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## BRIEFLY

### School timings changed for summer zone schools in Jammu Division

JAMMU, Apr 28 (Agencies): The Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) has announced a change in school timings for the summer zone areas of Jammu Division.

According to an order issued on April 28, 2025, all Government and recognized private schools up to the Higher Secondary level will now operate from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The new timing will be effective from May 1, 2025, and will continue till September 30, 2025.

### Man held with 3 kg heroin in Amritsar: Police

CHANDIGARH, Apr 28 (Agencies): A man was arrested with three kg of heroin in Amritsar, a top Punjab Police officer said on Monday.

Balvir Singh, a resident of Attari in Amritsar, was held by the Punjab Police's Counter Intelligence, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

"Efforts are underway to arrest co-accused Harpreet Singh and trace the entire network linked to #Pakistan-based smugglers," he said in a post on X.

A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act has been registered at the State Special Operations Cell in Amritsar.

### Lady dies after setting herself ablaze in Hazratbal

SRINAGAR, Apr 28 (Agencies): A lady from Hazratbal Srinagar died on Monday after setting herself ablaze at Hazratbal area of Srinagar, officials said.

An official confirming the incident said that a lady set herself ablaze in a room in the first floor of a three-storey building at Hazratbal area of Srinagar city.

He said the fire call was reported at about 11:42 AM. The officials from Fire and Emergency Department rushed to the spot and took the lady out and shifted her to the hospital with severe burn injury.

Meanwhile, the lady later died at the hospital while police have launched the investigation in this regard.

An official also added the cause of death is being ascertained.

## J&K Assembly moves resolution denouncing Pahalgam attack, resolves to foster peace, harmony

JAMMU, Apr 28: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly moved a resolution on Monday expressing shock and anguish over the barbaric terrorist attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 people and resolved to fight resolutely in defeating the nefarious designs of disturbing communal harmony and hindering progress.

The resolution was moved by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary during a special session of the Assembly which began with the members observing a two-minute silence to pay homage to those killed in the tragedy last week.

"The Legislative



Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir reaffirms its unwavering commitment to foster an environment of peace, development, and inclusive prosperity for all its citizens, and to resolutely defeat the nefarious designs of those who seek to disturb the communal harmony and progress of the nation and of Jammu and Kashmir," the reso-

lution stated.

The deputy chief minister said, "This House expresses its profound shock and anguish over the barbaric and inhumane attack perpetrated on innocent civilians at Pahalgam on April 22."

This House unequivocally condemns the heinous, cowardly act that resulted in the loss of innocent lives, he said.

Quoting the resolution, Choudhary said, "Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the ethos of Kashmiriyat, the values enshrined in our Constitution, and the spirit of unity, peace, and harmony that have long characterized Jammu and Kashmir and our nation."

This House stands in full solidarity with the victims and their families, the document stated. "We extend our deepest condolences to those who have suffered irreparable loss and affirm our collective resolve to share in their grief and support them in their hour of need."

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## Two IAS officers from J&K get key postings in Himachal Pradesh



JAMMU, Apr 28 (Agencies): Two IAS officers from Jammu and Kashmir, Abid Hussain Sadiq and Zaffar Iqbal, have been given important postings in Himachal Pradesh following a recent administrative reshuffle.

As per an order issued by the Himachal Pradesh Government, Abid Hussain Sadiq, a

2014-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the Managing Director of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd (HPPCL).

Prior to this, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of Bilaspur, Special Secretary (Forests), Deputy Commissioner of Kinnaur, and Director of Urban Development, besides holding the

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## After Pahalgam terror attack, India bans 16 Pakistani YouTube channels

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): On the recommendation of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, the Government of India on Monday banned 16 Pakistani YouTube channels for disseminating provocative and communally sensitive content and false and misleading information against the country, Army and the security agencies, as per government sources.

The banned channels include Dawn News,

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## Pakistan has achieved nothing, will achieve nothing from terrorism in J&K: Dy CM



JAMMU, Apr 28 (Agencies): Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Monday stated that neighbouring country has gained nothing from decades of violence in Jammu and Kashmir and will continue to fall in its designs.

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## Pahalgam attack a blow to Peace and Tourism: MLA Doda

SRINAGAR, Apr 28 (Agencies): In an address during the special session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly following the recent Pahalgam attack, Mehraj Malik, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Doda, expressed grave concern over the growing impact of militancy in the region.

His remarks came as the Assembly debated the consequences of the attack, which involved four attackers sent by Pakistan to the region.

Malik began his speech by highlighting the widespread shock and anger felt by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, "Everyone knows about Pahalgam. Everyone has

talked about it, and there have been countless debates. But the reality is that Pakistan sent four men and spread communal hatred among us. They have achieved their goal."

He went on to discuss the devastating effects of terror attack on the

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## No ifs or buts, we support Govt, says Karra

SRINAGAR, Apr 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hamid Karra Monday said that he strongly condemned the idea of dialogue between India & Pakistan and added that the Congress party fully supports any action of the central government against Pakistan.



Speaking to media persons, he said that the Congress had condemned the issue in the

strongest terms and that there were no ifs or buts in their stand.

He added that whatever Rahul Gandhi had stated was supported by the entire nation and the Congress stood firmly with the government.

Karra said that his remarks were being misinterpreted and that he had only reiterated

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## "Ask the PM what answer should be given to Pakistan": Farooq Abdullah on Pahalgam attack

JAMMU, Apr 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Chief Farooq Abdullah on Monday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be questioned on what "answer" is to be given to Pakistan in the wake of the April 22 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. Ahead of the special session in the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly to address the attack, the JKNC chief said, "Ask the Prime Minister what answer should be given to Pakistan," when asked for his suggestion



on India's response to Pakistan.

NC chief whip Mubarak Gul also noted that the attack was not part of their culture and that it was "murder of entire humanity".

"It was a brutal attack. Killing an innocent is the murder of the entire humanity. This is not our culture. Entire Kashmir has condemned this attack," Gul said.

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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. Shibani 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 informed that our beloved **Sh. Vijay Suman Dubey** S/o Late Sh. Vishwa Nath Dubey R/o H.No. 143-A Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, has left for his heavenly abode on 20-04-2025 (Sunday).

**TENTH DAY** shall be performed at our residence on 29-04-2025 (Tuesday) from 10 - 11 AM.

**KRIYA** shall be performed at our residence on 30-04-2025 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon.

**UTHALA** shall be performed at Shiv Temple, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on 02-05-2025 (Friday) from 05-06 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Veena Dubey - Wife**

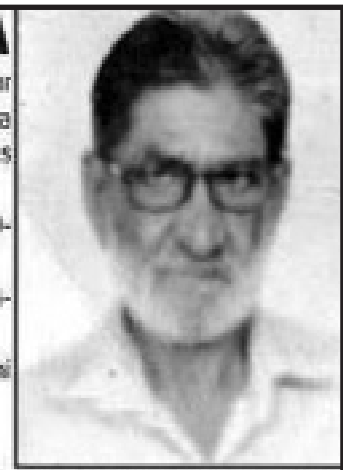
**Ankush Dubey - Son**

**Priyanka -Daughter-in-law**

**Roo Dubey & Ivana Dubey -Grand Children**

**& ALL NEARS & DEARS.**

**PHONE NO'S. 9596141111, 9906002255.**



**Sh. Vijay Suman Dubey**

**13TH DAY KRIYA & RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Late Sh. Janak Raj Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Tirath Ram Gupta R/o Gharota, Jammu (at present Jawala Colony, Old Salwar, Jammu), who left for his heavenly abode on 17th April 2025 (Thursday).

**13TH DAY KRIYA** shall be performed on 29th April 2025 (Tuesday) from 12 Noon onwards at our residence in Jawala Colony, Old Salwar, Jammu near People's Academy School.

**RASAM PAGRI /UTHALA** shall be performed on 2nd May 2025 (Friday) from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at our residence in Jawala Colony.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

**Smt. Kamlesh Rani - Wife**

**Daughters-in-law & Sons**

Smt. Priya Gupta & Sh. Rumi Gupta (9018289830)

Smt. Ekta Gupta & Sh. Rahul Gupta (9622131760)

**Brothers and Bhabhis**

Sh. Joginder Lal Gupta & Late. Smt. Kamini Gupta

Sh. Suresh Kumar & Smt. Anjana Gupta

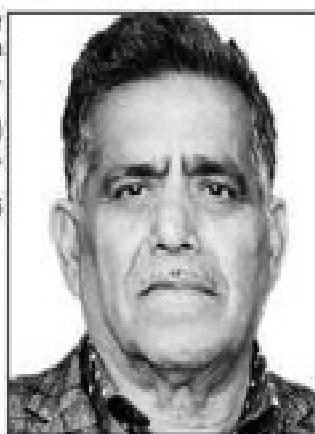
**Daughters and Sons-in-law**

Smt. Gooly Gupta & Sh. Armit Pal Gupta

Smt. Ruby Gupta & Sh. Ravinder Kumar

**Grand Children:** Saksham, Somya, Sankarsham

and all members of our Gupta family



**Late Sh. Janak Raj Gupta**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. PURSHOTAM LAL PAGOTRA** (SENIOR LECTURER RETD.) RESIDENT OF CHAK BAGLAN, VIJAYPUR, WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 20-04-2025.

**TENTH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 29-04-2025 AT 10 A.M. AT OUR RESIDENCE CHAK BAGLAN.

**KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 30-04-2025 AT 8 A.M. AT OUR RESIDENCE CHAK BAGLAN.

**RASAM PAGRI** ON 30-04-2025 AT 4 P.M. AT OUR RESIDENCE CHAK BAGLAN.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**SMT. SHIV KUMAR (WIFE)**

**SMT. VIMLA DEVI (WIFE OF LATE SH. VARINDER KUMAR SHARMA) (BHABHI)**

**SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW**

**SH. DEEPAK SHARMA (A/C) AND SMT. SEEMA SHARMA (T)**

**DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW**

**SMT. SUMAN AND SH. ASHOK KHAJURIA**

**SMT. KUSUM AND SH. PURSHOTAM SHARMA**

**SMT. PARVEEN AND SH. B.D. SHARMA**

**NEPHEW**

**SH. ASHEESH SHARMA**

**SMT. RENU SHARMA (WIFE OF LATE SH. AJAY SHARMA)**

**GRAND CHILDREN:** RIDHIMA, VANSHAJ, MAN K, VASUDEV, BHUPESH



**SH. PURSHOTAM LAL PAGOTRA**

**Obituary/ Tenth Day Kriya**

"The soul cannot be pierced by weapons, burned by fire, moistened by water, or withered by the wind."

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved

**father Shree Omkar Nath Pandita** (Dervesh) S/o Late Sh. Janki Nath

Dervesh of Waterkhani Kupwara A/P L.No. 1, R K Vihar, Behind Ramakrishna

Mission Udhaywala Jammu on 20 April 2025(Sunday).

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 29 April 2025 (Tuesday) at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate

of School Education office Jammu.

The mourning from in-laws with be held on same Address.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Pandita (Dervesh), Dass, Koul & Bhat Families**

**7006454327, 9650539383, 7889849367, 6005180573**



**Shree Omkar Nath Pandita**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With Profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Bal Ji Bhan** son of Lt. Madow Ram (Bhan), R/O Gotingo Kupwara.

A/P:- Block No. 141, Flat No. 17, Lane no. 23, Jagti Migrant Township Nagrota, Jammu. who departed for heavenly abode on Friday 02.00 am dated 25.04.2025.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 04.05.2025 (Sunday) at 8.30 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Sh. Kuldeep Bhan (Son)**

**Smt. Jasvinder Kour (Daughter-in-law)**

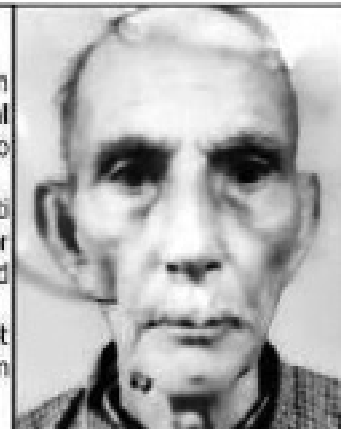
**Smt. Nancy Bhan (Sister-in-Law)**

**Smt. & Sh. Bushan Lal Bhan (Brother)**

**Smt. & Sh. Moti Lal Bhan (Brother)**

**Smt. & Sh. Ashok ji Bhan (Brother)**

**CELL NO.9469133259.**



**Sh. Bal Ji Bhan**

**Obituary/ 10th Day Kriya**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Gunwati Pandita** W/o Late Shri Ganesh Dass Pandita R/o Hangalgund, Kokernag, Dist Anantnag who breathed her last on 20 Apr 25 at 1530 hrs at Qasim Nagar, near Exhibition Ground, Jammu.

The Mourning will be held at Durga Vihar, Haji Gali Toll Post Nagrota.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be held at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of school Education) at 0830 hrs on 29/4/2025 (Tuesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

**Smt. Daizy & Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita (Daughter in law & Son)**

**Smt. Sulakshana & Sh. Ravi Kumar Pandita (Daughter in law & Son)**

**Smt. Basanti & Jai Krishan Koul (Daughter & Son in law.)**

**Chand Krishan Bhat H/o Late Sunita Bhat (Son in law)**

**Meenakshi Koul & Sandeep Koul (Grand daughter in law & Son)**

**Smt. Preeti & Sh. Vinny Raina. (Grand Daughter & Son in law.)**

**Grand Children:** Monu, Nishu, Neha, Tishu, Khushi

**Mob. No. 9419833812**

**C. L. Pandita 9596648300**

**Ravi Pandita 9419651919**

**Jai Kishan Koul 9419787383, C K Bhat**



**Gunwati Pandita**

**RASAM PAGRI - UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Shanti Kaushal** W/o Late Sh. Satish Chander Kaushal on Saturday 19th April 2025. To honour her memory and seek blessings for her peaceful journey ahead.



**SMT.SHANTI KAUSHAL**

**Rasam Pagri / Uthala** will be held on Tuesday 29th April 2025

**2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Jai Bua Palace, Near Police Check Post Roop Nagar, Jammu. (Opp. Chandni Maa Mandir)

**Deeply Missed By :**

**Son & Daughter in Law:**

Kavita & Rajneesh Kaushal

**Daughters and Son in Law:**

Rajni & Rajesh Tiwari

Meenakshi & Ajay Khajuria

Aditi & Amitabh Sharma

**Grand Son & Grand Daughter in Law:**

Priyanka & Animesh Kaushal

**Grand Daughters & Grand Sons in Law:**

Kartiki & Arun Sharma

Ridhi & Ayush Khajuria

**Grand Children:**

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**OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **MUNU JEE KOUL** SON OF LATE RUGH NATH KOUL ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF RATNIPORA PULWAMA AT PRESENT H NO. 11, LANE NO. 2, SECTOR B1 LAKSHIPURAM CHINORE ON 26TH APRIL 2025.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 5TH MAY 2025 AT 9:00 AM AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION, JAMMU

**GRIEF STRICKEN :-**

**SMT PRABH/PYARI (WIFE)**

**PHONE NO. 9419206848; 6005433508**

**DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW**

LOVELY AND SH H L KOUL

ANJALI AND SH SUNIL ZALPURI

NEETU AND SH SUNIL KOUL

AND SAMAST MAHADEV PARIVAR

OF RATNIPORA (PULWAMA)

**7006730483**



**MUNU JEE KOUL**

**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 Dist 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 Krishna Pandita - Father in Law**

**Sanjay Kumar Pandita -Husband**

**Sushma Je Pandita (Jathari) W/o Late Satish Pandita**

**Sh. Pinoo Pandita & Smt Suman Pandita -Devar and Devrani**

**Mayank Pandita- Son**

**Yash Pandita- Son**

**Mobile No: 9797597887, 7006196335, 7889357182**



**PUMMY KUMARI**

**10th DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Shiv Bhakhri** (Ex-Sanitary Inspector, JMC) who left for his heavenly abode on 20th April 2025.

**10th Day** will be performed on 29th April, 2025 (Tuesday) at 10:30 at Banvaridas temple, Mubarak Mandi.

**Kriya** will be performed on 30th April, 2025 (Wednesday) at 11 am at Kuchanaar Singh opposite JMC Park, Panjithi (our residence).

**Uthala** will be performed on 30th April, 2025 (Wednesday) at 5 pm to 6 pm at Trikuta Yatra Ved Mandir Complex, Ved Mandir Road

Amphala, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

**Kamlesh Bhakhri (Wife)**

**Chitarth Bhakhri (Son)**

**Ritika (social activist) & Atul Khajuria (Daughter & Son in law)**



# J&K LA holds special session on Pahalgam tourist killings Speaker condemns barbaric attack; calls for unity against terrorism, offers homage to victims

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, on Monday strongly condemned the brutal killing of 26 tourists including a local pony-walla by the terrorists at Baisaran in Pahalgam on April 22.

A daylong special session was called where Speaker and members expressed their anguish and shock over the barbaric terrorist attack, in which 26 innocent persons lost their lives.

Leading the obituary references during a special session of the House, the Speaker from the floor paid glowing tributes to the 26 innocent lives lost in the horrific attack.

The House solemnly remembered and honored the victims, including Vinay Narwal, N. Ramachandran, Dinesh Agarwal, Atul Shrikant Moni, Neeraj Udvani, Samer Guha, Sushil Nathyal, Sanjay Laxman, Sudeep Nopani, Bitain Adikari, Manjunath Rao, Dilip Desale, Prashant Satapati, Munish Ranjan, Syed Adil Hussain Shah, J.S. Chandar Mouli, Madhusudan Rao, Santosh Jaghdai, Kastoba Ganovota, Hemant Suhas Joshi, Shubham Diwedi,



Bharat Bhushan, Sumit Parmar, Yatish Parmar, Tage Halying, and Shailesh Bhai.

The House observed two minutes of silence as token of respect to the victims of this tragic incident.

Expressing profound grief and sorrow, the Speaker called for unity against terrorism. "Let us send a strong message to the world that the entire nation condemns this barbaric act," he said.

Emphasising the need for an unwavering resolve against terror in all its forms, the Speak-

er termed the killings of innocent tourists, who had come to enjoy Kashmir's natural beauty as an assault on humanity and peace. "The attack on innocent tourists is not just a crime against individuals, but an attack on humanity itself and an attempt to disturb peace and harmony," he stated.

The Speaker extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, expressing deep solidarity and sympathy with their unimaginable pain. He called upon all sections of society to come together to reject vio-

lence and uphold the enduring values of peace, brotherhood, and unity.

He said that the purpose of convening this Special Session is to deliver a clear message, that "the whole country stands united in the fight against terrorism."

Reaffirming unwavering support of the House to the victim families, the Speaker mourned that the dreams of tourists to witness natural beauty and make good memories in Kashmir, were brutally shattered by senseless act of violence.

In order to ensure safety of Kashmiri students and business owners outside J&K, the Speaker urged the Government to take immediate steps to ensure the safety and security of tourists, citizens, businessmen and the students of Jammu and Kashmir, studying in different parts of the Country. He called upon all Members of the House to work together to create a secure environment for all our citizens and visitors.

Lastly, the Speaker urged that tribute be paid to the victims by reaffirming the commitment to peace, tolerance and compassion, ensuring that their sacrifice would not go in vain.

# JKTPO drives MSME Growth: District-Level RAMP awareness workshop boosts Kishtwar



## Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 28: The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), in collaboration with the State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) under the RAMP Program (Raising and Accelerating MSME Productivity) and District Industries Centre (DIC) Kishtwar, organized a District-Level RAMP Awareness Workshop today at the DC Office, Kishtwar. The program is being conducted under the overall supervision of the Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The workshop is one of many district-level initiatives being carried out across Jammu and Kashmir under the RAMP scheme. These initiatives are designed to improve awareness of the various support mechanisms available to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The workshops aim to create a supportive environment for MSME growth through targeted interventions, capacity building, and better access to markets and finance. The session was

chaired by Mr. Pradeep Shan, Assistant Director, Handicrafts & Handloom Department, Kishtwar, and witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 70 officers and stakeholders from various departments. The objective of the workshop was to create widespread awareness among departmental officers and field-level functionaries about various initiatives under the World Bank-supported RAMP Program for MSME sector strengthening in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir

Key dignitaries at the workshop included officials from JKEDI, Labour & Employment, the Labour Department, the Lead District Manager (LDM) of Kishtwar, managers from J&K Bank's Cluster Office in Kishtwar, the Deputy General Manager (DGM) of SICOP, representatives from the J&K SC, ST, OBC Development Corporation, representatives from the Skill Development Department (ITI Kishtwar), officials from NABARD, and other officers from the District Industries Centre (DIC) Kishtwar. During the work-

shop, the representatives from SPIU, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP, provided a comprehensive overview of the RAMP program, including its key components such as access to credit, skilling, technology upgradation, and marketing support for MSMEs. Emphasis was laid on the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholder departments to facilitate seamless implementation of RAMP interventions at the district level.

Pradeep Shan, highlighted the critical role of field-level officers in driving awareness among the MSME units and artisans about government schemes and support mechanisms under the RAMP framework. He urged all departments to work in close synergy to ensure that benefits reach the grassroots level.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion where officers shared valuable suggestions and expressed their commitment to supporting the growth and development of the MSME sector in Kishtwar through active participation in the RAMP initiatives.

# J&K Legislative Assembly unanimously passes resolution condemning Pahalgam attack

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Monday passed a resolution condemning the recent heinous terrorist attack at Baisaran Pahalgam.

The resolution, moved by Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, was put to voice vote by Speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather and subsequently passed unanimously.

The resolution read, "This House unequivocally condemns the heinous, cowardly act that resulted in the loss of innocent lives. Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the ethos of Kashmiriyat, the values enshrined in our Constitution and the spirit of unity, peace and harmony that have long characterized Jammu & Kashmir and our Nation. This House stands in full solidarity with the victims and their families. We extend our deepest condolences to those who have suffered irreparable loss and affirm our collective resolve to share in their grief and support them in their hour of need.

This House salutes the supreme sacrifice of Shaheed Syed Adil Hussain Shah, who, while bravely attempting to save the tourists, laid down his life. His courage and selflessness embody the true spirit of Kashmir and shall serve as an enduring inspiration for future generations.

This House commends the people of Jammu & Kashmir for their extraordinary display of unity, compassion and resilience in the aftermath of the attack. The peaceful demonstrations across the towns and villages and the spontaneous outpouring of moral and material support towards the tourists, reaffirm the people's steadfast commitment to peace, communal harmony and the rule of law. This House endorses the diplomatic measures announced



by the Union Government on 23rd April 2025, after the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security.

This House is mindful of the sinister designs behind the selective targeting of the victims of this attack. It appeals to all the sections of the society and in particular the media to not fall victim to this sinister plot by irresponsibly inflaming passions. The need to remain united in the face of this attempted division cannot be over-emphasized.

This House earnestly appeals to the Governments of all the States and Union Territories of India to ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of Kashmiri students and citizens residing or traveling outside Jammu & Kashmir, taking necessary measures to prevent any incident of harassment, discrimination or intimidation.

This House calls upon all the political parties, religious and community leaders, youth organizations, civil society groups and media houses across the nation to maintain calm, reject violence and divisive rhetoric and work collectively to uphold peace, unity and constitutional values".

The resolution further read, "The Legislative Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir reaffirms its unwavering commitment to foster an environment of peace, development and inclusive prosperity for all its citizens and resolutely defeat the nefarious designs of those who seek to disturb the communal harmony and progress of

the nation and of Jammu and Kashmir".

Speaking on the resolution, Leader of Opposition, Sunil Sharma, while paying homage to the victims of Pahalgam attack, said that J&K is a paradise on earth, where people come to spend joyful moments of their life. He said that entire humanity has been shattered by this inhuman act and the whole country is in grief and shock.

Sharma said that a united voice in this difficult time is necessary to make these nefarious designs of terrorists unsuccessful. He added that no words can compensate for the loss of victim families of this horrible tragedy but the House wants to convey to the nation that people of Jammu and Kashmir are badly hurt by this inhuman incident and share their sympathies with all the victim families from across the country. He also said that J&K people have given befitting reply to the terrorists by exhibiting brotherhood and unity while condemning this heinous act.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that J&K people are short of words to denounce this cowardly act. He added that Kashmiris are known for hospitality and communal harmony across the country and globe.

Ghulam Ahmad Mir, while condemning the attack, said that people from every walk of life and every corner of J&K showed that these kinds of acts are despicable. He added that we need to remain united in this difficult time and send a strong message across

the world that we will not let these nefarious designs of terrorists succeed.

Sajad Gani Lone said that people from every area and section condemned this cowardly and brutal act. He added that acceptance of this kind of violence has been completely negated by the people of Kashmir valley.

Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami said such a heinous act cannot be explained in words saying that terrorists have no religion.

Altaf Ahmad Wani (Kaloo) strongly condemned the attack saying that Pahalgam is known as one of the peaceful areas of Kashmir. He said that after 25 years such an incident has happened in Pahalgam and words are less to condemn this brutal act. He added that people of Kashmir, especially Pahalgam, need to be appreciated for providing selfless

services and care to the injured tourists and others.

Muzaffar Iqbal Khan said no words are enough to condemn this cowardly act which has affected the whole humanity.

Waheed ur Rehman Parra said that this is a crime against humanity and not only a terrorist act. He added that people from all walks of Kashmir condemned it and showed that we are against terrorism through a series of peaceful rallies and candle light marches. He also sought martyr status for the victims of Pahalgam attack.

Shabir Ahmad Kullay also condemned this inhuman act in strongest words and paid glowing tributes to the victims of Pahalgam attack.

Sheikh Khursheed, while paying homage to the victims, said that memorials for victims should be established in Pahalgam. He requested all the MLAs to contribute for this memorial out of their salaries.

Mehraj Malik also condemned the gruesome attack and said that we need to be united and not let just four persons disturb the social fabric of our country.

The house was later adjourned sine die by the Speaker.

# JKHCBA Jammu writes to LG, CM, seeks appointment of Advocate General

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: The Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu in a letter addressed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have requested for urgent appointment of Advocate General for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

While projecting the request, K. Nirmal Kotwal, President of the Association expressed the difficulties faced by the advocates in getting the relief from Advocates' Welfare Fund as the Advocate General is the ex-officio member of the Advocates' Welfare Fund Committee, and due to the non-appointment of the Advocate General, the functioning of the Welfare Fund has been severely affected, due to which many files relating to the welfare claims of the advocates are pending approval, resulting in undue hardship to many advocates and their families.

# Rohingya, Bangladeshi migrants illegally setting up colonies in Jammu, raising security concerns: Rajeev Charak



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: BJP leader Rajeev Charak has expressed serious concern over the presence of Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants in Jammu. He alleged that the growing number of these illegal settlers is not only disturbing the demographic balance of Jammu but also posing a grave threat to Jammu's internal security.

Rajeev Charak stated, "Neither does Jammu and Kashmir share a border with Bangladesh nor with Myanmar, so how are these individuals reaching here? This indicates a deep-rooted conspiracy and calls for a comprehensive investigation."

According to the BJP leader Charak Rohingya migrants have illegal Encroachment on Local Resources and

established colonies in areas such as Bahu Fort, Sunjwan, Narwal, Bathindi and other parts of Jammu and Kashmir. They have also set up shops and are operating passenger and load carrier vehicles. Kr. Charak questioned on what basis these individuals were issued business and transport licenses. "If any official or agency is found complicit in this process, strict legal action must be taken against them," he asserted.

He further claimed that Rohingya and Bangladeshi are impact on National Security

But some contactors have even been engaged in activities like cleaning work at the railway yard. "Employing individuals without valid identification or security verification in sensitive establishments

like Indian Railways is extremely dangerous from a national security standpoint," Charak warned.

He added that there is growing public concern. The increasing presence of Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants has also sparked a sense of insecurity among local residents. Several social organizations have raised their voices against this issue and are demanding swift and decisive action from the authorities.

Charak urged the Central Government, particularly the Ministry of Home Affairs, to order a high-level investigation into the matter. He also appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir administration to promptly identify and deport illegal migrants to safeguard the region's demographic and security interests.



EDITORIAL

INDIA-FRANCE  
BOND

In the grand theater of global diplomacy, where nations dance to the music of destiny, few partnerships gleam as vibrantly as the bond between India and France. This relationship, rich in history, deep in trust, and soaring with ambition, took yet another monumental step forward through their recent agreement, a testament to their shared dreams and daring spirits.

In the lush spring of collaboration, India and France—two nations with hearts vast as the oceans they cross—have sealed a fresh pact of friendship. This agreement, inked with care and vision, is not just about today, but a promise to tomorrow. It touches realms as vital as defense, energy, space exploration, education, digital innovation, and climate action. It is, in essence, a symphony composed by two civilizations determined to harmonize their futures.

The beating heart of this agreement lies in defense cooperation. Ah, what a mighty current runs here! France, with its refined military craftsmanship, and India, with its rising power and strategic heft, have decided to deepen their maritime security partnership. Joint military exercises will intensify, the exchange of intelligence will strengthen, and new defense technologies—artificial intelligence in combat, drones of dazzling sophistication—will be co-developed. There is talk, too, of expanding India’s fleet with new French submarines and aircrafts, sparkling jewels of engineering. Together, they vow to guard the Indo-Pacific, that vast blue highway of the 21st century, ensuring it remains free and fair.

But the dance doesn’t end at arms and armor. No, the agreement flows into the verdant fields of clean energy. Here, India and France have pledged to light the path toward a greener future. They will co-invest in solar energy projects, both at home and across Africa, under the grand canopy of the International Solar Alliance—a brainchild born from their earlier dreams. Nuclear energy cooperation, too, is on the rise, with the Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant project moving closer to realization. Six reactors, millions of homes lit with clean, steadfast power—this is the poetry of science at work.

Lift your gaze upward, and you will find their ambitions reaching the stars themselves. India’s ISRO and France’s CNES space agency are entwining their destinies anew, signing agreements to work together on earth observation satellites, climate monitoring, and perhaps even a joint mission to Venus. Space diplomacy—the gentle art of reaching the heavens together—shines as a beacon of their partnership.

But a truly vibrant partnership is painted in the colors of culture and the calligraphy of knowledge. Thus, the agreement breathes life into student mobility programs. France dreams of welcoming 30,000 Indian students by 2030, a lively river of youthful minds flowing between the two lands. Scholarships, research collaborations, language learning—seeds being planted today, that will blossom into forests of innovation tomorrow.

French and Indian artists, too, will find new bridges to cross, with cultural exchanges and festivals growing richer and more frequent. Imagine the streets of Paris thrumming to Indian tabla beats; envision Delhi galleries echoing with whispers of Monet and Matisse.

In this electric age, no partnership can ignore the pulse of technology. India and France, aware of the glittering promise and lurking perils of the digital frontier, have agreed to cooperate in cybersecurity, AI, semiconductors, and quantum technologies. Together, they aim to build secure digital highways, resilient against the storms of cyber threats.

And yes, the Earth herself breathes easier because of this alliance. Both nations have pledged to fight the looming shadow of climate change, committing themselves anew to the Paris Agreement goals, to sustainable urban development, to blue economy initiatives that cherish and protect the oceans. It is a love letter to the planet itself, written in policies, in projects, in hope.

In all, this India-France agreement is not just a signature on parchment; it is a song sung to the future, a vow whispered across continents. It says: We believe in tomorrow. We believe in each other.

The story of India and France is a tapestry woven with threads of valor, curiosity, dreams, and determination. And now, with this agreement, they sew a new chapter—brighter, bolder, boundless.

Pahalgam Attack an Assault on the Soul of India

By: Omkar Dattatray

In fact dastardly attack on tourists at the world famous scenic spot is not only an attack on the innocent tourists only, but it was a planned assault on the soul of India. The prime minister Narendra Modi was right when he categorically stated that the Pahalgam attack is not merely an attack on unarmed and innocent tourists but it definitely an assault on the soul of India. The people of India cannot accept the attack on its soul and therefore they are rising against this barbaric terrorist act whose intention and aim is to give a serious blow to the very idea of India and its composite culture that is called Ganga-Jammni Tehzeb /culture and therefore such terrorist attacks should be fought jointly ,in unison and in coordination as such an attack is unacceptable and uncalled for and has no place in our culture and country. Pahalgam attack is thus also an attack on valued Kashmiriyat and Kashmiri’s communal harmony and Hindu –Muslim unity which has been attacked by this sinister and savage carnage .This terrorist attack in the lush green Pahalgam valley has ashamed Kashmiriyat, Insaniyat-humanity as it is an assault on humanity and composite cultural heritage and on the very idea of India. It is an attack on communal harmony, Hindu-Muslim brotherhood,secularism and pluralism and thus has been rightly condemned by one and all including separatist leader of Hurriyat conference Omar Farooq who is also the chief of Awami Action Committee. It was an attack on humanity and thus people of India including of Jammu and Kashmir ,the political parties across the spectrum have expressed their readiness to support the governments retaliatory measures to counter terrorism and to

bring the perpetrators to task and also to punish the sponsors ,backers and exporters of terrorism to India. It is very unfortunate that the Pahalgam attack is the assault on the doctrine of pluralism and sarva Panth Sambav which is the cardinal principle of the country called Bharat. We have to guard and protect this principle at every cost and give a befitting reply to the forces of doom and mayhem so that the very foundation of terrorism is not only shaken but its back is broken. Pahalgam attack is the direct attack on Kashmiriyat, the very idea of India ,communal harmony and sufi culture and traditions and needs to be dealt with an iron hand and there should be no complacency in punishing the terrorists and the epicenter of terrorism which is Pakistan. PM Modi has resolved to trace ,identify and punish terrorists of this crime and its backers Pakistan and chase terrorists everywhere up to the close of earth.PM Modi was naturally very angry and he made it clear that no stone will be left unturned to fight terrorism on Indian soil and to punish its supporters, sponsors and exporters. India has long being a shining example of unity, communal amity, harmony ,pluralism ,secularism and above all tolerance. India has always assimilated foreigners on its soil and various faiths and religions flourish side by side thanks to the broadmindedness of the majority Hindu community and at present the majority community should be commended and appreciated for its cool and for maintaining communal harmony despite such a grave and big provocation the Pahalgam massacre which has shamed the whole humanity. Putting up a joint face in the wake of deadly attack on tourists in Pahalgam ,J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday –April 24,2025 chaired an all –party meet in Srinagar and passed

a joint resolution terming the terror attack “a direct assault on the values of Kashmirriyat and the idea of India, a symbol of unity ,peace and harmony in the region.”Abdullah said while the spirit of Kashmir was under attack, the people stood united in grief, resilience and determination to uphold peace and harmony. All joint resolution was adopted in the spirit of collective solidarity and firm resolve, ”Mr Abdullah said. The participants, the resolution said, stand unwavering in “our commitment to support all efforts in bringing these perpetrators to justice.”Modi said in Bihar that India will identify, track, and punish terrorists, their backers and handlers and give them punishment beyond their imagination and thinking. He also roared that India will not spare the backers and masterminds of the terrorists who carried this heinous crime at Pahalgam against humanity and will not spare anyone. In a powerful address in Madubani Bihar Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared India’s resolve to inflict such punishment to terrorists of Pahalgam terrorist attack and on their backers which they have not anticipated in their wildest dreams and such punishment will be beyond their thinking. PM Modi also condemned that Pahalgam terrorist act and said it was not merely an assault on innocent tourists but an attack on the very soul of India. It means that as per Modi the Pahalgam attack was an assault on the foundations of India and its composite culture for which our country is famous across the globe. At any cost we have to maintain, safeguard ,protect and further secularism ,tolerance and pluralism so that India continues to raise its head high and continues to shine in the world. This gruesome and barbaric terrorist attack at Pahalgam was the attack on the very essence of India and we have rightly resolved to fight terror-

ism to finish and to dismantle the safe heavens and hideouts in and outside the LOC and we will not spare those abetting, exporting and sponsoring terrorism in our soil. India has resolved to teach the perpetrators of terror a lesson by striking at the very roots of terrorism and for this India can go to any extent and will inflict untold and unthinkable punishment on the terrorists ,its backers and masterminds. We should shun making empty noises and instead strike at the very roots of terrorism and so the opportune and right time has approached and Indian government should make use of this opportunity and make a strike on the hideouts and safe heavens of terrorists inside and outside our territory and thus even if we should cross our boarders and destroy the terrorist launch pads in POK and Pakistan. We should shun the path of peace for some time and inflict maximum damage on the terrorist training camps in the neighboring country. This time India should show its mettle and give a befitting reply to the forces of doom which have full backing of Pakistani army and that country’s establishment. Pakistan should be exposed and its terrorists operating in its soil should be destroyed to give the fatal and final blow to terrorism. In no circumstance should India show any leniency but instead jointly destroy the terrorist training camps on Pakistani soil as the Pahalgam terrorist carnage is an assault on the soul and idea of India and as such is unacceptable.

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A period of water crisis, a noise of saving water

By: Vijay Garg

Since the heat inflow has started, the water source gasps before people’s throat dries. The Ganga of knowledge is now being inhabited by ways to save water more than the rivers do not shed water. Hundreds of gallons are sitting agawa bana of water-saving campaign that waste water. Encroachment on the land of rivers and kud-arti nalas has been scintillating waste for years making huge sums of money, so that selfishness can write a new ibarat of accomplishment. Watering passers-by in the heat in the past was considered the act of virtue.

People used to feel relaxed in tearing people’s throat by puffing in memory of their ancestors. Today, big water companies have come into existence to sell water, which is supplying water in small and big bottle, which is working to serve diseases by taking money. Those municipal officials who were yet in deep sleep during the water crisis have woken up as the depths of the water crisis. On hearing the heavy tender of the tanker, the brightness and facial water of their eyes has increased, which has never improved the pipe line of the taps, due to which the general public continued to be forced to drink muddy water. The

mind is joyful to see the common people standing in a long queue for empty canisters. They are convinced that the commission of the water mission will inflate them. Even if the bucket is lifted and the people are washed away. On the other hand, there was a story in two neighbours about saving water this morning in the neighbourhood. The gentleman who bathed his car every day with mud off the road of the entire neighbourhood, when he attempted to admonish the neighbour citing the water crisis, he flashed in line with his name. Anyway, nowadays, the number of people who give knowledge in this phase

of social media has added to Yakayak. Sitting in the air-conditioned room, they plan to save water, whose gardens drink water of hundreds of people from the lan city. On the other hand, women and small children are proud to quench thirst by bringing water from two to two, three kilometres in the heat of the scorching heat, the fear of tackling the water crisis is on the other hand

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# Gagan Deep Rana elected President of Sanatan Dharam Sabha Doda



## Top News Report

DODA, Apr 28: In a significant transition of leadership, the Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Doda today unanimously elected Gagan Deep Rana as its new President during a well-attended general meeting held at Shri Ram Leela Ground, Doda.

The meeting, which saw participation from prominent community leaders and respected citizens, began with the honorable resignation of outgoing President Gajay Singh Rana. Members expressed

deep appreciation for Rana's dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the Sabha and the wider Hindu community in Doda.

While Addressing the large gathering, the newly elected President Gagan Deep Rana committed to serving the community with utmost dedication.

"I pledge to work tirelessly for the welfare of our community, preserving our cultural heritage while addressing contemporary challenges through unity and collective effort," stated Rana. He outlined key priorities

including community development programs, youth engagement, and interfaith harmony initiatives. The senior citizens as well as general public present their extended their full support to the new President expressing confidence that under Rana's guidance, the organization would scale new heights in community service and social upliftment.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to strengthen the Sabha's mission of serving society while upholding the eternal values of Sanatan Dharma.

# GDC Ramgarh organizes workshop on Drug Abuse Awareness



## Top News Report

RAMGARH, Apr 28: The NCORD Cell of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh successfully organized a one-day workshop on Drug Abuse Awareness, highlighting the pressing issue of substance abuse among youth and the role of community in prevention and rehabilitation.

The programme was held under the esteemed guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol, Principal of GDC Ramgarh, who emphasized the need for educating young minds about the harmful consequences of drug abuse and fostering a drug-free environment within society.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance with knowl-

edge and awareness. Prof. Brahm Dutt (Convener NCORD) delivered the welcome address and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing the menace of drug addiction.

The proceedings were efficiently conducted by Ms. Jagmeet Kaur, a student of Semester VI, who anchored the event with great enthusiasm and professionalism.

The resource person for the workshop was Gharu Ram Bhardwaj, the Additional SP Samba and Nodal district officer NCORD who delivered an informative and engaging talk.

The session included a comprehensive discussion on the causes, consequences, legal implications, and preventive strategies related to drug abuse.

He also interacted with the students, addressing their queries and encouraging them to become responsible citizens in the fight against drug addiction.

The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, fostering a spirit of unity and patriotism among the participants.

The entire workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, reaffirming the college's commitment to promoting a healthy, informed, and drug-free society.

The entire event was coordinated by Prof. Brham Dutt, NCORD Convener with support from faculty members including Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Snobar, Prof. Sandeep Kumari, Ashok Kumar and Dr. Shivali Panigotra.

# President NDS exposes scams in Prasar Bharati's Jammu units

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, President of Nami Dogri Sanstha, today expressed deep concern over the growing irregularities, mismanagement, corruption, and anti-national activities at AIR, Jammu and DDK, Jammu. He said that despite submitting multiple complaints to the Directorate and CEO, no impartial enquiry has been initiated by Prasar Bharati authorities, raising serious questions about transparency, governance, and the integrity of these institutions.

He stated that two officials were promoted as ASDs through questionable means. One officer, originally a LDC later converted to Transmission Executive, allegedly submitted false certificates and was promoted without possessing any real understanding of programme formats. Shockingly, this officer, despite earlier submitting medical documents citing serious illness to secure a peaceful posting, was later given the crucial dual charge of DDK Jammu and AIR Jammu.

Yet, under her leadership, not a single credible programme has been produced, reflecting the rot and decay that has set into these institutions.

Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila further alleged that the division of work at DDK Jammu between two ASDs was a calculated move to facilitate rampant corruption. According to him, one officer is deeply involved in minting money through unethical practices, allegedly sharing the proceeds with higher-ups, while

the other officer has been left to manage the remaining functions. This gross abuse of office is a betrayal of public trust and a complete mockery of Prasar Bharati's mandate as a public broadcaster.

He also raised grave concerns about the period during V.K. Sambyal's tenure, where anti-national songs were allegedly performed during official concerts at the Raj Bhawan (Governor House), Tigar Auditorium Jammu and even Music Concert at Abhinav Theatre. He named individuals like Renu Raina Bhat, Rajesh Gupta, and Sammual Masih in these serious allegations, noting particularly that Mr. Sammual Masih has been fraudulently drawing a hefty salary without playing Tabla for the past 15 years. Furthermore, he pointed out that Punjab-based so-called music artists were arbitrarily approved without any proper verification of their Aadhaar cards or identity documents, who are very close to the so-called Tabla player and their work details were suspiciously shifted to Punjab-based AIR stations, raising the specter of financial irregularities and favoritism.

Adding another dimension to the growing list of scandals, Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila highlighted the deeply troubling irregularities surrounding the recent recruitment of Newsreader-cum-Translator (Dogri) at Akashvani Jammu. He pointed out that cultural activist Mohd. Yaseen was asked by Assistant Director S. Gulshan Raina to file an RTI against his own department after observing

glaring malpractices in the Dogri section's recruitment process. The RTI response unearthed shocking details: the involvement of contractual employees in conducting critical selection processes, misuse of esteemed academic figures' names without consent, selective evaluation of candidates, and blatant procedural violations. Despite overwhelming evidence, no action has been taken to annul the tainted recruitment, nor has any official inquiry been launched, further eroding the credibility of Prasar Bharati's Jammu operations.

He also added that there should be a complete check on the contractual employees in Dogri and Gojri Sections who are working outside their own institutions without prior permission from the authorities, check them and see their account statements; if any found guilty they should be banned and shunned out from the Prasar Bharati.

Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila demanded that an immediate and impartial enquiry be initiated into all these irregularities, including the corrupt appointments, anti-national performances, and the fraudulent Dogri NRT recruitment last year. He emphasized that Prasar Bharati must verify all educational and medical certificates submitted by officers, terminate those involved in corruption and favoritism, and remove individuals who authorized and approved anti-national performances. Immediate steps must also be taken to rectify the injustices in the Dogri section's



recruitment process, and fresh selections should be carried out under strict transparent guidelines.

Expressing his deep disillusionment, Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila made it unequivocally clear that he would not appear for any auditions or participate in any official activities organized by AIR Jammu until strict corrective measures are taken. He warned that Prasar Bharati must uphold the highest standards of nationalism, accountability, and public service, as expected from a national institution.

If these issues continue to be neglected, he declared that he reserves the right to escalate the matter to the highest constitutional authorities of the country.

Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila concluded with a stern message: "Prasar Bharati must cleanse itself of the corrupt and anti-national elements festering within its Jammu units. The people of Jammu and Kashmir will not tolerate any attack on their cultural integrity, linguistic pride, or public trust."

# Aryans Kashmiri students organise Shrdhanjali Samaroh for Pahalgam victims at Sukhna Lake



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: After tribute in Dal Lake, Srinagar through 26 Shikara in to the 26 lives lost in the tragic Pahalgam incident, now Aryans 26 Kashmiri students of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura organised Shrdhanjali Samaroh at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. Aryans students marched with Mashals & Candles.

Chairman, Aryans Group, Dr. Anshu Kataria, strongly condemned the horrific incident and demanded swift and strict action to apprehend and punish the culprits responsible.

"Such acts of terror are an attack on humanity. The guilty must not be spared," said Kataria.

The students held posters and candles, raising slogans for peace and justice, calling for communal harmony and an end to violence. The emotional event witnessed participation from locals and tourists, who joined in to support the cause.

Dr. Kataria added that Aryans Group stands firmly with the people of Jammu & Kashmir in this hour of grief and reiterated the need for stronger measures to ensure the safety of all citizens.

# YSS Deptt Zone Dangerpora organises Yoga Competition and Mental Health Awareness Program



## Top News Report

DANGERPORA, Apr 28: The Youth Services and Sports Department, Zone Dangerpora, successfully organised a Yoga Competition at Government High School HarduShiva today. The event was formally inaugurated by Mr. Bashir Ahmad Wani, Headmaster of High School Shiva.

On the occasion, Yoga Trainer Abrar addressed the participants and highlighted the significance of Yoga in promoting physical fitness,

mental well-being, and a balanced lifestyle among youth. Students actively took part in various Yoga demonstrations and exercises during the competition.

Following the Yoga session, a mental health awareness program was conducted at the same venue in collaboration with Doctors Without Borders.

The awareness session aimed to educate students and teachers about mental health issues, stress management, and the importance of seeking help when needed.

A total of 150 students and teachers participated in the combined events, making it a highly engaging and impactful day.

The program concluded with an interactive session where experts responded to queries related to mental health and well-being.

The Youth Services and Sports Department Zone Dangerpora extended their gratitude to Doctors Without Borders for their collaboration and to the school administration for their support in making the event a success.

# Expert lecture on Intellectual Property Rights held at GDC Nagrota

## Top News Report

NAGROTA, Apr 28: The Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) of Government Degree College (GDC) Nagrota successfully hosted an insightful expert lecture on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in India.

The session was aimed at raising awareness about the significance of IPR in fostering innovation, protecting creative works and supporting economic growth.

The event featured Prof. Jaspal

Singh from the Department of Punjabi as the distinguished resource person. He provided a comprehensive overview of Intellectual Property (IP), discussing various types such as patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, geographical indications and industrial designs.

The expert emphasized the importance of IPR in safeguarding innovations and ensuring fair trade practices, particularly in India's rapidly evolving digital and industrial landscape.

The session was attended by

esteemed faculty members, who contributed to the discussion with their valuable insights.

The lecture highlighted key case studies, including real-world examples from Jammu and Kashmir and the role of IPR in academic research and business enterprises.

He encouraged students to be mindful of intellectual property laws while pursuing innovation, research and entrepreneurship.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where

students raised queries about patent filing procedures, copyright regulations and emerging trends in digital IP protection. Participants appreciated the informative nature of the lecture and acknowledged the significance of IPR in their academic and professional journeys.

Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Principal GDC Nagrota appreciated the IIC committee being committed to organizing such knowledge-sharing events to equip students with essential legal and technological awareness.



## Surya Balakrishnan, who has co-directed the acclaimed OTT show Khauf, considers herself 'medium agnostic'

Amazon Video's latest horror series Khauf has viewers horrified, stupefied, transfixed leaving them with not only a lingering feeling of dread but much to mull over. And probe, question to where the real horror lies. Co-director of the much acclaimed series Surya Balakrishnan admits how prior to being associated with the genre she was not exactly a fan of it. Maker of short films like Arre Baba and Kheer, she preferred slice of life drama. But today as she is digging deep into horror she has begun to realise its immense possibilities. In fact, the reason why she said yes to Khauf was how it builds up fear not only through its entity of ghost but it's very many layers.

Brought up in Mumbai, to begin with, she could not relate with the way creator-writer Smita Singh had coalesced her experiences of living in Delhi and of working women's hostel, the epicenter of horror in the series. Surya shares, "Often I would tell her; do we really need this." But as more and more women are finding the show relatable, she

observes, "We wanted to keep it real." You might sense a dichotomy between harsh reality of life and phantasmagorical elements of the supernatural, but she explains, "The show deals with different kinds of horror, reflects fear which lot of us live with in real life. Even the ghost entity is metamorphical." A woman (Smita) telling women's story may or may not always be the best option, but for their show she feels, "It truly worked."

As for more than one director taking on the reins in the long format of storytelling, which has almost become a norm, she does not think it is difficult to arrive at a common ground. More so, since Pankaj Kumar, who has directed six episodes, also happens to be the director of photography. Thus maintaining the visual tone and tenor for all eight episodes was not so challenging.

Trained in both graphic design and filmmaking, this alumna of New York Film Academy was drawn to filmmaking for she felt it's the most powerful way of telling a story. More recently as she has finished a doc-



umentary Amar Katha on the Amarnath Yatra, we wonder if her film acquires more urgency in the light of recent Pahalgam attacks. She observes, "Well, it's likely to attract more eyeballs. Kashmir will always remain an important subject for us."

The feature documentary chronicles how the yatra, a quiet peaceful affair looked after by a Muslim family, the Malikis, has over the years morphed into a spectacle after the Shine board took over. Ecocide is a word she uses in context of the environmental damage. She adds, "Indeed, it has affected the ecosystem, the environment around it and we need to pay heed."

As her film awaits the festival circuit, she admits cracking the festival code isn't easy. Why, one noted festival programmer shared a vital piece of information with her. At the Toronto International Film Festival out of staggering 9,000 entries, only 25 are selected. Back in time she also got this dismal piece of advice from a well-wisher—"You will eat rejections for breakfast." But nothing is stopping her or making her spend sleepless nights. She states, "Reel culture might be taking over more of our screen-time, but there is an audience for all kinds of films, including documentaries, also thanks to the fact that many OTT platforms are

streaming them."

Navigating between making commercials, shorts and documentaries, she agrees that the medium does dictate, but considers herself 'medium agnostic'. She continues to love making ad films her 'bread, butter and cheese,' for "in ad world you are constantly in practice and nothing is better than practising your craft."

Her filmmaking skills will manifest once again in a web series based on a book, a short and more. Hailing from the hard-sell world of advertising, she understands 'you never say never.' But at the same time she would like her cinema to say something and not just be another random story. Just as Khauf isn't your regular horror fest... Expect more surprises from her.

Quote

I do not know if men's reaction to Khauf is any different though more women are finding it relatable. But men too are able to look at the bigger picture. The crux of the story is being communicated in a very similar way to both genders.

## It's a great time for musicians, says AR Rahman



Whether it's performing at prestigious international music festivals like Coachella or winning Grammy Awards, music maestro AR Rahman believes Indian artistes are finally getting the global recognition they truly deserve.

The two-time Grammy awardee, who is gearing up for his much anticipated The Wonderment Tour, said it is a 'great time' for musicians.

"Music as an industry was never recognised. When you say, 'Oh, my son is a singer', people are like, 'But what does he do?' This is still happening.

"Now, when all these things (concerts) are happening, there are so many pockets of independent bands making it to Coachella... This is one of my dreams that should happen, and

it's happening. People are winning Grammys," Rahman said.

In February, Indian-American vocalist Chandrika Tandon won the Grammy under the category Best New Age Album for Triveni at the 67th edition of the musical awards night, a year after five Indian musicians picking up the coveted prize. Earlier this month, rapper Hanumankind of Big Dawgs fame performed at Coachella 2025, marking his debut at the American music festival.

Rahman, 58, said the "universality" of Indian music has the potential to captivate global audiences.

"India has that culturally. Now, the important thing is how much we can spread it out in the world, which is domi-

nated by Western culture. Because people today are looking at an alternate culture, and if we pull up our stuff, we have an option to be liked by everyone. There are already great fans in Russia and Japan..." he added.

The concert, the celebrated composer said, is a heartfelt celebration of the blessings he has accrued in his three-decade career.

"It's exciting to interpret your songs in front of people who love your music. I see myself as an audience first... That's the reason why we choose what we perform, the arrangements, and the visuals..."

"I thought of going back to something which celebrates every blessing that we've got. So, that's my wonderment, a wonder of every breath, a wonder of love, and why they (fans) chose you," said the musician, who performed his first live concert in Malaysia in 1996 as part of a charity event.

The global premiere of the tour is said to be a grand concert under the aegis of the WAVES summit, taking place in Mumbai from May 1 to 4. Tickets are available in the District through the Zomato app.

## Director Abhishek Chaubey believes craft without emotion is pointless

Whether it's the turbulent world of drug abuse in Udda Punjab or the harsh realities of post-Independence India in Sonchiriya, his films are a testament to his commitment to themes with sincerity. Abhishek Chaubey, a director who is known to explore the complexities of human nature and the harsh realities of society, is known for crafting narratives that reflect the darker and often neglected sides of life.

Currently working on a series set in Bihar, a region often underrepresented in mainstream cinema, Chaubey says, "It's a very interesting subject. The series will delve into the complexities of the region, combining both social drama and thriller elements." In addition to this series, Chaubey is also working on a historical thriller set 120 years ago. "It's going to be an exciting project. It's a thriller with some action, but it's set in a different time period, which gives it a unique flavour."

For Chaubey, the key to filmmaking remains rooted in honesty, authenticity, and a deep connection with the self. "Every film is a reflection of who you are. If you're not true to yourself, your audience will feel it."

From where it all began was the mentorship of none other than Vishal Bhardwaj, one of India's most celebrated filmmakers. Working as an assistant director on films like The Blue Umbrella and later contributing to Omkara, Kaminey and Matru Ki Bijli Ka Mandola, Chaubey learned the nuances of filmmaking, from shot breakdowns to the art of weaving compelling stories. He credits Bhardwaj not only



for his technical knowledge but for shaping his understanding of what it means to be a filmmaker. Reflecting on his early years, Chaubey says, "I didn't go to film school. After college, I came to Mumbai and by good fortune, I met Vishal sir. I had the chance to work with him and that experience made me the director I am today—both in terms of craft and as a person."

Chaubey shares that it wasn't until he began writing that he realised what filmmaking truly entailed. "Film is not just about creating shots; it's about understanding the emotion, the narrative, the world you're building. It's about understanding the theme you're exploring. I was making shots and scenes before, but it was only when I started writing that I understood the depth of storytelling."

Chaubey's films are known for their raw, gritty approach to storytelling. For Chaubey, the balance between craft and emotion is key. "Craft without emotion, craft without theme, is

pointless," he asserts. "You can be an academic authority on cinema and still not know how to make a film. It's about connecting emotionally. That's what ultimately drives a story forward." It's this emotional depth that defines Chaubey's filmmaking style. He believes a filmmaker must first understand themselves and their own emotions before they can create a connection with the audience. "If I'm portraying an emotion—whether it's pain, joy or fear—it has to come from a place of real understanding. If you don't feel it, how can you expect anyone else to?"

One of the most challenging aspects of filmmaking today is balancing artistic vision with commercial success. While Chaubey's films have been both critically acclaimed and commercially successful, he is adamant about staying true to his artistic vision, even if it means sacrificing mainstream appeal. "I don't consciously think about balancing the

two," Chaubey explains. "My only ambition when making a film is to be as honest as I can with the story. I want to make sure that the emotion, the theme and the message are portrayed in the most effective way possible. I don't want to lie to myself or to my audience."

He goes on to emphasise that his work will never be compromised for the sake of commercial success. "There are certain things I won't do, no matter what. For example, I don't like item numbers. They can be fun, but I can't endorse the objectification of the person performing on screen. If I had to include an item number to make the film a success, I wouldn't. I'd rather make a film that stays true to my vision, even if it doesn't become a massive hit."

The road to making the films that he does is not easy. One of the most significant hurdles, he notes, is the increasing difficulty of raising finances for films that have an alternative or independent voice. "In a market where commercial cinema is dominating, raising funds for films with a political or social message becomes difficult. Producers want to see returns, and they often don't want to take risks on stories that don't fit the mainstream mold," he shares.

However, Chaubey remains optimistic about the cyclical nature of the industry. "Right now, we are in a phase where independent cinema has a smaller space, but things always change. There are cycles, and this is just one of them. Just because things are tough now doesn't mean they will always be this way," he says.

## Salman Khan postpones UK tour in wake of Pahalgam terror attack



Film actor Salman Khan on Monday said his upcoming tour of the UK has been postponed following the "tragic" terror attack in Pahalgam.

Salman was scheduled to perform on May

4 and 5 in Manchester and London as part of 'The Bollywood Big One' shows alongside

Madhuri Dixit Nene, Tiger Shroff, Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Sara Ali Khan, Disha Patani, Sunil Grover and

Maniesh Paul.

In a statement on Instagram, the 'Tiger 3' star said he and his team took the decision as it is "right to pause during this time of grief".

"In light of the recent tragic events in Kashmir, and with profound sadness, we have taken the difficult decision to request the promoters to postpone 'The Bollywood Big One' shows, originally scheduled for May 4 and 5 in Manchester and London.

"While we understand how much our fans were looking forward to these performances, we feel it is only right to pause during this time of grief. We sincerely apologise

for any disappointment or inconvenience this may cause and deeply appreciate your understanding and support," the statement read.

New dates for the shows will be announced shortly, it said.

Salman was one of the many film personalities who condemned the terror attack.

"Kashmir, heaven on planet earth turning into hell. Innocent people being targeted, my heart goes out to their families. Ek bhi innocent ko marna puri kainath ko marne ke barabar hai (Killing even one innocent person is equivalent to killing the whole universe)," he wrote.

## Consistency is the key, believes actor Aadesh Chaudhary

Aadesh Chaudhary, who is currently seen in The Health Files, a compelling YouTube series that dives into health-related narratives, opened up about his experience as a television actor and what sets this profession apart in a fast-evolving entertainment landscape.

"The biggest USP of a TV actor is their ability to consistently deliver strong performances in a serialised format.

We build a loyal audience over time and create characters that truly resonate with viewers. That consistency and connection—that's our real strength," he says.

Having spent countless hours on set throughout his career, Aadesh reflects on how he's learned to turn workspaces into places of comfort and creativity.



"I've made a conscious effort to make the set feel like my second home," he says. "My makeup room is my sanctuary—it's where I relax, prepare and switch into the character. I bring in little personal touches like photos and mementos, so the space truly feels like mine."

Commenting on the current entertainment scenario, Aadesh sees television as a stable and steady option amidst the booming OTT wave.

"With the rise of digital platforms, the industry is definitely changing.

But TV still offers a sense of predictability and an established viewer base.

It's a relatively safe space, but actors must remain flexible and ready to explore new opportunities across mediums," he says.



# SC notice to Centre on plea to ban sexually explicit content on OTT, social media

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday called it an "important concern" and sought responses from the Centre and others on a plea seeking a ban on streaming of sexually explicit content on OTT and social media platforms.

A Bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih said it was either for the legislature or the executive to come out with measures to deal with the issue.

"This is not within our domain. As it is, there is lot of allegation that we are encroaching upon the legislative and executive powers," Justice Gavai said in an apparent reference to recent attacks on the judiciary.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the government would not take it as an adversarial litigation.

"Kindly monitor it here. We will come out with something which balances the freedom of speech while (Article) 19 (2) is taken care of," he said.

Mehta said some of the contents were not only obscene but also "perverse".

Though some regulations in this regard were in existence, he said, certain more were in contemplation.

Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for the petitioners, said it was not an adversarial litigation and the plea raised a serious concern over such contents on over-the-top (OTT) and social media.

Jain said such content was displayed without any checks or restrictions.

"Mr solicitor, you should do something," Justice Gavai told



Mehta. The law officer said children were more exposed to all this nowadays. "Some of the things which are in regular programmes, the language, the contents... is of such a nature that it is not only vulgar, it is perverse," he said.

Mehta said some of the content was so perverse even two respectable men couldn't sit and watch it together.

He said the only condition was that such programmes were for viewers aged over 18 years but cannot be controlled.

The Bench referred to the use of cell phones by children.

"They (children) are quite adapt. It is a good thing, provided they reach the correct website," Mehta said.

The Bench observed, "On the last date itself, we had told him (Jain) that this is for either the legislature or the executive."

The apparent reference was to the remarks of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and BJP MP Nishikant Dubey against the judiciary.

Dhankhar had questioned the judiciary setting a timeline for

the president to make decisions and acting as a "super Parliament", saying the Supreme Court cannot fire a "nuclear missile" at democratic forces.

Soon after, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey said Parliament and assemblies should be shut if the apex court had to make laws.

Mehta on Monday said something was needed to be done to deal with the issue.

When the Bench offered to issue notice on the plea for responses from the Centre and others, including some OTT and social media platforms, Mehta said it may not be necessary.

"Let them be before the court," Justice Gavai said, "as they also have some social responsibility".

"The present petition raises an important concern with regard to the display of various objectionable, obscene and indecent contents on OTT platforms and social media," it recorded in its order.

The Bench was hearing a plea filed by five petitioners who sought guidelines to constitute an authority to prohibit online dissemination of obscene con-

tent. The plea claimed there were pages and profiles on social media sites sharing pornographic material without any filter and various OTT platforms were streaming content having potential elements of child pornography.

"Such sexually deviant material pollute the minds of youth, children and even grown up persons which gives rise to perverted and unnatural sexual tendencies thereby leading to an increase in the crime rate," it said.

The plea said if left unchecked, the unregulated spread of obscene material could have severe consequences on societal values, mental health and public safety.

The petitioners claimed having made representations to the competent authorities to no avail.

The plea sought the Centre to stop access to social media and OTT platforms until they formulated a mechanism to bar access to pornographic content, especially to children in India.

The petitioners, therefore, urged the top court to constitute a committee headed by a retired apex court judge and experts in the field to oversee and certify for publishing or streaming content on the lines of the Central Board of Film Certification until a law is enacted to regulate it.

It also sought a panel of psychologists recognised by the Rehabilitation Council of India and other experts to conduct a nationwide study and submit a report on the adverse impact of sexually explicit content on people.

# Kharge lashes out at PM Modi for skipping all-party meet on Pahalgam attack



JAIPUR, Apr 28 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for skipping the all-party meeting called to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 people dead. "It is the misfortune of the country that when the pride of the country was hurt, you (PM Modi) were giving an election speech in Bihar," he said addressing the 'Samvidhan Bachao' rally here. "Leaders of all parties attended the all-party meeting, but it is sad that PM Modi did not

come to that meeting. Was Bihar far away? The PM should have come to the all-party meeting and explained the plan. What help does he need from us?" he said.

Further attacking the Prime Minister, he said, "Modi gave inflation and unemployment. Such people weaken the country. The 56-inch chest has shrunk."

In the run up to the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Modi had said that it takes a 56-inch chest to convert Uttar Pradesh into Gujarat in terms of development.

Kharge said Congress leaders had decided that it will support the government in its action as the country is supreme.

"Country is supreme, then come parties, religion. Everyone should be united for country," he said.

He said the Congress talks about unity but the BJP talks of breaking it. "In this country, the Constitution is supreme and our democracy runs under the Constitution," he said.

Attacking the government over alleged misuse of investigative agencies and raids on Congress leaders, he said, "Whenever Congress grows, these people try to suppress it. We are not the ones to be suppressed."

He alleged that BJP leaders are trying to weaken everyone but they cannot weaken democracy by filing "false" cases against people.

# 4 killed as car rams into stationary truck in MP's Dhar district

DHAR, Apr 28 (Agencies): Four people were killed as their car rammed into a stationary truck on a highway in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district on Monday, police said.

The accident occurred around 7 am near Bhalwadi village on the Indore-Ahmedabad highway, around 15 km from the district headquarters, City Superintendent of Police Ravindra Vaskel said.



He said the car crashed into the truck from behind, killing its four occupants on the spot.

The deceased are being identified, and further investigation is under way, he said.

# "When they shot your mother...": Asaduddin Owaisi slams Pak's Bilawal Bhutto

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): Hitting out strongly at Pakistan politician Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's "blood will flow" remark, AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has said the Pakistan People's Party leader should remember who killed his mother and former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and his grandfather and the country's former President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Bilawal Bhutto, who served as Pakistan's Foreign Affairs Minister till 2023 and continues to be part of the ruling coalition, had responded strongly to India's decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack that left 25 tourists and a Kashmiri dead on April

22. "The Indus is ours and will remain ours - either our water will flow through it, or their blood," he was quoted as saying in a rally on Friday. The remarks drew strong responses in India as politicians cutting across party lines hit out at the PPP leader.

Asked about the remark, Mr Owaisi said, "Forget about such childish talk. He doesn't know what happened to his grandfather? His mother? His mother was killed by terrorists. So at least, he should not be speaking like this. Do you even know what you are talking about? Unless the US gives you something, you cannot run the country and you are trying to stare us down." "He must think who killed his mother.

Terrorism killed her. If he doesn't get that, what will you explain to him? When they shot your mother, it is terrorism. And when they kill our mothers and daughters, it is not?" he said.

Mr Owaisi has also hit out at Pakistani leaders threatening India with nukes. "Remember, if you enter a country and kill innocents, no country will stay silent, no matter who is in power. The way you attacked our country, the way people were asked their religion and shot, what religion are you talking about? You are worse than Khawarij (an Islamic sect considered deviant). You are ISIS sympathisers."

Benazir Bhutto was assassinated on December 30, 2007, during a public rally in Pakistan's Rawalpindi.



The suicide bombing has been linked to multiple terror outfits, including al-Qaeda and a Taliban offshoot, but the case remains unresolved.

Bilawal Bhutto's remark has drawn strong reactions from Indian leaders. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, "Tell him to get his mental condition checked, what kind of statements he is giving. Enough is enough... We will no longer toler-

ate this. Now wait for a few days." Congress MP Shashi Tharoor termed the remarks "inflammatory". "The Pakistanis have to understand that they simply cannot kill Indians with impunity. We have no designs on Pakistan, but if they do something, they must be prepared for a response. If blood is going to flow, it will possibly flow more on their side than ours," Mr Tharoor said in response to the Pakistan leader's remarks.

# Liquor scam: ED raids 11 locations in Madhya Pradesh

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday launched search and seizure operations at 11 premises linked to various liquor contractors across Bhopal, Indore and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh.

According to official sources, the raids are part of an ongoing investigation into a multi-crore revenue loss scam. The agency initiated the probe based on a First Information Report (FIR) filed against the contractors for allegedly defrauding the government of Rs 49.42 crore between the financial years 2015-16 and 2017-18.

The authorities allege that the contractors



manipulated treasury challans and unlawfully obtained No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to acquire liquor during this period.

Investigators found that the accused contractors deposited challans with small amounts into banks but left the "amount in words" section blank.

"In the prescribed format of the challan, while the amount in figures was filled in, the space for the amount in

words was left blank," a source said.

They said that after depositing the challans, the accused allegedly altered the documents by writing inflated amounts in words, effectively forging the records.

"These manipulated challans were then submitted either at country liquor warehouses or at district excise offices dealing with foreign liquor," the source added.

# ED says files burnt in Mumbai office fire but digital records will help continue probe

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said while certain documents and furniture have been burnt in the fire that took place at one of its office in Mumbai, "no impediment" in probes or trial was expected as files are also stored digitally.

The federal agency issued a statement on the fire that broke out around 2:25 am on Sunday at the mezzanine (fourth) floor of the Mumbai Zonal Office-I, located at Kaiser-I Hind building in Ballard Estate.

Prima-facie reason for fire appears to be a short-circuit in the power boxes on the fourth floor, it said.



Though actual damage assessment is being carried out, preliminary assessment shows that certain papers/documents and furniture have been burnt in the fire incident, the agency said.

"It may be mentioned here that evidentiary documents pertaining to investigation and

relied upon documents (RUDs) are invariably stored in the form of digital records as well as stored in internal centralised record keeping system. "With regard to the cases where prosecution complaints have been filed, the original records are available with concerned courts,"

the statement said.

Therefore, no impediment in conducting investigation or trial is expected, as per the agency that probes cases under the anti-money laundering law, foreign exchange violation and fugitive economic offenders Act.

The ED said offices on the ground and first floor of Kaiser-I-Hind building remain "functional" and the part of office at fourth floor affected by fire has been shifted and is now operational from the old regional office situated at Janambhoomi Chambers.

The agency said the fire was first noticed by the staff and security guards stationed at the office who informed

night duty state police personnel deployed at the building.

The police informed fire brigade around 2:30 am which started fire fighting operation around 3:30 am with more than 50 personnel and multiple fire tenders.

The ED said it was in the process of establishing "standalone" office space for itself in Mumbai as the Maharashtra government, in March, has allocated land at Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai to the agency.

The procedural requirements are being expedited for making independent offices for the ED at the earliest, it said.



## At least 68 killed in US airstrike on Yemen migrant detention centre

SANAA, Apr 28 (Agencies): US military airstrikes on Yemen's capital, Sanaa, have resulted in the deaths of dozens of people and has left many more injured, according to reports from Houthi-affiliated media, Al Jazeera reported.

The attacks claimed the lives of at least eight individuals around the city, while a separate strike on a migrant detention centre killed at least 68, Houthi media stated on Monday.

A later report by the Houthi-affiliated media, Al Masirah TV satellite news channel, showed graphic footage and said that 68 people had been killed when a migrant detention centre was hit in the strikes on Saada.

The facility was housing roughly 100 individuals from Ethiopia and other African nations, who had been detained while attempting to pass through Yemen in hopes of finding work in Saudi Arabia.

On April 18, a US strike on Yemen's Ras Isa fuel port had



killed at least 74 people and wounded 171 others in the deadliest-known attack to date by the US on Yemen, according to Al Jazeera.

Meanwhile, the US Central Command (CENTCOM) revealed that it has launched over 800 targeted strikes against the Houthi terrorist group in Yemen since March 15, aiming to restore "freedom of navigation and reinforce American deterrence."

In a statement released on

Sunday, CENTCOM, responsible for military operations in the Middle East, said that the campaign has significantly reduced Houthi attacks on international shipping, with ballistic missile launches dropping by 69 per cent and drone strikes decreasing by 55 per cent. CENTCOM further informed that to protect operational security, it will not share details about its ongoing or future military actions.

"To preserve operational security, we have intentionally

limited disclosing details of our ongoing or future operations. We are very deliberate in our operational approach, but will not reveal specifics about what we've done or what we will do," the statement said.

CENTCOM also stated that the US strikes have destroyed multiple command-and-control facilities, air defence systems, advanced weapons manufacturing facilities, and advanced weapons storage locations.

Houthi attacks on ships escalated after the outbreak of the war between Israel and Gaza, despite then-President Joe Biden's warning to Iran and its allies to avoid involvement in the conflict.

The Houthis, who took control of Yemen's capital in 2014, initially claimed they would target only ships connected to Israel. However, they have since attacked vessels associated with numerous other nations.

## Student stabs 3 in a knife attack at a South Korean high school



SEOUL, Apr 28 (Agencies): A student stabbed three people in a knife attack at a South Korean high school Monday morning and injured two others, police said.

The attack happened around 8:36 am at a school in Cheongju, 110 kilometres (70 miles) south of Seoul, according to police reports.

Police received a report that "a student had stabbed someone

in a classroom with a knife," Chungbuk Provincial Police Agency said in a statement sent to reporters.

Three people were seriously injured, including the school's headmaster, who suffered an abdominal stab wound, and a government employee who was stabbed in his chest.

Police said two other people suffered minor injuries.

The student attempted

to flee to a nearby lake-side park, where he jumped into the lake, but was apprehended just 12 minutes after the initial report, according to Cheongju police.

The 18-year-old was taken to a hospital as he suffered minor injuries.

"We are trying to determine the details and motive," a local police official told agency.

The case comes just months after a teacher fatally stabbed an eight-year-old student at an elementary school in South Korea.

However, South Korea is generally a very safe country, with a murder rate of 1.3 per 100,000 people in 2021, according to official statistics -- below the global average of six homicide deaths per 100,000 people.

## Palestinian official tells ICJ Israel using aid blockage as 'weapon of war'



THE HAGUE, Apr 28 (Agencies): A top Palestinian official told the United Nations top court on Monday that Israel was blocking humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza as a "weapon of war".

Kicking off a week of hearings at the International Court of Justice about Israel's obligations to United Nations aid agencies, Ammar Hijazi told judges: "Starvation is here. Humanitarian aid is being used as a weapon of war."

The ICJ is holding a week of hearings over Israel's obligations to the UN, including aid agencies, in war-ravaged Gaza before delivering a non-binding "advisory opinion".

Dozens of countries and organisations will address the 15-judge

panel in a marathon set of hearings.

Israel is not participating in the hearings but its ally the United States will take part on Wednesday.

"All UN-supported bakeries in Gaza have been forced to shut their doors. Nine of every ten Palestinians have no access to safe drinking water," said Hijazi.

"Storage facilities of the UN and other international agencies are empty."

Israel strictly controls all inflows of international aid vital for the 2.4 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

It halted aid deliveries to Gaza on March 2, days before the collapse of a ceasefire that had significantly reduced hostilities after 15 months of war.

The UN estimates 500,000 Palestinians have been displaced since the two-month ceasefire ended in mid-March.

The UN has asked the ICJ to rule "with the utmost urgency" on the case but will likely take several months to reach its opinion.

Judges will consider Israel's legal obligations towards the UN and its agencies, international organisations or third-party states to "ensure and facilitate the unhindered provision of urgently needed supplies essential to the survival of the Palestinian civilian population".

Although the ICJ's advisory opinions are not legally binding, the court believes they "carry great legal weight and moral authority".

## Putin thanks North Korea for sending its troops to fight Ukraine in Kursk region

SEOUL, Apr 28 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin thanked North Korean troops for fighting Ukrainian forces in Russia's Kursk region, after North Korea on Monday confirmed the deployment for the first time.

In a statement Monday from the Kremlin, Putin hailed the heroism and dedication of the North Korean fighters, who he said "shoulder to shoulder with Russian fighters, defended our Motherland as their own." Russia on Saturday said its troops have fully reclaimed the Kursk region that Ukrainian forces seized in a surprise incursion last year. Ukrainian officials denied the claim.

US, South Korean and Ukraine intelligence officials have said North Korea dispatched 10,000-12,000 troops to Russia last fall in its first participation in a major armed conflict since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. But North Korea hadn't confirmed or denied its reported troop deployments to Russia until Monday.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un decided to send the combat troops to Russia under a mutual defence treaty he and Putin signed in June 2024, the North's



Central Military Commission said in a statement carried by state media. The treaty — considered the two countries' biggest defense agreement since the end of the Cold War — requires both nations to use all available means to provide immediate military assistance if either is attacked.

The statement cited Kim as saying the deployment was meant to "annihilate and wipe out the Ukrainian neo-Nazi occupiers and liberate the Kursk area in cooperation with the Russian armed forces." "They who fought for justice are all heroes and representatives of the honor of the motherland," Kim said.

Kim said that a monument will soon be erected in Pyongyang to mark North Korea's battle feats and that flowers will be laid before the tombstones of the fallen soldiers. Kim said the government must take

steps to preferentially treat and take care of the families of the soldiers who took part in the war.

The North Korean statement didn't say how many troops North Korea eventually sent and how many of them had died. But in March, South Korea's military said that around 4,000 North Korean soldiers had been killed or wounded in the Russia-Ukraine war fronts. The South Korean military also assessed at the time that North Korea sent about 3,000 additional troops to Russia earlier this year.

North Korean soldiers are highly disciplined and well trained, but observers say they've become easy targets for drone and artillery attacks on Russian-Ukraine battlefields due to their lack of combat experience and unfamiliarity with the terrain. Still, Ukrainian military and intelligence officials

have assessed that the North Koreans gained crucial battlefield experience and have been key to Russia's strategy of overwhelming Ukraine by throwing large numbers of soldiers into the battle for Kursk.

South Korea's Unification Ministry on Monday urged North Korea to withdraw its troops from Russia immediately, saying the North's support of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine poses a grave provocation to international security. Spokesperson Koo Byoungsam also called the North's troops' deployment "an act against humanity" that has sacrificed young North Korean soldiers for their government.

In a Kremlin meeting Saturday, Valery Gerasimov, chief of the general staff for Russia's armed forces, informed Putin of Russia's regaining of the Kursk region. Gerasimov also confirmed that North Korean soldiers fought alongside Russia to repel Ukrainian troops from the Kursk region and "demonstrated high professionalism, showed fortitude, courage and heroism in battle." Ukraine's General Staff countered that its defensive operation in certain areas in Kursk

was continuing.

If confirmed, Russia's victory in Kursk would deprive Ukraine of key leverage in US-brokered efforts to negotiate an end to the more than 3-year-old war by exchanging its gains for some of Russia-occupied land in Ukraine.

On Saturday, President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met in Vatican City on the sidelines of funeral of Pope Francis to discuss a potential ceasefire deal. Shortly after arriving in Rome on Friday, Trump said on social media that Ukraine and Russia should meet for "very high-level talks" on ending the war. But less than 24 hours later, Trump said he doubted Putin's willingness to end the war.

North Korea has been supplying a vast amount of conventional weapons to Russia as well. South Korea, the US and their partners worry that Russia could reward North Korea by transferring high-tech weapons technologies that can sharply enhance its nuclear weapons programme. North Korea is expected to receive economic and other assistance from Russia as well.

## Global military spending soars to USD 2.7 trillion in 2024; Russia, US, China, India, Germany account for 60%

*World military expenditure reached USD 2718 billion in 2024, an increase of 9.4 per cent in real terms from 2023 and the steepest year-on-year rise since at least the end of the Cold War, according to new data by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).*

STOCKHOLM, Apr 28 (Agencies): Amid the major global conflicts, including the Russia-Ukraine war, and the Israel-Palestine conflict, world military expenditure reached USD 2718 billion in 2024, an increase of 9.4 per cent in real terms from 2023 and the steepest year-on-year rise since at least the end of the cold war, according to new data by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Military spending increased in all world regions, with particularly rapid growth in both Europe and the Middle

East. The top five military spenders—the United States, China, Russia, Germany and India—accounted for 60 per cent of the global total, with combined spending of USD 1635 billion.

SIPRI, an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament, in its report on Monday, stated that military spending in Europe (including Russia) rose by 17 per cent to USD 693 billion and was the main contributor to the global increase in 2024. All European countries increased their military

spending in 2024 except Malta.

Russia's military expenditure reached an estimated USD 149 billion in 2024, a 38 per cent increase from 2023 and double the level in 2015. This represented 7.1 per cent of Russia's GDP and 19 per cent of all Russian government spending. Ukraine's total military expenditure grew by 2.9 per cent to reach USD 64.7 billion, equivalent to 43 per cent of Russia's spending. At 34 per cent of GDP, Ukraine had the largest military burden of any country in 2024.

Several countries in Central and Western



Europe saw unprecedented rises in their military expenditure in 2024 as they implemented new spending pledges and large-scale procurement plans. Germany's military expenditure increased by 28 per cent to reach USD 88.5 billion, making it the biggest spender in Cen-

tral and Western Europe and the fourth biggest in the world. Poland's military spending grew by 31 per cent to USD 38.0 billion in 2024, representing 4.2 per cent of Poland's GDP, SIPRI noted.

All NATO members also raised their military expenditure in 2024.

Total military spending by NATO members amounted to USD 1506 billion, or 55 per cent of global military expenditure. Of the 32 NATO members, 18 spent at least 2.0 per cent of GDP on their militaries, up from 11 in 2023 and the highest number since NATO adopted the spending guideline in 2014.

Military spending by the US rose by 5.7 per cent to reach USD 997 billion, which was 66 per cent of total NATO spending and 37 per cent of world military spending in 2024.

Military expenditure in the Middle East reached

an estimated USD 243 billion in 2024, an increase of 15 per cent from 2023 and 19 per cent more than in 2015.

Israel's military expenditure surged by 65 per cent to USD 46.5 billion in 2024, the steepest annual increase since the Six-Day War in 1967. Its military burden rose to 8.8 per cent of GDP, the second highest in the world. Lebanon's military spending rose by 58 per cent in 2024 to USD 635 million, after several years of lower spending due to economic crisis and political turmoil.

However, Iran's military spending fell by 10

per cent in real terms to USD 7.9 billion in 2024 despite its involvement in regional conflicts and its support for regional proxies, SIPRI reported.

Meanwhile, China, the world's second-largest military spender, increased its military expenditure by 7 per cent to an estimated USD 314 billion, marking three decades of consecutive growth. China accounted for 50 per cent of all military spending in Asia and Oceania, investing in the continued modernisation of its military and expansion of its cyberwarfare capabilities and nuclear arsenal.



## Parent Orientation held at Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: With the divine blessings of our esteemed Chair- man, Shri Shri 1008 Sant Hare Ram Dass Maharaj, and under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Aekta Gupta, Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School organized a Parent Orientation Programme for the academic session 2025-26.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to parents, acknowledging their vital partnership in their children's educational journey. The program familiarized parents with the school's ethos, vision, academic framework, and holistic development approach.

The orientation began with an enlightened session with Maharaj Ji.

Principal Prof. Aekta Gupta addressed the gathering, sharing insights on the collaborative role of parents and teachers in creating a nurturing learning environment. She emphasized communi-



cation, consistency, and compassion in shaping students' futures.

The session introduced the school's teaching methodologies, co-curricular activities, upcoming initiatives, and support systems. Coordinators presented curriculum details, evaluation patterns, and classroom practices, ensuring transparency between school and home.

Parents participated

enthusiastically, raising questions and sharing aspirations, reflecting the strong school-parent community bond.

The orientation concluded with a message of gratitude, reinforcing Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School's commitment to working with families to nurture tomorrow's leaders.

The event was a grand success, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

## ARSH NGO organizes stationery distribution drive for specially-abled children

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: "Philanthropy should be an integral part of every capable individual's life."

With this belief, ARSH NGO — largely operated by homemakers — continues to take meaningful steps towards social service.

Today, the organization took another noble initiative by extending help to speech-and hearing-impaired children.

Under the patronage of the Social Welfare Center, students received stationery items including notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, etc., under the guidance of Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain (State Yoga Commissioner and State Chairman of Indian Yoga Association).



The campaign was organized by Shikha Jain, President of ARSH NGO, an energetic and inspiring young woman who is consistently engaged in supporting the visually impaired, cancer patients, leprosy homes, and facilitating marriages for the underprivileged and weaker sections of society.

This noble cause was actively supported by

Dr. Priya Dutta, Sheetal, and Aruna Patil, along with Diptee, Kavita, Neenu, and Simmi, who contributed physically and financially.

All the volunteers treat this service as an act of worship and believe they are fulfilling the will of the Almighty. They strongly believe that everyone should always think of and work for the needy and the under-

## India's strategic masterstroke: scrapping Indus Water Treaty hailed as game-changer: Rohiin Chandan

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Rohin Chandan has lauded "India's Strategic Masterstroke: Scrapping Indus Water Treaty Hailed as Game-Changer". He emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisive action to cancel the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan, describing it as a monumental step for India's national interest and the welfare of its citizens.

The treaty, signed in 1960, has long governed the sharing of the Indus River system's waters between the two nations. Chandan emphasized that this move will significantly benefit India,

particularly the region of Jammu and Kashmir, while curbing Pakistan's alleged misuse of the agreement.

In a powerful statement, Rohiin Chandan highlighted that the cancellation of the IWT addresses long-standing concerns about Pakistan's exploitation of the treaty to fuel instability. "Pakistan created chaos through this treaty, using water as a tool to support terrorism and incite unrest," Chandan said. "By providing water to areas fostering terrorism, Pakistan undermined peace and security. Prime Minister Modi's bold decision to end this agreement is a 'game-changer' for India's sovereignty and development."

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dan's remarks echo the sentiments of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who, during his Mann Ki Baat address on April 27, 2025, vowed that the perpetrators would face the "harshest punishment" and that justice would be served.

He added that the cancellation of the IWT is expected to empower India to harness the full potential of the Indus River system for irrigation, hydropower, and economic growth, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. This strategic move is poised to bolster agricultural productivity and energy security, driving progress in the region and beyond. Chandan underscored that the decision aligns with the government's

commitment to prioritizing national interests and ensuring equitable resource distribution for its people.

Rohiin Chandan praised the Modi government for its unwavering resolve to protect India's rights and counter external threats. "This is a historic step that corrects a decades-old imbalance," Chandan stated. "The Indus Water Treaty is no longer a shackle on India's progress. Our farmers, industries, and citizens will reap the benefits of this visionary decision."

Chandan highlighted the cancellation marks a significant shift in India's approach to bilateral agreements that compromise its strate-



gic interests. The government has assured stakeholders that it will implement robust measures to optimize water resources while adhering to international norms. This move has sparked widespread support among citizens and leaders, who view it as a testament to India's growing global assertiveness under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, he said.

## Red Ribbon Club GDC Akhnoor, Red Cross Society Jammu organize menstrual hygiene awareness program

### Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Apr 28: In collaboration with

the Red Cross Society Jammu, the Red Ribbon Club of Government Degree College Akhnoor organized a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Lecture.

The session, aimed at educating students on menstrual hygiene and health, was delivered by Dr. Kavita Nijhon, Medical Officer, and Veronica Marwah Field Officer, from the Red Cross Society.

nized by Prof. Gopal Singh, Convener of the Red Ribbon Club, with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Dr.

Pinki Manhas Associate Professor environment Science Prof. Preeti, Dr. Seema, Prof. Pervash Kumar, Prof. Jagmo-

han Singh, Prof. Neha Uttam, and Prof. Pankaj graced the occasion with their presence and support.

## Samba police seizes seven vehicles including six dumpers for illegal mining

### Top News Report

SAMBA, Apr 28: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police on Monday seized seven vehicles including six dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Vijaypur and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.



Police teams headed by SHO Vijaypur, SHO Ghagwal and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized seven vehicles including six dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21K-1717, JK21H-9070, JK21J-0737, JK21J-7583, JK21-8722 & one

dumper without bearing registration No. and one tractor trolley bearing registration No JK21B-3152 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in

the area.

The abovementioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

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### J&K Assembly moves resolution denouncing Pahalgam attack, resolves to foster peace, harmony

supreme sacrifice of pony ride operator Syed Adil Hussain Shah who laid down his life while trying to save the tourists from the terrorist attack. "His courage and selflessness embody the true spirit of Kashmir and shall serve as an enduring inspiration for future generations."

"This House commends the people of Kashmir and Jammu for their extraordinary display of unity, compassion, and resilience in the aftermath of the attack.

"The peaceful demonstrations across towns and villages, and the spontaneous outpouring of moral and material support towards tourists, reaffirm people's steadfast commitment to peace, communal harmony, and the rule of law," the resolution stated.

It also mentioned the Assembly's endorsement of diplomatic measures announced by the Centre following a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security a day after the tragedy.

"This House is mindful of the sinister design behind the selective targeting of the victims of this attack. It appeals to all sections of society, and in particular the media,

to not fall victim to this sinister plot by irresponsibly inflaming passions. The need to remain united in the face of this attempted division cannot be overemphasised."

It appealed to all states and Union territories to ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of Kashmiri students and citizens residing or travelling there, and to take all necessary measures to prevent their harassment, discrimination or intimidation.

"This House calls upon all political parties, religious and community leaders, youth organizations, civil society groups, and media houses across the nation to maintain calm, reject violence and divisive rhetoric, and work collectively to uphold peace, unity, and constitutional values," the resolution stated.

A debate is underway in the House over the resolution before it is passed.

### Two IAS officers from J&K get key postings in Himachal Pradesh

charge of CEO, Shimla Smart City.

His efficient handling of administrative responsibilities has earned him wide recognition, including the prestigious 'Best Electoral Practices Award' from President Droupadi Murmu earlier this year for his exemplary work during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Similarly, Zaffar Iqbal, a 2017-

batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the Managing Director of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank, Dharamshala.

### After Pahalgam terror attack, India bans 16 Pakistani YouTube channels

Samaa TV, Ary News and Geo News.

This comes amid rising tensions with Pakistan in the backdrop of the tragic terror incident on April 22, where 26 people lost their lives near the Baisaran Meadow, a popular tourist destination in Pahalgam of Jammu and Kashmir.

This attack marks one of the deadliest in the region since the 2019 Pulwama attack, which resulted in the deaths of 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans.

### Pakistan has achieved nothing, will achieve nothing from terrorism in J&K: Dy CM

reporters in Jammu, Choudhary said that Pakistan must realise that it has gained nothing from its decades-long interference in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Words fall short to condemn the terror attack in Pahalgam. We equally share the grief of the

families who lost their loved ones. Our guests were killed, and it is a matter of deep sorrow for all of us," he said.

He said that even after more than 35 years of attempts to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan has achieved nothing and will continue to fail in the future.

### Pahalgam attack a blow to Peace and Tourism: MLA Doda

region's tourism industry, pointing out, "Terrorism is demolishing tourism, which is the lifeblood of our economy. It is a crisis that the whole country is enduring, and it's affecting all of us deeply."

The MLA stressed that such attacks tarnish the reputation of the region and leaves a lasting stain on its people. "Pakistani nationals who come to India to spread terrorism leave a blot on our faces, a blot that takes years to wash away," Malik said. He further criticised the lack of effective response, stressing that India needs to do more to counter these threats. "Until we give a befitting reply, we cannot truly end terrorism."

Malik condemned the tactics used by Pakistan, describing them as psychological warfare aimed at dividing the people and destroying peace. "They are playing mind games. They want to destroy the peace, harmony, and unity in India. It is time to send them a strong message," he urged.

He also made an emotional plea

for the end of violence and suffering, saying, "I can't see my people getting beaten up. We must end this misery. This is not about politics; it's a deep feeling of sadness. We must stand united, as a nation, and give them a response."

The MLA also noted the importance of focusing on Kashmir, rather than diverting attention elsewhere. "Visiting Pahalgam in this time of crisis is more important than any other political visit. We need to show solidarity with the people here," he added.

### No ifs or buts, we support Govt, says Karra

what Rahul Gandhi had stated.

He added that wars had always brought devastation to both India and Pakistan and clarified that he had not spoken about dialogue.

He further said that the Congress party fully supports whatever action the Government of India considers appropriate and that they stand united on the issue.

### "Ask the PM what answer should be given to Pakistan": Farooq Abdullah on Pahalgam attack

While Congress MLA Nizamuddin Bhat, commenting on Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra's statement, said

that what the Jammu and Kashmir Congress Chief Had said had a context.

"Karra Sahab's statement does not mean that we are not against terrorism. It has a context. We (Congress) have tried wars, we have tried dialogue, and we have tried every internal cohesive measure to eliminate extremists and terrorism. This is a question of national security. We are with the nation. But there is also a mood that once we have tried everything, let us try it again," Bhat explained.

"That never means that we are tying down the government's hands from taking it up. The union government can take any measure. Congress has already said that against terrorism, they are with the government. Take any measure, but why do you close options? Even in the event of a war, there will still be interventions. This will be followed by a dialogue. We are saying to keep it open," he added.

Meanwhile, J&K Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary moved a resolution to condemn the Pahalgam terror attack and endorsed the diplomatic measures announced by the Union Government after the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security.

The attack in Pahalgam is one of the deadliest attacks in the Valley since the 2019 Pulwama strike, in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed. Following the Pahalgam terror attack, India has taken strong measures against Pakistan for its support of cross-border terrorism.



## Dr Jitendra chairs 'Hindi Salahkar Samiti' meeting, calls it society's shared responsibility

### Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Apr 28: In a strong call for collective responsibility, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh today emphasized that the promotion of Hindi in government work is not just the task of a few departments but a shared responsibility of the society.

Speaking at the "Hindi Salahkar Samiti" meeting organized by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that while notable progress has been made in expanding the use of Hindi, sustained efforts from all stakeholders are essential to achieve the broader vision.

Reflecting on the progress made over the last decade under



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that the government's commitment to promoting Hindi had helped bridge many longstanding gaps.

He pointed out that historically, despite being the mother tongue for many, Hindi did not enjoy the formal acceptance in official communication it deserved. "Earlier, receiving or sending letters in Hindi was rare, and even recipients were hesitant to accept Hindi correspondence. That

mindset has gradually changed," he remarked.

Dr. Jitendra Singh stressed that changing societal attitudes toward Hindi is key to its broader acceptance. He cited examples from South India, where the new generation, regardless of political narratives, is increasingly eager to learn Hindi. "The children of the third generation are embracing Hindi naturally, indicating a positive cultural shift," he said.

Highlighting the international perspective,

the Minister remarked that countries like France and Germany have preserved their languages and did not have to suffer the irony of being part of the Commonwealth framework. Similarly, India's efforts to promote Hindi must be rooted in pride and consistent practice rather than mechanical translation exercises. He emphasized that translation should aim to preserve the spirit and technical essence of communication rather than merely replacing English terms with Hindi

ones.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also touched upon practical challenges faced in promoting Hindi, such as the lack of qualified teachers in certain regions and administrative hurdles.

He suggested a more dynamic engagement, encouraging committee members and stakeholders to go beyond formal meetings and contribute actively through regular communication and practical initiatives.

"Only through genuine, day-to-day commitment can we truly mainstream Hindi in all spheres of governance," he said.

Concluding his address, Dr. Jitendra Singh called for innovative ways to strengthen Hindi usage across institutions and urged all stakeholders to see themselves as active contributors to this movement.

He welcomed suggestions from members, reiterating that their inputs would play a crucial role in shaping future strategies.

## Entrepreneurship talk hosted in MIER College

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: The Alumni Committee of MIER College of Education organized an inspiring Entrepreneurship Talk on with the aim of strengthening alumni engagement and motivating B.Ed. students through real-world insights and experiences shared by accomplished education professionals.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Vikram Gulati, a distinguished alumnus of MIER College of Education and the current Principal of Happy Model Foundation, Udhampur, and Shivalik College of Education, Jammu.

Dr. Gulati was warmly welcomed and introduced by Prof. Adit Gupta, Director, and Principal of MIER College of Education, who applauded Dr. Gulati's distinguished career achievements and significant contributions to the field of education.

During his address, Dr. Gulati shared his inspiring journey from his formative years at MIER to his current role as an educational leader and institution builder.



Drawing from his experiences, he emphasized the importance of perseverance, innovation, hard work, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Focusing on the theme of entrepreneurship, Dr. Gulati encouraged students to think innovatively and consider launching their own ventures within or beyond the education sector.

He outlined the key qualities of a successful entrepreneur—vision, resilience, adaptability, leadership, and ethical decision-making—and offered practical guidance on identifying opportunities, conducting market research, building strong teams, and managing resources effectively.

His motivational address deeply reso-

nated with the students, encouraging them to explore entrepreneurial possibilities and take bold steps toward building a meaningful career.

As a mark of appreciation, Dr. Nishta Rana, Head of the School of Education (SOE), and Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH), presented a memento to the guest speaker.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Arpana Koul, Incharge, Alumni Committee, who extended her gratitude to Dr. Gulati for his valuable insights and to the college leadership, faculty, and students for their enthusiastic participation and support in making the event a grand success.

## JKHCBA Jammu writes to LG, CM, seeks appointment of Advocate General

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: The Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu in a letter addressed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have requested for urgent appointment of Advocate General for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

While projecting the request, K. Nirmal Kotwal, President of the Association expressed the difficulties faced by the advocates in getting the relief from Advocates' Welfare Fund as the Advocate General is

the ex-officio member of the Advocates' Welfare Fund Committee, and due to the non-appointment of the Advocate General, the functioning of the Welfare Fund has been severely affected, due to which many files relating to the welfare claims of the advocates are pending approval, resulting in undue hardship to many advocates and their families.

The office bearers requested the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister to expedite the appointment of Advocate General, ensuring the effective operation of the Welfare Fund and prompt relief to the affected members.

## DC Kishtwar holds public Darbar at Warwan

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 28: As part of the District Administration's public outreach programme, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Sh. Rajesh Kumar Shavan (JKAS), conducted a Public Darbar in the remote Warwan area of Sub-Division Marwah to directly engage with residents and assess

developmental needs. A large number of locals, including prominent citizens, participated in the interaction and brought various issues to the DC's attention. These included concerns related to infrastructure, healthcare, education, road connectivity, communication and others.

The SDM Marwah Dr. Mohd Ashraf (JKAS)

## SMVDU-TBIC holds managing committee meeting to finalize policies, funding guidelines

### Top News Report

KATRA, Apr 28: The Managing Committee of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Technology Business Incubator (SMVDU-TBIC) recently held a meeting to discuss the finalization of its policy document and funding guidelines.

Apart from the internal committee members, Dr. Ashutosh Pastor, Head Incubation, FITT IIT Delhi, and Amit Singh Rathore, CEO of IIF DTU, participated as external members.

The meeting commenced with awelcome address by Dr. Sanjay Mohan, CEO of SMVDU-TBIC, who welcomed the Vice Chancellor and other team members.

During the meeting, several key recommendations were made to enhance the support provided to startups. The committee suggested offering support at the ideation stage and providing the center with more flexibility in managing the incubation



process.

Various aspects of the incubation phases and corresponding funding procedures were also deliberated upon. The committee discussed several funding opportunities for TBIC, including avenues for streamlining startup registration. It was recommended to allow temporary workspace agreements with founders, alumni, and private investors to facilitate early-stage development.

Another significant point of discussion was the potential for SMVDU-TBIC to hold equity in startups.

The committee explored the legalities and governance framework for such a model. The committee

also proposed creating a dedicated policy to protect students from potential exploitation in startup collaborations and establishing a structured process for MVP (Minimum Viable Product) grant disbursement.

Additionally, a formal selection and review process before funding allocation was suggested to ensure alignment with the incubator's strategic goals.

These recommendations are expected to strengthen SMVDU-TBIC's role in fostering innovation and supporting the growth of startups in the region.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Divye Duheta Mahajan, Manager of SMVDU-TBIC.

## 200 patients screened in ortho camp at Karnal

### Top News Report

KARNAL, Apr 28: As many as 200 patients were screened in a free ortho camp organised by Park Hospital, Karnal on Monday.

The patients were offered free ortho and physiotherapy consultations by a team including Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, director orthopedics and robotic joint replacement surgery, Dr. Anil Kapoor Vashisth, and Dr. Amandeep Garg, both consultant ortho.

There was also a 50 % discount on x-ray and other investigations.

Speaking during the occasion Dr. Bhanu Pratap said, "Park Hos-



pital is offering free robotic technology to the patients till May end. This initiative aims to make advanced health-care accessible to every section of society."

Dr. Bhanu further said that nowadays we are doing robotic knee replacement surgery in 12-15 minutes which

is powered by 3D augmented reality and artificial intelligence. There is no requirement of blood transfusion, no sutures, no drains.

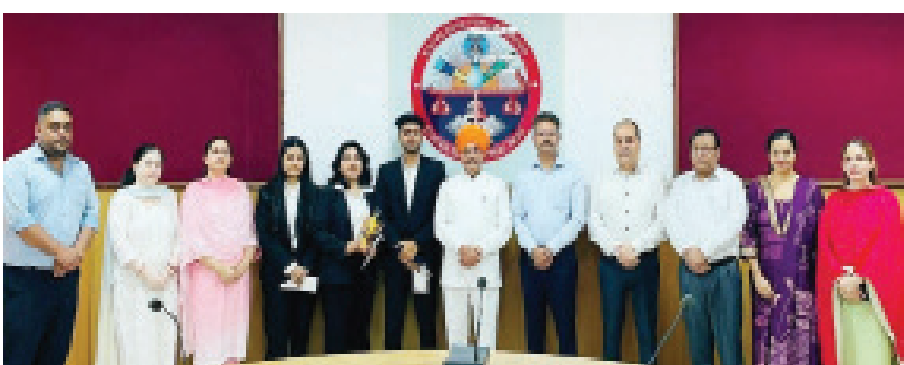
The surgery is being performed from the small cuts of 3.5 to 4 inches and patients can walk 4 hours after the surgery, he informed.

## Dogra Law College shines at National Moot Court Competition

### Top News Report

SAMBA, Apr 28: Dogra Law College, Bari-Brahmana, witnessed a proud moment as the management organized a felicitation ceremony to honour the achievements of Danish Tak, Manya Sehgal and Yogita (Students of BALLB 5-Year 8th Semester), who recently showcased their legal acumen at the National Moot Court Competition held by the School of Law, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, on April 23 and 24, 2025.

The competition, which saw participation from top public and private universi-



ties across the country including Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Panjab University, Lovely Professional University and Chandigarh University etc became a platform where the students of Dogra Law College stood out with their exceptional performance.

Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Educa-

tion Minister and Chairman of Dogra Educational Trust, applauded the students' hard work and perseverance, inspiring them to continue excelling in their future endeavours.

The letter of appreciation was handed to the students by Chairman.

Students, in turn, shared their experiences at the competition,

expressing gratitude towards the college management and faculty members for their continuous encouragement and support.

The atmosphere brimmed with pride when it was announced that Danish Tak had bagged the prestigious "Best Speaker" award, while the team secured an impressive fourth

position among numerous competitive teams from across India.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of distinguished personalities, including Dr. Samardev Singh Charak, Secretary of Dogra Educational Trust; Dr. Bela Thakur, Director, Dogra Group of Colleges; Dr. Dharamveer Sharma, Dean, Dogra Group of Colleges who also commenced the event with a welcome address, Dr. Gitika Sehgal, Coordinator, Dogra Educational Trust; and Dr. Jay Prakash Srivastava, Principal, Dogra Law College, along with faculty members and Students.



briefed DC Kishtwar on various ongoing projects, their current status, and the overall scenario of the subdivision.

Key concerns raised by the public included GHSS staff shortages at GHSS Afti Warwan, inadequate healthcare services, internet connectivity, and the urgent need for a school bus for girls commuting from Mulwarwan to Sukhnai.

Other demands highlighted included enhanced establishment of an IGNOU Sub-Centre, provision of a library, and widening of the Margan Top road.

The DC directed the acceleration of ongoing road and bridge construction projects in the subdivision. He also instructed the concerned authorities to submit Detailed Project

Reports (DPRs) for new roads only after consultation with the Hon'ble MLA. DC directed the R&B Department to initiate the tendering process for the KGBV building and Girls' Hostel after completing the technical section. He also permitted two-way traffic starting today on the National Highway from Kishtwar to Srinagar via Sinthan Top after long winters.

The DC instructed telecom operators, including Jio and BSNL, to establish 5G Fiber Internet connectivity in both Warwan and Marwah within one month. He also directed all departments to ensure 100% saturation of all centrally sponsored government schemes.

A group of girl students also met with the DC

and requested a school bus. In response, he directed the concerned authorities to provide a bus under the District Capex Plan.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to all other grievances as well and assured the public of the District Administration's full support in addressing genuine demands.

On-the-spot directions were issued to concerned officials for the prompt redressal of several other issues, while some were taken up for further necessary action.

SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh, SDM Marwah, Dr. Mohd Ashraf, SDPO Warwan Vijay Bhagat, BDO Warwan along with other senior officers, were present during the visit.



## Delhi Capitals eye improved middle-overs batting show against struggling Kolkata Knight Riders

*DC suffer two defeats in their last four matches, including a loss to Royal Challengers Bengaluru*

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): Delhi Capitals (DC) would aim for an improved batting effort in the middle overs when they face a struggling Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in their 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) match here on Tuesday.

DC have suffered two defeats in their last four matches, including a loss to Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Sunday, and will look to avoid any hiccups at the business end of the tournament.

Abhishek Porel has batted with plenty of aggressive intent at the top of the order but veteran Faf du Plessis will quickly need to get used to the slow nature of surface at Kotla after struggling in his comeback game.

KL Rahul has been DC's leading run-getter this season but could not accelerate against the spinners on Sunday night. He would back himself to take on the likes of Sunil Narine and Varun Chakaravathy.

With quality spinners in their ranks, KKR could pose a stiff challenge for the home. The Ajinkya Rahane led-side is slightly low on confidence after a tough outing against Punjab Kings in a rain-hit match.

A solid innings is expected from Karun Nair to ensure Rahul isn't left to shoulder the burden



alone in the middle-order.

In the bowling department, DC skipper Axar Patel led from the front with two wickets but found little support from others. Star pacer Mitchell Starc, who went wicketless against RCB, will look to exploit the weaknesses in his former team, while Kuldeep Yadav, with his deceptive googlies, remains a threat in the middle overs.

DC's fielding has also left much to be desired against RCB, with Porel dropping a crucial catch of Krunal Pandya on Sunday night.

KKR, meanwhile, have managed just seven points so far and are placed seventh in the standings, having failed to collect any points from their last three matches, including two

losses and a no-result.

Rahane will be desperate to arrest the slide and keep their playoff hopes alive, with another defeat making the task tougher.

Issues have cropped up across departments for KKR.

Their batting lacks a settled look, with Quinton de Kock and Rahmanullah Gurbaz being rotated in the opening slot alongside Narine, while the side has relied heavily on Rahane and youngster Angkrish Raghuvanshi to score runs.

The middle-order trio of Venkatesh Iyer, Andre Russell, Rinku Singh and Ramandeep Singh has struggled to make a significant impact.

Bowling has been another area of concern, with KKR failing to

break opening stands, allowing teams to post big totals — as seen in the last game where PBKS added 120 for the opening wicket.

While KKR managed to pull things back at the death, it will require a collective effort from Chakaravathy, Vaibhav Arora, and Harshit Rana to stem the flow of runs against DC.

Teams (From):

Delhi Capitals: Axar Patel ©, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Abishek Porel, Karun Nair, KL Rahul (wk), Tristan Stubbs, Ashutosh Sharma, Vipraj Nigam, Mitchell Starc, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohit Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, Sameer Rizvi, Darshan Nalkande, Donovan Ferreira, Tripurana Vijay, Dushmantha Chameera, Faf du Plessis, T Natarajan, Ajay Jadav Mandal, Manvanth Kumar L, Madhav Tiwari.

Kolkata Knight Riders: Ajinkya Rahane ©, Rinku Singh, Quinton de Kock (wk), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Rovman Powell, Manish Pandey, Luvnith Sisodia, Venkatesh Iyer, Anukul Roy, Moeen Ali, Ramandeep Singh, Andre Russell, Anrich Nortje, Vaibhav Arora, Mayank Markande, Spencer Johnson, Harshit Rana, Sunil Narine, Varun Chakaravathy, Chetan Sakariya. Match starts at 7.30 pm.

## “Our son is not a topic for your entertainment”: Sanjana Ganesan slams trolls for mocking Angad Bumrah



NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah wife and renowned sports broadcaster, Sanjana Ganesan has launched a scathing tirade after her son Angad was trolled by a section of people on social media for his facial expression during Mumbai Indians' gripping clash against Lucknow Super Giants on Sunday in the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League.

A clip went viral on social media, where Angad didn't give any expression after

Bumrah completed a four-wicket haul as fans cheered animatedly at the Wankhede Stadium. Sanjana took to Instagram on Monday to shut down the trolls and wrote, “Our son is NOT a topic for your entertainment.”

“Jasprit and I do everything in our power to keep Angad away from social media because the Internet is a despicable, vile place to be and I completely understand the implications of bringing a child to a cricket stadium filled with cameras, but please understand that Angad and I

were there to support Jasprit and nothing else,” she added.

She urged people not to make assumptions about their one-and-a-half-year-old son from a three-second footage. She also slammed the users for associating Angad with words related to mental issues, such as “depression”.

“We have no interest in our son being viral Internet content or national news, with unnecessarily opinionated keyboard warriors deciding who Angad is, what his problem is, what his personality is, from 3 seconds of footage. He is one and a half years old,” she said.

“Throwing around words like trauma and depression in reference to a baby says so much about who we're becoming as a community and it's honestly really sad. You know NOTHING about our son, nothing about our lives and I request you to keep your opinions online true to that. A little honesty and a little kindness goes a long way in today's world,” she concluded.

## When you got Virat at crease...,: RCB director of cricket hails Kohli's “great composure, skill”

NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (Agencies): Royal Challengers Bengaluru's director of cricket, Mo Bobat, was impressed with franchise stalwart Virat Kohli's great “composure and skill,” especially when the situation became tricky during their successful pursuit of Delhi Capitals' target at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Bengaluru muscled its way to the top of the table with a commanding six-wicket triumph over the Capitals. RCB was tasked to gun down a 163-run target, which they did, courtesy of ‘Chase Master’ Virat and Krunal Pandya's entertaining 73\* from 47 deliveries.

At one point, it appeared DC would trounce RCB in a low-scoring affair, considering the high-scoring standard of the Arun Jaitley Stadium. In the powerplay, the hosts roared back with aplomb and cleaned up RCB's top-order to leave them dwindling at 26/3.

“We went in a little bit cautious about it. We lost a few soft wickets to begin with, and that



made the chase more difficult than it needed to be,” Bobat told reporters in the post-match press conference.

However, Bengaluru turned the game around with Virat and Krunal's match-defining 119-run partnership. With Virat being the anchor, Krunal had the freedom to express himself without the fear of failure.

“But when you got Virat at the crease you always know you got a chance of getting home with the chase. He showed great composure and skill. Krunal did a great job going in and build a partnership with Virat. It was good to see him go through the gears and get us closer

to the score,” Bobat added.

Virat took RCB close to victory but couldn't stay till the end to see it through. On the penultimate delivery of the 18th over, Virat tried to dispatch the ball with an inside-out shot but couldn't clear the boundary rope.

Dushmantha Chameera's length delivery, well outside off, did the trick, with Mitchell Starc calmly completing the catch to end Virat's stay on 51(47). Tim David arrived at the crease and unleashed a relentless onslaught with a barrage of boundaries to help RCB steamroll past Delhi with a six-wicket victory.

## Mumbai Indians crush Lucknow Super Giants by 54 runs for 5th straight win

MUMBAI, Apr 28 (Agencies): In-form Mumbai Indians extended their winning run with a 54-run hammering of Lucknow Super Giants, recording their fifth consecutive victory in the Indian Premier League (IPL) here.

The hosts smashed LSG in a one-sided clash in which Suryakumar Yadav grabbed lead as tournament's leading run-scorer, with his 28-ball 54.

Suryakumar continued to plunder runs to become the leading run-scorer in this IPL, crossing the 400-run mark with his third fifty. The India T20 skipper also completed his 4,000 runs in the tournament.

Ryan Rickelton also sizzled with a 32-ball 58 that helped MI post a stiff 215 for seven being invited to take first strike.

With a handsome total to defend, Mumbai Indians juggled their bowlers cleverly as the visitors struggled to find response to the challenges thrown by the home bowlers.

With his wickets column not reflecting how well he has bowled since his comeback, pacer Jasprit Bumrah finally reaped the rewards to return with impressive figure of 4-0-22-4. He broke the back of LSG's chase



with three wickets in the 16th over.

In the process, Bumrah also went past Lasith Malinga (170) to become MI's leading wicket-taker in IPL history.

LSG's chase was also marred by another poor outing for their captain Rishabh Pant (4). They were shot out for 161 on a perfect batting surface at the Wankhede Stadium.

Bumrah, usually reserved for later stages, was brought on early into the attack against a top-heavy LSG batting line-up and he produced immediate breakthrough in the third over.

Bumrah nailed Aiden Markram (9) with precision as he angled three deliveries straight into the right-hander, who hit the next one straight to Naman Dhir trying to fend off the pressure.

Pooran went after Deepak Chahar in the

sixth over, slicing sixes off two wide full tosses and putting one into the stands over midwicket but his charge didn't last against MI's dependable right-arm spin option in Will Jacks (2-0-18-2).

In the seventh over, Suryakumar, placed at long off just before the first delivery from Jacks, ran to his left and took a sharp diving catch to get rid of the dangerous Pooran.

Jacks then had the out-of-form Pant caught at short third man off a meek reverse sweep, with LSG sliding to 60 for three.

Mitchell Marsh, who had begun well with a couple of gigantic sixes in the powerplay, lasted more than halfway through the chase for LSG but could not contribute beyond a 24-ball 34 (3x4s, 2x6s).

The wickets fell regularly around him at the

top, forcing the Australian to change gears and be more conservative, in which he eventually failed.

His resistance ended in the 12th over when Trent Boult (3/20) dropped one short and Marsh pulled it hard but failed to get the distance, caught by Tilak Varma at deep square leg.

Boult was once again impactful as he accounted for Marsh, Ayush Badoni (35) and Digvesh Rathi (1) in the final ball of the match. Earlier in the first half, Suryakumar's belligerent 54 and Rickelton's 58 fired Mumbai Indians to a good total.

Suryakumar's 28-ball knock, laced with four sixes and as many fours, kept MI on track for a total in excess of 200 even as Tilak Varma (6) and Hardik Pandya (5) fell in quick succession.

The standout stroke during his innings was when Suryakumar went down on his knee to lift Prince Yadav (1/44) over fine leg for a six on a waist-high ball.

LSG's decision to bowl first, anticipating a spin-friendly track under the sun backfired to some extent on a batting-friendly pitch here, with none of their bowlers able to control stroke-

play. MI's scoring rate hovered around 10 runs an over even as it felt they were going through a slowdown in the second half.

Rickelton's assault in the powerplay fuelled Mumbai's charge even as they lost the in-form Rohit Sharma early on.

Coming into the match after scoring back-to-back fifties, Rohit (12) welcomed India speedster Mayank Yadav (2/40) with two consecutive sixes. But the India captain was undone by a slower delivery. Mayank pulled Rohit outside off on a 120kmph delivery in the third over, which the batter cut straight into the hands of Prince at third man.

But the early blow had no impact whatsoever as Rickelton stroked his way for an impressive second IPL fifty off 25 balls.

The left-handed South African wicketkeeper-batter hit his strides early in the game, hitting powerfully down the wicket and putting away anything in his range into the stands.

Rickelton forged a second-wicket partnership of 55 runs with Will Jacks (29), setting the foundation for the middle order.

## Team performance is key; momentum can change in one match: Prasidh Krishna on Gujarat Titans' focus for IPL play-offs

JAIPUR, Apr 28 (Agencies): Speaking at the JioHotstar Press Room for the Race to Play-offs, Gujarat Titans' (GT) bowler and current Purple Cap holder Prasidh Krishna discussed his personal focus areas and the team's strategy as they aim to secure a spot in the TATA IPL 2025 play-offs.

Krishna talked about

his struggles in the early season, guidance from Ashish Nehra for helping him stay focussed.

“Wickets are just part of the game. Bowling well is important. In the first match, our plans were right, but we missed execution slightly. We focused on getting back to basics, working on our skills, and returning to execute

them better.”

The GT seamer reflected on how he was clear on what he needed to improve and how Nehra guided him through it.

“One key thing I've learned from him is reading the conditions and making smart decisions at the top of your run-up. That builds confidence, and when you're confident, you



just want to play more games and contribute to your team's success.”

He highlighted that enjoying the game and taking responsibility are the only ways how the team can secure the top position.

He revealed that making smart decisions and on the ground and working harder has been the team motto

throughout the season.

“Performing in every game as a team is crucial, and that's exactly what we're focusing on. No matter how many wins you have, momentum can shift with one match. We're staying humble, working hard, and preparing thoroughly for every game.”

He also praised bowlers in the 2025 season

of the Indian Premier League (IPL) - the hard work they have put in and how it has helped them gain an upper hand by limiting the totals.

“We're halfway through, and anything can happen in the second half. Credit goes to everyone for ensuring bowlers are making an impact.”



# KPs appeal for security to minorities in Valley

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: In view of Pahalgam ghastly terror attack in which more than 26 precious innocent lives were killed and many injured which has created great uncertainty and fear psychosis among the minorities living in Kashmir including PM Package and reserved category employees and minorities working in central Government offices and Kashmiri Pandits/

Sikhs who did not leave the Valley during the peak terrorism period of 1990 and preferred to live there till date.

In a statement issued today prominent senior social activist and KP leader Vinod Pandita has said that keeping in view the present security scenario and Pahalgam Massacre, there is a great concern among the community for pool proof safety and security of PM package and reserved category employees

as well other minority employees working in central and other UT departments and no migrants Pandits of Valley for which Pandita has strongly appealed for ensuring pool proof security for all of them forthwith.

He further appealed to Lt. Governor J& K to direct the concerned departments to allow minority employees to work from home till a sense of security and normalcy returns as the community cannot bear any more loss at the hands of enemies of humanity.

He further appealed to Government to provide Government accommodation to all PM package employees as well ensure pool proof security to those non migrants who are still living in villages in the valley in view of Pahalgam carnage and increase in terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan sponsored Terrorists.

# J&K Congress chief Karra echoes Rahul Gandhi's stand on Pahalgam carnage, calls for unity

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: In a powerful statement on X, Jammu and Kashmir Congress President Tariq Hameed Karra amplified the stance of Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi regarding the recent Pahalgam terror attack, emphasizing national unity and unwavering support for the Government of India in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty. The tweet, posted in response to the tragic attack on April 22, 2025, which claimed 26 lives, mostly tourists, underscores the Congress party's commitment to prioritizing India's integrity during this critical juncture.

Quoting Rahul Gandhi, Karra tweeted:

"The Indian National Congress stands united with the Government of India at this critical juncture. In matters concerning National interest and sovereignty, we extend our full support to all necessary and appropriate actions. The defence of India's integrity must remain paramount."

The statement reflects a call for collective action and solidarity in the face of the brutal attack in Pahalgam's Baisaran meadow, described as one of the deadliest civilian attacks in the Kashmir Valley in recent years.

Karra's post reinforces the Congress party's

position, as articulated by Rahul Gandhi, to avoid politicizing the tragedy while standing firmly with the government to ensure justice and security.

The J&K Congress chief has previously condemned the attack in the strongest terms, calling it an "attack on humanity" and urging both India and Pakistan to maintain calm and resolve issues diplomatically.

At an all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on April 24, Karra reiterated the need for unity, stating, "This is a moment of grief, not of politics. The country needs unity, not division."

The J&K Congress, under Karra's leadership,



has proposed an all-party delegation to visit the families of the victims and suggested erecting a memorial in Pahalgam to honor the deceased.

Karra also called for the posthumous recognition of Shaheed Syed Adil Hussain, who heroically attempted to save tourists during the

attack, with the highest bravery award.

As the nation grapples with the aftermath of the Pahalgam carnage, Karra's reiteration of Rahul Gandhi's message serves as a clarion call for unity, resilience, and a robust response to protect India's sovereignty and ensure justice for the victims.

# College of Nursing, AIIMS Jammu empowers B.Sc (Hons) Nursing students through 70-Lecture Series on Personality & Communication Skills



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: In a major step towards the holistic development of students, the College of Nursing, AIIMS Jammu organized a 70-lecture series focused on Per-

sonality Development, Language Proficiency (English and Hindi) and Communication Skills.

The series was aimed at equipping nursing students with essential soft skills, recognizing their importance in today's

dynamic healthcare environment.

The sessions were conducted by Rajesh Rathore, Principal of JK Public School Jammu, a seasoned educationist known for his engaging and insightful approach.

Through interactive discussions and real-life examples, Rathore encouraged students to unlock their potential, strengthen their confidence and develop effective communication strategies that go beyond academics.

Along with their core studies in subjects like Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Nursing Foundation, the students were trained in key areas like leadership,

empathy, teamwork and emotional intelligence, all crucial for becoming well-rounded healthcare professionals.

The concluding session, held on April 26, 2025, saw enthusiastic participation from students through role-plays, extempore and discussions that reflected their learning journey during the series.

The event was graced by Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu.

In his inspiring address, Dr. Gupta emphasized the importance of thinking innovatively and pursuing research activities right from the undergraduate level. He encouraged students to

actively participate in community outreach programmes, highlighting that true healthcare goes beyond hospital walls and into the heart of communities.

Dr. Gupta also spoke about the need for balancing technical expertise with strong interpersonal and communication skills, stressing that qualities like empathy, leadership and emotional intelligence are as critical as medical knowledge for delivering holistic and compassionate patient care.

He motivated the students to stay committed to continuous learning, innovation and service to society, shaping themselves into future leaders of healthcare.

# Sculptor Ganesh Sharma honoured with "Simon Bolivar, Hispanamrican International Award by IFWPA

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: Ganesh Kumar Sharma, eminent senior contemporary Internationally acclaimed Sculptor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, has been conferred with prestigious "Simon Bolivar, Hispanamrican International Award by United of World Peace International Federation of Writers, Poets and Artists for world peace.

The prestigious International Award is instituted by Bolivarian, Republic of Venezuela and the altruistic International Federation of writers, poets and artists for World Peace, to honor the permanence, loyalty, perseverance work and efforts in the expressions of Fine Arts, of the cultivators, writers and artists, who form part of this great global cultural platform.

Ganesh Kumar Sharma honoured with this prestigious International Award as outstanding figure in favour of peace and culture through his creativity with message of love, peace, happiness and culture.

The altruistic International Federation for World Peace is a respectable cultural institution at a global level. Dr Ph D Eduardo Ramon Delduea World Ambassador of this universal Feather of peace, Director International Acad-



emy and President of the Academy congratulated and wishes more success in future endeavors.

It is mentioned here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma is working in the field of art and culture from more than forty five years and recipient of so many International, National and State Awards. He is recognized in World book records. He is the only working Sculptor of Jammu and Kashmir UT has been selected for this prestigious great international award by the International Jury Members appointed by the management.

# Ensure safety of KPs, teach Pakistan a lesson for its insolence : Shiv Sena Action to stop Indus water should be taken on war footing: Sahni

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: The people of the entire country, including Jammu and Kashmir, want to see Pakistan severely punished for its misdeeds and want it to crave for every drop of water, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena UBT Jammu and Kashmir unit.

While briefing the media at the Jammu Party State Central Office today, state chief Manish Sahni has demanded that in the special session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, the ruling and opposition parties should pass a resolution to teach Pakistan a tough lesson for its insolence, as well as ensure safety of Kashmiri Pandits.

Sahni said that according to the information received from intel-



ligence agencies, terrorist organizations are planning to target Kashmiri Pandits with nefarious intentions.

After which there is an atmosphere of panic among Kashmiri Pandits.

Once again Kashmiri Pandits have turned towards Jammu.

Sahni has demanded the morale support and ensure the security of Kashmiri Pandits and

pass a resolution with unity to teach Pakistan such a strong lesson that its future generations too do not dare to commit any insolence against India.

Along with this, Sahni appealed the center Govt to suspend the Indus Water Treatment at the ground level, demanding to explore other options including building dams on war footing.

# Hands on Training on, "JK Tenders e-portal" conducted by NIC at SMVDU



## Top News Report

KATRA, Apr 28: National Informatics Centre (NIC), Jammu and Kashmir, conducted a Hands-on Training on the topic, "JK Tenders e-Portal" at SMVDU for all Heads of all Schools along with their dealing assistants, all PIs [having budget allocations], Heads of all Sections/common facilities, all DRs, ARs & SOs, AAO, ASO, and administrative staff of Engineering wing.

The aim was to provide practical training

to the Faculty and Staff members on the various aspects associated with the use of JK Tenders e-Portal.

Neeraj Gupta, JKAS, Finance Officer inaugurated the workshop.

During the inaugural ceremony, Neeraj Gupta, Finance Officer, SMVDU underlined the fact how that as per GFR norms all procurements have to be made either through GeM or through other Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) like JK Tenders e-portal.

Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar SMVDU also

graced the valedictory ceremony and accentuated the importance of following GFR 2017 norms and using JK Tenders e-portal for procurements.

The resource person Deepak Bajaj, Senior Software Developer from NIC, gave an in-depth hands-on training session with practical examples to make the Training more participative.

He also cleared various doubts of the participants. The Workshop was coordinated by Stores and Purchase wing of the University.

# Street Play on 'Drug Abuse and Alcohol Addiction' organised

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 28: Powerful Street Play on Drug Abuse and Alcohol Addiction Organised by initiative of Navdeepthi Counselling Centre in collaboration with by Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar

In a major step towards combating the menace of drug addiction and alcoholism, a compelling Nukkad Natak (Street Play) was organized today at New Plot area, Jammu, under the initiative of Navdeepthi Counselling Centre in Collaboration with the Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar.

The performance, presented by the renowned Prena Kala Manch team from Varanasi, drew a large and enthusiastic gathering from the local community.

Prominent social activist Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, addressed the public meeting held alongside the anti-drug drive. In his fiery speech, Dimple strongly appealed to the Gov-



ernment of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to take stringent measures against the growing drug menace.

He demanded an immediate ban on the sale of liquor across Jammu and Kashmir and the country, and called for capital punishment or life imprisonment for drug peddlers and urge the government pass a bill against the ban of drugs and alcohol as they created the nexus of gangsters destroying the future of youth. Fr.Ronney

(Director) emphasized the importance of living a drug-free lifestyle and shared insights on preventing substance abuse. Mr. Ashu Peter Mattoo, President of the All J&K Christian Sabha, lauded the efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in their ongoing campaign against drug peddling. He also urged the local community to extend full cooperation to the police in order to collectively combat and eradicate the growing menace of drug abuse from society Fr.Peter Paul (Parish Priest Our Lady of Rosary Catholic church New Plot)

applause the initiative of team of Kala Manch that they came all around from Varanasi to spread awareness among the people against drugs and alcohol abuses.

The street play left a profound impact, delivering a strong social message that sensitized the public to the devastating consequences of substance abuse. Through powerful performances and relatable storytelling, the artists successfully conveyed the importance of leading a drug-free, healthy life, especially among the youth.

The event witnessed

the gracious presence of several distinguished dignitaries, including Fr. Peter Paul (Parish Priest, Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Church, New Plot), Fr. Ronney (Director), Ashu Peter Mattoo (President, All J&K Christian Sabha), Suresh Kumar, Anil Mattoo, Ch. Mohan Lal, Cernelious Gill, along with other esteemed community leaders.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries applauded the initiative and underscored the urgent need for sustained community-driven efforts to eradicate substance abuse.

They commended the Navdeep Counselling Centre and Prena Kala Manch for their creative and impactful role in driving social change through art and awareness.

The Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to building a healthier, drug-free society and pledged to continue organizing similar awareness programs across the region.