medical visas, it is set to close on Sunday, April 27 amid escalating tensions between the two countries over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people.

Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals are



valid till April 29.

At the Attari border in Amritsar district, vehicles queued up as Pakistani nationals rushed to cross over to their country.

Many Indians came to see off their Pakistani relatives at Attari and the pain of separation was palpable.

Sarita's family had come to India for a kin's wedding set for April 29. "We came to India after nine years." She, her brother and her father are Pakistanis while

her mother is an Indian. "They (the authorities at Attari) are telling us they will not allow my mother to go along. My parents got married in 1991. They are saying Indian passport holders will not be allowed," she said, crying bitterly.

Most of the Pakistani nationals told a news agency that they had come to meet their kin in India. Some were here to attend weddings but now have to rush home without participating.

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10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Madan Lal Gupta** S/o Late Sh Rattan Chand Jandial R/o Salathia Gali, Udhampur.

10th Day will be performed on 27th April, 2025, Sunday, 11:30 am at Mahajan Hall, Sitta Mandir Gali, Chabutra Bazar, Udhampur.

Kriya will be performed on 30th April 2025 (Wednesday), at Devika Ghat, Udhampur.

Grief Stricken:

Wife: Smt Anjana Gupta (Gudo)

Brother & Sister in Law:

Sh Babu Ram & Smt Shushma Gupta

Brother & Sister in law:

Sh Yash Pal Gupta and Smt Shakti Gupta

Daughter and Son in Law:

Pooja & Sahil Gupta

Sons & Daughter in Law:

Nitin & Shivali Gupta

Shubham Mahajan



SH. MADAN LAL GUPTA

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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

Idhika Kothidar- Grand Daughter

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DURRANI'S, KAUL'S, TIKOO'S



SMT PHOOLA KOTHIDAR

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of **Smt. Mohan Pyari Ambardar** W/o Lt. Sh. Manmohan Nath Ambardar R/o Motiyar, Rainawari, Kashmir at present Sader Bazar, Satara on 24th of April, 2025.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Satara on 3rd of May 2025.

Grief Stricken.

Daughter-in-law

Ragnee Ogra Ambardar

W/o Lt. Sh. Surindar Ambardar

Daughter

Rajni Ambardar Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Shiban Ji Bhat

Grand daughter and Grand son-in-law.

Rachna Sus and Neel Sus

Rushali and Aditya Anand

Grand son and Grand Daughter- in-law

Rahul and Shafalica Ambardar

Nitesh and Daulat Bhat

Great Grandsons and Great Granddaughters

Reva, Rahm, Taruni, Twisha, Nimaay, Nitaay and Nandini

And Samast Ambardar Parivar



Smt. Mohan Pyari (Bhabhi)
(24-04-2025)

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 Vini (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 Shivani and Mr. Dhing Choudhary (Daughter and Son-in-Law)

Mrs. Ronil and Mrs. Hans Jaggi (Nephew and Daughter-in-Law)

Brothers-in-Law and Bhabis

Mrs Parveen Kuntar W/o Late Shri Jagdish Jaggi

Mr. Kuldeep and Mrs. Sugandha Malikola

Mr. Rajnish and Mrs. Jyoti Malikola

Sisters-in-Law and Co-Brothers

Mrs. Snehlata and Mr. Naveesh Bahl

Mrs. Suman and Mr. Ravinder Mahotra



Shri K. K. Sharma

Grandchildren: Vaibhav, Sharmya, Shreej and Divit
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UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mr. Vikram Gupta (Vicky)** S/o Late Sh. Krishan Chand Gupta R/o Village Sallan, Dayalachack on 25-04-2025 (Friday).

UTHALA will be performed at BABA BIRFANATH MANDIR, Billawar, Dayalachack Road, Village Sallan on 28/4/2025 (Monday) from 3 PM to 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

(Mother)

Smt. Santosh Kumari W/o Late Sh. Krishan Chand

(Brother & Sister in law)

Sh. Sham Sunder & Poonam Mahajan

Smt. Anita Kumari & Pardeep Gupta (Sister & Brother in law)

Smt. Savita Kumari & Anil Gupta (Sister & Brother in law)

Smt. Rajni Gupta & Raj Kumar Bucha (Sister & Brother in law)

& Whole Mahajan Family

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Suvidha Opticians, Main Chowk Dayalachack



Mr. Vikram Gupta (Vicky)

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Rohit Kesar** S/o Vijay Vallabh R/o 255, Mehra Mohalla, Toph Sherkhania Jammu.

10th Day will be performed on 26-04-2025

(Saturday) at Toph Sherkhania, Jammu at 10 A.M.

Kriya will be performed on 27-04-2025 (Sunday)

at Toph Sherkhania, Jammu at 12 noon.

Uthala will be performed on 28-04-2025 (Monday)

at Hari Mandir, Rahari Chowk, Jammu at 4 P.M.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(Father and mother)

Vijay Vallabh and Sudesh Kesar

(Brothers and Sister-in-laws)

Rahul Kesar and Samridhi sharma

Kewal Krishan Kesar and Swarna Kesar

Sham Sunder Kesar and Kiran Kesar

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Rohit Kesar

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 will be held on same Address.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Pandita (Dervesh), Dass, Koul & Bhat Families

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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 Zaloor 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. Fency 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, Distt 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.)

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Jai Kishan Koul 9419787383, C K Bhat



Gunwati Pandita

UTHALA/17TH DAY

"Though tears may fall, and hearts may ache, Your love lives on, in every breath we take."

SHIVINDER K BHALLA

With profound grief, we inform you that our beloved Shri Shivinder K Bhalla left us for his heavenly abode on April 14th 2025.

UTHALA

Date: 28th April, 2025 (Monday)

Time: 4 PM - 5 PM

Venue: Paanch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:

Smt. Pratibha Bhalla (Wife)

Shashwat Bhalla (Son)

Mrganka Bhalla & Anmol Mahotra (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Mukesh & Anju Bhalla (Brother & Bhabhi)

Smt. Anita & Late Sh. Vijay Besur (Sister & Brother-in-law)

Smt. Aruna & Late Sh. Suresh Chaddha (Sister & Brother-in-law)

Vasundhara and Siddharth Pun (Niece and Son-in-law)

Nipun Bhalla (Nephew) Grand Children: Myrah, Yohaan, Riyaan

Grief Stricken: Bhallas & Anands

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M/S Bhagwan Das Jagdish Mitter Bhalla, Poonch

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SHIVINDER K BHALLA
(19th Jan, 1955 - 14th April, 2025)

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and sudden demise of our beloved **SMT. SHAVETA KHAJURIA** W/o Rajan Sharma (SICOP) who left for heavenly abode on 12th of April, 2025. **UTHALA** will be held on 28th April, 2025 (Monday) from 04:00 pm to 05:00 pm at Jagat Resort near A.G office, Shakti Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Rajan Sharma (SICOP) - Husband

Father-in-Law & Mother-in-Law

Sh. Bal Krishan & Smt. Sarita Sharma

Rajvansh Sharma - Son

Rajveer Sharma - Son

Nandini & Nanad

Sh. Suhail & Smt. Radhika Upadhaya

Chacha & Chachi

Sh. Sham Lal & Smt. Anu Sharma



LATE SMT. SHAVETA KHAJURIA

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely death of our beloved **Pummy Kumari** W/o Sanjay Kumar Pandita 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 Jai Pandita (Jathari) W/o Late Satish Pandita

Sh. Pintoo Pandita & Smt. Suman Pandita -Devar and Devrani

Mayank Pandita- Son

Yash Pandita- Son

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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. IHER DAS Gupta, R/o 55-A, SECTOR-4, MARBLE ENCLAVE, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU on 22nd, April 2025. **UTHALA** will be performed on 29th April 2025 at SHIV MANDIR SECTOR-3, TRIKUTA NAGAR, Jammu From 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Binia Gupta (Wife)

(Sons & Daughters-in-Law)

Ravi & Renu Gupta

Ajay & Sarita Gupta

Uma & Seema Gupta

Parveen & Inna Gupta

(Daughters & Sons-in-Law)

Renu & Ashwini Gupta

Ravi & Purnesh Gupta

Prof. Veena Gupta, Prakash Premi conferred upon Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial Life Time Achievement Awards

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 27: Dogri Sanstha Jammu and Shri Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial Trust in a simple but an impressive function organized at K. L Saigal Hall, Abhinav Theatre Jammu presented the prestigious Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial LifeTime Achievement Award for the year 2022 and 2023 to veteran Dogri litterateurs Prof. Veena Gupta and Prakash Premi respectively , in which Justice Pramod Kohli, former Chief Justice Sikkim High Court and Chairman Central Administrative Tribunal was the Chief Guest.

It is to pertinent to add here that prior to these awardees, eminent Dogri litterateurs Padmashri Padma Sachdev, Ved Rahi, Padmashri Narsingh Dev Jamwal, Dr. Om Goswami and Dhian Singh have already been honoured with this significant award. On this occasion,



while welcoming the Chief Guest and gathering, Prof. Lalit Magotra President Dogri Sanstha said that the advent of Dinu Bhai Pant on the horizon of literary scene of Jammu in 1940 was by all means a miraculous occurrence and it was undoubtedly the immense popularity of his Dogri poetry that proved a game changer in Dogri and 'Shehar Pehlo Pehl Ge' was the leading one.

He further added that this award in collaboration with the Shri Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial Trust acknowledges the contributions of cele-

brated Dogri litterateurs and Prof Veena Gupta and Prakash Premi truly deserve the same.

Rattan Prabha, Trustee, Shri Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial Trust also spoke on this occasion and shared his views about the feel behind starting this award for acknowledging the achievements of Dogri Writers through lifetime achievement award that carries a shawl, citation, medallion and a cash award of Rs51,000.

Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' an eminent Dogri, Hindi and English writer read a citation about Prof. Veena Gupta and

well known theatre activist Raj Kumar Behrupia read a citation about Prakash Premi. He also recited a popular poem written by Dinu Bhai Pant.

The Chief Guest, Justice Pramod Kohli while congratulating the awardees said that both of them are icons of Dogri literature and inspire many to pen down their creative works in their mother tongue.

However he expressed his concern that the young generation is not inclined towards Dogri , which is a threat to the future existence of

mother tongue.

He hoped that we will realize our duties towards our mother tongue and will make all efforts to preserve and promote it.

On this occasion, the awardees Prof. Veena Gupta and Prakash Premi also shared their literary journey as well as memoirs about their association with the legend Dinu Bhai Pant.

The proceedings were conducted by eminent theatre activist and dogri poet Pawan Verma whereas Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary Dogri Sanstha Jammu presented vote of thanks.

A number of litterateurs, Dogri lovers, family members of Prof. Veena Gupta, Prakash Premi and Dinu Bhai Pant participated in the award ceremony.

Satsang held at Krishna Nagar in memory of Thoru Ram, Sunita Devi

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JAMMU, Apr 27: Satsang in memory of Thoru Ram and Sunita Devi (Father-in-law and Daughter-in-law, who died of Carona in 2021) was held at Krishna Nagar here today, in which a large number of people hailing from different walks of life participated.

Addressing devotees, the religious saint said, "Attending satsang and assimilating the teachings of the guru remove all notions deep-rooted in us. Your soul itself is waiting for a golden opportunity to reveal itself to you in all its glory of being pristine and pure. The divine vibrations emitting in a satsang brings out peace and harmony to your mind and reveals the tranquil state of your soul without any stress or strain".

Messrs R.L.Kaith, Madan Lal, Bishan Lal, Hans Raj, Chaman Lal, Tilak Raj and Ramesh Kumar were among others who listened the satsang.

Main accused in attempt to murder case arrested with Desi Katta



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SAMBA, Apr 27: Samba Police on Sunday arrested the main accused involved in an attempt to murder case registered at Police Station Vijaypur and recovered a Desi Katta from his possession.

as per police report, on April 20, 2025 one person namely Shivdeep Singh, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Suchani Bagla, Tehsil Vijaypur, District Samba has lodged a written complaint at Police Station Vijaypur stating therein that 05/06 persons with criminal intention having firearms had attempted to eliminate him at village Rahya Vijaypur.

Acting over the complaint, police official said, a case FIR No.

42/2025 under Sections 109/307/324(4)/115(2)/351(2)/191(2) BNS, 3/25 Arms Act was registered at Police Station Vijaypur.

During the course of investigation, a police team headed by SHO PS Vijaypur under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba based on human intelligence and technical assistance, arrested the main accused Vishal Sharma @ Vishu @ Shooter, son of Bishan Dass, resident of Khojipur Kheri, Tehsil Bishnahm District Jammu and a Desi Katta has been recovered on his disclosure, official said adding that further investigation of the case is going on.

MLA Ramban announces Rs 1 Cr to flood affected areas of Ramban under CDF More compensation will be given under SDRF & Govt Funds

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RAMBAN, Apr 27: Member Legislative Assembly(MLA),Ramban,Arjun Singh Raju announced the sanctioning of rupees one crore from his Constituency Development Fund for the reconstruction of properties damaged due to landslides and flash floods caused by torrential rains on April 20.

While addressing the mediemen in a press conference,he said that link roads,paths, lanes,drains, protection walls etc would be constructed with his assistance of Rs 1 crore from his CDF and this would be in addition to the financial assistance provided by the government under SDRF and other funds.

He said that although for the time being,the government has already provided Rs.1 lakh as ex-gratia to the kins of each of the three persons who had died in the incident,more compensation will be given to them under SDRF and other JK UT and Central Government Funds.



While thanking the Chief Minister,J&K,Omar Abdullah for visiting thrice in the affected areas of Ramban for taking first hand information of damages and reviewing the restoration and relief work,he said that at his behest 250 labourers were engaged to clear the debris and muck from the affected houses and streets and water tankers were also supplied to wash the paths and also to

provide clean drinking water in the affected areas.

He informed that so far there are reports of damage to 400 structures and death of hundreds of cattle and bovines in Ramban However,the assessment of damages is going on by the special designated teams.

He advised the people to construct their houses in safer areas and not beside the nallahs.

Nukkad meeting of Congress Party held at Jammu; new members join Party

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 27: A Nukkad meeting was held by Congress party on Sunday at Bawe Wali Galli, Ward No. 6, Shaheed Chowk, Jammu, chaired by senior Congress leader and former J&K Minister Yogesh Sawhney.

The meeting witnessed the joining of several new members into the Congress party. It was organized by Ward President Amit Gupta along with Surjeet Singh and others.

Various locals and prominent leaders were present at the meeting to discuss important local issues and participate in the joining program of new members, demonstrating strong grassroots support for the Congress party.

Block President Ajay Kumar Kaka, Raj Kumar Sodhi, and a host of other prominent Congress activists and youth leaders were present at



the event.

Pawan Dev Singh, Ajay Kumar, Raj Kumar Sodhi, Amarjeet Singh, Amit Gupta with Surjeet Singh, Surjit Singh, Kundan Kumar, Irfan Malik, Asif Mir, Farooq Choudary, Jamshed Chib, Janjew Bhatt, Akram Khan, Tawrej Chiba, Babbar Chib, Jatin Kohli, Amjad Khan, Neha Gupta, Preeti Rajput, Sidaarth, Paras Basson, and Kamakshi Basson were also in attendance. J&K Youth Congress Secretary Dr. Suhaib Manhas, Anmol Kohli, from NSUI J&K Mehul Abrol also attended.

Welcoming the new

members, former Minister J&K and ex-MLA Jammu East Yogesh Sawhney stated that the Congress party can see growing trust and enthusiasm among the people, particularly the youth, who are stepping forward to work for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the strength of the party lies in its grassroots workers and new members who bring fresh energy and ideas. Sawhney encouraged the newcomers to stay connected with the people, understand their problems closely, and work towards strengthening the ideals of the

Congress Party at every level.

Further addressing the gathering, Sawhney strongly criticized the Centre and the BJP-led government, accusing them of gross mismanagement of Jammu and Kashmir's issues.

He pointed to the alarming rise in terrorism, referring to the most recent brutal Pahalgam attack and other tragic incidents resulting in civilian deaths.

He expressed grave concern over the deteriorating security situation, rising unemployment, lack of economic opportunities, and the growing instances of crime across the region. Sawhney emphasized that the Congress party stands firmly with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and will continue to oppose the BJP's policies that have failed to protect the interests of the Union Territory and its citizens.

Second year MBBS student dies by suicide at GMC Jammu boys hostel

JAMMU, Apr 27 (Agencies): A second year MBBS student committed suicide on Sunday morning at GMC Jammu boys hostel.

The student belonged to Mendhar area of Poonch district.

Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Ashutosh Gupta confirmed to agency that the student had died by suspected suicide. He said

police has registered a case and investigation had been initiated. "It is heart-breaking to see a young and promising life ending like this," he said.

He said the GMC authorities will extend all support for a fair investigation into the matter. "For now, it looks like a case of suicide," he said. He said the body had been kept in mortuary of

the medical college and would be handed over after legal requirements.

As per reports from GMC Jammu, the deceased was seen playing cricket till late Saturday night.

One student wishing anonymity said when he did not open door in morning, it was broken to find his body.

NMC demands declaration of May Day as gazetted holiday

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 27: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) president Subhash Shastri on Sunday demanded declaration of May Day as a gazetted holiday throughout the country Under Negotiable Instrument Act as befitting tributes to May Day martyrs and recognizing the valuable contribution

of the working class in the all round development of the country.

Addressing a meeting of NMC workers here today, Shastri said that because of May Day martyrs, the working class got their rights throughout the world and India is the largest and most vibrant democracy across the globe and the front line welfare State should

also declare May 1, as gazetted holiday. He said that this will be a great full goodwill gesture and fulfill a most genuine and long pending demand of the working class.

Shastri expressed his concern that the then Government had declared May Day as a gazetted holiday in the country in 1990 but it was not done thereafter.

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, JAMMU

E-NIT NO: - 01 of 2025-26 DATED: 25.04.2025

Principal GCET, Chak Bhalwal, Jammu on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT invites **Tenders by e-tendering mode** from Original Manufacturers/Authorised Dealers/Approved Agencies **"For Supply of Electrical Lab. Equipment"** in Electrical Engineering Department, Govt. College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu whose particulars are given below:-

S. No.	Particulars	Quantity	Earnest Money	Cost of tender
1	Solar Trainer Kit	02 Nos.	Rs. 7,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand Only) in the form of C.D.R./FDR pledged to the Principal, Government College of Engineering & Technology, Jammu.	Non-refundable amount of Rs.200/- (Rs. Two Hundred only) in shape of e-challan or Treasury Challan/Receipt.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria and detailed terms and conditions of tender can be seen/downloaded from the **website www.jktenders.gov.in** as per schedule of dates given below:-

- Date of issue of tender Notice: **25-04-2025.**
- Period of downloading of bidding documents: **28-04-2025 from 10:00 AM.**
- Bid Submission start date: **28-04-2025 from 10:00 AM.**
- Bid Submission end date: **19-05-2025 upto 17:00 PM.**
- Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared L1 after opening of financial bids.

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EDITORIAL

EXPLORE JAMMU TOURSIM

When you first set foot in Jammu, it feels as if the land itself leans in to whisper a welcome. Nestled in the lap of the Himalayas, where rivers sing and the hills hum ancient songs, Jammu stands as a vibrant threshold — the soulful gateway to India’s crown jewel, Kashmir. But Jammu is not merely a place to pass through. It is a land rich with history, devotion, adventure, and breathtaking beauty — a tapestry woven from the threads of faith, legend, and nature’s grandeur.

The City of Temples: Where Faith Breathes Through Stone. Jammu is lovingly called the City of Temples, and rightly so. The sacred energy that pulses through its streets is palpable.

The Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, perched high in the Trikuta Hills, draws millions of pilgrims each year, their chants lighting up the air like tiny flickering stars of devotion.

The trek to the shrine is more than a physical journey — it is a spiritual ascent, where each step takes you closer not just to the Goddess, but to yourself.

And there’s more — the Raghunath Temple, a grand complex adorned with intricate carvings and golden spires, stands as one of the largest temple complexes in northern India.

The ancient Ranbireshwar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, holds within it a peace so profound that even time seems to pause at its door. In Jammu, faith is not a monument. It is a living, breathing presence — it is the very pulse of the city.

Step outside the city’s ancient walls, and nature embraces you in her wild arms. The Tawi River, known affectionately as ‘Surya Putri’ — the daughter of the Sun — carves a sparkling path through the city. The scenic drives through Patnitop and Nathatop offer vistas so breathtaking they seem painted by celestial hands. Patnitop, with its misty meadows and whispering pine forests, is a dreamer’s paradise.

In summer, the green fields are perfect for picnics and paragliding. In winter, they turn into a snowy wonderland, inviting adventurers to ski and sled beneath a wide-open sky.

Meanwhile, Mansar Lake and Surinsar Lake, twin jewels amidst the hills, offer serene boating experiences, where the reflections of the sky dance on the waters like fleeting poems.

For the wild-hearted, Kishtwar National Park calls, a realm of high-altitude wilderness, it shelters the rare markhor, snow leopards, and musk deer. It is a place where the mountains breathe, and each breath invites you deeper into the rhythm of the earth.

Jammu’s history is carved in the ramparts of its ancient forts and palaces. The majestic Bahú Fort, perched above the Tawi River, holds within it centuries of royal tales. Within its ancient walls, the Bawe Wali Mata Temple shines — a sanctuary of strength and grace. The Mubarak Mandi Palace, an architectural marvel blending Rajasthani, Mughal, and European influences, tells stories of regal opulence and colonial encounters. Walking through its grand halls, you feel the whisper of silk sarees, the echo of warrior boots, the hushed conspiracies of a bygone era.

Each brick of Jammu’s forts holds a whisper from history, a reminder that this land has stood resilient through ages of change.

Jammu’s spirit reveals itself fully during its vibrant festivals. The colorful Lohri, the spiritual Navratras, and the joyous Baisakhi celebrations paint the city in hues of joy and devotion. Traditional dances like Dogri and Bhaakh come alive, resonating with the ancient rhythms of the mountains.

From the spicy bliss of Rajma Chawal to the sweet elegance of Patisa, Jammu’s culinary traditions are a feast for the soul. Sip on a cup of hot Kahwa as the cool mountain breeze kisses your face, and feel the world slow down. The New Dawn of Jammu Tourism. As Jammu steps into a new era, its arms are open wider than ever. New infrastructure, eco-tourism initiatives, and heritage conservation efforts are turning Jammu into a global destination for spiritual seekers, adventure lovers, and culture enthusiasts alike. The city is not merely resting on its glorious past — it is dreaming forward, ready to welcome the world into its sacred embrace.

Fight Terror, But Also Seek Accountability From Govt

By: Pavan K. Varma

The terrorist carnage at Pahalgam has shocked India and the world. The sponsorship of Pakistan is obvious. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has vowed to take revenge. We have yet to see what that will be, but it has to be more than just a Balakot kind of strike. In view of the continued and blatant use by Pakistan of terrorism in J&K and elsewhere, India must give a befitting response. The hearts of all Indians are with the innocent victims of these dastardly terrorists.

At the same time, we have the right to also ask for accountability from those responsible for the enforcement of security in the Valley. From 2019 to 2024, J&K has been under President’s rule. Even with the election as chief minister of Omar Abdullah in 2024, security, police, counter-intelligence and law and order vests with the lieutenant governor and the Central government, since J&K is a Union Territory. True, terrorism by its very nature cannot always be pre-empted, yet the question remains how terrorists could just walk into the Pahalgam valley — one of the densest hubs of tourism — and kill 28 innocent tourists? Why was there — as has been reported — not even a policeman — leave alone a police post — at the nearby Baisaran valley, a popular destination for tourists? In a democracy, no authority — however high — is exempt from interrogation and accountability for omissions and commission under its watch.

The question of democratic accountability applies also to the current attack by the vice-president (VP) Jagdeep Dhankhar

on the Supreme Court (SC) for questioning what he calls “parliamentary supremacy”. I have no quarrel with Mr Dhankhar as a person. In fact, I find him to be quite a likeable person. Some years ago, I was speaking in Kolkata on my book Adi Shankaracharya: Hinduism’s Greatest Thinker, and as the governor of the state, he was slated to attend for about 15 minutes. But he stayed until the end of my speech. Later, when we met in Delhi, he vividly recalled the occasion, and was effusive in his appreciation. His hospitality and ready laughter made a distinct impression on me.

However, in constitutional matters, personal likes or dislikes are secondary. For a person who holds the second highest post in the country, what matters is his interpretation of the Constitution, and the role of vital constituents within it. One constituent of utmost importance is the Supreme Court, and the VP has accused it of not only of “judicial overreach”, but of using Article 142 of the Constitution as “a nuclear missile” against the supremacy of Parliament. These are strong words, and his critique is not new. In December 2022, shortly after assuming office, Mr Dhankhar stirred a debate by questioning the landmark Kesavananda Bharati verdict (1973), which established the right of the SC to protect the “basic structure” of the Constitution. He saw this as circumscribing Parliament’s power to amend the Constitution, which he believed was absolute. Mr Dhankhar argued that this judicial “innovation” had no explicit basis in the Constitution and undermined parliamentary sovereignty. His remarks were seen by many as an indirect challenge to the

judiciary’s role as the final interpreter of the Constitution.

Now, his latest criticism — targeting the Supreme Court’s intervention in the President’s discretion regarding the assent to state bills — has added fuel to the fire. The immediate trigger appears to be the Supreme Court’s observations on governors — particularly in Opposition-ruled states — sitting on bills without action. In Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Punjab, state governments have accused governors of acting as “agents of the Centre”, deliberately delaying bills for years to frustrate state legislatures. The Supreme Court’s insistence on timely decisions is thus seen as a necessary corrective to prevent constitutional offices from being weaponised for political ends. Mr Dhankhar’s resistance to this judicial oversight raises an important question: If constitutional functionaries fail in their duty, who should ensure accountability? The Constitution itself provides no explicit timeline for governors or the President to act on bills. In such a scenario, judicial interpretation becomes inevitable to prevent abuse of power. The question of issuing directions to the President is laughable, since she is a constitutional authority who acts on the advice of the Council of Ministers. To my mind, Mr Dhankhar is labouring under an unfortunate misinterpretation. The SC is not questioning the Parliament’s unquestioned constitutional authority to enact laws. What the SC is doing is to examine whether such laws are in conformity with the Constitution, in letter and spirit. This is the unquestioned mandate of the apex court. Otherwise, there would be no checks and balances, and the legislature

could run riot. A political party with an absolute majority in the Lok Sabha and a “managed” one in the Rajya Sabha could, for example, pass a law declaring India a Hindu state. The SC would be within its rights to strike it down because the law blatantly violates Article 25 of the Constitution, which gives all persons the fundamental right to freely profess, practice and propagate their own religion. It would also be violative of the very Preamble of the Constitution, which bestows on all Indians “liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship”. The only answer to arbitrary legislative majoritarianism, or deliberate executive inaction, is the scrutiny and powers vested in the SC. Yes, there are certain occasions of possible judicial overreach, but these do not mean that the basic provision of the Constitution, that all executive and legislative action is subject to judicial review, is thrown out of the window. In positing the Parliament in opposition to the SC, Mr Dhankhar is essentially creating an unnecessary confrontation that the Constitution had categorically resolved ab initio, and which could threaten the functioning of a parliamentary democracy. The entire country is united today in fighting Pakistani sponsored terrorism. But the right to interrogate, ask questions and seek accountability cannot be brushed away by an appeal to patriotism, just like the right to subject laws to judicial scrutiny cannot be wished away by claiming the unchallenged supremacy of Parliament. In particular, where the SC is concerned, it’s right to protect the Constitution can never be whittled down or diluted.

Countless Species of Wild Animals have become Extinct or are on the Verge of extinction

By: Vijay Garg

Wild animals are an integral part of our earth, but in the name of personal interests and development, humans have played a major role in ruthlessly destroying their natural habitats and have also wiped out flora. To maintain their existence on earth, humans need to maintain a balance between all the things given by nature, which they get in natural form. This is also called an ecosystem. The life cycle of many species of wild animals and rare flora on earth is now under threat. Countless species of wild animals have either become extinct or are on the verge of extinction.

Due to the environmental crisis, where the diversity of wildlife has been wiped out on a large scale with the disappearance of many species of animals around the world, there are clouds of crisis looming over the existence of thousands of species. Wild animals and their diversity have been the basis of the process of continuous development of life on earth for billions of years. Wild animals and flora are included in this list which are not domesticated by humans. Providing protection to these wild animals, flora and their habitats is called

wildlife conservation and people are also made aware from time to time for their conservation.

Special days are also celebrated. All species of animals and plants together provide a very important ecological system and in the true sense, wild animals are our friends, so it is very important to take care of them. We should understand that as much as we have rights on this earth, other animals born here also have the same rights. But today, due to the polluted environment and the changing nature, there is a crisis looming on the existence of many species of animals and other plants all over the world. Focusing on the diversity of flora and fauna under wildlife awareness.

To spread awareness about the benefits of their conservation, to remind the whole world about wildlife crimes and to inform about taking action against the decline in the number of these species caused by humans. The whole world has been seeing and suffering the consequences of environmental problems and natural disasters as a result of environmental imbalance in a serious way for the last few decades. Almost every country has some wild animals that are a special identity of the climate of that country, but due to indis-

criminate cutting of forests and other human activities, the habitats of wild animals are also being continuously destroyed on a large scale. This is the reason.

The United Nations General Assembly has always strived to raise awareness about the world’s wildlife and flora. Legal provisions have been made in India since the British era for the protection and conservation of wildlife, but the matter of concern is that despite this, many species of wildlife have become extinct in the last century. The World Wildlife Fund’s ‘Living Planet Report 2024’ had made a shocking and alarming revelation a few months ago that between 1970 and 2020, there was a catastrophic decline of 73 percent in the population of wildlife, including mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, etc. This decline in freshwater ecosystems has been 85 percent.

Published every two years, this report shows how wildlife populations are being affected around the world. To protect wildlife from extinction, the ‘Wild Elephant Protection Act’ was first enacted in the country in 1872 during the British rule. After this, the ‘Indian Forest Act’ came into existence in 1927, making hunting of wildlife and illegal logging of forests a crime, under which punishment has been prescribed.

After the country’s independence, the ‘Indian Forest Act’ was passed in 1956 and in 1972, the ‘Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972’ was enacted with the aim of providing protection to wildlife in the country and controlling hunting, smuggling and illegal trade.

In the year 1983, the ‘National Wildlife Scheme’ was launched for the conservation of wildlife, under which national parks and wildlife parks were created to keep wildlife away from human encroachment and protect them. In January 2003, the Wildlife Protection Act was amended and the fines and punishments for offences under the Act were made stricter. However, it is very important for everyone to understand that the conservation of wildlife is a big responsibility of all of us because the diversity of wildlife is the natural beauty of the earth, therefore, protecting many species of endangered plants, animals along with their natural habitat is extremely important for environmental balance.

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Channi Himmat Brahmin Sabha demands gazetted holiday for Parshuram Jayanti



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 27: In the heart of Jammu, where faith and tradition breathe together, the Brahmin Sabha Channi Himmat on Sunday inaugurated a three-day grand celebration of Bhagwan Parshuram Janmotsav—a festival of light, learning, and legacy. In collaboration with various social and religious organizations, eminent personalities, former bureaucrats, and journalists, the Sabha launched their fervent plea to the government: declare Parshuram Jayanti, April 29th, 2025, a gazetted holiday in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

In a function brimming with devotion and unity, a unanimous resolution was passed, echoing a collective heartbeat — to honor Bhagwan Parshuram, not with a restricted holiday, but with the full recognition of a gazetted holiday. Citing precedents set by Punjab and Haryana, where Parshuram Jayanti shines brightly under the Negotiable Instrument Act, the Sabha called upon the Jammu and Kashmir administration to step forward in a gesture of cultural embrace.

Rajesh Sharma, the patron of the Sabha, spoke with passion and purpose, appeal-

ing to the government led by Omar Abdullah to recognize the profound significance of Parshuram Jayanti for the Brahmin community. "This is not just about a day off," Sharma said, his voice firm yet hopeful, "it is about nourishing our roots, uniting our people, and inspiring generations to walk the noble path carved by Bhagwan Parshuram."

Adding his voice to this sacred symphony, Pawan Dev Sharma emphasized that making Parshuram Jayanti a gazetted holiday would awaken the spirit of learning, valor, and righteousness among the youth — a bridge between ancient wisdom and tomorrow's dreams.

Sanjeev Sharma, Senior Executive Member of Brahmin Sabha, radiated optimism, expressing confidence that the government, sensitive to the cultural and social mosaic of Jammu and Kashmir, would heed their earnest appeal. "It would be a profound favor to the Brahmin community," he said, "and a beautiful affirmation that traditions matter in the tapestry of our collective identity."

Meanwhile, Dalvinder Sharma highlighted how this recognition would not only boost the community's morale but

also affirm the value of Bhagwan Parshuram's eternal teachings — teachings that ring out like sacred bells across the ages, still guiding humanity towards truth, courage, and justice.

The event was graced by the recitation of Vedic mantras, an invocation of wisdom through the prayer "Hey Prabhu Anand-Data, Gyan Humko Dihiye", and the soul-stirring Samoohik Path of Shriram-Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa. The gathering, vibrant with families and youth alike, radiated a spiritual energy that transcended generations.

As the melodies of devotion filled the air, the assembled speakers shared reflections on Bhagwan Parshuram's timeless valor — his shield against injustice, his sword for dharma. A Satsang session, led by revered Acharya Manoj Kumar from Ayodhya, deepened the spiritual resonance of the occasion, nurturing the soul with ancient wisdom and invoking Lord Ram and Hanuman's blessings.

Among the distinguished attendees were Dayanand Sharma, Biswaman Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Rajinder Sharma, Simple Sharma, Pomal Sharma, Vishwabal Sharma, and others, all lending their voices and hearts to the cause.

GDC Thannamandi bids send-off to 6th Semester outgoing students

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Apr 27: The Departments of Botany, Economics, Geography and Kashmiri of Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi bade warm send-off to their respective outgoing 6th semester students here this week.

A series of get-togethers for the outgoing students of B.A/B.Sc 6th Semester majoring in Botany, Economics, Geography and Kashmiri subjects organized by respective Departments under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of College. Heads of Botany, Dr. Ashaq Malik, Geography, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Economics, Dr. Nagina Kausar and Kashmiri, Prof. Rizwana Kouser, coordinated the farewell of these students in their respective Departments.

In the farewell programmes, outgoing students gave passionate views about their cherishing experience in this college and affirmed their commitment towards development of college and nation building throughout their lives. While speaking

on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Ahmed lauded the efforts of coordinating Departments to bid warm farewell to outgoing students to foster deeper bonds of belongingness with their respective Departments and the College at large. He patiently heard the feedback of students and answered the queries, and underscored the role of future alumni in the development of the institution. Dr. Farooq expressed good wishes to outgoing students for their brilliant educational and career pursuits.

Prominent among others who joined the

get-togethers included Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Dr. Naseem Ahmed, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Dr. Nazar ul Islam, Dr. Gohar Iqbal, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Anuj Bali (Librarian), Prof. Fatima Parveen, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rummy Dar, Dr. Shazia Poswal, Prof. Neeru Sayed, Dr. Ashraf, Dr. Yasmeen Kouser, Dr. Showkat Ahmed, Dr. Aftab Ahmed, Dr. Zabair Ahmed, Dr. Mudasir Ahmed Gori, Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed, Dr. Wahid Ahmed Qazi, Dr. Ateeq Ul Rehman, Zabair Ahmed and Sarfaraz Ahmed.

Intra Moot Court competition organized at Shoolini University

Top News Report

SOLAN, Apr 27: The Faculty of Legal Sciences, Shoolini University, organized the 2nd Intra Moot Court Competition on the university campus. Twelve teams participated in the Preliminary Rounds.

Out of these, four teams advanced to the Semi-Finals, and two teams competed in the Grand Finale.

After a series of intense rounds, Team



IMCC 8001, comprising Ananya and her team from the 8th Semester, emerged as the Winner. Team IMCC 4002, con-

SMVDU hosts two-day workshop on “Innovations in Tribology and Robotics”

Top News Report

KATRA, Apr 27: The School of Mechanical Engineering at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), successfully organized a two-day workshop on "Innovations in Tribology and Robotics" on April 21st and 22nd, 2025.

In the era of smart manufacturing and intelligent systems, these domains play a transformative role across industries such as automotive, aerospace, biomedical engineering, and industrial automation.

The event featured two distinguished experts Prof. Shakti K Gupta and Dr. Manjesh Kumar, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. Prof. S.K Gupta delivered a session on Robotics and Industrial



Applications while Dr. Manjesh spoke about the material and tribological aspects of Robotics.

The talks were followed by interactive Q&A segments, which sparked lively discussions among participants, including faculty members, research scholars, and students.

Further, a panel discussion was moderated

by Dr. Ankush Raina on the future of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, which saw active participation from Dr. YatheshthAnand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Shashi B. Kotwal and Swastik Gupta from the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Dr. Prabhu Omar (School of Electrical Engineering), Dr.

Vipal Sharma (School of Computer Science Engineering).

The panel emphasized emerging AI trends, the integration of intelligent systems in robotics, and the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The workshop was jointly coordinated by Dr. Mir Irfan UIHaq (Associate Professor, SME) and Dr. Ankush Raina

(Assistant Professor, SME). The event was attended by UG, PG and PhD students of various schools.

Dr. Pradeep Singh (Assistant Professor, SME) also participated in the various discussions.

The organizers thanked SMVDU administration and Vice Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar for providing the opportunity and providing all support to organize the event.

Pertinently , SMVDU announced that starting from the upcoming academic year, the university will offer a B. Tech in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

This new undergraduate program is set to equip students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in the rapidly growing fields of robotics and AI, opening up numerous career opportunities in advanced technology sectors.

J&K Gymnast Rudraksh Khanna shines at Suzuki Aerobics Gymnastics World Cup 2025



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 27: : Gymnastic Federation of India is abuzz with excitement as two of its finest gymnasts, Rudraksh Khanna and Muthum Romesh, showcased their exceptional talent at the Suzuki Aerobics Gymnastics World Cup 2025.

The prestigious event, organized by the Federation Internationale de Gymnastics (FIG) and the International Aerobics Federation, Japan, saw participation from 19 countries.

Rudraksh Khanna from J&K delivered a remarkable performance, securing 4th place in the Youth Individual Men category finals. Muthum Romesh also impressed with his skills, finishing 6th in the Junior Individual Men category finals.

The athletes received congratulations from prominent figures, including Sudhir Mittal, President of the Gymnastics Federation of India, Kaushik, officials from the Sports Authority of India, Kiran Wattal,

President of the Gymnastic Association of J&K and Vice President GFI.

Kiran Wattal acknowledged the invaluable support provided by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, particularly Commissioner Secretary Youth Services and Sports Sarmad Hafeez and Secretary of the Sports Council Nuzrat Gul besides liberal funding from the PM Modi government, enabling the development of state-of-the-art infrastructure and training facilities for gymnasts.

The six-member Indian Aerobic Gymnastics team, accompanied by coaches and officials Dr. Makarand Joshi and Yamanam Ranjan, participated in the event.

The Suzuki Aerobics Gymnastics World Cup 2025 provided a platform for gymnasts from around the world to showcase their skills, and J&K's gymnasts made their mark on the global stage.

The outstanding performance of Rudraksh Khanna and Muthum Romesh is a testament to the growing talent in country and in Jammu and Kashmir's gymnastics community.

The Gymnastic Association of J&K looks forward to continued success and growth, thanks to the support of the Omar government and sports authorities.

MLA Marh tours border area, listen grievances of people

Satish compares Pakistan with a “Plaque” for entire world



Top News Report

MARH, Apr 27: MLA Marh Satish Bhagat on Sunday visited various border villages of Marh constituency and listened the grievances and problems being faced by the people of border area at Zero line border Panchayats Rajpura, Kana Chack, Panjore, Nai Basti, Gangu Chack, Shama Chack, Kalyanpur, Sohagni, Gho Manhasan, Makwal, Sumb.

He assured the people that BJP government at Centre is committed for the security, safety of the people. He also reviewed arrangements for the people of border people at safer places keeping in view the prevailing situation on IB and LoC.

He interacted with the people of different villages and listened their grievance and problems being faced by them. People of these villages demanded surgical strikes on terrorist camps running along LoC in POK.

Bhagat assured the people from villages situated nearer to Line of Control that BJP government is ready to provide every essential commodity to the border people keeping in view the prevailing situation along IB and LoC for safety and security of own people as Indian Army and BSF is fully prepared to thwart the ill designs of enemy and anti-national elements.

He asked the concerned authorities and officials to provide adequate essential commodities to border people as

BJP government at Centre is much concerned about their security and safety.

Bhagat on the occasion made a scathing attack on Pakistan and compared the neighbouring country with a "Plaque" for the entire world. He said that Pakistan's policy will lead to its complete destruction.

He said Pak's proxy war has given uncalled tragedies to our peace loving border dwelling people but at the same time the brave Indian forces have inflicted heavy casualties on Pakistan's side giving a befitting reply. Bhagat praised the brave people living on borders for their love for motherland.

Bhagat said BJP Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been relying on a radical new approach to accelerate projects to unclog the bottlenecks stopping the development of border areas.

He said that the life of people in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir has for decades been held ransom to shoddy roads and poor infrastructure due to the phlegmatic approach shown by the successive governments.

He said that the bad days have gone as Modi Government is committed to provide succor to every household whether in urban area limits or at extreme end of the Union Territory.

He said that efficiency and transparency are the two key areas which the Modi Government is focusing on and these two aspects will bring vibrant changes across the UT.

Kaith among many others, attentively listens PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat' programme

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 27: R.L.Kaith among many BJP activists, attentively listened today's Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' Programme wherein, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed that the perpetrators and conspirators of the Pahal-gam terror attack will be given a befitting reply. Mr Modi expressed anguish at the terror incident in Pahalgam, which occurred on the

22nd of this month. He stated that this attack shows the desperation and cowardice of the patrons of terrorism. He said the enemies of India and Jammu and Kashmir were not pleased that peace was returning to Kashmir, democracy was getting stronger, and tourists were increasing at a record rate. Mr Modi said the terrorists and the masterminds of terror executed the conspiracy

because they want Kashmir to be destroyed again. Mr Modi asserted that the biggest strength in this war against terrorism is the unity of the country and the solidarity of 140 crore Indians. He added that this unity is the basis of the country's decisive fight against terrorism. He stressed the need to strengthen the resolve to face this challenge, saying strong willpower has to be demonstrated as a nation.

Zeenat Aman recovers after undergoing medical procedure, pens note about missing social media

Veteran actor Zeenat Aman has said she is recuperating well in the recovery room of a hospital here after being admitted for a pending medical procedure.

The 73-year-old actor posted a series of pictures from the hospital bed on her Instagram handle last evening.

"Hello from the recovery room! I won't blame you for thinking I've abandoned my social media aspirations. My profile has, after all, been quite silent and half-hearted of late. As the great Indian saying goes — What to do?" she wrote without divulging details about the reason behind her hospitalisation.

The actor said she had been caught up with the medical procedure which is the reason why she was missing from social media. However, she didn't reveal any details about the medi-

cal procedure.

"But now that I am emerging on the other side of this experience, I'm feeling inspired to continue storytelling on Instagram. You see, there's nothing like the sombre, clinical cold of a hospital to remind one of what it means to be alive and have a voice! So, expect more cinematic crumbs, more personal history, more fashion, more dogs and cats, and yes... most definitely more opinion," Aman said.

The veteran actor enjoys a huge popularity on Instagram, courtesy her candid posts where she often shares anecdotes from her decades-long career in Hindi cinema.

Aman celebrated completion of two years on the social media platform, where she has also crossed eight lakh followers.

"I started the journey



with trepidation that transitioned to empowerment that tipped into disillusionment that has now moved on to fresh curiosity," she said.

"I love what this platform allows me, but there's something about the machinations of monetised social media that's unsettling," she added.

At the same time, she reminded her followers that Instagram is "NOT reality".

"Gone are the days of simple TV and print advertisements where it was clear — a celeb sells a product. Endorsements can now be insidious and unannounced, followers bought, images unrecognisably photoshopped and likes manufactured! It's a point of pride for me that we have grown this community without indulging in these borderline unethical gimmicks."

Next vacation will be in Kashmir: Suniel Shetty's fearless stance amid Pahalgam attack



Days after the terror attack in Pahalgam, actor Suniel Shetty has urged citizens to spend their next holidays in the Kashmir Valley to promote tourism and demonstrate resilience against terrorism. Speaking at the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2025 ceremony, Suniel emphasised that Kashmir has always been an integral part of India. He also called for unity among citizens.

Suniel Shetty asked people not to succumb to fear and hatred. He stated, "For us, service to humanity is service to God. The Almighty will see everything and respond. Right now, we need to stay united as Indians. We must not fall into the trap of those who are trying

to spread fear and hatred, but stay united. Unko dikhana hai ki Kashmir humara tha, humara hai, aur humesha humara hi rahega (We need to show them that Kashmir was ours, is ours, and will always remain ours). That's why the army, the leaders, and everyone are involved in this effort."

The actor urged Indian citizens to plan their next vacation in Kashmir. Suniel said, "Humein nagrik ki taraf se ek hi karna hai, humein yeh decide karna hai ki aaj se agli chutti jo humaari hogi, woh Kashmir mein hi hogi aur kahi nahi hogi. Unko yeh dikhana hai ki humein darr nahi hai, aur vakayi mein darr hai nahi (As a citizen, we have to do one thing. We have to decide that our next holiday will be in Kashmir and nowhere else. We have to show them that we are not scared and actually there is no fear)."

Suniel mentioned that he contacted authorities and expressed his willingness to visit Kashmir if required. "Maine khud saamne se phone kar ke bola hai ki agar kal aapko lagta hai ki humein wahan aana hain, tourist ke haisiyat se ya artist ki haisiyat se hume wahan shooting karna hai ya ghoomne jaana hai, hum zaroor aayenge. Jo Kashmiri bacche hai, unme unki koi ghalti nahi hai (I called them and said that if you want us to come there as tourists or as artists for shooting, we will definitely come)," he added.

Shruti Haasan says she was labelled unlucky at the start of her career

Actor Shruti Haasan has worked in Telugu, Tamil and Hindi films in her career. In a new interview with Filmfare, the actor revealed how she was deemed unlucky at the beginning of her career because the first two films she starred in did not perform well at the box office.

During the interaction, Shruti talked about her perception in the industry when she was just starting out as an actor. She said, "They had this whole myth in Telugu that I am unlucky, because my first two films didn't work. But they didn't realise that the first two films had the same hero. And they were like 'We don't want her'."

Shruti starred with Siddharth in the fantasy adventure film Anaganaga O Dheerudu and the romantic drama Oh My Friend. Both films, which released in 2011, did not work at the box office.



It was Pawan Kalyan who believed in her during those initial years in the industry. The actor added, "Then Pawan Kalyan sir was like 'no, we get her.' And my whole career trajectory changed. Suddenly, Bombay started looking, and Tamil started looking. Do you know what I mean? It's just the people and how they believe in you. It translates even creatively when they believe you

can carry something off. And they are collaborative and communicative. It makes a difference."

Pawan Kalyan worked with Shruti in the 2012 release Gabbar Singh. A remake of the 2010 Hindi film Dabangg, the Telugu film was a huge hit at the box office.

Shruti will be next seen in Lokesh Kanagaraj's Coolie. The film, which stars Rajinikanth in the lead, is set for an August 14 release.

Shubhangi Atre on ex-husband Piyush Poorey: Alcohol addiction destroyed him

Actor Shubhangi Atre has spoken about the reasons behind her divorce from her late ex-husband, Piyush Poorey, who died at 48 due to liver cirrhosis. The couple legally separated in February this year after years of struggle, primarily due to Piyush's alcohol addiction. Shubhangi shared that the decision to part ways was difficult and made with the well-being of their daughter, Ashi, in mind.

Shubhangi revealed that she remained in touch with Piyush during his hospitalisation and prayed for his recovery. She told agency in an interview, "I spoke to him on April 16 and prayed for his recovery. I'm emotional and numb right now. I want to remember Piyush for all the good things. I'll be going to Indore soon to be with his family. Our daughter, Ashi, who is studying in the US, will finish her final exams, after which she'll come here, and then we'll head there together."

She clarified that her decision to leave was not due to her success but because of the toll his addiction took on their



lives. Despite efforts from both families and attempts at rehabilitation, Piyush's addiction affected everyone around him. "It's easy for people to judge without knowing the full story. They assume I left him due to my success, but that's not true. Our separation was a result of

years of struggle. I didn't leave because I became successful, I left because his alcohol addiction took a toll on our lives. I tried everything I could to save my marriage, but it was beyond my control. Even sending him to rehab didn't work. Both our families also tried their best to help

him, but addiction destroyed him and affected all of us," she said.

The actress emphasised the impact of addiction on families, particularly on children, highlighting that her daughter suffered significantly. "I had to prioritise my daughter Ashi's well-being, so I made the difficult decision to part ways. It wasn't a decision made overnight. Things started going wrong around 2018-2019, and it eventually led to the divorce in 2025. Even after our divorce, I remained in touch with Piyush and encouraged him to seek help. I also share an extremely cordial relationship with his family."

Shubhangi plans to visit Piyush's family in Indore soon, with Ashi joining her after completing her exams in the US. The couple, who married in 2003, welcomed their daughter in 2005. Shubhangi is currently known for her role in the popular television show Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hai! and has appeared in other shows like Kasauti Zindagii Kay and Chidiya Ghar.

Miss India World Nandini Gupta wants to 'get the fame back to India' with 7th Miss World crown

The 72nd Miss World pageant will be taking place next month in Hyderabad, Telangana, marking the second consecutive edition happening in India. Femina Miss India World Nandini Gupta, who will be representing the nation at the upcoming pageant calls it a "moment of pride for us all Indians". "We're waiting for 120 contestants to touch down in India. Hyderabad is known for their legendary hospitality and when they will be here, they'll be taking a lot of memories," she says.

The 21-year-old feels the responsibility of the hopes of 1.4 billion Indians on her shoulder, and it motivates her. "Even to think that I will win in India on my home soil, in front of my people, that thought gives me chills every time. The day that I wear the blue crown, I will get that fame back to India where it will be the country that has seven crowns," she gushes.

Nandini comes from a farming background and credits her father for instilling confidence in her: "I come from a background where girls are often told that your dreams are too big for you, but I have changed the narrative through my family's support. My father doesn't know how to drive, but he made sure that I would drive a 40 foot harvester. He believes that his daughters should know strength in all forms. I am a product of passion, power and

compassion, and if I can achieve something in life, I will pave the way for others too."

A standout feature about Miss World is its social cause, Beauty With A Purpose (BWAP). Nandini's BWAP project is named Project Ekta, for differently abled people and it is inspired by someone close in her life. "My uncle has polio in his tongue, developmental delays and intellectual disabilities. I saw that the world that he's living in, it's not built for him. People would love him conditionally, and he was called mental, psycho, mad man. I could understand the pain that he was in. The question that what would happen to those people who are similar to my uncle, but don't have the same support as him, became my purpose, Project Ekta. Through that, I aim to build a 'one' community where every individual is welcomed, not because of sympathy, but in a celebration of differences," she shares.

Nandini finds her inspiration in former Miss Worlds and actors Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Priyanka Chopra Jonas. "They not only have different roles to play in their daily routines, but also play different roles in front of the camera. They can outshine anyone, but they make sure that they give the spotlight to each and everyone around them. They are compassionate, ambitious and empower everyone around them,"



she says.

But does she have an ambition to follow in their footsteps and get in front of the camera too? "I want to be a globally recognised performer, who moves people's heart through her art. I believe stage and cinema have a lot of power to heal, unite and bring a impact in people's life. I also want to have my own start up of sustainable lab grown diamonds, which reflect not just beauty but values too. My business will survive on three Es—elegant, ethical and empowering," she responds.

Srinidhi Shetty says some films require female leads to be 'accessories to hero'

Actor Srinidhi Shetty is only a few films old, having debuted with Prashanth Neel's KGF films in Kannada. While promoting her debut Telugu film HIT: The Third Case, she was asked by Siddharth Kannan if female actors in south Indian films don't get 'powerful roles'. Here's what she said.

Srinidhi stated in the interview that while there are films where women have taken centre stage, there are others where the female lead and other characters are mere 'accessories' to the film or the hero.

She said, "Not really, there have been movies where they've gotten really strong roles and there have been movies they haven't. But understand, when you're doing a movie with hero taking the centre stage, then at one point everybody else, all the artists, become accessories to the plot or maybe to the hero's character. But



there are also films in which the woman has taken the centre stage. So, it depends."

Srinidhi took part in various pageants before she turned to acting. In 2012, she was one of the finalists of Fresh Face. In 2015, she took part in Miss South India and won Miss Karnataka and Miss Beautiful Smile. In 2016, she was a finalist on Miss Diva, winning the Miss Supranational India the same year.

In 2018, she debuted with Prashanth's KGF: Chapter 1 with Yash as her co-star. She also starred in the 2022 sequel KGF: Chapter 2. In 2022, she debuted in Tamil with the Vikram-starrer Cobra, which did not perform well. She's now working in Telugu with HIT 3, led by Nani. She will also star in Neeraja Kona's Telusu Kada with Siddhu Jonnalagadda in Telugu and a yet-to-be-titled Kannada film with Kiccha Sudeep.

Blood of every Indian boiling, victims will definitely get justice: PM Modi on Pahalgam attack

NEW DELHI, Apr 27 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that victims of the Pahalgam terror attack will definitely get justice, asserting that terrorists and conspirators behind the killings of 26 civilians will be served the harshest punishment.

Blood of every Indian is boiling by looking at the pictures of the attack, he said in his monthly Mann Ki Baat address.

Modi said the country's unity and solidarity of its 140 crore citizens is its biggest strength in this war against terrorism.

"This unity is the basis of our decisive fight against terrorism," he said.

The prime minister said the attack in the famous tourist town in Kashmir reflected the desperation and cowardice of the patrons of terrorism, a reference to Pakistan, at a time when peace was returning to the Valley and there was vibrancy in its schools and colleges.

He said construction work had gained unprecedented pace, democracy was getting



stronger, the number of tourists was increasing at a record rate, people's income was increasing, and new opportunities were being created for the youth.

Modi said, "Enemies of the country, the enemies of Jammu and Kashmir did not like that. Terrorists and the masterminds of terror want Kashmir to be destroyed again and hence they executed such a big conspiracy." The prime minister said his heart is in deep anguish over the biggest terror attack on civilians in Kashmir in a long spell of time, and said the incident has

hurt every citizen of the country. Every Indian is feeling deep sympathies for the affected families, no matter which state one belongs to or which language one speaks, he said.

Modi said, "I can feel that the blood of every Indian is on the boil after seeing the pictures of the terrorist attack. I once again assure the affected families that they will get justice, and justice will be definitely done. The perpetrators and conspirators of this attack will be served the harshest punishment." He added, "We have to strengthen

our resolve to face this challenge before the country. We have to demonstrate a strong willpower as a nation. Today the world is watching that after this terrorist attack the whole country is speaking in one voice." The prime minister said the attack has drawn condemnation from the whole world, noting that international leaders have called him up, written letters and sent messages. Everyone has strongly condemned this heinous terrorist attack, and they have expressed condolences to the families of the deceased, he said.

Modi said, "The whole world stands with 140 crore Indians in our fight against terrorism." Terrorist had gunned down at least 26 civilians, mostly tourists, in Pahalgam on April 22, sparking nation-wide outrage and demand for a befitting response from the government, especially against Pakistan which has a history of training and arming terrorists and sending them across the border.

All Pakistani nationals in Maharashtra accounted for, arrangements made for deportation: Fadnavis



PUNE, Apr 27 (Agencies): Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday rubbished reports about Pakistani nationals being missing in the state and said all of them were accounted for.

Fadnavis said arrangements are being made to deport Pakistani nationals from the state as per the Centre's directives.

Talking to reporters here, he said, "As the state's Home Minister, I request you not to run any wrong news on this issue. No Pakistani national is missing in Maharashtra, and all of them have been found. Arrangements have been made to deport them all, and there will be no Pakistani citizens left in the state. Everyone will be sent back by this evening or tomorrow," Fadnavis said.

The chief minister was in the city to attend a programme of the Pune Municipal Corporation. India has announced the revoking of all visas issued to Pakistani nationals from April 27, as tension between the two countries has escalated over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, on April 22.

The Maharashtra police have launched a drive to identify Pakistani nationals living across the state on various visas.

Speaking about the water situation in the state, Fadnavis said, "Water storage in the dams is low in April and May. Planning about water storage has been done. Currently, water storage is at 38 per cent in all dams in the state."

Was 'permission for live coverage' of defence operations 'strategic negligence' Akhilesh asks Govt

LUCKNOW, Apr 27 (Agencies): A day after the Centre issued an advisory to the media to avoid live coverage of defence operations, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday questioned whether the "permission for live coverage was a strategic negligence".

The central government on Saturday issued an advisory to the media to avoid live broadcast of defence operations and activities of security forces, saying that giving such information may knowingly or unknowingly help hostile elements.

SP chief Yadav said in a post on X on Sunday, "Was the permission for live coverage of special operations from the security point of view a strategic negligence or was it motivated by political propaganda, the government should immediately clarify this. Tomorrow again the government will say that 'this is the second mistake after one mistake'."

Akhilesh Yadav further said, "This clearly means that there is unwanted encroachment of media in a very sensitive area like security."

He said, "Enemies will also see the live coverage, which will give them information about the location of our security forces and their strategy, this will put the security of the country and



the lives of our soldiers in danger.

"Strict punitive action should be taken for such live coverage. Any compromise with the security of the country and the soldiers is not forgivable."

On Tuesday, terrorists opened fire on tourists in Pahalgam, a major tourist destination in south Kashmir, killing 26 people. Following the attack, the government issued an advisory to the media on reporting of defense matters.

"In the interest of national security, all media platforms, news agencies and social media users are advised to act with full responsibility while reporting on matters related to defense and other security-related operations and strictly follow the existing laws and rules," advisory issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said.

China unlikely to get involved in India-Pak 'instability' post Pahalgam attack: Ex-Army commander

GUWAHATI, Apr 27 (Agencies): China is unlikely to get directly involved in the "instability" between India and Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, due to the current geopolitical scenario and tariff-related "complexities", a former Indian Army commander has said.

He, however, also underscored that China's friendship with Pakistan is a known fact.

"Post the Galwan 2020 incident, after a lot of consultations and deliberations between the two countries, the stand-off at the last of the friction points has been resolved," former Eastern Command chief Lt Gen (retd) Rana Pratap Kalita told a news agency.

A "process of normalisation" has taken place after resolution of the last areas of conflict and bilateral mechanism has picked up, includ-



ing talks to start direct flights and resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, he said.

Kalita also pointed out that both countries face hiked trade tariffs imposed by the US, which also impacts the global economy.

With India and China being manufacturing countries as well as major consumption markets, the impact of change in tariffs is bound to be felt more, he said.

"Seeing these complexities and geopolitical developments as well, whether there will

"more so after the change of government in Bangladesh".

"After the Sheikh Hasina government was deposed, we have seen that there is a rising anti-India feeling in Bangladesh, which is being fueled by religious fundamentalists," he said.

The release of leaders of terror groups like Ansarul Bangla from jail after the caretaker government came into power in Bangladesh has also "collectively added to the rise of the anti-India feeling", he said.

The visit by senior Pakistan military officers, "including the DG of the ISI who met various people there adds to the vulnerability", the former army commander said.

Migration from Bangladesh and infiltration to "spread Islamic fundamentalism within the northeast" because of the existing vulner-

ability borne by the demographic pattern, particularly in Assam and Tripura where it is sensitive and balanced, are areas of concern, he said.

Kalita said the narrow Siliguri corridor is also an area of vulnerability for India, as it provides strategic connectivity to the northeast.

The possible revival of terrorist camps in Bangladesh, where outfits like ULFA and others had bases, is another aspect of concern, he said.

Kalita, however, asserted that the Indian armed forces are prepared to face any eventuality.

"Periodic threat perception assessments are carried out regularly and a response mechanism is also prepared accordingly. I am confident about the preparation in the Eastern section to tackle any situation," he said.

After Indus treaty freeze, BJP MP calls for no water to Bangladesh

NEW DELHI, Apr 27 (Agencies): BJP MP Nishikant Dubey has called for a suspension of water supply to Bangladesh, following India's decision to halt the Indus Waters Treaty after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack. The attack, which claimed 26 lives, prompted India to cut water supply to Pakistan, and now Dubey is urging similar action against Bangladesh. He cited the flawed 1996 Ganga water agreement between India and Bangladesh during Congress rule.

"The agreement for the waters of the Ganga was wrong, and it was a mistake made by the Congress government in 1996," Dubey said. He questioned the logic of continuing to share water with countries allegedly linked to terrorism. "How long will we provide water to snakes? It's time to crush them," he added.

Dubey also expressed concern over security along India's borders with both Pakistan and Bangladesh. He stressed the importance of securing these areas to prevent terrorist infiltration. He referred to reports of Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists being in constant contact with Bangladesh's interim government.



"Lashkar-e-Taiba is in constant touch with Bangladesh's interim government. To stop the terror infiltration, both India and Bangladesh's borders need to be secured," he said.

"Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been constantly saying that we should not share water with Bangladesh, and the West Bengal Chief Minister opposed the Teesta Water Agreement. We should stop giving water to Bangladesh until they stop supporting terrorist groups," Dubey said.

Furthermore, Dubey praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership, stating that PM Modi's anger was clearly evident

after the Pahalgam attack. He added, "PM Modi has the support of 140 crore Indians, and the entire world sees him as a strong leader. His determination to bring the terrorists to justice is evident." While addressing a gathering in Bihar, PM Modi, in his first reaction to the incident, vowed that the terrorists and conspirators behind the attack will get a punishment beyond their imagination. PM Modi assured that terrorism will not go unpunished and India will make every effort to ensure justice to the innocent lives lost in the massacre. He added that punishment would be so stern that the terrorists would not have imagined this.

India announced a series of countermeasures against Pakistan following the Pahalgam attack. The suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 and the revocation of visas to Pakistani nationals were among the sweeping measures announced by the government. India suspended trade with Pakistan. In return, the neighbouring country also suspended visas for Indians and also shut its airspace for Indian-operated flights.

Are they Indians: Himanta Sarma jabs Congress MP over wife, children's Pak 'links'



GUWAHATI, Apr 27 (Agencies): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday asked a Congress MP whether he had stayed in Pakistan for a continuous period of 15 days and his wife gets a salary from an NGO of the neighbouring country.

Posting a series of queries on X, Sarma also questioned the citizenship status of the MP's wife and their children without identifying the Congress leader.

Though the chief minister did not name the MP in the social

media post, he and the BJP have been attacking Gaurav Gogoi, the Deputy Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha, for some time over his wife's alleged connection with Pakistan.

"Questions for the Hon'ble Member of Parliament from the Congress Party: 1. Did you visit Pakistan for a continuous period of 15 days? If so, could you kindly clarify the purpose of your visit?" he asked.

The CM also questioned whether it is true that the MP's wife "continues to receive a salary

from a Pakistan-based NGO while residing and working in India".

"If so, may we ask why a Pakistan-based organisation is paying a salary for activities conducted in India?" Sarma questioned.

He also asked about the citizenship status of the parliamentarian's wife and two children.

"Are they Indian citizens, or do they hold the citizenship of any other country? Many more questions will follow," he added.

Last month, the chief minister had said the state government might seek help from agencies like Interpol in investigating the alleged interference of Pakistani national Ali Tauqueer Sheikh, who is claimed to have links with Gogoi's British wife Elizabeth Colburn, in India's internal affairs.

Gogoi had accused the BJP of resorting to such "baseless allegations" as it has "no issue to raise".

Major fire breaks out at ED office building in south Mumbai

MUMBAI, Apr 27 (Agencies): A major fire broke out at the ED office building in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate area early on Sunday, civic officials said, adding that there were no reports of any injuries.

The fire brigade received a call about the blaze at the multi-storey Kaiser-I-Hind building, which houses the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office, near the Grand Hotel on Currimbhoy Road around 2.31 am, the officials said.

Fire brigade teams rushed to the spot and began firefighting operations. Around 3.30 am, the fire was upgraded to Level II, which is generally considered a major fire, the fire brigade control room confirmed.

A civic official said the fire was confined to the fourth floor of the five-storey building.

The official said eight fire engines, six jumbo tankers, one aerial water tower tender, one breathing apparatus van, one rescue van, one quick response vehicle, and an



ambulance from the 108 service had been deployed to the spot. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, the official added.

Taiwan President Lai says opposition rally shows strength of Taiwan's democracy

Taiwan President William Lai said that the opposition's protest highlights Taiwan's democratic strength, but urged political parties to focus their fight against dictatorship where it belongs -- against China's authoritarian regime, not Taiwan's judiciary or democracy.

TAIPEI, Apr 27 (Agencies): Taiwan President William Lai Ching-te said that a protest organised by opposition parties is itself proof of Taiwan's democratic strength, but urged them to direct their efforts at the real source of dictatorship -- the Chinese Communist Party, Taipei Times reported.

Speaking after the rally yesterday, Lai emphasised that if opposition figures genuinely want to challenge authoritarianism, they should do so on Tiananmen Square in Beijing, rather than targeting Taiwan's own democratic system.

The Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) held a protest themed "against green communists and dictatorship," joined by the Taiwan People's Party. Lai criticised the opposition for their selective opposition, noting that while they rail against so-called "green communists," they avoid confronting the "Chinese communists."

If they truly intend to oppose



dictatorship, he said, they should target the right subject at the right place.

Lai added that China's ambitions to annex Taiwan are well known, and infiltration efforts extend across all parties. "There are not only 'green communists,' but 'blue communists' and 'white communists' as well," Lai said, referring to concerns that the ruling and opposition parties alike are targets for Beijing's influence campaigns, reported

Taipei Times.

He stressed that Taiwanese people, regardless of political affiliation, must work together to defend the nation against communist infiltration and uphold the country's freedom and democracy.

He further urged politicians to be courageous and to confront Chinese authorities directly when visiting China, rather than appeasing officials.

True fighters against dictator-

ship should stand on Tiananmen Square, express Taiwan's desire for democracy and human rights, and demand that China abandon its military threats against Taiwan, he said. Protecting Taiwan's sovereignty requires bravery and a commitment to peace across the Taiwan Strait, Lai added.

Highlighting the hard-won nature of Taiwan's democratic system, Lai said it must be cherished and safeguarded by all political parties. He emphasised that the rule of law is a core principle of democracy, and that judicial investigations must be respected, Taipei Times reported.

Parties must not undermine the judiciary simply because their members face legal scrutiny, he warned. Attempts to politicise judicial cases instead of accepting legal responsibility would cause significant damage to Taiwan's democratic institutions, he said.

Several killed as driver rams car into Vancouver festival crowd

MONTREAL, Apr 27 (Agencies): Several people were killed after a driver plowed car into a crowd at a street festival on Saturday evening in the Canadian city of Vancouver, local police said today.

"A number of people have been killed and multiple others are injured. The driver is in custody," Vancouver Police posted on X.

The driver was a "lone suspect" known to police, a police spokesperson told journalists at the scene.

The incident happened as members of the Filipino community gathered to celebrate Lapu Lapu Day. The festival

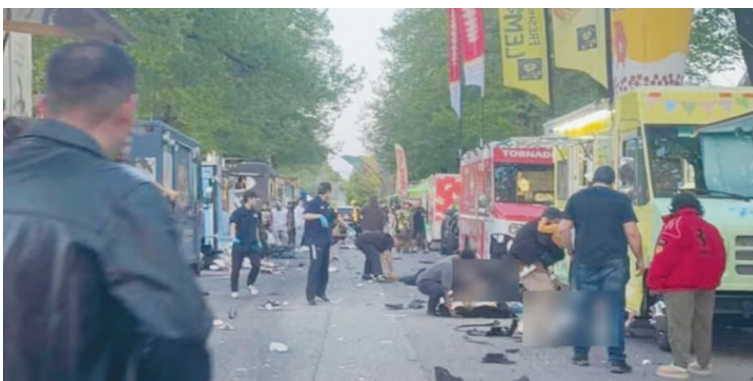
commemorates a Filipino anti-colonial leader from the 16th century.

The deadly incident comes a year after Canadian Nathaniel Veltman was sentenced to life in prison for running down a Muslim family with his truck on the street in Ontario in 2021.

The ruling in Veltman's case was the first in Canada to link white supremacy and terrorism in a murder case.

Prime Minister Mark Carney said he was devastated by the "horrific events."

"I offer my deepest condolences to the loved ones of those killed and injured, to the Filipino Canadian community,



and to everyone in Vancouver," he wrote on X.

Footage posted online and verified by AFP shows a black SUV with a damaged hood parked on a street littered with debris, meters from first aiders

tending to people lying on the ground.

Photos published by Canadian broadcaster CBC showed emergency crews at the scene as well as large crowds at the block party.

US forces deploy anti-ship missiles in Philippines and stage live-fire drills near China hotspots

BATAN ISLAND, Apr 27 (Agencies): The U.S. military has deployed an anti-ship missile launcher for the first time on Batan Island in the Philippines, as Marines unloaded the high-precision weapon on the northern tip of the archipelago, just a sea border away from Taiwan.

U.S. and Philippine forces separately unleashed a barrage of missile and artillery fire that shot down several drones acting as hostile aircraft in live-fire drills on Sunday in Zamboanga province facing the disputed South China Sea.

The mock battle scenarios over the weekend in the annual Balikatan exercises between the U.S. and its oldest treaty ally in Asia, the Philippines, not only simulated real-life war. They were also staged near major geopolitical hotspots, which have become delicate frontlines in the regional rivalry between China and the U.S. under former President Joe Biden and now Donald Trump.

About 9,000 American and 5,000 Filipino military personnel took part in the combat maneuvers. At least 260 Australian personnel also joined, with smaller observer delegations from Japan and other countries.

China has fiercely opposed the combat drills as provocative. Its aircraft carrier group sailed by a few days earlier near Batanes, where the U.S. military had deployed the Navy Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System on Saturday on Batan near the Bashi Channel just south of Taiwan, a critical trade and military route that the U.S. and Chinese militaries have tried to gain strategic control of.

"The introduction of NMESIS into the first island chain for sea denial, sea control is another step in our force design journey," U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Michael Cederholm told a small group of journalists, including from The Associated Press, who were invited to witness the transport of the missile system aboard a C-130 Air Force aircraft



to Batanes.

"We're not here practicing a war plan," said Cederholm. "We're practicing for the defense of the Philippines."

The U.S. and the Philippines have denied the annual combat maneuvers — which both said would focus on a "full-scale battle scenario" this year — were aimed at China or any adversary. The lines between what's mock and real, however, have been at times murky.

Asked if U.S. forces would pull out the anti-ship missile system from Batanes after the combat drills, Cederholm did not reply clearly.

"We don't broadcast when we're going in, when we're coming out and how long things are going to stay," Cederholm said. "All I'll say is we're here at the invitation and with the support of the Philippine government."

"But I'm glad it's here," he said.

Additionally, China had repeatedly expressed its strong opposition to the U.S. Army deployment last year of a mid-range missile system in the Philippines for joint exercises.

The U.S. Army launcher with at least 16 Standard Missile-6 and the Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles was repositioned in January from an international airport in northern Laoag city to a northwestern coastal area facing the Scarborough Shoal, where China's forces have used water cannons and dangerous blocking maneuvers against Philippine coast guard and fishery ships and fired flares near Manila's patrol planes, a Philippine official then told agency.

The official spoke on condition of

anonymity due to a lack of authority to discuss the delicate issue publicly.

Tomahawk missiles can travel over 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers), which places China within their target range.

During the combat exercises from April 21 to May 9, American and Filipino forces will also practice jointly defending Philippine islands by repelling hostile forces attempting to assault from the sea in the western Philippine province of Palawan, which faces the South China Sea, and in northern Cagayan province near Batanes.

Philippine Brig. Gen. Michael Logico said the combat exercises were crucial to strengthening deterrence against aggression in the Bashi Channel.

"A peaceful region can only be maintained through a proper balance of strength between opposing forces until such time that ... both countries decide that it's not going to be worth it to fight over this area," Logico said.

Early this month, the Chinese military staged largescale drills in the waters around Taiwan and renewed a warning to the self-ruled democracy not to seek independence. Chinese navy, air, ground and rocket forces staged the drills.

The Philippines used to host two of the largest U.S. Navy and Air Force bases outside the American mainland. The bases were shut down in the early 1990s after the Philippine Senate rejected an extension, but American forces returned for large-scale combat exercises with Filipino troops under a 1999 agreement.

Cederholm cited the tens of thousands of U.S. military personnel, along with Filipino scouts, buried in the vast American cemetery in Manila as proof of Washington's commitment to help defend the Philippines beyond the U.S. bases era in the Philippines.

"We take our treaty obligations very seriously," Cederholm said.

Massive explosion at Iranian port linked to missile fuel shipment kills 25, injures over 800 people

MUSCAT, Apr 27 (Agencies): A massive explosion and fire rocked a port Saturday in southern Iran purportedly linked to a shipment of a chemical ingredient used to make missile propellant, killing 25 people and injuring around 800 others.

Helicopters and aircraft dumped water from the air on the raging fire through the night into Sunday morning at the Shahid Rajaei port. The explosion occurred just as Iran and the United States met Saturday in Oman for the third round of negotiations over Tehran's rapidly advancing nuclear program.

No one in Iran outright suggested that the explosion came from an attack. However, even Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who led the talks, on Wednesday acknowledged that "our security services are on high alert given past instances of attempted sabotage and assassination operations designed to provoke a legitimate response."

State media offered the casualty figures, saying authorities identified only 10 of the dead, including two women.

Meanwhile, state TV reported the fire was under control and will be fully extinguished later Sunday. It also said activities have resumed at the port, showing footage of containers of a commercial ship being unloaded.

"Will continue offering our full support to Indian govt": FBI Director after Pahalgam attack



WASHINGTON, Apr 27 (Agencies): FBI Director Kash Patel on Sunday offered condolences to all the victims of the recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and affirmed the "full support" of the US to the Indian government.

Patel stated that the Pahalgam attack is a reminder of the constant threats that the world faces from the evil of terrorism.

In a post on X, Patel stated, "The FBI sends our condolences to all the victims of the recent terrorist attack in Kashmir -- and will continue offering our full support to the Indian government. This is a reminder of the constant threats our world faces from the evils of terrorism. Pray for those affected. Thank you to the men and women of law enforcement who answer the call in moments like these."

As many as 26 people were killed in India, and several others were injured after terrorists attacked tourists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on April 22.

Earlier, US President Donald Trump held a

telephonic conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday and offered his condolences at the loss of lives in the terror attack. Trump condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam and expressed full support to India to bring to justice the perpetrators of this "heinous attack."

In a post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, stated, "President Donald Trump @realDonaldTrump @POTUS called PM @narendramodi and conveyed his deepest condolences at the loss of innocent lives in the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. President Trump strongly condemned the terror attack and expressed full support to India to bring to justice the perpetrators of this heinous attack. India and the United States stand together in the fight against terror."

US Vice President JD Vance also called Prime Minister Narendra Modi and strongly condemned the dastardly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. He conveyed his deepest condolences on the loss of

lives and reiterated that the United States stands with the people of India in this difficult hour. PM Modi thanked Vance and Trump for their messages of support and solidarity.

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Following the terror attack, the Central government announced several diplomatic measures, such as closing the Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Attari, suspending the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) for Pakistani nationals, giving them 40 hours to return to their country, and reducing the number of officers in the High Commissions on both sides.

India also halted the Indus Waters Treaty signed in 1960 in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960, following nine years of negotiations between India and Pakistan, with the assistance of the World Bank, which is also a signatory to the treaty.

geted the port. It came after Israel said that it thwarted a cyberattack targeting its water infrastructure, which it attributed to Iran. Israeli officials didn't respond to requests for comment regarding Saturday's explosion. Social media videos showed black billowing smoke after the blast. Others showed glass blown out of buildings kilometers, or miles, away from the epicenter of the explosion. State media footage showed the injured crowding into at least one hospital, with ambulances arriving as medics rushed one person by on a stretcher.

Hasanzadeh, the provincial disaster management official, earlier told state television that the blast came from containers at Shahid Rajaei port in the city, without elaborating. State television also reported that there had been a building collapse caused by the explosion, though no further details were offered.

The Interior Ministry said that it launched an investigation into the blast. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian also offered his condolences to those affected in the blast. Shahid Rajaei port in Hormozgan province is about 1,050 kilometers (650 miles) southeast of Iran's capital, Tehran, on the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of all oil traded passes.

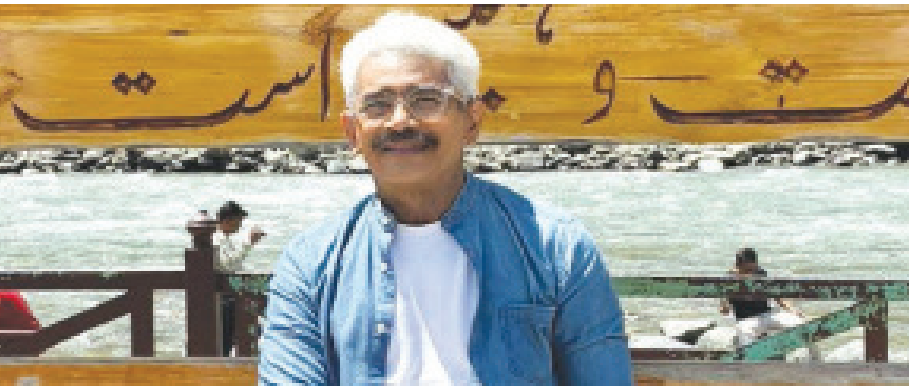
Dr Farooq Abdullah visits residence of Shameema Firdous



SRINAGAR, Apr 27 (Agencies): JKNC President, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, on Sunday visited the residence of the party's State Women's Wing President, Advocate Shameema Firdous, at Baghat Barzulla to offer condolences on the passing of her mother-in-law. According to a statement issued here, He was accompanied by Zahir Abdullah and Zamir Abdullah. On the occasion, Fateha Khawani was offered, and heart-felt tributes were paid to the departed

soul. The deceased was the mother-in-law of Advocate Shahmeema Firdous and the mother of former RTO Kashmir, Younis Ahmad Bhat. Party Chief Spokesperson and Hon'ble MLA, Tanvir Sadiq, also visited the family to express their sympathies. Earlier, several senior leaders, including Hon'ble MLAs, visited the bereaved family to express their condolences and sympathies during this difficult time.

Actor Atul Kulkarni reaches Pahalgam with 'Chalo Kashmir' appeal to tourists



SRINAGAR, Apr 27 (Agencies): At a time when tourism has taken a hit due to the terror attack in Pahalgam, actor Atul Kulkarni has landed in Jammu and Kashmir with an appeal to fellow citizens to visit the Himalayan region in huge numbers. Kulkarni reached Srinagar on Sunday early morning and drove straight to Pahalgam where terrorists killed at least 26 persons earlier this week, prompting tourists to give Jammu and Kashmir a miss in their holiday itinerary. "The intention of the terror attack was to tell tourists not to come to Kashmir. If we cancel our plans to travel to Kashmir, we are in a way allowing the intentions of the terrorists to succeed," the actor said. On Sunday morning, Kulkarni posted pho-

tographs of a virtually empty Mumbai-Srinagar flight. "Crew said these ran full. We need to fill them again (sic)" he wrote in a post on X, with hashtags such as 'Chalo Kashmir', 'Defeat Terror', 'Feet in Kashmir'. With a message to "defeat terrorism", the actor-writer said he plans to tour Kashmir for the next two days, interact with the locals, and urge others to visit the region. Known for his roles in films such as "Natarang", "Raees", and "Chandni Bar", Kulkarni said one can understand that people could be shocked due to the terror attack, but shunning Kashmir as a tourist destination is not the answer. He said there was a need to revive tourism in Kashmir at the earliest as such activities

not only give the local economy a boost but also help people from across the country to understand each other. Kulkarni said he came across a group of tourists from Tamil Nadu in Pahalgam, who were keen to understand the Kashmiri way of life. "Such people-to-people interaction will also help forge close bonds and also send a message of unity and compassion," he said. Hotels and houseboats in Kashmir have seen up to 80 per cent cancellations in tourist bookings in the immediate aftermath of the terror attack at Baisaran in Pahalgam. Thousands of tourists cut short their vacation in Kashmir and returned to their homes by special flights and trains after the April 22 terror attack.

Mehbooba appeals for caution after Pahalgam attack, warns against alienating civilians

SRINAGAR, Apr 27 (Agencies): Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has appealed to the Government of India to tread with caution and carefully distinguish between terrorists and civilians following the recent Pahalgam attack. She emphasized that the government must not alienate innocent people and ensure that they are not made to bear the brunt. In a post on X, Mehbooba said, "The Government of India must tread with caution and carefully distinguish between terrorists and civilians following

the recent Pahalgam attack." "It must not alienate innocent people, especially those opposing terror. There are reports of thousands being arrested and scores of houses of common Kashmiris being demolished along with those of militants." She added to the post Concluding the post with an appeal, she said, "Appeal Government to direct the authorities to take care that innocent people are not made to feel the brunt as alienation aids terrorists goals of division and fear".



Army distributes sleeping bags, mosquito nets at Satharban



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POONCH, Apr 27: In a notable humanitarian initiative to improve the living conditions of the Gujar and Bakkarwal communities in the remote regions of Poonch district, the Battalion under the aegis of Romeo Force distributed sleeping bags and mosquito nets at Satharban. These nomadic communities are preparing for their seasonal migration to high-altitude summer Dhoks such as Hill Dhoks, Pathari Dhoks, and Dholewali Dhoks in the Pir Panjal ranges. This initiative is aimed at providing essential comfort and protection against harsh weather and insect-borne diseases during their stay in these elevated,

remote locations. By addressing their basic needs, the Army seeks to mitigate hardships and foster resilience, while also countering the risk of vulnerable populations being influenced by radical elements. This effort is part of the Army's broader strategy of holistic engagement and nation-building. The gesture has been warmly welcomed by the local population, who expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Army's enduring support and dedication to their welfare beyond traditional security responsibilities. Initiatives like these continue to strengthen the deep-rooted bond between the Indian Army and local communities, reinforcing trust, social harmony, and inclusive development.

Army celebrates Shaheed Diwas at Mendhar



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POONCH, April 27: The Indian Army and the local population of Mendhar got together to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by six gallant sons of the soil, while assisting the Indian Army on the war front during the 1965 Indo-Pak conflict. The annual 'Shahidi Diwas' at Mendhar marks the recognition and gratitude of the Army to these brave civilians who laid down their lives in the service to the nation as well as the continued commitment of the civilian population to work hand in hand with the Indian Army to thwart any nefarious designs

of the enemy. The ceremony included a wreath laying at the 'Shahid Smarak' & Shaheed Abdul Ghani Chowk Memorial. The encouraging response and willing participation by the local populace reflected their support and oneness for the national cause. The ceremony ended with a presentation of gifts to next of kins of the bravehearts. This event was attended by officers of the District and Tehsil administration and other prominent citizens. Such events enhance the bonhomie between the Indian Army & civilians and strengthen the efforts towards peace and harmony in the region.

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Intelligence Bureau identifies around 5000 Pakistani Nationals in Delhi

revocation of visas of Pakistan nationals except Medical, Diplomatic and Long-Term visas, with effect from April 27, 2025. The existing medical visas shall also stand invalid after April 29, 2025. The government later clarified that LTVs already granted to Hindu Pakistani nationals will remain valid. According to estimates, around 900 people are living near Majnu Ka Tila and 600-700 near Signature Bridge. House of active terrorist Adnan Shafi demolished in Shopian Officials said Gaine had been active in terror activities since 2023. Earlier on Friday, the house of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Adil Thokar, also known as Adil Guree, was demolished. Adil Guree, a resident of Guree village in Bijbehara block of Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir,

is believed to have been involved in the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people, including a Nepalese national, mostly tourists. He has been declared the most wanted, and the Anantnag Police have offered a reward of Rs 20 lakh for any specific information leading to his arrest. Two Pakistani nationals were also declared most wanted in the case. Adil had illegally travelled to Pakistan in 2018, where he reportedly received terror training before returning to Jammu and Kashmir last year. Meanwhile, a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist associate was killed by the security forces during the ongoing encounter in the Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday. The terrorist associate has been identified as Altaf Lalli of the Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit. Two security personnel have also been injured in the exchange of fire in the Kulnar area of Ajas in the district. According to the police officials, the two policemen suffered gunshot wounds and have been shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, where their condition is said to be stable. This comes amid uproar over terrorists attacking tourists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on April 22, killing 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen while leaving several others injured. The Indian Army is on high alert, launching several search opera-

tions to neutralise the terrorists following the attack in Pahalgam. The incident has sparked nationwide outrage, with widespread protests erupting across the country, demanding stricter action against Pakistan over the Pahalgam attack.

Two suspected underground workers detained under Public Safety Act in Budgam

providing active support to terrorist outfits operating in the region. By invoking the Public Safety Act, authorities have ensured their detention to prevent further threats to peace and public order", it added. The detained individuals were instrumental in facilitating terrorist activities, including movement, shelter, logistical support, and their continued engagement in anti-national activities, role in motivating local youth to join banned (terrorist) organisations. The imposition of the PSA was deemed necessary, and their detention marks a significant step towards dismantling terrorist support networks in the district, the statement read. The Budgam police have reaffirmed their resolve to act firmly against all elements endangering the safety and security of the

region, it said, adding that the general public is once again urged to play an active role in maintaining the security of Budgam by reporting any information related to anti-national, anti-social or drug-related activities in their vicinity to the police.

China unlikely to get involved in India-Pak 'Instability' Post Pahalgam attack: Ex-Army Commander

in Bangladesh". "After the Sheikh Hasina government was deposed, we have seen that there is a rising anti-India feeling in Bangladesh, which is being fueled by religious fundamentalists," he said. The release of leaders of terror groups like Ansarul Bangla from jail after the caretaker government came into power in Bangladesh has also "collectively added to the rise of the anti-India feeling", he said. The visit by senior Pakistan military officers, "including the DG of the ISI who met various people there adds to the vulnerability", the former army commander said. Migration from Bangladesh and infiltration to "spread Islamic fundamentalism within the northeast"

because of the existing vulnerability borne by the demographic pattern, particularly in Assam and Tripura where it is sensitive and balanced, are areas of concern, he said. Kalita said the narrow Siliguri corridor is also an area of vulnerability for India, as it provides strategic connectivity to the northeast. The possible revival of terrorist camps in Bangladesh, where outfits like ULFA and others had bases, is another aspect of concern, he said. Kalita, however, asserted that the Indian armed forces are prepared to face any eventuality. "Periodic threat perception assessments are carried out regularly and a response mechanism is also prepared accordingly. I am confident about the preparation in the Eastern section to tackle any situation," he said. Exit deadline ends Today; Pak citizens bid tearful good-byes to kin, Rush home through Attari A man from Jaisalmer said his maternal uncle, aunt and their children were visiting them after 36 years but had to rush back ahead of the deadline. "They came from Pakistan's Amarkot on April 15 with a 45-day visa. No one

knew the situation would turn out to be like this. They did not get time to meet all their relatives," he said. India has warned that those who fail to exit the country after the deadline passes will face legal action under the newly enacted Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025. Janam Raj (70) from Peshawar said he had come on a 45-day visa to meet relatives. "I came three weeks ago on my first visit to the country, and look how it turned out," he said. Mohd Arif, a man from Delhi, had come to drop off his aunt at Attari. Strongly condemning the Pahalgam terror attack, he said the terrorists "murdered humanity and should be publicly hanged". Another Pakistani national Mohd Salim from Karachi had come on a 45-day visa but had to rush back home like his fellow citizens due to the unexpected gruesome developments. Gurbax Singh from Pakistan's Buner in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan came to India on April 15. "Half of my extended family, including my cousins, live in India. What happened in Pahalgam is utterly reprehensible. They (terrorists) murdered humanity, but look who has to bear the brunt. There were many Pakistanis who were visiting India for medical treatment, but now all have to rush back," he said. The already strained relations between India and Pakistan nosedived further after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that New Delhi linked to Pakistani establishments. Immediately after the bloodbath in the verdant meadows of Baisaran, India announced a raft of retaliatory steps, including the cancellation of visas, and Islamabad hit back with a string of tit-for-tat measures.

JKMEF organizes meeting at District Hospital Samba, raises voice for employees' rights

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SAMBA, Apr 27: Under the steadfast leadership of Shri Jaswinder Singh, the Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) today held a significant meeting at District Hospital Samba, where the pulse of the healthcare community beat with determination and unity.

A large gathering of health employees from across Samba district joined the event, pledging their unwavering support to the Central Body of JKMEF in the ongoing fight for justice and welfare.

In a heartfelt welcome, Kuldeep Dabgotra, District President Samba, presented a comprehensive report outlining the



severe hardships faced by health employees.

He brought to light the alarming delay in salaries under the 2211 Family Welfare Head, painting a grim picture of employees teetering on

the brink of starvation.

"When the healers themselves are left unheard, who will heal the wounds of the system?" — this powerful sentiment echoed through the assembly.

The gathering saw full solidarity among the health workers, all promising their complete backing to the Federation's future actions.

Adding further strength to the proceedings,

Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Government Pharmacist Association, addressed the gathering, inspiring the audience with a vision for the future.

His words served as a rallying call for collective advancement, professional dignity, and rightful recognition.

Other prominent lent their voices to the cause were Prafulat Singh, General Secretary, Harpal Singh, President of X-Ray Technicians, Dheeraj Sharma, President of Udhampur District, Sunil Bandral, Kamla Devi, Mohd Arshad, Kartar Chand, Naresh Jamwal, and Vijay Sharma, among others.

Cong's sympathy for Pak exposed: Chugh

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JAMMU, Apr 27: BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K BJP, Tarun Chugh today said that the Congress leaders' sympathy and support for Pakistan stand exposed.

Chugh said that at a time when the tears of the bereaved families have not yet dried, senior Congress leaders have started playing the politics of appeasement to run down the nation.

Taking strong exception to the statements made by Robert Vadra, Mani Shankar Aiyar, and Congress leaders in Karnataka, Chugh said that the Congress has always brought shame to the country, beginning from the time of Partition. At a time when the whole country stands united with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leaders have been striking a discordant note.

Chugh recalled how the Sonia Gandhi



family, led by Robert Vadra, had given an anti-national statement soon after the Pahalgal massacre.

Chugh said that the nation stands firmly united with Prime Minister Modi to teach Pakistan a big lesson and defeat the nefarious designs of Pakistan.

Terror has no place in J&K's future: Vibodh

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JAMMU, Apr 27: BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, while addressing party workers after listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat', reiterated the Centre's unwavering commitment to restoring peace, prosperity, and democracy in Jammu & Kashmir. He lauded the Prime Minister's efforts in ridding the Union Territory of terrorism and separatism and establishing a development-oriented governance model.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a deep emotional connection with the people of Jammu & Kashmir. His visionary leadership has steered the Union Territory away from the shadows of terrorism



and towards a future filled with opportunity, stability, and growth," said Vibodh.

Referring to the recent terror attack in Pahalgal, Vibodh strongly condemned the act, calling it a sign of desperation by the forces opposed to peace. "The cowardly attack is a reflection of the frustration of those who patronize terror. As schools, colleges, and

democratic institutions in the Valley begin to thrive, and as tourism and youth employment rise, these enemies of progress are trying to disrupt the peace. But they will not succeed," he asserted.

Vibodh also emphasized that the Government's consistent efforts have led to significant improvements in the lives of the people of

Jammu & Kashmir, citing the increased infrastructural developments, educational advancements, and the empowerment of the youth.

He reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to ensuring that the dreams of the people of Jammu & Kashmir are fulfilled and that terrorism finds no space in the Union Territory's future. Speaking on the

occasion State Media Incharge Pardeep Mahotra said that PM Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat is truly inspiring, sparking positivity and hope. He also highlighted various success stories narrated by the Prime Minister in his Mann Ki Baat.

Speaking on the occasion District Secretary Neelam Nargotra said that the Modi government stands firm against terrorism and remains committed to safeguarding every citizen.

At the same time, we continue to see remarkable progress in Jammu & Kashmir through infrastructure development, investment, and integration efforts.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Munish Gupta & General Secretary Talab Tillo Mandal, Arun Dubey.

PUCA Delegation meets

Edu Minister J&K

On PUCA demand, IKGPTU will conduct special exams for JK students



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JAMMU, Apr 27: A delegation of Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) led by Dr Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh met Sakina Itoo Education Minister; Jammu and Kashmir at UT Guest House, Chandigarh Today.

Dr. Kataria expressed gratitude to Min-

ister Sakina Itoo for requesting the Governor and Chief Secretary of Punjab to provide a special opportunity for J&K students to appear in exams when the situation stabilizes.

It is to be mentioned that IKGPTU has issued a special notification (No. IKGPTU/COE/194) regarding the postponement of exams due to the Pahalgal incident.

Terrorists will be dealt with iron hand: Kavinder

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JAMMU, Apr 27: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta today listened to the monthly broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' at Booth No. 100 in the Jammu South constituency. He joined party workers, local residents, and booth-level karyakartas to listen to the 121st episode of the PM's radio programme, which delivered a strong and emotional message in the wake of the recent terror attack in Pahalgal. PM Modi, while addressing the nation, condemned the cowardly terrorist attack that claimed 26 innocent lives, stating that "terrorists and their patrons want Kashmir to be destroyed again."



The Prime Minister assured that the perpetrators of the attack would be dealt with sternly, saying, "They will be served with the harshest response."

Reacting to the PM's address, Kavinder said the entire nation stands united with the families of the victims and with the security forces who

are working tirelessly to root out terrorism from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The PM's words today have given courage to every patriotic Indian. The attack in Pahalgal is not just an attack on innocents but an attack on the peace, progress, and prosperity of Kashmir. As the PM

rightly pointed out, when Kashmir was witnessing a new era of development — vibrant schools, growing tourism, fast-paced infrastructure work, and strengthening democracy — these enemies of peace conspired to bring destruction," he said.

The senior BJP leader also praised the swift

action taken by security forces in the aftermath of the attack, including the demolition of houses belonging to terrorists. "These measures send a clear signal — terrorism and its sympathizers will not be tolerated in the new Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Kavinder further stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the resolve to eliminate terrorism is stronger than ever, and the entire country is determined to ensure that Kashmir remains on the path of peace, prosperity, and development.

The programme concluded with a pledge by party workers and residents to continue supporting the government's efforts to uphold peace and fight terrorism in all its forms.

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Shiv Sena Hindustan holds meeting to

discuss terrorism and drug abuse in J&K

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BISHNAH, Apr 27: A meeting of Shiv Sena Hindustan was held in Nateral village, Bishnah, under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri. The meeting focused on discussing the growing menace of terrorism and drug abuse in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting saw the participation of prominent figures, including State Deputy Chief Balveer Kumar, Ashwini Kumar, Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, Balwant Fouji, Rinku Baba, Sunil Kumar, Sunil Saini, Darshana Devi, Jyoti Devi, Muskan Devi, Neeru Devi, Vijay Devi,

Dhiraj Kumar, Satpal, Captain Om Prakash, Captain Gara Ram, Sushil, Kewal Kumar and Kumar Saini, along with other village heads.

The participants unanimously agreed to stand united against terrorism and drug abuse. Kesri emphasized the need for collective action to support the government and police in eradicating these issues from Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that this can only be achieved if everyone develops a sense of patriotism and ownership towards the state.

The meeting observed a two-minute silence in memory of the martyrs, and gratitude was expressed to the gov-

ernment for providing due respect and assistance to the injured and the families of the martyrs.

The participants urged the Central Government to take immediate action against Pakistan, specifically targeting terrorist factories.

They emphasized that this is the right moment to respond to Pakistan and that the government should not let this opportunity slip. The meeting concluded with a resolve to work collectively to combat terrorism and drug abuse, and a demand for decisive action against Pakistan. The participants reaffirmed their commitment to the nation, chanting "Jai Hind Jai Bharat".

Anti Crime NGO spreads kindness with Chabeel during scorching summer

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JAMMU, Apr 27: In a heartwarming initiative to provide respite from the intense summer heat, the Anti Crime NGO, under the supervision of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta, organized a "Chabeel" (sweet water distribution drive) for the public. The event was aimed at offering relief to commuters, daily wage workers, and local residents suffering from the scorching temperatures that have gripped the region over the past few weeks.

The Chabeel was organized at a prominent location where volunteers actively served chilled

sweet water to hundreds of people throughout the day. The event not only provided physical relief from the heat but also spread the message of compassion, community service, and human kindness — values that the Anti Crime NGO has been championing consistently.

Ex-Corporator Sahil Gupta graced the occasion with his presence and extended his wholehearted support to the noble cause. He praised the efforts of the NGO and emphasized the importance of such community-driven initiatives, especially during challenging weather conditions. Speaking

on the occasion, Sahil Gupta stated that such acts of kindness not only help individuals physically but also uplift the community spirit, encouraging others to come forward and contribute to society. Several active members of the NGO, including Rohit Kumar, Bunt Kumar, Jagjeet Kumar, and Monu Kumar, participated enthusiastically in the event. They ensured the smooth distribution of sweet water to all passersby, maintaining hygiene and order throughout the drive. Their dedication and hard work were clearly visible, as they worked tirelessly under the blazing sun to make the event

successful. Chairman Sham Lal Gupta expressed gratitude to all the volunteers and supporters for making the initiative impactful. He reiterated the NGO's commitment to serving society not just through its anti-crime awareness programs but also through humanitarian activities that address immediate community needs. The event concluded on a positive note, with smiles and gratitude from the people who received the service. The Anti Crime NGO's efforts once again highlighted the crucial role that non-governmental organizations play in building a compassionate and resilient society.

Social Media Handlers Detained for Circulating False Narrative on Bandipora Encounter

SRINAGAR, Apr 27 (Agencies): Police on Sunday said that it has detained social media handlers who have spread false information regarding the Ajas Encounter in North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

The police said that the Bandipora police had received information through multiple sources that some persons have circulated false and fabricated narratives through their social media handles regarding an encounter at Kulnar Bazipora Ajas on 24-04-2025.

In this connection, Bandipora Police have registered a criminal case against all those social media account holders who have circulated these false stories on social media platforms.

The criminalised act of all those involved persons has endangered the country's security scenario and has a

tendency of creating a law and order problem in the region, he said.

Accordingly, taking cognisance of the illegal act, Bandipora Police has registered an FIR No.71/25 u/s 152 BNS, 66 (f) IT Act in Police Station Bandipora and investigation of the case has been started.

So far, a few involved persons have been apprehended for their involvement in this criminal act for questioning purposes and further action shall be initiated as warranted under law, he said.

Bandipora police urges social media users to act responsibly and refrain from activities that violate legal and ethical norms. Stringent legal action, including prosecution under relevant laws, will be taken against those found misusing digital platforms for unlawful purposes, reads the statement.

Represents sportive generation: Karnataka Home Minister Parameshwara on high participation in TCS World 10K Bengaluru

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara believes the high volume of participation in the TCS World 10K Bengaluru represents a generation of people who are 'sportive'.

BENGALURU, Apr 27 (Agencies): Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara believes the high volume of participation in the TCS World 10K Bengaluru represents a generation of people who are "sportive".

Parameshwara graced the event with his presence on Sunday and flagged off the Elite Men's race. Along with Parameshwara, MLA Harris, and other dignitaries also attended the event, which features 30,000-plus participants.

"More than 30 thousand people participated in it. It has become one of the world's biggest events, which has also got a gold standard. This not only represents Bengaluru, but it also represents the generation that is sportive and would like to participate in this kind of event. It sends out a message of peace and harmony in the society,"



Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara told reporters. Dalilah Muhammad, lauded as one of the most accomplished hurdlers in history, was named the International Event Ambassador for the 17th edition of the World 10K Bengaluru. The TCS World 10K Bengaluru, with total prize money of USD 210,000, continues to be one of the World's Premier 10K events, attracting top ath-

letes and amateur runners from across the globe. The race is a celebration of Bengaluru's spirit, offering a blend of competition, camaraderie, and community impact.

The race was flagged off from Cubbon Road (opposite RSAOI Gate No. 5), and the finish line for all races will be located on Cubbon Road, outside the Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Parade Ground.

Stephen Kissa (Uganda), who finished third in 2017, along with Vincent Langat (Kenya) and Awet Nfatalem Kibrab (Norway), are among the top names expected to challenge the multiple global champion Joshua Cheptegei for the men's title.

In the women's category, Kenyan runner Cintia Chepngeno's family name bears an uncanny resemblance to Cheptegei's, and she is one of eight women who have clocked personal bests faster than the World 10K course record of 30:35, held by her compatriot Irene Cheptai since 2022.

Nicholas Kimeli, also from Kenya, holds the course record for men at 27:38. Chepngeno finished ninth in last year's race here, while her teammate and reigning African 10,000m champion Gladys Kwamboka Mong'are placed fifth.

IPL 2025 | Rain plays spoilsport after Arya, Prabhsimran lift PBKS to 201/4 against KKR



KOLKATA, Apr 27 (Agencies): Rain played spoilsport causing the IPL clash between Kolkata Knight Riders and Punjab Kings at the Eden Gardens to be called off on Saturday.

Chasing 202 for victory, KKR were 7/0 after one over when the rain began and never let up, forcing both sides to be content with one point each.

Punjab Kings are now fourth in the table with 11 points while KKR are seventh with seven points.

Earlier, openers Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh sent KKR on a leather hunt as PBKS posted 201/4.

The 120-run opening stand was finally broken by Andre Russell after 11.5 overs, with Arya being caught at deep midwicket for 69 off 35 balls.

Prabhsimran reached his fifty soon after and followed it up by smashing 19 off a Varun Chakravarthy over.

However, he then hit a full toss from Vaibhav Arora down Rovman Powell's throat at long-off to depart for 83 off 49 balls.

Gleen Maxwell flopped again, being castled by Chakravarthy for seven, while Marco Jansen, who was promoted to No. 5, could not make it count, falling to Arora for three.

Andre Russell bowled a tidy last over, conceding just eight, as Punjab, which were looking good for much more, barely crossed the 200 mark.

After Prabhsimran fell to leave Punjab at 160/2 in 14.3 overs, they could only manage 41 runs in the last 33 balls.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer remained unbeaten on 25 off 16 balls, while Josh Inglis was not out on 11 off six balls.

PBKS won the toss and chose to bat.

When the two sides met for the first time this season, PBKS successfully defended the lowest-ever total in IPL history, defeating KKR by just 16 runs.

Glenn Maxwell and Azmatullah Omarzai have been included in the playing XI for PBKS while KKR also have made two changes bringing in Rovman Powell and Chetan Sakariya, replacing Moeen Ali and Ramandeep Singh.

Virat in familiar territory as RCB face Capitals

NEW DELHI, Apr 27 (Agencies): It is very clear which superstar reigns in the hearts of the Capital's Arun Jaitley Stadium. It is none other than the former India captain and premier batter Virat Kohli. A day before the top clash between hosts Delhi Capitals and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, a motley crowd gathered to watch the warm-up routines of both the teams. They had their pick as the chants 'RCB, RCB' suggested. Kohli had caused a stampede outside this very stadium when he returned to play a Ranji Trophy match against Railways as over 12,000 fans trooped in to watch the biggest star from these parts of the world.

It would not be any different on Sunday when the two sides — DC and RCB — favourites to qualify for the playoffs square up. It would be interesting to see whether Kohli does a KL Rahul on the pitch. In many of the subplots of the season, the wicketkeeper-batter of Delhi Capitals had rubbed the Bengaluru team the wrong way after hitting the winning runs in their first leg and marking it by thumping his chest and planting his bat on the ground in suggestion that screamed to one and all that 'this is my ground'. That day Rahul scored 93 off 53 balls to take Delhi to a six-wicket win.

RCB's Tim David had mocked Rahul's



celebration then, however, assistant coach of the team Malolan Rangarajan dismissed that his team took offence to that gesture by a former player. When asked whether the team talked about Rahul's antics, Rangarajan said there was no discussion about it.

"We did not discuss it at all. KL had quite a few celebrations after the game. He played a good knock but we had no discussions about it at all," Rangarajan told the media.

Kohli, on the contrary, never forgets. After playing a starring role in India's T20 International win over West Indies in 2019, Virat used his bat as an imaginary notebook and ticked Kesrick Williams' name after hitting him for a six. Kohli then explained in the post-match presentation that Williams had ticked his name after dismissing him that year, so it was payback.

Kounde's late strike leaves Real Madrid gobsmacked as Barcelona lift Copa del Rey title with nail-biting 3-2 win

SEVILLE, Apr 27 (Agencies): A dramatic winner from an unlikely goal scorer, Jules Kounde, secured an enthralling 3-2 victory for FC Barcelona in an enchanting Copa del Rey final against their cut-throat rival Real Madrid on Saturday night at the Estadio de La Cartuja.

It was a record-extending 32nd title for Barca, a result of their relentless pursuit of glory despite trailing by one goal towards the end of the second half. After both teams stood on level terms at 2-2, Kounde produced a moment of magic, a strike that silenced the turbulent wave of white in the stands and stamped Barca's authority with an air of swagger.

In a game where fans sang their hearts out, acted as the 12th player, the fierce rivals fought right down to the wire for the coveted title, producing a spectacle for the spectators. It all started with Pedri breaking the deadlock in the 28th minute with a sublime curling strike out-



side the box, which flew past Thibaut Courtois, straight into the top corner.

Real Madrid retaliated in the second half with the introduction of Kylian Mbappe from the bench. Madrid started to grow into the game, shifting the power dynamics with high-paced combinations involving Mbappe and Vinicius Junior.

Vinicius was denied two clear-cut chances following stunning saves from Barca goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny. However,

moments later, Mbappe left his mark in the 70th minute by converting the free kick from the edge of the box and restoring parity.

Aurelien Tchouameni powered Los Blancos into the lead with a towering header from a corner seven minutes before Ferran Torres equalised in the 84th minute to force the game to extra time.

The game seemed destined to be decided in the penalty shootout, but Kounde had other

plans in his mind. He latched on to a pass from Brahim Diaz and drilled the ball into the bottom corner from 25 yards to settle the game with a 116th-minute winner.

The 'El Clasico' ended on a sour note after Antonio Rudiger and Lucas Vazquez, who were on the bench after being substituted earlier, received red cards for dissent from the sidelines. Jude Bellingham was also flashed a red after the final whistle for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"It was a good time to give the fans something to cheer about. Let's enjoy it, but don't overdo it because the Champions League semifinals are coming up in a few days. Happy and tired. Without a doubt, it was the most physically demanding game I've played in my life. But we're a great team who never gives up. It tastes better that way, especially when it's Real Madrid in front of us," player of the match Ferran Torres told TVE as quoted from ESPN.

Suresh Raina confirms MS Dhoni's IPL 2026 plans after CSK's 2025 debacle

CHENNAI, Apr 27 (Agencies): Chennai Super Kings are in the middle of a torrid Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season that sees them placed at the bottom of the points table, with just two wins in nine games so far. While the hopes of a playoff qualification only remain mathematically possible, the results have triggered a debate around the franchise undergoing a possible major reshuffle ahead of the next campaign. There are also questions on the future of MS Dhoni, but if CSK's 'Chinna Thala' Suresh Raina is to be believed, Dhoni is set to stay for at least one more season.

Analysing CSK's campaign, Raina highlighted how poor the team has been in almost all departments, be it fielding, batting, or bowling. For Raina, the foundation for the next season would be laid on the auction table for the franchise.

"I hope that next season, they (CSK) come with better planning. And Dhoni is going

to play for one more season, for sure," Raina said in a chat with sports presenter Jatin Sapru in a video on his YouTube channel.

Assessing CSK's mega auction, Raina said that Dhoni doesn't seem to have had a hand in the buys the management picked ahead of the 18th edition. "They always say MS Dhoni makes the final call. But to be very honest, I never attended any of the auctions. I was never a part of those discussions. I always talked about the players who were retained. MS might get a call about whether to go ahead with a player or not - but he's not that involved," he said.

"The core group handles the auction - you can imagine, Dhoni can't have this type of auction. He would maybe name four or five players he wants, and out of them, a few would be retained. Even if an uncapped player is working hard, look at MS Dhoni—being a 43-year-old captain, still giving everything."

Dhoni himself hasn't



produced many match-winning knocks for CSK this season, but Raina isn't expecting that from a 43-year-old. The former India and CSK batter is happy seeing Dhoni keep wickets, captain, and try his bit with the bat but wants the other 10 players to step up too.

"He's playing just for the brand, for his name, for the fandom - and still putting in the effort. At 43, he's doing wicket-keeping, captaining, carrying the entire team on his shoulders. But what are the other ten players doing?"

"Those who are paid 18 crores, 17 crores, 12 crores - they're not responding to the captain. Especially when you've never lost to cer-

tain teams before - that needs to be rectified. You have to identify - is this player a match-winner? Can I trust this player in the next match? There are players who've been playing there for years - even the older ones. But what are the results? You're losing. The same mistakes are happening every time.

"I think MS Dhoni will now sit down - he won't want anyone around him. He knows CSK didn't buy properly in auction. He wouldn't have allowed it. He must have made up his mind. "After the toss, when they lost, the way he walked - and both of them were standing there - it's clear there's going to be a meeting today," he added.

China serious about winning gold at LA Olympics: Former Australia captain Steve Waugh

LONDON, Apr 27 (Agencies): Cricket legend Steve Waugh believes China could become a major force in world cricket as the sport moves towards the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Speaking at an exclusive event at The Taj, St. James Court, hosted by Here and Now 365 Chairperson Manish Tiwari, Waugh said: "As soon as cricket's inclusion in the Olympics was announced, China started building a team. They are serious about winning gold."

In this hearty conversation with Manish, Waugh also predicted how the T20 format is going to change the game and said, "T20 is massive now. It's billions of dollars, and it's growing every day."

"Test cricket will survive, but T20 will dominate. Players will soon be contracted mainly to franchises. Test matches might even need special permissions," said the World Cup-winning former Aussie captain. He also shared his



thoughts on how countries like Saudi Arabia and the USA are investing heavily in cricket and remarked, "It's exciting. The game is reaching new parts of the world, and the Olympics will take it even further."

While the future of cricket was the highlight of the evening, the conversation soon turned to Waugh's deep connection with India. Manish Tiwari introduced him warmly as "Steve Da," a name given to him by the children at Kolkata's Udayan, a charitable home for children of people suffering from Leprosy, that Steve

helps run.

"When Manish called me Steve Da, it felt special. India is like a second home. The people, the culture, the passion -- it stays with you forever," Waugh said, smiling.

Waugh spoke fondly about his many trips to India, not only as a cricketer but also as a photographer and humanitarian. He described India as "the best place in the world for photography," and recalled how one of his photos from Rajasthan won a World Photography Award. "In India, you really can't take a bad photo," he

said, laughing.

The evening then moved to Waugh's charity work, both in India and Australia. Speaking about the Steve Waugh Foundation, he shared a powerful story of a young boy who could not walk or talk but, after receiving therapy supported by the foundation, went on to win two Paralympic gold medals.

"It's great when you see lives being changed. You realise how much impact you can have by simply getting involved and giving people a chance," Waugh said.

Waugh also reflected on how he helped inspire other cricketers to take up charity work in India and added, "Back then, not many sportspeople were doing it. But I think seeing someone take the first step made others realise they could too."

Manish Tiwari closed the session by saying, "Steve Waugh's story is not just about cricket. It's about leadership, humility, and using your fame to make a real difference."

Natrang presents Hindi play Do Kalakaar



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JAMMU, Apr 27: Do Kalakaar, a play in Hindi written by Bhagwati Charan Verma and directed by Neeraj Kant

was staged here today at Natrang Studio in its weekly Sunday Theatre series. Though coated with a thick layer of comedy, the play had a very rel-

evant message to share with the audience which was revealed very artistically. In the play, 'Churamani' and 'Martand' are two friends, both are artists (one poet and another painter) they had once aspired to rule the Bollywood with their respective creative strengths. The poet had dreamt of becoming the top Hindi Film lyricist and the painter had set a goal for himself to become the most sought after art director of the tinsel town. But destiny lands them in a situation where both are forced to use their creative energies in creating situations and cooking stories just to escape the harassment of their landlord who has not been paid the rentals of a dingy room for the last six months. The playwright has beautifully portrayed the tragic fate of the creative people who are expect-

ed to create magic and electrifying artistic experience through their unlimited creative energies are shown wasting their creativity just to ensure survival. The play opens at a situation where both the poet and the painter have locked themselves in a room which is being visited by the landlord to collect the rent from them. The landlord forcefully makes his entry despite all-out unsuccessful efforts to hold him back are made by them. When caught at the corner both take shelter of their creative mind and start cooking highly logical excuses to impress the landlord so he allows them to continue till they are able to realize their unfulfilled dreams. Both sell him the dreams to the extent that the room rented out to them will once become a museum which once

hosted the great genius of the world of poetry and painting. Finding the distance beyond measurement between their dreams and reality, the landlord refuses to buy their arguments and throws them out of the room to face further rejection and dejection of the society. Both the poet and the painter get this realization at this point of the time that despite having a civilization of thousand years at our back this world is not meant for creative people. Natrang artists who presented a wonderful performance included Aadesh Dhar, Mihir Gujral, Adaksh Bagal, Aryan Sharma and Kartik Kumar. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant. The play was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Simran Bhagat.

Shiv Sena leaders meet LG, express grief over Pahalgam terror attack
Assured support on every decision of the government



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SRINAGAR, Apr 27: The National and local leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) on Sunday met Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha and assured full support on every decision of the Central Government for restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir. Party national spokesperson, Anand Dubey, along with state head Manish Sahni and senior leaders of the state met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar today and expressed deep grief on the disgusting, nefarious and cowardly attack on the tourist place Pahalgam in Kashmir valley

by asking about religion and appealed to eliminate terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, which is called heaven on earth, and increase the deployment of army in the most sensitive areas. Along with this, assurance of support was given on every decision of the Central Government and Lieutenant Governor regarding elimination of terrorism and restoration of peace from Jammu and Kashmir. On the occasion Gulab Singh, Vikas Bakshi, Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, Shahsipa were present. Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) national spokesperson Anand Dubey and senior state

unit leaders including Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni, reached Kashmir with the message of not giving impetus to the agenda of terrorists and Pakistan and maintaining mutual brotherhood, today made a formal visit to the Srinagar residence of former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and MP Dr Farooq Abdullah. Dr Farooq Abdullah and Shiv Sena leaders jointly appealed to strictly crush terrorism and strengthen mutual brotherhood. He said that the mutual brotherhood of Hindus-Muslims-Sikhs-Christians is the identity of India which has to be maintained at all costs.

Border residents have no reason to panic, security forces fully prepared to make Pakistan lick dust: Jasrotia

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JASROTA, Apr 27: In the wake of the Pahalgam massacre by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists, MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia on Sunday assured border residents that action against Pakistan is inevitable. Addressing the concerns of the residents of Padyari, Sumwan, Kissannagar, Trehara, Phalote, Mahichakhe IN Jasrota constituency emphasized that this time, Pakistan will be taught a lesson for life, and it will never dare to test the integrity and sovereignty of India again. The MLA's approach comes as a reassurance to the border residents, who have been living under the threat of ter-



rorism and cross-border firing. With the government's strong stance against Pakistan, the people of Jammu and Kashmir can rest assured that their safety and security are of utmost importance. Rajiv Jasrotia reiterated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the

entire nation has united to take action against Pakistan. He asserted that the Pakistani government and army only understand proxy war and lack the courage to face India's brave hearts in a direct confrontation. The MLA drew parallels with past wars between India and Pakistan, highlighting Pakistan's

consistent approach of using proxy warfare. He emphasized that India's military prowess and determination will ensure that Pakistan is held accountable for its actions. Rajiv Jasrotia assured the border residents that they have no reason to panic, as the government and security forces are fully prepared to take

action against Pakistan. He emphasized that the nation stands united in its resolve to protect its sovereignty and integrity. The unwavering patriotism and resilience of border residents are truly commendable. Despite facing hostile circumstances, they continue to hold the national flag high, showcasing their unshakable commitment to the nation's unity and integrity. Their courage and dedication serve as an inspiration to the entire nation, highlighting the importance of unity and solidarity in the face of adversity. The nation remains grateful for their sacrifices and unwavering support, added Jasrotia.

Mission Statehood leads all-religions rally against Pakistan at Sarwal Chowk



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JAMMU, Apr 27: In a stirring show of unity and defiance, the people of Jammu today gathered under the banner of Mission Statehood at Sarwal Chowk, where candles glowed like stars fallen to earth, paying tribute to the innocent lives lost in Pahalgam. Led by Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, the rally transformed the heart of the city into a living testament of communal harmony and brotherhood, sending a resounding message across the nation: Unity shall prevail; terror shall fail. After the evening Azan and prayers in temples blessed the air, a large gathering of Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Pandits, Molvis, prominent citizens, traders' union leaders, and political figures came together,

transcending boundaries of faith and politics. They marched side by side, candles in hand, carrying the light of solidarity against the darkness of hatred. Addressing the rally, Sunil Dimple made an emotional appeal to the people across India, urging them not to target or harass the students of Jammu and Kashmir living, working, and studying outside the state. "Remember," he said, "it was our Muslim brothers who shielded the tourists during the horror in Pahalgam. Humanity shines brightest in the darkest nights." Dimple also called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take decisive action against Pakistan. He demanded the beginning of an all-out war, the scrapping of the Indus Water Treaty, the cancellation of Pakistan visa holders' per-

mits, and the closure of United Nations offices operating in Jammu and Kashmir. Further strengthening his stand, Dimple urged the deportation of Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants, calling for immediate measures to crush militancy, liberate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Gilgit, and Baltistan, and integrate them fully into India. The rally was marked not just by slogans, but by prayers, tears, and a burning determination to uphold the values of peace and patriotism. Among those standing alongside Dimple were Molvi Riaz Ahmed, Akbar Khan, Shafi Khan, Pt. Ashok Sharma, Pt. Surinder Sharma, Survi Sharma, Tilak Raj, Ricky Singh, Sham Singh, Harjeet Singh, and many more — a coalition of voices rising as one.

PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' has become a movement: Balbir

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Balbir Ram Rattan, spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir BJP and former Vice Chairperson, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi connects with the citizens of the country through his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'. This

programme is not only a means of communication but also an important effort to inspire the public on issues related to the nation's social, cultural, and developmental matters. Balbir said that through 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister brings forward the unsung heroes, indigenous

efforts, and social initiatives that are working to give the country a new direction. He appreciates and encourages the efforts of youth, farmers, scientists, teachers, and various other sections of society. Along with this, the Prime Minister draws citizens' attention to critical topics such as environmental con-

servation, health, sanitation, education, and nation-building. Balbir said that Prime Minister Modi's message is clear — every Indian must contribute to nation-building. 'Mann Ki Baat' has become an inspiring platform where examples of positivity and public participation are showcased. Through this programme, the Prime Minister encourages citizens to bring about positive change in society through small individual efforts. In addition, 'Mann Ki Baat' also reflects India's diversity, rich cultural heritage, and social unity. The Prime Minister's communica-



tion is a unique effort to directly connect with the public, wherein he not only shares his thoughts but also proudly highlights the achievements of the citizens. Balbir further stated that 'Mann Ki Baat' has today become a movement that is leading the country towards the dream of a self-reliant and empowered India.

Shraddhanjali Yatra honoring Pahalgam martyrs held at Amritsar



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AMRITSAR, Apr 27: As many as 125 people participated in a Shraddhanjali Yatra, honoring Pahalgam martyrs at Company Garden here on Sunday. Organized by Maitri Bodh Parivaar, the Yatra witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of love, unity, and spirit. The people from all walks of life united to honor the departed souls and stand as one Bharat. In a moving show of solidarity, the

atmosphere resonated with the slogan 'Ek Bharat, Hum Bharat' as participants walked hand-in-hand in silent tribute. They also lent their voices, expressing gratitude for this unparalleled initiative. Emotions ran high as citizens remembered lives lost not to a natural calamity, but to hatred, yet found hope in unity. A participant said, "Innocent tourists lost their lives here. Through this Yatra, we honor them with love and respect." A spokesperson of

MaitriBodh Parivaar shared, "At a time of growing divisions, Maitri Bodh Parivaar, under Maitreya Dadashreeji's guidance, is creating a sacred space for healing. The Yatra was not just a walk, it was a powerful statement that if hatred can divide, love can unite and heal." The Yatra concluded with disciplined mauna (silence) for the martyrs. This historic walk will be remembered as the moment Bharat chose love over fear, unity over division, and hope over despair.

SMVDU Design students visit Indian Institute of Packaging Delhi

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KATRA, Apr 27: Bachelor of Design students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra, in Sunday visited the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) Delhi as part of an Educational Visit aimed at imparting industry exposure to Students of Bachelor of Design. The visit was organized under the guidance of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and was coordinated by Prof. Ankush Anand, Coordinator, B.Design Program at SMVDU. During the visit, the students explored cutting-edge Packaging Technologies and Sustain-



able practices, gaining valuable insights into the real-world applications of their classroom learning. It is worth to mention here that SMVDU started B.Design Program, Last Year. The Team B.Design also had interac-

tive sessions with Research and Development Experts of IIP Delhi and some industry experts, which broadened their understanding of current trends and innovations in Design and Development of Packaging products and Processes.

Prof. Ankush Anand, Coordinator B.Design Program, SMVDU emphasized the importance of such industry-academia linkages in preparing students for professional challenges. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU lauded the initiative, encouraging students to actively engage with industry practices to enrich their academic experience through Design and called upon students to take up some projects based on real life Design problems and their solutions. The visit served as a major step toward bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application for budding designers at SMVDU.