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Passenger cab collides with army truck in Poonch, three injured

POONCH, May 26 (Agencies): At least three sustained injuries after a passenger cab collided with an army truck in the Kalai area of Poonch district on Monday.

Official sources said that the accident occurred near Kalai when the passenger vehicle rammed into a moving Army vehicle. Several persons were injured.

The injured persons were shifted to nearby Hospital for immediate medical attention, they added.

They said that the injured individuals are under treatment and their condition is being assessed. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and launched further investigation into the incident.

Toddler found dead after going missing in Shopian

SHOPIAN, May 26 (Agencies): In a tragic incident, a 2-year-old girl who was reported missing early Monday morning in south Kashmir's Shopian district was later found dead near Nallah.

Sources said that the girl, a resident of Kumdallan village in Shopian, had gone missing from her home in the morning.

Following a frantic search by locals and police, her lifeless body was recovered near a nearby Nallah.

Authorities have taken the body for medico-legal formalities, and further investigation into the circumstances of her death is underway.

Man dies after scooty crashes into army vehicle in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): A man died in a road accident after his scooty collided with an Army vehicle in north Kashmir's Baramulla on Monday.

Officials said that the incident occurred at the Azadgunj bridge, where the scooter collided with an Army vehicle.

The rider died on the spot. "He has been identified as Abdul Gani Rather, son of Abdul

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Lieutenant Governor flags-off 'Physics Bharat Yatra' from Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, May 26 : Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today flagged off the 'Physics Bharat Yatra' from Udhampur.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor lauded the excellent initiative being spearheaded by Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT) and the National Anveshika Network of India (NANI) under the leadership of eminent physicist Padma Shri Dr HC Verma to foster experimental science learning and igniting curiosity, creativity and scientific temper among students.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the Physics Bharat Yatra covering every district of India, will unify diverse regions under a shared mission to revive the joy of learning science.

He extended his felicitations and best wishes to everyone associated with the visionary and transformative journey aimed at connecting a network of schools, educators and learners through immersive interactions.

"When science is deeply woven into the fabric of society, it not only fosters innovation but it can also significantly shape the direction of a nation by

improving the quality of living for the entire society," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that, in the past one decade under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the thinking of India towards Aatmnirbharata has changed.

"Our scientists know that India cannot depend on others to defend her. We have developed our own indigenous capabilities and our successful attack is a symbol of resurgent India," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant

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BJP MP Nishikant Dubey alleges Nehru, Indira planned to give Kashmir territories to Pakistan in 1960s

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): BJP leader Nishikant Dubey on Monday shared a declassified 1963 telegram from the U.S. State Department, alleging that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, were responsible for decisions that led to territorial concessions to



Pakistan. In his X post, he wrote, "Iron Lady Indira Ji and

her father Nehru Ji. After the illegal occupation of Kashmir by Pakistan in 1948, again under the pressure of mediation by America and Britain, continuous meetings were held between 1962 and 1964 between the Minister of the Indian government, Swaran Singh, and Zulfikar Ali

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National Conference urges EC to hold Rajya Sabha Polls in J&K

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): The National Conference on Monday appealed to the Election Commission of India to hold elections for the Rajya Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir, while pointing out that more than six months have passed since the

Assembly polls. Fine dining reservations The Jammu and Kashmir ruling party also pointed out that while the poll panel has announced bypolls to assembly seats in four states, it left out the Budgam and Nagrota assembly segments.

"Jammu and Kashmir has a right to representation in the Rajya Sabha. I appeal the Election Commission to hold elections as soon as possible as there is no representation of Jammu and Kashmir in the Rajya Sabha."

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Poha, girlfriends and prison breaks: Jaipur jail scandal leaves officials red-faced; 13 arrested

JAIPUR, May 26 (Agencies): What was supposed to be a routine hospital visit for five inmates from the Jaipur Central Jail turned into an impromptu city tour with poha breakfasts, hotel stays, and reunions with wives and girlfriends.

A total of 13 people, including five constables, four inmates and four relatives, were arrested on Sunday after it came to the fore that the inmates had allegedly paid bribes to enjoy a few hours of freedom outside the jail, the police said on Monday.

The four inmates, Rafiq Bakri, Bhanwar Lal, Ankit Bansal, and Karan Gupta, had allegedly

secured approvals for medical checkups at the SMS Hospital.

But instead of heading to their appointments, they allegedly bribed their way for a leisurely day out in the city, and only one prisoner made it to the hospital, the police said.

None of the four returned to the jail by

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Covid-19 cases cross 1,000 mark: 430 active cases in Kerala, 104 in Delhi

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): Covid-19 cases are witnessing a rapid surge across the country, with over 1,000 infections reported so far, including 752 new cases recently confirmed. Kerala currently tops the chart with the highest number of active cases.

According to government data, Kerala has 430 active Covid-19 cases. Other states with notable case counts include Maharashtra (209), Delhi (104), Gujarat (83), Karnataka (47), Uttar Pradesh (15), and West Bengal (12). Delhi alone has recorded 99 new cases in the past week, reigniting public concerns about a fresh outbreak.

Several states and union territories, including the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir, have

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CRPF Personnel held in Delhi for Leaking Info to Pakistan: NIA

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a CRPF personnel for allegedly sharing sensitive information with Pakistan intelligence officers, officials said on Monday.

The accused, Moti Ram Jat, was actively involved in espionage activity and had been sharing classified information related to national security with the Pakistani intelligence officers (PIOs) since 2023, they said.

The agency has found that he was receiving funds from the PIOs through various conduits, officials said.

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Forest guard's body recovered after 4 days in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, May 26 (Agencies): The body of a forest guard, who had gone missing four days ago, was recovered in the Gundroshan area of Ganderbal on Monday, officials said.

An official said that Shameem Ahmad Mir (44), a forest guard, had drowned in the river

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ED seizes Rs 1.70-Cr cash, Documents in raids against Jaypee Infratech Ltd, Others

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate has said it seized cash of Rs 1.70 crore and documents related to immovable assets during searches conducted against Jaypee Infratech Ltd (JIL), Jayprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) and other entities in an alleged homebuyers' fraud case linked money laundering investigation.

The raids were carried out at 15 premises in Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad and Mumbai on May 23 under the Prevention of

Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

"The search covered offices and premises of JAL, its related entities and its promoters directors.

"Searches were also conducted at the offices and premises related to key business associates of JAL, including Gaursons India Pvt Ltd, Gulshan Homz Pvt Ltd, and Mahagun Real Estate Pvt Ltd., the central probe agency said in a statement issued on Sunday.

The money laundering case stems from FIRs

registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police and Uttar Pradesh Police against companies like JAL, JIL, and their promoters, directors.

The FIRs allege large-scale fraud and criminal conspiracy, including dishonest inducement of homebuyers and investors to invest funds under the pretext of allotment of residential apartments and plots in projects such as Jaypee Wishtown (JIL) and Jaypee Greens (JAL).

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10TH DAY KRIYA

It is very painful & sorrowful to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Rekha Raina**, wife of Sh Ravi ji Raina, who left heavenly abode on 22/05/2025, originally resident of Mattan (Nagbal) Anantnag and at Present house no.132/B Uttam Nagar Kunjwani Bye Pass Jammu

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education, on 31st May, 2025 Saturday and the **Assembly** will be held at 9:00 am -Muthi Ghat.

Grief Stricken :-

Sh Ravi Ji Raina - **Husband**
Mr. Akshay Raina - **Son**
Mr. Ritik Raina - **Son**
Mrs. Sheetu Raina - **Daughter**
Mr. Amit Raina - **Son**
Smt Santosh & Sh Brij Lal Raina (**Jethani & Jeth**)
Lt. Babli Raina & Sh Chaman Lal Raina (**Jethani & Jeth**)
Smt Pinky Raina & Sh Jagmohan Raina (**Jethani & Jeth**)
Smt Daizy Raina & Sh Kamal Raina (**Devrani & Devar**)
Lt. Smt Shama Talashi & Lt. Sh Moti Lal Talashi (**Nanand & Nandoi**)
Smt Reeta Raina & Sh Avtar Krishan Raina (**Nanand & Nandoi**)
Smt Jeeta Koul & Sh Bushan Lal Koul (**Nanand & Nandoi**)
Rainas & Kouls
Mob:- 7889787354, 9419121024, 7780876100, 9149642134

**Smt Rekha Raina****CHOUBARSI**

"Though a period of Four years has unbelievably passed since you departed for heavenly abode, yet the everlasting memories & fragrance of your blessings are always alive with us as a guiding factor as ever."

Choubarsi of our beloved **Dr Hukam Chand Gupta** will be performed on Tuesday, 27th May, 2025, 12.00 Noon at H.No. 54, Phase-II, Housing Colony, Udhampur followed by Preeti Bhoj (Lunch).

IN REVERENCE & REMEMBRANCE**Sons & Daughters-in-law**

Mrs. Usha Gupta W/o Late Mr. Bansil Lal Gupta
Mr. Vinod Kumar Gupta & Mrs. Rajni Gupta
Mr. Anil Gupta & Mrs. Poonam Gupta

Daughter & Son-in-law

Mrs. Suman Gupta & Mr. Romesh Chander Gupta

Grand Children :

Vikas Kudyar & Taniya Dewan
Manik Kudyar & Riya Kudyar
Ankush Gupta & Ridhima Gupta
Tanvi Kudyar & Sehil Gupta
Mehak Kudyar & Abhishek Mahajan
Aru Gupta & Manish Sawhney
Palak Kudyar & Daljeet Singh
Monika Kudyar

Great Grand Children : Akay, Mrigasya, Parin, Adhya, Nirvair, Varya & Advait
Mob.: 9622987677, 7051354497, 9419338883, 7051893920

**Late Dr Hukam Chand Gupta****TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Sh. Omkar Nath Raina** S/o Lt. Sh. Roop Nath Raina R/o Thajiwara, Achabal, Dist. Anantnag, Kashmir at present H.No. 19, Sec. 4, A/B, Pamposh Colony, Main Stop, Janipur, Jammu on 19-05-2025. **Tenth Day Rituals** will be performed at Muthi Ghat, next to Directorate of School Education, Jammu on 28th May, 2025 at 8:00 AM

Grief Stricken:

Smt. Sarita Raina - **Wife**
Brother's and Bhabhi's
Sh. Chaman Lal Raina and Veena Raina
Sh. Veer Raina and Kiran Raina
Sh. Vijay Raina and Anita Raina
Daughter's and Son in law's
Mrs. Witty Raina - **Daughter**
Mrs. Sippy Raina and Armit Bhat
Mrs. Samita Raina and Sonu Bhat
Mrs. Kitiy Raina and Karan Pandita
Ms. Madhu Raina - **Daughter**
Mr. Deepak Raina Ms. Shivani Raina, Mr. Ricky Raina, Ms. Sapna Raina, Mr. Vansh Raina
Grand Children
All Raina's, Bhat's, Koul's and Pandita's
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**Sh. Omkar Nath Raina****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Jai Kishori Raina** W/o Late Sh. Gopi Nath Raina originally from Chattabal Srinagar P/A H.No. 90, Lower Laxmi Nagar Sarwal Jammu. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 26th May, 2025 (Monday) at Muthi Ghat (8 AM).

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Lalita Shouri Raina
Daughter-in-law & Sons
Smt. Veena Ji & Saroj Kumar Raina
Smt. Ushaji Raina - **Daughter-in-law**
Smt. Kanta & Lalit Khazanchi

Grand Children:

Smt. Sheeba Tickoo & Samir Tickoo
Smt. Nidhi Raina & Aditya Raina
Smt. Vaishali & Aditya Kachroo
Smt. Diksha & Shailan Mattoo
Smt. Mimica & Rahul Khazanchi

Grief Stricken:-

Samast Chattabali, Dhar, Parimoo, Saraf Parivar
M.No: 9419184840, 9622155869

**SMT. JAI KISHORI RAINA****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Meena Wati** W/o Late Sh. Prem Nath Bhat of Sogam Korumag at present residing at Flat No 17, Lane No 15, Block 76 Jagti Colony Jammu. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 26th May 2025 (Monday) at Muthi Ghat near D.S.E Jammu at 8.30 a.m

GRIEF STRICKEN**(SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)**

Sh. Omkar Nath Bhat and Smt. Sarita Ji

Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat and Smt. Ji

(Son in Law and Daughters)

Smt. Vijaya Devi

Sh. M. K. Sharma and Smt. Seema Ji

Sh. Hemodhan Sher and Smt. Kati Ji

Sh. Anil Muska and Smt. Anita Ji

(Grand Sons and Grand Daughters)

Shirley Bhat, Shyam Bhat, Suraj Muska, Rahul Sher, Anurag Muska, Renuka Bhat, Tamana Bhat, Shriya Bhat, Arti Muska, Karpna Sharma, Deepika Muska, Hareekshi Sharma

Contact Numbers: 7004590743, 9796545666

**SMT. MEENA WATI****OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that **Sh. Bhushan Lal Pandita (Advocate)** S/o Lt. Shreedhar Joo Pandita originally R/o Ganesh Mohalla, Handwara (Kashmir) and currently residing at H.No 162, Sec-3, Vivek Vihar, Paloura, Jammu achieved nirvana on 23rd May 2025. The 10th Day will be performed on 1st June, 2025.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Shanti Pandita - **Wife**

Brother & Sister in Law

Sh. Roshan Lal Pandita (Adv.) & Lt. Smt. Basanti Pandita

Sister & Brother in Law

Smt. Santosh Pandita & Sh. Ashok Kumar

Sons & Daughter in law

Sh. Upinder Pandita & Smt. Sunaina

Sh. Rohit Pandita & Smt. Shiveni

Daughters & Son in Law

Smt. Upasana & Sh. Subash Koul

Smt. Aika & Sh. Vinod Pandita

Smt. Urmila & Sh. Sandeep Bhan

Smt. Reema & Sh. Sumeer Raina

Grand Children

Suraj, Ojas, Akash, Khushi, Dhani, Aaira, Advait, Yaduvir

Contact : 9149570076, 600644515

**Bhushan Lal Pandita (Adv.) Handwara****10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Virender Kak (Nitu Ji)**, who left for the heavenly abode on 22nd May 2025. The **10TH DAY KRIYA** for the departed soul will be performed on 31st May 2025 (Saturday).

Pooja Timing: 7 to 10 am.

Venue for the Pooja: Shree Gaurishankar Mandir Opp. Pillar No 54 near DHBVN office New Palam Vihar Gurgaon.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Kaks, Bhardwajs, Bhans, and Dhars

Contacts: 8851956768, 9015369972

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Daughters & Son in Law

Smt. Upasana & Sh. Subash Koul

Smt. Aika & Sh. Vinod Pandita

Smt. Urmila & Sh. Sandeep Bhan

Smt. Reema & Sh. Sumeer Raina

Grand Children

Suraj, Ojas, Akash, Khushi, Dhani, Aaira, Advait, Yaduvir

Contact : 9149570076, 600644515

**Bhushan Lal Pandita (Adv.) Handwara****TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. SUSHMA PRABHAKAR** W/O SH. RAJ KUMAR PRABHAKAR ADDRESS: WARD NO 6 HOUSE NO 148 KARAN NAGAR UDHAMPUR

10TH DAY RITUAL WILL BE AT JAGRITI OLD AGE HOME, BILLAN BOWU ROAD UDHAMPUR ON TUESDAY 27-05-2025 FROM 11 AM.

KRIYA RITUAL WILL BE AT DEVIKA GHAT ON WEDNESDAY 28-05-2025 FROM 12 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Raj Kumar Prabhakar (Husband)

Smt. Sushma Prabhakar and Sh. Anil Kumar Prabhakar

Smt. Renu Dubey and Sh. Manish Dubey

Smt. Bhola and Sh. Anjan Banerjee

(Son and Daughter-in-law)

Mr. Manik Prabhakar and Mrs. Rukmini Prabhakar

Mrs. Akshita and Mr. Ajay Raina (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Mr. Jagan Prabhakar and Mrs. Neel Prabhakar

Mr. Tushar Prabhakar and Mrs. Adhika Prabhakar

Smt. Pooja Sharma and Sh. Yash Paul Sharma

Smt. Kasum and Sh. Jagal Kishore Sharma

Smt. Prem and Sh. Ashok Sharma

Smt. Anita Sharma and Late Sh. Vinod Sharma

Mr. Vishal and Mrs. Nikshema Dubey

Mr. Sunny and Mrs. Chandra Banerjee

Mr. Amit Sharma and Mrs. Poonam Sharma

Mr. Abhishek Sharma and Mrs. Madhavi Sharma

Mr. Shantanu Sharma and Mrs. Sunali Sharma

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**SMT. SUSHMA PRABHAKAR****KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow the demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Kanta Gupta** W/o Late Dr. Banish Bihari Lal Gupta, R/o H No. -7 Nitko Lane, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

Kriya will be held on Tuesday 27th May, 2025 at 12.00 PM at our residence H No 7, Nitko Lane, Talab Tillo, Jammu

Uthala will be performed on Wednesday 28th May, 2025 at 05.00 PM - 06.00 PM at Gurdwara Maharani Chand Kaur, Opposite Fortune Inn Riviera Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN**Daughter in laws & Sons**

Neetu & Sanjay Bhatti

Neeti & Vivek Bhatti

Daughters & Son in law

Sandhya & Late Sh. Raman Gupta

Sapna & Parth Mahajan

Grand Daughters & Son in law

Saemiti & Bharat Gupta

Shanya & Uday Bhaskar

Grand Daughter in law & Son

Pooja & Shubam Gupta

Grand Children

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It has been six months since you left us for your heavenly abode. Though you are no longer with us, your love, warmth, and memories remain etched in our hearts. Your presence continues to be felt in every corner of our lives.

SHADMOS AND MASWAR

ceremonies of our beloved **Late Smt. Chuni Tikku** (W/o Late Hirday Nath Tikku) will be performed on 26th & 27th May 2025 at our residence: House No. 42, Bhagwati Nagar, Sec-1, Canal Road, Jammu.

We pray for her eternal peace and Moksha.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

Jyoti & Rajinder Tikku (**Daughter-in-law & Son**)

Suman & Anil Dhar (**Daughter & Son-in-law**)

Khushbu, Kush Raina, Himanshu Tikku, Tarun Dhar (**Grandchildren**)

Adhya (**Great Granddaughter**)

& **Entire Families of Tikku's, Bhan's, Raina's, Dhar's.**

CONTACT: 9419184970

**LATE SMT. CHUNI TIKU****BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow we are going to inform that our beloved **Capt. Uttam Singh Toor** S/o Late Jagat Singh Toor left us on 19.05.25.

Bhog and Antim Ardas will be performed as per programme given below.

Aramb shri Akhand path Sahib 8.30 AM on 25.05.25 (Sunday) at our home Rani Talab Digiana.

Bhog Shri Akand Path Sahib 8.30 AM on 27.05.25 (Tuesday)

Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Rani Talab Digiana Jammu from 10 AM to 12 Noon on 27.05.25. Guru Ka Langer will be served.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sdn. Krishana Kour (**Wife**)

Sons and Daughter-in-Laws

Davinder Singh and Baljeet Kour

Parvinder Singh and Sukbir Kour

Daughters and Son-in-Laws

Sukhvinder Kour and Jasbir Singh, Surinder Kour and Hardeep Singh

Brothers: S. Ajit Singh Toor, Late S. Khajana Singh Toor, S. Pritam Singh Toor, S. Swam Singh Toor, S. Chanan Singh Toor

**CAPT. UTTAM SINGH TOOR**

JULY 24, 1940 - MAY 19, 2025

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In the loving memory of **Late Sh. Sub. Raghunath Singh Charak** S

Convention to honour Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Ji, raise voice for SC/ST/OBC Rights on June 1



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: The All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organizations held a press conference at its Jammu headquarters to announce a convention dedicated to honouring Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Ji — a trailblazer in the struggle for Dalit rights in Jammu & Kashmir. The convention is scheduled for June 1, 2025, at 10 AM at Prem Resort, Muthi, Jammu. This event aims to pay homage to the legacy of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Ji, who laid down his life fighting for the rights and dignity of the Dalit community. It also seeks to revive the values of social justice and equality championed by leaders like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The Confederation intends to use this convention as a powerful platform to raise critical issues faced by the SC/ST/OBC communities and send a clear message to the government regard-

ing their long-pending demands.

During the press conference, R.K. Kalsotra, State President of the Confederation, highlighted several key concerns. He pointed out that reservation in promotions has been halted and has not been reinstated despite clear verdicts from the Supreme Court and High Courts. He further raised the issue of a massive backlog of 1.05 lakh government posts that are yet to be filled. The failure to implement the Forest Rights Act, under-representation of OBCs with only 8% reservation despite constituting 27% of the population, and wrongful inclusion of forward castes in OBC reservations were also strongly condemned.

Kalsotra also criticized the government over a private member bill introduced in the last assembly session by a ruling party MLA, which allegedly proposed reducing reservation

percentages instead of increasing them. He expressed serious concern over the rising number of caste-based atrocities and what he described as a growing indifference from the state administration towards the needs of marginalized communities. The convention is expected to bring together intellectuals, activists, and concerned citizens to deliberate on these issues and form a united front to demand action from the government. Kalsotra warned that the community will no longer remain silent in the face of inaction. He declared that if the administration continues to ignore their rightful demands, it will be met with strong resistance.

Several prominent individuals were present and voiced their support during the press conference, including Bansilal Ch, Amir-ud-din Kasana, B.L. Bhardwaj, Dr. Ramesh Kaith, Prabdyal Bhagat, Suraj Parkash, and Ravi Brar.

ACB Jammu files case against Former Director Tribal Affairs, Others in post-matric scholarship Scam

JAMMU, May 26 (Agencies): ACB Jammu registered a case against a former director Tribal Affairs and others over allegations of gross violation of guidelines and releasing of crores of rupees to un-recognised institutes for un-recognised courses while implementing post matric scholarship scheme entitled for ST candidates. Fine dining reservations

According to a statement, the FIR No. 09/2025 u/s 5(1)(c) (d) r/w section 5(2) of J&K PC Act, Svt. 2006 & section 120-B RPC at P/S ACB Jammu was filed against M S Choudhary, then Director Tribal Affairs J&K, Shanaz Akhtar Malik, Catalog Computers, Auquaf Complex Jammu, Humera Banu & Firdous Ahmed, Chirag Institute of IT, Channi Himmat, Jammu, Sham Lal Targotra, JKS Industrial Training institute (ITI), Jindar Mehlu, R.S Pura, Jaffer Hussain Wani, Ever Green Institute of Computer Technology, Shastri Nagar Jammu, Parshotam Bharadwaj, Global Institute of

IT, Janipur Jammu, Ramneek Kour, Pankaj Memorial Charitable Trust for Education and Research, Rajpura Subash Nagar, Puneet Mahajan, Supertech (India) Computer Education, Talab Tillo and others.

The statement reads that during the course of verification, it was revealed that the GOI launched post matric scholarship scheme to ST candidates to complete their education by way of providing financial assistance in the shape of scholarship amounting Rs 18,000 per student plus Rs 2300 maintenance allowance.

"The objective behind PMS scheme was to provide financial assistance to ST students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education and reimbursement of compulsory fee to students charged by recognized Institute. The private institutes situated in Jammu managed documents of ST students of far-flung areas and submit

same to the office of Directorate of Tribal Affairs, but the officers of Tribal Affairs Department without checking the genuineness of institutes as well as infrastructure/course contents provided by institutes, even without ensuring the end use of scholarship amount, disbursed the scholarship fee worth crores during 2014 to 2018 directly in the bank accounts of these Institutes," it reads.

It added that the verification further reveals that the students against whom payment released neither sought admission nor attended the free computer course.

"Some of students though sought admission under the scheme but never attended or partially attended the computer course.

However, the benefit in the shape of full tuition fee was credited to the accounts of different computer institutions. Furthermore, one of the institutes, in order to increase the strength, managed the documents of ST students of

far-flung areas and filled scholarship forms on their names."

It further reads that some fake bank accounts were opened for ST students without their consent and knowledge, as it was mandatory to fill account number in the form for crediting maintenance allowance directly in the accounts of students.

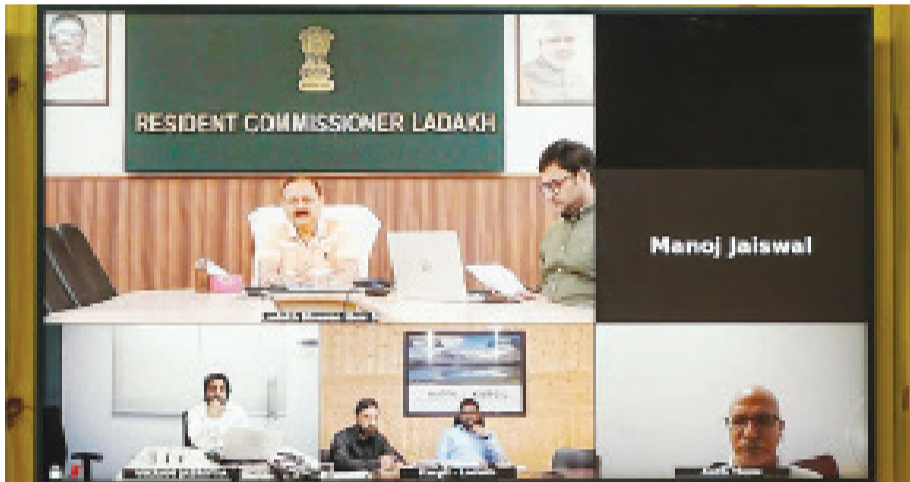
"Even few institutes were not having proper accreditation with NIELIT, but the fees were disbursed accordingly. By acting in this manner, the officers of Directorate of Tribal Affairs Department, by sheer abuse of their official positions and in criminal conspiracy with owners of Institutes/beneficiaries, by way of manipulating records as well as violating guidelines of Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, misappropriated huge amount of Government funds worth crores during the year 2014 to 2018, as a result of which a huge loss has been caused to the Government exchequer. Further investigation in the case is going on," it added.

Dr. Pawan Kotwal chairs 13th Governing Body Meeting of LLARMA to review land digitisation in Ladakh

Top News Report

LEH, May 26: The Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh, and CEO of the Ladakh Land Records Management Agency (LLARMA), Dr. Pawan Kotwal, chaired the 13th Governing Body Meeting of LLARMA virtually to review the implementation of the Digital India Land Records Modernization (DILRM) Project and other associated issues in Ladakh.

During the meeting, key agenda items were discussed, including the revision of vendor rates in accordance with the General Financial Rules (GFR), the current progress of the DILRM Project, the need for digital signatures for Patwaris, and the escalation plan concerning vendor performance.



Dr. Kotwal directed the Information Technology (IT) Department and the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ladakh, to expedite the creation of digital signatures for Patwaris in the Revenue Department.

He also instructed the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) to promptly provide the necessary requirements

for the e-signature process to the IT and NIC teams.

The Chief Secretary further instructed the Finance Department to revise vendor compensation in alignment with the applicable GFR provisions and to establish a clear escalation plan to monitor vendor accountability and timelines. Emphasizing the

importance of timely project completion, he urged vendors to meet set milestones within the agreed timelines.

He directed the ACR to prepare a detailed roster to streamline and accelerate the digitisation of land records across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Principal

Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Commissioner/Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department; Additional Secretary, Law Department; Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; State Informatics Officer, NIC Ladakh; Additional Deputy Commissioner; Senior Director, NIC Ladakh; Joint Director (Finance), Revenue Department; Joint Director (Kargil) Planning, Revenue Department; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Leh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kargil; Project Director from Monarch Consol-Geotech; and Project Manager from Ramtech Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Officers and representatives stationed outside Leh joined the meeting virtually.

AJBRCEA delegation meets BJP J&K leadership to address transfer policy for Jammu-Based Reserved Category Employees



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: A delegation from the All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK), led by its President, Anil Radhey, today met with the BJP J&K State President, Shri Sat Sharma Ji, to discuss the critical and long-standing issue of transfer policy for Jammu-based reserved category employees serving in the Kashmir Division. The meeting specifically highlighted concerns regarding postings in far-flung and remote areas.

The delegation included several key executive members of AJBRCEAK, who presented a detailed account of the hardships faced by these employees. The meeting was also graced by the presence of Shri Narinder Singh, MLA RS Pura, and Dr. Davinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh, underscoring the importance of the matter.

During the productive discussions, Shri Sat

Sharma Ji provided a positive assurance that the concerns raised by AJBRCEAK would be addressed promptly. He emphasized that the transfer policy issue is a priority and will be resolved in the near future.

Sushil Kumar Ji, District Incharge Srinagar and other association members, further highlighted the urgent need for safe and secure accommodation at the district level for all Jammu-based reserved category employees. They also advocated for their adjustment in safe zones and district headquarters within the Kashmir valley, citing security concerns.

Suresh Kumar, President District Baramulla (AJBRCEAK), brought to light the plight of Jammu-based reserved category teachers who have been posted in far-flung areas such as Uri and Julha Zones in Baramulla district for over 15 years, often at the same posting. This lack of rotation contributes significantly to

employee distress.

Other executive members of the delegation included Lovely Devi, Ravinder Kumar, Surjeet, Joginder, Sahil, and Manoj Kumar.

AJBRCEAK expressed its sincere gratitude for the encouraging and supportive response from the BJP J&K leadership and looks forward to concrete actions and the swift implementation of a fair and equitable transfer policy in the coming days. The association remains committed to advocating for the welfare and rights of its members.

Conduct of Training Session for Agniveer Aspirants at Tota Gali, Poonch

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: As part of its continued outreach and capacity-building efforts, the Indian Army conducted a focused training session for 12 Agniveer aspirants in Tota Gali, Poonch District. The event began with a mock test to assess the academic readiness of candidates, followed by structured physical conditioning exercises to evaluate fitness standards. The training also included familiarization with Indian Army weapons and equipment, and an orientation on life in the Armed Forces.

Medical documentation was carried out through the recording of vital statistics of all participants. An interactive session was held to address queries and offer guidance related to the Agniveer recruitment process. Candidates were assured of continued support in their preparation journey.

Discussions also covered the local situation following Operation Sindoor, with assurances of humanitarian assistance to affected families and communities in case of any future contingencies. This initiative aimed to motivate youth towards a career in the Armed Forces, promote discipline and fitness, and strengthen civil-military bonds in the region.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal MLA Ramgarh Inaugurates Blood Donation Camp at CHC Ramgarh

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh, Former Minister for Health and Medical Education J&K, and General Secretary BJP J&K, inaugurated a blood donation camp organized by the BJP Ramgarh Unit along with dedicated volunteers of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

The camp received vital support from the Directorate of Health Services, which deployed a fully equipped blood donation van along with a trained medical team. The initiative aimed to promote voluntary blood donation and enhance



the culture of health service and social responsibility in the region.

Several prominent figures graced the occasion, including DDC Ramgarh Anita Choudhary, BMO Ramgarh Dr. Lakhwinder Singh, Former BDC Chairman Darshan Singh, Mandal Pard-

han Ramgarh Nancy Choudhary, Former Sarpanch Anil Gupta, Binder Singh and Tilak Thappa.

The camp saw enthusiastic participation from local residents and party workers, showcasing a strong commitment to humanitarian service and community welfare.

Visit of the All-Party Parliamentary Delegation to the Republic of Korea (ROK)

JAMMU/NEW DELHI (AGENCIES), The All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha began their engagements on Operation Sindoor with a briefing by Mr. Amit Kumar, Ambassador of India to ROK. He highlighted the Korea-specific approach to scheduled engagements, setting the context for a strong messaging of India's stance of zero tolerance against terrorism.

The delegation interacted with the

Indian community in ROK and shared their insights on Operation Sindoor. The delegation clearly explained Pakistan's involvement in orchestrating the barbaric terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22 and highlighted Pakistan's efforts to cause social disharmony in India. They highlighted that our initial response as well as subsequent action was measured, targeted, non-escalatory, and responsible. Reaffirming India's principled and resolute stand against

terrorism, they reiterated that dialogue can not co-exist with terror.

The delegation also held substantive interactions with eminent Korean dignitaries, including former ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Yoon Young-kwan, Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Cho Hyun, Former Ambassadors of ROK to India, Amb. Shin Bong-kil and Amb. Lee Joon-gyu, Ranking Member of Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Kim Gunn and Director of the National Counter-Terrorism Center,

Major Gen Shin Sang-gyun. The delegation apprised them about the heinous act of terrorism in Pahalgam, and subsequent measured, and non-escalatory action taken by India.

They also highlighted the need for taking corrective actions in international forums, including FATF. The delegation reaffirmed India's "New Normal" of swift and decisive retaliation on India's terms against terrorism. They also emphasized that no distinction can be made between terrorists and their sponsors.

EDITORIAL

UNITE FOR PEACE

In a world increasingly divided by conflict, violence, and misunderstanding, the call to “Unite for Peace” is more urgent than ever. From global wars to internal strife, from social injustice to economic disparity, humanity continues to suffer due to our inability to coexist harmoniously. Yet, peace remains a shared dream, a universal value that transcends cultures, religions, and national boundaries. To realize this dream, we must unite—individuals, communities, and nations—committed to creating a just, inclusive, and peaceful world.

Peace is not merely the absence of war or violence. It encompasses a broader vision of harmony, justice, dignity, and respect for all life. True peace exists when people are free from fear, oppression, and poverty. It is rooted in equality, understanding, and mutual respect. Peace is found in dialogue, in the equitable sharing of resources, in fair governance, and in the acknowledgment of every individual's rights and humanity.

Unity is the foundation upon which peace can be built. In a world of differing ideologies, beliefs, and cultures, unity does not mean uniformity. Rather, it means embracing our differences while working toward shared goals. History has shown that societies that prioritize cooperation over division are more resilient, prosperous, and just.

Division breeds suspicion and hostility. When people see others as threats instead of fellow human beings, conflict becomes inevitable. But unity transforms this mindset. It fosters empathy and encourages cooperation. When we see ourselves as interconnected—bound by our shared planet and shared humanity—we take the first step toward peace.

Climate change, pandemics, terrorism, poverty, and displacement are global challenges that cannot be addressed in isolation. These issues transcend borders, impacting people regardless of nationality, race, or religion. To confront them effectively, the world must unite in purpose and action.

For instance, wars and conflicts displace millions, creating refugee crises and human suffering. Ending these conflicts requires international cooperation, not just military or political solutions. It requires addressing root causes—such as inequality, historical injustices, and resource exploitation—through peaceful dialogue and sustainable development.

Education plays a critical role in promoting peace. It empowers individuals to think critically, act responsibly, and understand the value of diversity. Educating children and youth about human rights, tolerance, and non-violence helps shape future generations who value peace over conflict.

Young people, in particular, are powerful agents of change. Their energy, creativity, and idealism can drive peace movements across the globe. By involving youth in decision-making and peacebuilding efforts, we not only ensure sustainability but also foster innovation and hope.

While governments and institutions have a role to play, peacebuilding often begins at the grassroots level. Communities, religious leaders, NGOs, and civil society organizations are critical in resolving conflicts, promoting dialogue, and building trust among diverse groups.

Community-led initiatives that bring people together—regardless of caste, creed, or class—are essential in healing divided societies. When neighbors come together to solve local issues peacefully, they set an example that ripples outward, influencing broader societal change.

There can be no lasting peace without justice. Injustices—whether they stem from colonial legacies, systemic racism, gender inequality, or economic exploitation—must be addressed. Recognizing and rectifying these grievances is a vital part of any peace process.

Forgiveness and reconciliation, while powerful, must be accompanied by truth and accountability. Healing requires acknowledgment of harm, reparation, and a commitment to prevent future violations. Justice restores dignity and creates the conditions necessary for lasting peace.

Unite for peace is not just a slogan—it is a responsibility. Every individual has a role to play. Acts of kindness, standing up against injustice, promoting inclusivity, and choosing dialogue over violence are all steps toward peace. On a larger scale, supporting policies and leaders that value diplomacy, human rights, and environmental sustainability is crucial.

Let us move beyond passive hope and become active participants in building a peaceful world. Let us unite not only in response to tragedy but in everyday acts of compassion and solidarity. In a world torn by division, our unity can become the most powerful tool for change.

Peace is possible, but only if we commit—together—to making it a reality.

NITI Aayog's 10th Working Council outlined the Vision Developed India 2047

By: Kishan Bhawnani

At the global level, in the politics of the entire world, we keep seeing that there is a lot of conflict between the ruling party, that is, there is criticism, debate, hindrance on every issue and work, which is also justified in the policies of the ruling party and the opposition party, I have seen very few times in my 40 years of writing that the ruling party and the opposition together rise above politics and raise their voice for the country, but Right now, after Operation Sindoor, a perfect example of this is that about 59 Members of Parliament and experts in 7 teams, including the entire ruling and opposition parties, are presenting India's point of view on terrorism across the world, which is a matter worth highlighting. On the other hand, on Saturday, 24 May 2025, I was keeping a close eye on the 10th Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog through communication media, mobile TV and radio till late night, and after the meeting was over, I was surprised to see the way almost all the Chief Ministers of the opposition were talking to the PM with affection and one CM was talking with his head bowed, although the whole public would also be surprised to see all this, because all this is going viral on social media and the comments of the public in support of the ruling party and the opposition being together and the strong bonding of the opposition Chief Ministers and the PM are also continuously going on social media, seeing them I was thinking that there was a time, when the elections were going on, all these people were trying to humiliate each other by drawing swords of verbal arrows, but today an atmosphere of friendship, decency and utmost respect was visible, which the whole world underlined with surprise and astonishment, I believe it is the wonder of Indian culture, first Operation Sindoor and now in 36 on Indian Mission 2047. The presence of 31 states is praiseworthy, the message of which has reached the whole world that the entire 144.2 crore people of India are standing together on the issue of India's development and terrorism. That means for us, on the issue of national security, ending terrorism and development of the nation, we are together, the ruling party and the opposition,

which I liked very much, so if the central and state governments form Team India, then no goal is impossible, Vision 2047 will be accomplished much before its deadline, so today we will discuss through this article with the help of information available in the media, the 10th Working Council of Niti Aayog drew the blueprint of Vision Developed India 2047 - tremendous favorable presence of 31 out of 36 states - saw tremendous bonding between the PM and the opposition Chief Ministers.

Friends, if we talk about the 10th Niti Aayog Governing Council Meeting on Saturday, 24 May 2025, then 31 out of 36 states and union territories participated in this meeting of Niti Aayog, which is the highest participation till date. But Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, West Bengal and Bihar had already informed of their absence. BVR Subrahman-yam said, this shows that most of the states came with a positive mindset. He further said, 'The agenda of the meeting included two items apart from the action report. First of all, the theme of the meeting and the first item on the agenda was 'Developed States for Developed India'. The whole idea is that in the last Governing Council, the Prime Minister had called upon all the states to prepare their state visions, so that they have visions which can later be merged into a larger group. Vision for the nation. So I think the agenda for the last one year has been based on this and that is why this was the main theme of today's Governing Council meeting'. He further said that everyone present in the meeting unanimously supported Operation Sindoor launched by India to destroy the terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan. He said the PM also urged the states to focus on agriculture, education and healthcare. The PM on Saturday asked states and union territories to remove policy bottlenecks to encourage investment and generate employment. He emphasised that no goal is impossible if the central government and states work together as Team India.

Friends, if we talk about understanding the discussion of the 10th working meeting of NITI Aayog in 11 points, then the 10th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog in the capital Delhi drew a new blueprint for the development of the country. PM, along with the Chief Ministers of

the states and representatives of the Union Territories, took concrete steps towards realizing the vision of 'Developed India 2047'. (1) 31 out of 36 states and union territories participated in this meeting of NITI Aayog, which is the highest participation till date. But Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, West Bengal and Bihar had already informed about their absence. The CEO said, 'This shows that most of the states came with positive thinking. (2) Masterplan of 'Developed India' The main agenda of the meeting was, 'Developed States for Developed India'. PM called upon all the states to connect their vision of development with the national vision. This theme has been going on since last year's meeting and now it has become a roadmap for the states. (3) The PM described 'Operation Sindoor' as not a one-time initiative but part of a long-term strategy. He said that this operation showed precision and effectiveness in destroying terrorist structures. Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors praised the PM's leadership and the valor of the armed forces for this. (4) The PM emphasized on institutionalizing and modernizing civil defense preparations. Referring to the recent mock drill, he said that this is an important step towards civil security. States will have to give priority to this. (5) The PM asked the states to make long-term plans for their development. Every state will prepare a blueprint according to its resources, culture and needs, which will help in achieving the goal of 'Developed India 2047'. (6) The PM emphasized on cooperative federalism. He said that the Center and the states will work together so that the pace of development can be accelerated further. This meeting was a big step in this direction. We have to work like Team India. (7) CEO of NITI Aayog said that there was a positive atmosphere in the meeting. States shared their experiences, challenges and successes, which provided an opportunity to learn from each other. (8)

Although 5 states did not attend the meeting, NITI Aayog clarified that these states had already informed about their absence. Separate communication will be established with these states. (9) Economic development, investment and employment generation were also discussed in the meeting. (10) States were

given new suggestions to attract investment and strengthen infrastructure. (11) States and Union Territories were asked to remove policy bottlenecks to encourage investment and generate employment. He emphasized that if the central government and the states work together like Team India, then no goal is impossible. Overall, the Council, the highest body of NITI Aayog, included the Chief Ministers of all the states, Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories and many Union Ministers. PM is the Chairman of NITI Aayog. In this meeting, the PM said, 'Our goal should be to make every state developed, every city developed, every municipality developed and every village developed. If we work on these lines, then we will not have to wait till 2047 to become a developed India.' After Operation Sindoor, this was the first major meeting of the PM with the Chief Ministers of all the states and Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories, in which everyone saw the tremendous bonding of the PM, especially with the opposition Chief Minister.

So, if we study and analyze the above environment, we will find that the 10th Working Council of Niti Aayog has drawn the blueprint of Vision Developed India 2047 - 31 out of 36 states were present in a very favorable manner - PM and opposition Chief Ministers showed a strong bonding. If the Center and the states come together to form Team India, then no goal is impossible - Vision 2047 will be completed much before its deadline. Successful meeting of the Governing Council of Niti Aayog - The world is surprised to see the strong tuning of the opposition Chief Ministers and the PM - Vision 2047 will achieve its goal before time, I claim.

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Today's children are so top in marks but fail often in the test of life ?

By: Vijay Garg

This sentence may seem harsh to hear, but completely exposes the bitter truth of our time. India's education boards CBSE, ICSE and state boards announce fantastic exam results every year. Children's marks have started coming 100 percent. Photos of students who top up the city, district and state level are printed on newspapers and social media. School and coaching centres claim by putting big banners- We have got topper from here. Looks like seeing the outside world. - A promising generation is getting ready in the country. But when we grope the inner layers of education, the question in the mind begins to resonate. Are we making children human or just the machine of scoring points ? Points to whom ? Credit to whom ? On the one hand coaching institutions and tuition centres credit the success of children. He says, made

a topper from our guidance. On the other hand, the school principal and management say, thanks to our teacher and course, this result came. But when talk to the same children, they say, I did not take the help of any tuition, this is my hard work. This contradiction is not something else but the yield of a showy system, in which it has become normal to conceal the truth. Purpose of education- understanding or number ? We have now become the meaning of the exam hit the ratta and bring the marks. Shortcuts and guides have taken place to understand thinking. A child who brings 99 percent does not necessarily know the skill of battling life's problems. Example: Once a Delhi student committed suicide after scoring 96 per cent, as she felt she did not live up to her parents' expectations. When a student in Bihar got 100 marks in 100, the question of common sense asked on TV did not come till the answer. This figures shock us that maybe we are going in the wrong direction. Topper

culture vs human value Children now read to defeat others, not to improve themselves. Friendship, gentleness, sports, music, introspection – everything is left behind in a competition to become a topper. Parents compare children to the neighbor's son-daughter- look she has brought 98 percent, why don't you ? This comparison has taken away the ease of learning from the spirit of children. What else are we losing ? Mental Health: Depression, Angiati, Suicide incidents are increasing day by day. Life Skills: A student bringing 99rs in 12th, can't learn to be self-reliant in college. Self-confidence: The child takes himself as a failure when there is less marks in an examination. What is the solution? Focus on skills more than points: Children's creativity, rationality, leadership and emotional intelligence are ranked in the classroom. Things like value based motions honesty, cooperation, tolerance, and social responsibility be included in the syllabus. Rethink-

ing Coaching Culture: Schools have to be so capable that children do not need separate tuition. Role of parents: Understanding, love, and communication is essential over expectations. Finally one question: Are we heading towards the society where the child who scored 99 percent marks also asked himself am I happy? If there is no answer, we need to re-consider our entire education system. We have to make humans, not just toppers.

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GDC R S Pura organizes awareness lecture on drug abuse



Top News Report

R S PURA, May 26: Drug De-addiction committee of Government Degree College, RS Pura, took a significant step in educating and sensitizing students about the harmful effects of drug abuse by organizing an awareness lecture in the college.

The event held under the guidance of Prof (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the College, aimed to raise awareness about the growing menace of drug addiction among youth and to empower students with knowledge about prevention and rehabilitation. The presiding

of the event was taken over by Prof. Rajinder Singh, HOD Punjabi.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Savleen Kour, Assistant Professor, Veterinary Technology delivered an impactful lecture highlighting the physical, psychological, and social consequences of substance abuse.

The session also included real-life case studies and interactive discussions, enabling students to understand the importance of making informed choices and seeking help when needed.

Speaking on the occasion, College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, emphasizing the role of

educational institutions in molding responsible citizens.

"Awareness is the first step towards prevention. As educators, it is our responsibility to guide our youth away from such destructive paths," she remarked. The program saw active participation from students, faculty, and staff members.

The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Neelam Kumari, Convener Drug De-addiction Committee.

The faculty members who were present during the event were Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Tabassum Kasana and Pratibha.

KVK Nyoma to launch nationwide campaign 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' in Union Territory of Ladakh

Top News Report

LEH, May 26: "Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan", a nationwide agricultural outreach campaign aimed at empowering farmers with knowledge and tools for the Kharif cropping season.

The campaign will be held from 29th May to 12th June 2025 across all states and union territories of India.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in association with the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, to start this Abhiyan. It is a strategic initiative to connect directly with farmers at the grassroots level, particularly in rural, bordered and underserved regions. Through this campaign, the government aims to ensure that critical information related to agriculture & allied sectors, and government schemes reaches every farmer's doorstep ahead of the Kharif season.

The main objectives of this campaign are multifold. Firstly, it seeks to make farmers aware of the major crops suitable for the Kharif season in their specific agro-climatic regions and the improved agronomic practices they can adopt. Secondly, it aims to introduce modern techniques related to Sheep/pashmina goat, animal husbandry, poultry, and fisheries, enabling farmers to diversify and enhance their

income sources. Another key objective is to spread awareness about various government schemes and policies that offer financial assistance, insurance, subsidies, and support services to farmers.

Importantly, the campaign will focus on educating farmers on the effective use of Soil Health Cards—helping them interpret the data and make informed decisions on crop selection and nutrient management organically. A crucial aspect of the initiative is to document farmer innovations and collect feedback to guide agricultural research and policy formulation.

The campaign will be implemented by all 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) including KVK Nyoma (highest altitude KVK in India) in coordination with 113 ICAR research institutes, agricultural Universities and the respective State Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries. Each district will form three dedicated teams, each comprising 4–5 members, including subject matter specialists, scientists, government officials, and progressive or innovative farmers.

These teams will visit three gram panchayats per day in the district, conducting direct interactions with approximately 100–200 farmers daily. Over the course of the campaign, it is estimated that more than 1.3 crore farmers will be engaged

directly across the country.

Special focus will be given to reaching tribal-dominated areas, vibrant villages, and villages located in challenging agro-ecological zones, ensuring inclusive outreach. Teams will work in mission mode to disseminate information through village-level meetings, demonstrations, and distribution of printed and digital materials in local languages.

A wide range of topics will be covered under this campaign. Farmers will be encouraged to adopt natural farming practices that are sustainable and cost-effective. Farmers will receive information about improved seed varieties, crop-specific management practices, integrated nutrient/pest management, and techniques to enhance productivity and profitability.

In addition to crop-related guidance, farmers will also be educated on modern techniques in livestock management—including feeding practices, disease control, breed improvement, and fodder production etc.

Based on the issues identified during field visits, expert teams will provide practical, location-specific solutions and help connect farmers with the relevant government departments for support.

Another major thrust of the campaign will be on agricultural diversification and promotion of high-value agriculture, such as

horticulture, beekeeping, floriculture, and dairy enterprises. These sectors offer new income opportunities for smallholders and contribute to risk reduction in farm incomes. As part of the communication strategy, audio-visual content, posters, brochures, and banners will be used to share key messages effectively. Farmers will also receive materials related to central and state schemes, including information about credit facilities, subsidies, and infrastructure support.

The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan marks a significant step in strengthening the research-extension-farmer linkage. It will not only help prepare farmers for the Kharif season but also encourage the adoption of innovative and climate-resilient technologies across rural India.

The documentation of feedback from farmers and identification of successful grassroots innovations will serve as vital inputs for shaping future research programs and extension strategies under ICAR and State Agricultural Universities.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, along with ICAR and allied institutions, is committed to making this campaign a landmark initiative for achieving the vision of Atmanirbhar Krishi and Viksit Bharat through knowledge empowerment, capacity building, and inclusive outreach.

SBSP inaugurates new office, joining program in R S Pura



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Vivek Bali, Party President J&K of Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), inaugurated the party's new office in RS Pura, Jammu, marking a significant milestone in the party's journey to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Vivek Bali was accompanied by Ashok Kumar Dhar, Migrant Cell Incharge, Jammu & Sunita Raina, Migrant Cell Incharge, Kashmir.

During the inauguration, Vivek Bali emphasized the party's commitment to serving the people and addressing their pressing issues.

He highlighted the party's focus on youth empowerment, addressing unemployment, and providing opportunities for gainful employment.

Under his leadership, the party aims to bridge the gap between the government and the people, ensuring that the voices of the marginalized are heard and their concerns addressed.

Recently, Vivek Bali organized a joining program, where numerous individuals pledged their support to the

party. He welcomed new members into the party fold, emphasizing the party's commitment to corruption-free governance and pro-people policies. The party's agenda is centered around reaching the grassroots level, providing solutions to the problems faced by local communities, and working towards creating a more equitable society.

The members who joined were Pastor Mohan Lal former Patwari Sewa Ram other party leaders Ravinder Kumar, Satpaul Motton, Naresh Kumar, Gulshan Kumar, Rajesh Kumar,

Prem Paul, Mantu Kumar, Kuldeep Raj and many more.

SBSP's vision for the party is built on the principles of inclusivity, empathy, and service, with a commitment to serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir without any bias.

Bali said, "Today marks a new chapter in our journey to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We are committed to working tirelessly to address the concerns of our communities and provide them with the support they need to thrive."

AKWS organizes awareness programme on Drugs Addiction



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Asha Kiran Welfare Society (AKWS), Janipur Colony, Jammu organized a Awareness Programme on Drugs Addiction at Neelam Public High School, Janipur Colony, Jammu on Monday.

Seventeen students took part in this Symposium/Debate Competition programme regarding health, financial and social evils of the society in general and youth in particular.

Sana, Nivedika and Sanvi and Manya secured first, second and third position

respectively. They were given mementos in view of their performance in the competition by the society. Besides, all other participants were also provided consolation prizes of registers and pens.

Dr. Vikrant Sharma, President of the Society, spoke in detail about ill effects of use of drugs on health in presence of Kamal Natar, General Secretary, Vinod Kumar, Organizing Secretary, Hari Chand Sharma, Joint Secretary, Kulbhushan Sharma, Sushil Sultan and Subash Dutta Councillors of the society, teaching staff and students of the School.

JKTF Zone Gool welcomes Mumtaz Bhat as Principal HSS Sangaldan

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SANGALDAN, May 26: The J&K Teachers Forum Zone Gool, led by Zonal Sr. Vice President Gool, Ryaz Ahmed Thokar, extended a warm welcome to Mumtaz Bhat, who has assumed charge as Principal of Higher Secondary School Sangaldan and Cluster Head.

The Forum congratulates Bhat on his transfer and adjustment and expresses confidence that his leadership and expertise will further enhance the academic excellence and overall development of HSS Sangaldan and Cluster Sangaldan.

With his vast experience and dedication to the teaching profession, Bhat is expected to make a positive impact on the school community.

The Zonal Sr. Vice President, Ryaz Ahmed Thokar, stated, "We are delighted to welcome Mumtaz Bhat to our esteemed institution. His transfer and adjustment is a testament to his hard work and commitment to educa-



tion. We look forward to working with him to achieve new heights of academic excellence."

The Forum wished Bhat success in his new role and assures him of its full support and cooperation. We are confident that under his leadership, HSS Sangaldan and Cluster Sangaldan will continue to thrive and provide quality education to its students.

Meanwhile, State President Mohd Ashraf

Sheikh and Vice Chairman Mehmood ul Ryaz Bhat also congratulate Mohd Mumtaz Bhat on assuming charge as Principal & Cluster Head HSS Sangaldan. They hoped that Mr. Bhat will lead the institution and cluster towards excellence and make a positive impact on the students' lives.

Ryaz Ahmed Thokar also urged the higher authorities to fill all vacant posts of Lecturers, Headmasters, and Masters of Zone Gool.

Greenply celebrates carpenters at 3rd Hindustan Ki Shaan Awards

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Greenply Industries Limited, one of India's most trusted names in interior infrastructure, proudly concluded the 3rd season of the Hindustan Ki Shaan Awards, a prestigious platform that celebrates the artistry, skill, and unwavering dedication of India's carpenters and contractors, tapping into a community of over 1 lakh skilled workers.

The ceremony, held in Mumbai, brought together some of the most prominent

leaders in the design and interiors industry. This year, the Hindustan Ki Shaan Awards introduced a new category as an exclusive recognition for excellence in wood carving. The award ceremony further honoured four zonal winners representing the North, South, East, and West regions of India. The National Winner in the Interior Furniture Design category stood out for their visionary approach to modern living spaces. A special Lifetime Achievement award was announced to honour the exceptional craftsmanship of a carpenter who went

beyond conventional furniture and interior design, creating a fully functional wooden car – a true testament to innovation and skill. It was graced by the esteemed leadership of Greenply along with a distinguished jury panel. The collective expertise of the jury shaped the evaluation process, which focused on craftsmanship, innovation, sustainable practices, and design functionality.

Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Minister of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation, Maharashtra, and Shailesh Lodha,

renowned actor attended as Chief Guests felicitating the winners and applauding their exceptional craftsmanship and contributions to the industry. Speaking on the occasion, Manoj Tulsian, CEO & Joint Managing Director of Greenply Industries Limited remarked, "Hindustan Ki Shaan is more than an award, it's a platform to recognize the true creators of our industry. The craftsmen are the Wood Soul of our wood panel ecosystem, and their dedication deserves recognition. As we continue this journey, we remain committed

to our mission of honouring and uplifting the artisans who shape our nation."

Recognizing the vital role of the carpenter community in its journey, Greenply has introduced several impactful programs designed to support and uplift its partners. From health check-up camps and eye screening camps to accident insurance coverage, Greenply prioritizes the well-being of its contractors and carpenters.

Hindustan Ki Shaan has steadily evolved into a legacy platform, one that uplifts grassroots talent and cele-

brates the backbone of India's interior ecosystem. With a growing community of over 1 lakh members across the country, it continues to spark conversations, inspire pride, and set new benchmarks for industry recognition. Today, Hindustan Ki Shaan is a movement that champions skill, celebrates heritage, and invests in the future of Indian craftsmanship. As the initiative evolves, so does its purpose: to establish a legacy of respect, recognition, and representation for the hands that continue to shape India's interiors.

Amitabh Bachchan salutes India's Agniveers, celebrates country's booming GDP

Actor Amitabh Bachchan, in a series of posts on X, praised India's rise as the fourth-largest economy in the world. The megastar of Bollywood also shared a tribute to the Indian army by referring to them as 'Agniveers'.

Bachchan, who's known for writing and organising his posts on social media, and on his blog, made two patriotic notes on Monday morning.

The first post also mentioned the US, China and Germany as the top three economies in the world, with India on number four. His first post read,

"T 5390(ii) - I India 4th largest economy in the World.. USA, China, Germany, India. and 2.5 - 3 yrs will become 3rd largest.. United States: With a GDP of \$30.51 trillion. China: With a GDP of \$19.23 trillion. Germany: With a GDP of \$4.74 trillion. India : approx \$ 4 trillion (sic)."

In his next post, he shared a picture of Indian soldiers, and wrote in Hindi, "T 5390 (iii) Agniveer Zindabad!! Jai Bharat Mata Ki !! Jai Hind (sic)," adding the tricolour emoji.

The 82-year-old also shared a few poetic lines from his father, legendary poet, late Harivansh



Rai Bachchan's collection. Bachchan wrote on X in Hindi: "[T 5390 (i) - 'Who does he blame, And to whom should I tell my sorrow, When soil does injustice to soil' ~ Harivanshrai Bachchan (sic)."

Bachchan recently broke his silence on India's Operation Sindoor against the terrorist centres in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The actor first kept making empty posts, and on May 11, wrote at length about the ghastly Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed 26 innocent lives, mostly tourists.

Chandigarh girl Wamiqa Gabbi is in town to promote her latest film Bhool Chuk Maaf



Actress Wamiqa Gabbi lit up CP67 Mall in Mohali during a promotional event for her

latest film, Bhool Chuk Maaf. The evening featured a special screening, drawing fans eager

to catch a glimpse of Gabbi and her heartfelt performance as Titli — a spirited, impulsive woman whose journey of love and forgiveness lies at the core of the story. Wamiqa interacted with the audience, sharing behind-the-scenes anecdotes and insights into her character's emotional journey. The event added to the growing buzz around the film, which has received a heartwarming response from audiences across the country. Many prominent faces from Bollywood, including actress Neeru Bajwa, were present at the event.

'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham' actor Malvika Raaj Bagga announces pregnancy

Actor Malvika Raaj Bagga, best known for her work in "Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham", is expecting her first child with husband Pranav Bagga.

Malvika shared the news on her Instagram handle with a series of pictures on Sunday. The pictures featured the couple wearing caps that had "MOM" and "DAD" written on them.

"You + Me + 3 #Our-LittleSecret #BabyOn-TheWay #MPbaby," she captioned the post.

Malvika and Pranav tied the knot in Goa in November, 2023.

The 31-year-old actor made her acting debut in 2001 with "Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham". She essayed the younger version of Pooja Sharma, who was played by Kareena Kapoor Khan.



Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi makes an emotional appeal at Cannes after winning Palme d'Or for his revenge drama It Was Just an Accident

Iranian dissident filmmaker Jafar Panahi won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival for his revenge thriller It Was Just an Accident, handing the festival's top prize to a director who had been banned from leaving Iran for more than 15 years.

Cate Blanchett presented the award to Panahi, who three years ago was imprisoned in Iran before going on a hunger strike. For a decade and a half, he has made films clandestinely in his native country, including one film (This Is Not a Film) made in his living room, and another (Taxi) set in a car.

The crowd rose in a thunderous standing ovation for the filmmaker, who immediately threw up his arms and leaned back in his



seat in disbelief before applauding his collaborators and the audience around him. Panahi said what mattered most was freedom in his country.

"Let us join forces," said Panahi. "No one should dare tell us what kind of clothes we should wear, what we should do or what we should not do.

The cinema is a society. Nobody is entitled to tell what we should or refrain from doing."

The Grand Prix, or second prize, was awarded to Joachim Trier's Norwegian family drama Sentimental Value, his lauded follow-up to The Worst Person in the World.

"We live in a time of tremendous excess and saturation of images. Moving images are being thrown at us all the time," said Trier. "And I want to give homage to the Cannes Film Festival for being a place where the big cinematic image, which is the foundation of the moving image, the free image, the image that we take time to look at, the image where we can identify with each other in contemplation and empathy, to be cherished in this

place in such a way is very important in this moment."

Kleber Mendonça Filho's Brazilian political thriller The Secret Agent won two big awards: best director for Filho and best actor for Wagner Moura. The jury prize was split between two films— Oliver Laxe's desert road trip Sirat and Mascha Schilinski's Sound of Falling. The Best actress went to Nadia Melliti for The Little Sister, Hafsia Herzi's French coming-of-age drama.

The Belgian brothers Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne won best screenplay for their latest drama, Young Mothers. The festival's award for best first film, the Camera d'Or, went to Hasan Hadi for The President's Cake.

Sidharth Malhotra praises Gram Chikitsalay, calls it a must watch

Bollywood actor Sidharth Malhotra is blown away by the charm of 'Gram Chikitsalay', a series featuring Amol Parashar and Vinay Pathak. The actor praised the show and called it a must-watch while congratulating the whole team.

Sidharth Malhotra shared a special post on Instagram stories to show his appreciation for the series 'Gram Chikitsalay'. On Sunday, he shared the promo of the show with his followers. He called the project "superb" and "so well-made," adding that it's "a must watch." The actor also applauded the entire team behind

the series and tagged creators Deepak Mishra and Arunabh Kumar, as well as actors Amol Parashar, Anandeshwar Dwivedi, and Akansha Ranjan Kapoor.

The series featured a stellar ensemble cast including Amol Parashar and Vinay Pathak in lead roles, alongside Akansha Ranjan Kapoor, Anandeshwar Dwivedi, Akash Makhija, and Garima Vikrant Singh in pivotal parts. Created by Deepak Kumar Mishra and Arunabh Kumar, 'Gram Chikitsalay' sheds light on familiar societal challenges, ones that are quite relatable. Directed by Rahul Pandey, it follows



a narrative style reminiscent of 'Panchayat' and SonyLIV's 'Gullak', offering a heartfelt portrayal of emotional depth, inner conflict, and the ongoing struggle to find balance amidst the chaos of everyday life.

Meanwhile, Sidharth Malhotra's is gearing up for his upcoming film, 'Param Sundari', co-starring Janhvi Kapoor. It will mark their first on-screen pairing. Produced by Maddock Films, this romantic comedy is set in the scenic Kerala backwaters and explores the humorous clash between a North Indian man and a South Indian woman.

When Manoj Kumar stepped in to save 'Lag Ja Gale' from rejection

"Lag Ja Gale", that plaintive ode to love sung by Lata Mangeshkar in the 1964 classic "Woh Kaun Thi", almost didn't see the light of day.

Quite simply, director Raj Khosla didn't like the track and it took composer Madan Mohan to first convince the film's star Manoj Kumar — who then persuaded the filmmaker — that the song was finally included.

Once he heard the song again, Khosla picked up his shoe to hit himself, according to "Raj Khosla: The Authorized Biography", released on May 20 ahead of the filmmaker's 100th birth anniversary on May 31.

"I got a call from Madan Mohan one day. 'Raj Khosla has lost his mind,' Madan said. 'Ek gaana sunaya. Usko pasand nahi aaya. (I made him hear a song. He didn't like it.) You come and handle this please,'" the book quotes Kumar as saying.

However, Kumar, who hadn't heard the song yet, was reluctant to intervene, reasoning that it was ultimately "Khosla's film", and opted to speak with producer N N Sippy about the matter.

Kumar agreed to intervene when the composer played the song for

him.

Kumar, on whom the song was eventually picturised alongside actor Sadhana Shivdasani, described the piece of music as a "brilliant composition" and was amazed that Khosla — who joined the film industry with the dream of becoming a playback singer and someone with keen appreciation of good music — didn't like the song, the book reads.

Later, after persistent urging from Kumar, Khosla finally agreed to listen to the song, but only after telling him that it is "really bad".

However, upon hearing it again, the late filmmaker was left "astounded" and admitted it was one of the best tunes he had ever come across.

"And this was a song he was about to let go? 'How incredibly stupid of me', Khosla exclaimed. According to Kumar, Raj even picked up his own shoe to hit himself," reads the book.

Mangeshkar had listed "Lag Ja Gale" as one of her six favourites. It has over 277 million views on YouTube. The soul-stirring melody, as noted in the book and explained by music composer Sanjeev Kohli, Mohan's son, was a particularly challenging piece to execute,

even for the legendary Mangeshkar due to the intricate 'murkis' (ornamental flourishes) and nuanced variations incorporated by both Mohan and Lata herself, which demanded exceptional vocal finesse.

When she did it right, even Mohan got emotional and hugged the singer.

Six decades after its release, the song has been repurposed by filmmakers variously in their films, including AR Murugadoss in the recently out Salman Khan-Rashmika Mandanna starrer 'Sikandar', Karan Johar in 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil' (2016) and 'Bombay Talkies' (2013) and Tigamshu Dhulia for the 'Saheb, Biwi aur Gangster' franchise.

The filmmaker, who trained under legendary actor-director Guru Dutt, was also credited for shooting musical sequences with dexterity. These include greats such as "Lag jaa gale", "Mera saaya saath hoga", "Jaane kya baat hai", "Hai apna dil toh awara" and "Yeh hai Bombay meri jaan".

"Raj Khosla: The Authorised Biography", published by Hachette India and priced at Rs 799, is available for purchase across online and offline stores.

Paresh Rawal replies to Akshay Kumar's lawsuit over quitting 'Hera Pheri 3'

Bollywood veteran Paresh Rawal said he has responded to the lawsuit filed by "Hera Pheri" co-star Akshay Kumar over his sudden exit from the franchise's third instalment.

Rawal's sudden departure from the project sent shockwaves in the film industry and among the fans of the franchise who have been waiting for the third part for close to 20 years. Kumar, who also serves as a producer on "Hera Pheri 3", has sued Rawal, demanding Rs 25 crore in damages.

In a post on X, Rawal broke his silence over the controversy and said his lawyer has responded to the legal suit. "My lawyer, Ameet Naik, has sent an appropriate response regarding my rightful termination and exit. Once they read my response all

issues will be laid to rest," wrote the 69-year-old actor, who essayed the fan-favourite role of Baburao Ganpatrao Apte. "Hera Pheri 3" was set to reunite the veteran actor with Kumar and Suniel Shetty. Filmmaker Priyadarshan, who directed the original film in 2000, was also slated to return. A lawyer representing Akshay Kumar's Cape of Good Films recently stated that Rawal's decision to exit the project could lead to "severe legal consequences".

"I think there will be severe legal consequences. It's of course hurt the franchise. We have written to him letting him know that there are a lot of legal consequences involved.

"There have been expenses incurred

towards the cast, towards the crew, towards leading senior actors, logistics equipment, shooting of the trailer," Pooja Tidke, Joint Managing Partner of Parinam Law Associate, which represents Kumar's banner, said.

She said Rawal had clearly indicated his involvement in the project through a social media post in January. "Thereafter there were contracts entered into the shooting for the trailer. In fact, there was some portion of about three-and-a-half-minutes of the film itself that had been shot. 'Suddenly, a few days ago, we received a notice from Paresh ji saying that he is no longer associated with the film and doesn't want to be associated with the film. So it's taken everybody by shock and surprise of course," she said.

End certain for those daring to wipe off sindoor of our sisters, says PM; slams ‘hate-filled’ Pak

DAHOD (GUJARAT), May 26 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said Pakistan's only aim is to hate India and think of ways to harm it, while our nation has set goals of removing poverty and bringing about economic development.

Addressing a rally in Dahod in Gujarat, the PM hailed Operation Sindoor and said it was not merely military action, but an "expression of India's ethos and feelings".

Twenty-six men were gunned by terrorists in Pahalgam in Kashmir on April 22, following which India launched Operation Sindoor in the early hours of May 7, resulting in massive damage to terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu-Kashmir.

"How can India and Modi sit quiet after such a terrorist attack? Anyone who dares to erase the sindoor from the foreheads of our sisters (sindoor is a sign of marriage and its wiping off signifies widowhood) will surely be eliminated," he said to the huge cheering crowd.

Terrorists may not have imagined in their wildest dreams how difficult it would be to fight



against Modi, the PM said.

He said the action was part of the responsibility citizens of the nation gave him when they made him 'pradhan sevak' on May 26, 2014.

Modi gave a free hand to the three wings of the country's armed forces and its warriors did what the world had not seen for the last several decades, Modi asserted.

Tearing into Pakistan, the prime minister said, "The country that came into existence after Partition lives on hatred for India. It only wants to harm Bharat. However, India's goals are to remove poverty, bring about economic development

and become a developed nation." "Our government's policy is to take development to areas that have remained backward," he added.

He also urged people to buy and use products made in India during festivals like Holi, Diwali and Ganesh Puja.

"Don't you think we have to stop using imported products? During our festivals, we use imported items like firecrackers and Ganesha idols (which is not good). To ensure our country's progress, everyone should take a resolve to purchase only Made in India products" said Modi.

"Everything we need for our country's progress must be

made right here in India," the PM told the gathering.

He was speaking at a rally after launching development projects costing Rs 24,000 crore, including a locomotive manufacturing plant, here.

The PM unveiled the country's first 9,000 horsepower locomotive engine as well as a rolling stock workshop built at a cost of Rs 21,405 crore.

He flagged off the Ahmedabad-Veraval Vande Bharat service and Valsad-Dahod express train and told the gathering that state-of-the-art Vande Bharat trains were now operational on 70 routes across the country.

"There was a time when India had to import locomotives and coaches. Today, we manufacture them in India and export them to other countries," the PM said.

The Vande Bharat service launched during the day between Sabarmati station in Ahmedabad and Veraval station will be a boon for devotees visiting the renowned Somnath Temple in Gir Somnath district.

He also announced that 100 per cent electrification of railway lines has been achieved in Gujarat.

Under PM Modi, health infra has seen massive development, while Cong govts neglected it: Amit Shah



NAGPUR, May 26 (Agencies): Union Minister Amit Shah on Monday said India's health infrastructure got a massive boost under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, while previous Congress governments neglected the sector.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of "Swasti Niwas", a residential facility for cancer patients and caregivers at the National Cancer Institute in Nagpur, he also lauded the private sector for assisting in government efforts to give a boost to healthcare.

Attacking the Congress, he said, "The budget for the health sector is Rs 1.35 lakh crore under PM Modi, while it was Rs 37,000 crore under the Manmohan Singh government."

Speaking at the function at NCI, one of the country's premier cancer treatment facilities, Shah said India has the biggest percentage of oral cancer patients in the world, adding that one person dies of cervical cancer in the country every eight minutes.

Till a few years ago, cancer treatment was regarded as non-accessible, but several good institutes have come up in the last 15 years to fight the dreaded ailment.

The NCI has provided exemplary service to the poor from not just the state but also

neighbouring ones like Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh, he said.

Asserting that the Modi government had changed the country's health landscape, Shah said around 10 years ago the poor would not want to get treated due to the prohibitive costs.

"Under the Modi government, 60 crore poor people are being provided treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh free of cost. A total of 23 All Indian Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have now been approved compared to seven set up after Independence," he said.

The free treatment limit reaches Rs 25 lakh due to the assistance of state governments, which has been a boon for 60 per cent of the country's population.

"There were 387 government medical colleges in the country till 2014, which now stands at 780. The number of MBBS has gone up from 51000 in 2014 to 1.18 lakh now. PG seats have increased from 31000 seats to 74000 seats in this period," he said.

Shah also hailed PM Modi for initiatives like International Yoga Day, Fit India and Khelo India as well as massive welfare programmes connected to clean drinking water, toilet facilities in households and distribution of cylinders to ensure smoke-free kitchens.

Shah said he assured Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis of all assistance from the Central government to set up a state-of-the-art research facility on the premises of the National Cancer Institute.

He expressed confidence that the National Cancer Institute will emerge as the best cancer treatment facility in the country in the coming years.

He lauded Fadnavis's efforts in sowing the seeds for the cancer institute.

"Cancer treatment is prolonged, and the pain of patients and their families is huge. Only those who experience the pain personally have the spirit of service to the society and ease the suffering of people at large," Shah said.

Shah said good intentions always benefit society, and the government's efforts and steps by the private institutions also help.

"Fadnavis conceptualised the institute in 2012. Today, he is a two-time chief minister," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Fadnavis said the new 'Swasti Niwas' is conceptualised to accommodate cancer patients and their families in a comfortable and supportive environment, adding that NCI will be developed as premier research facility.

A release said the proposed design of the residential facility with a total built up area of 1.7 lakh square feet includes a convenience centre complex, food court etc.

It said multinational firm Pernod Ricard India has supported the Swasti Niwas project as part of its CSR initiative, while JJ Consultants is designing it.

India, Pak were ‘very very far’ from using nukes: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): Refuting the widespread claims that India and Pakistan were at the edge of using nuclear-weapons during the recent skirmish, Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar, has said at 'no point was a nuclear level reached'.

Jaishankar, in an interview to 'Faz' a German newspaper, answered the question if India and Pakistan were close to using the nuclear option during the skirmish (May 7- 10) saying, "We were very, very far from using the nuclear option."

His words refute the claim of US President Donald Trump, who said he had 'averted' a nuclear-armed clash between the two neighbours.

The Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs shared the English transcript of Jaishankar's interview on Monday.

He said, "India targeted only terrorist camps. Those were very measured, carefully considered and non-escalating steps. After that, the Pakistani military opened fire on us. We were able to show them that we could disable their air defence systems. Then the firing stopped at their request."

The Minister blamed Pakistan for abetting terrorism. "In Pakistan, terrorism is a very open business. A business that is supported, financed, organised and used by the state. And by their military."

Asked if China played

a role in the conflict with Pakistan, Jaishankar said, "Many of the weapon systems that Pakistan has are of Chinese origin and the two countries are very close. You can draw your own conclusions from that."

The cessation of firing was agreed between the military commanders of India and Pakistan through direct contact, Jaishankar said answering questions if the US had brokered a peace deal.

On India's maintaining ties with Russia and not agreeing to sanctions, the Minister said that relationships are built on finding a common ground. Europe, when it thinks of conflict, it thinks of Ukraine. "When I think of conflict, I think



of Pakistan, terrorism, China and our borders. Our perspective cannot be the same."

On being asked if Russia's military activities were against the rules, the Minister said, "You talk about rules and think of Ukraine. I talk

about rules and I think of my own borders, of Pakistan, which has violated my borders, and China, which has done the same. So when you talk about borders and territorial integrity, I ask you: What about my borders?"

Day after PM lauds caste census, Congress fires back with his past videos criticizing survey demand

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the decision to conduct a caste census, the Congress on Monday took a swipe at him and posted videos of him from last two years criticising the opposition's party's demand for such a survey.

Prime Minister Modi asserted on Sunday that caste enumeration is a step towards bringing into the mainstream of development those left behind, as he emphasised that his government does not believe in caste politics but in the empowerment of the marginalised.

He made the remarks at a conclave of NDA chief ministers and deputy chief ministers.

Two resolutions, one hailing the valour of armed forces and PM Modi's brave leadership in the context of the recent military action and another praising the decision of caste enumeration in the next census- were passed at the conclave.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared two video clips of the prime minister in which he is heard criticising the opposition's pitch for a caste census.

"On April 30, 2025, in the period between the Pahalgam terror attacks and the launch of Operation Sindoor, the Modi government unexpectedly and suddenly announced a caste census.

Yesterday, the PM expectedly took full credit for it in the NDA CMs meeting," Ramesh said.

"But just listen to what the PM had said - 1.On October 2, 2023, when the findings of the Bihar caste survey were released.

2.On April 28, 2024, when asked about the INC's demands for a caste census," Ramesh said and tagged the



two video clips.

In the first clip Modi is heard saying, "they (opposition) used to divide the society on the basis of caste and continue to commit that sin even now".

In the second clip, the PM, when asked about the Congress demand for a caste census, says it is part of the "urban naxal mindset".

While there was no immediate reaction from the BJP, party chief JP Nadha had said after Sunday's NDA meeting that a census of castes was always part of the ruling alliance's imagination, noting that the Bihar government headed by JD(U) leader and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was the first to do it.

The resolution has made it clear that the NDA does not believe in caste politics but acknowledges the need for a caste census to bring into the mainstream of development the deprived, exploited, Dalits and others left behind. It is the need of the society, he added.

The Centre last month announced that caste enumeration will be part of the next population census, with the inclusion of caste details for the first time since independence.

Opposition parties, including the Congress, had been demanding a nationwide caste census, making it a major election issue. Some states like Bihar, Telangana and Karnataka have conducted such surveys.

CPI (Maoist) with Rs 5 lakh bounty killed in gunfight in Jharkhand

LATEHAR, May 26 (Agencies): A member of the banned CPI (Maoist), who was carrying a bounty of Rs 5 lakh on his head, was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Latehar district on Monday, a senior police official said.

Another red rebel was also arrested during the



operation, he said. The encounter between security forces and Maoists broke out in

a forest in Dauna under the Mauhadand Police Station limits on Sunday night, he said.

"Manish Yadav, who was carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh on his head, was killed in the gunfight with security forces. Another Maoist Kundan Kherwar was arrested," Palamu DIG

YS Ramesh told agency.

The operation was conducted barely two days after two Maoists, including JJMP supremo Pappu Lohra, who was carrying a bounty of Rs 10 lakh on his head, were killed in an anti-Naxal operation by security forces in the district.

Constable shot dead during raid to arrest wanted criminal in Ghaziabad



NOIDA, May 26 (Agencies): A 32-year-old police constable from Noida was shot dead during a late-night raid in Ghaziabad's Mussoorie area while attempting to apprehend a wanted criminal, police said on Monday.

The deceased, Constable Saurabh, was part of a team from the Phase-III Police Station in Noida that was conducting a raid to arrest Qadir, a known history-

sheeter with 16 criminal cases registered against him. The operation took place following a case filed at the Phase-III station.

According to a police spokesperson, the team successfully located Qadir, but as they moved in to arrest him, he and his associates opened fire and hurled stones at the police team in an attempt to escape. During the assault, Constable Saurabh was

shot in the head.

He was immediately taken to Yashoda Hospital, but doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Saurabh, a native of Shamli, was a dedicated officer posted at the Phase-III station. Sub-inspectors Sachin Rath, Udit Singh, Sumit, and Nikhil sustained injuries during the incident.

Qadir, currently in custody, has 16 criminal cases filed against him and is a history-sheeter of Thana Mussoorie, the officer said.

"His death has caused a huge loss to the police department," the spokesperson said, referring to Constable Saurabh.

Narrow escape for Sourav Ganguly's brother, sister-in-law after speedboat capsizes in Puri sea

PURI, May 26 (Agencies): Former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly's elder brother Snehash Ganguly and his wife Arpita had a narrow escape while enjoying water sports in Puri sea, police said on Monday.

The incident occurred on Saturday evening near the Lighthouse when the couple was enjoying a speedboat ride.

"We were saved by the grace of God. I am still in trauma. This should not happen, and water sports in the sea must be properly regulated. I will write to the Puri SP and the Odisha Chief Minister after returning to Kolkata," Arpita said in a video message available with agency.

Narrating the incident, she said their boat encountered a huge wave, which caused it to capsize, throwing all passengers, including herself and her husband, into the sea.

"Thankfully, quick action of the lifeguards saved our lives," she added.

Local people, who witnessed the incident, said the speedboat lost balance after being hit by a huge wave and capsized in deep sea.

Israeli strikes kill 52 in Gaza, including 36 in a school-turned shelter, medics say

A separate strike on a home in Jabalya in northern Gaza killed 16 members of the same family, including five women and two children, according to Shifa Hospital, which received the bodies.

DEIR AL-BALAH, May 26 (Agencies): Israeli strikes killed at least 52 people in the Gaza Strip on Monday, including 36 in a school-turned-shelter that was struck as people slept, igniting their belongings, according to local health officials. The military said it targeted militants operating from the school.

Israel renewed its offensive in March after ending a cease-fire with Hamas. It has vowed to seize control of Gaza and keep fighting until Hamas is destroyed or disarmed, and until it returns the remaining 58 hostages, a third of them believed to be alive, from the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that ignited the war.

Israel began allowing a trickle of humanitarian aid into Gaza last week after blocking all food, medicine, fuel or other goods from entering for 2 1/2 months. Aid groups have warned of famine and say the aid that has come in is nowhere near enough to meeting mounting needs.

A new aid system supported by Israel and the United States but rejected by U.N. agencies and aid groups is expected to begin operations as soon as Monday, despite the resignation of the American leading the effort, who said it would not be able to operate independently.

Israel says it plans to seize full control of Gaza and facilitate what it describes as the voluntary migration of its over 2 million population, a plan rejected by Palestinians and much of the international community.



Israel's military campaign has destroyed vast areas of Gaza and internally displaced some 90% of its population. Many have fled multiple times.

Rescuers recover charred remains

The strike on the school in the Daraj neighborhood of Gaza City also wounded dozens of people, said Fahmy Awad, head of the ministry's emergency service. He said a father and his five children were among the dead. The Shifa and al-Ahli hospitals in Gaza City confirmed the overall toll.

Awad said the school was hit three times while people slept, setting their belongings ablaze. Footage circulating online showed rescuers struggling to extinguish fires and recovering charred remains.

The military said it targeted a militant command and control center inside the school that Hamas and Islamic Jihad used to gather intelligence for attacks. Israel blames civilian deaths on Hamas because it operates in

residential areas.

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Palestinian militants meanwhile fired three projectiles from Gaza, two of which fell short within the territory and a third that was intercepted, according to the Israeli military.

Plans to control aid hit another obstacle

Israel plans to roll out a new aid distribution system run by a group known as the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, made up of former humanitarian, government and military officials, that would set up distribution points guarded by private security firms. Israel accuses Hamas of siphoning off assistance, without providing evidence.

The foundation said in a statement that it would begin delivering aid Monday and would reach a million Palestinians — around

half of Gaza's population — by the end of the week.

U.N. agencies and major aid groups have refused to cooperate with the planned U.S.-backed system, saying it would force even more displacement, fail to meet local needs and violate humanitarian principles that prohibit a warring party from controlling humanitarian assistance. They also say there is no evidence of systematic diversion of aid by militants.

Jake Wood, the American heading the foundation, unexpectedly resigned Sunday, saying it had become clear that the foundation would not be allowed to operate independently. It's not clear who is funding the group.

Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted 251 people in the 2023 attack. More than half the hostages have been returned in ceasefire agreements or other deals, eight have been rescued, and Israeli forces have recovered the remains of dozens more.

The offensive has destroyed vast areas of Gaza, rendering entire neighborhoods uninhabitable. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to shelter in schools and squalid tent camps for well over a year.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed around 54,000 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. It says more than half the dead are women and children but does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count.

Trump slams Putin, says war in Ukraine caused by ‘crazy’ actions and bad leadership



WASHINGTON, May 26 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump has launched a scathing attack on Russian President Vladimir Putin, alleging that he has "gone absolutely crazy" and is needlessly killing people in Ukraine, including civilians.

In a strongly worded statement shared on social media, Trump said, "I've always had a very good relationship with Vladimir Putin of Russia, but something has happened to him. He has gone absolutely CRAZY!"

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"Missiles and drones are being shot into Cities in Ukraine, for no reason whatsoever," he said.

The US President reiterated his long-held view that Putin wants "ALL of Ukraine, not just a piece of it," and warned that such ambitions could lead to "the downfall of Russia."

Trump also directed criticism at Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, saying he is doing his country "no favours by talking the way he does."

According to Trump, "Everything out of his mouth causes problems, I don't

like it, and it better stop."

Calling the war avoidable, Trump stated, "This is a War that would never have started if I were President."

He framed the ongoing conflict as one driven by "Zelenskyy's, Putin's, and Biden's War, not 'Trump's'," distancing himself from responsibility for the crisis.

Trump concluded by saying he is only trying to "help to put out the big and ugly fires" that, according to him, "have been started through Gross Incompetence and Hatred."

The remarks come amid continued international concern over escalating violence in Ukraine and the broader geopolitical ramifications of the war.

Earlier, on May 24, Zelenskyy reported a Russian drone and missile attack in Kyiv targeting civilians and causing widespread damage and casualties.

Sharing a post on X, Zelenskyy said, "Fragments of Russian missiles and drones are being cleared in Kyiv. Rescue and emergency operations are ongoing at the sites of strikes and debris impacts -- wherever they are needed. There were many fires and explosions in the city overnight. Once again, residential buildings, cars, businesses have been damaged. Sadly, there are injuries."

The post added, "It was a difficult night for all of Ukraine -- 250 strike drones, the absolute majority of them Iranian 'Shaheds,' and 14 ballistic missiles. The Odesa, Vinnytsia, Sumy, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Kyiv, Dnipro regions suffered damages. All strikes targeted civilians. There are fatalities. My condolences to the families and loved ones."

Zelenskyy further emphasised that Ukraine has repeatedly proposed ceasefires and called for sanctions steps from the United States, Europe, and its allies.

11 injured in South Carolina beach town shooting, operation underway: Police

LITTLE RIVER (US), May 26 (Agencies): At least 11 people were hospitalised following a shooting on Sunday night in the South Carolina beach town of Little River, authorities said today.

Horry County Police said the incident occurred around 9:30 p.m. but did not provide details about the conditions of those injured.

Dozens of police cars and ambulances were seen rushing in and out of a mostly residential street near the Intracoastal Waterway, where the shooting took place in Little River, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) northeast of Myrtle Beach.

Horry County Police said investigators were receiving reports of more victims arriving at



hospitals in private vehicles. Authorities have not released any details about possible suspects or the motive behind the shooting.

The area where the incident occurred also has a few boating businesses, but remains largely residential, agency reported.

Notably, this comes a month after one person was killed, and 11 others were wounded

in a mass shooting in a popular tourist area of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in April.

Authorities had observed a disturbance involving multiple individuals on North Ocean Boulevard, when one person began firing a weapon. In response, an officer opened fire and shot one individual, who later died from their injuries, according to police.

Taiwan's MND detects Chinese aircraft, navy vessels near its territory

TAIPEI, May 26 (Agencies): Taiwan's Ministry of Defence on Monday detected four People's Liberation Army (PLA) aircraft, eight People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) vessels, and two official ships near its territory.

Sharing a post on X, the MND said, "4 PLA aircraft, 8 PLAN vessels and 2 official ships operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. #ROCArmedForces have monitored the situation and responded accordingly."

The MND on Sunday detected one PLA aircraft, eight PLAN vessels and one official ship operating around Taiwan. The aircraft crossed the median line, Taiwan's MND said.

Earlier on Saturday, MND said that it detect-



ed eight PLA aircraft, 13 PLAN vessels and two official ships operating around Taiwan. Of the eight aircraft, six crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and eastern ADIZ.

Taiwan's military is prioritising combat readiness as a key aspect of deterrence due to escalating threats from China, as reported by

Focus Taiwan, citing Minister of National Defence Wellington.

President Lai Ching-te noted that the armed forces are undergoing a significant transformation to better handle the increasing hostility from Beijing. "As we are situated on an island, we need to stockpile military supplies in case China launches multiple assaults. We may even

need to prepare for a war of endurance," he stated, according to the Focus Taiwan report.

To prepare for these potential situations, the military has revamped its training programs. Koo mentioned that new training subjects have been introduced for both conscripts and senior officers, encompassing topics related to newly acquired military assets.

He emphasised that the objective is to "prepare for war," insisting that readiness is crucial for maintaining a strong deterrent, as noted by Focus Taiwan.

Koo also highlighted Taiwan's ongoing focus on asymmetric warfare, especially following the extension of compulsory military service to one year starting January 1, 2024. Elements like air defence units, drones,

and mobile radar systems are integral to Taiwan's strategy to ensure precision and adaptability against a numerically superior opponent, as indicated by Focus Taiwan.

He remarked that the military must evaluate whether troop planning and positioning are sufficient for scenarios in which the Chinese People's Liberation Army suddenly escalates exercises near Taiwan into real attacks.

The annual Han Kuang exercises are set to take place from July 9-18 this year, significantly longer than last year's five-day war games, which were cut short by a typhoon. Koo stressed that the exercises intend to identify weaknesses in existing plans and address any issues, according to Focus Taiwan.

Trump extends 50% tariff deadline on EU imports to July 9

WASHINGTON DC, May 26 (Agencies): Following US President Donald Trump's proposal for a 50% tariff on all imports from the European Union, effective June 1, he announced an extension of the deadline after a conversation with Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission.

Trump said he had agreed to extend the tariff deadline to July 9 and noted that discussions between both parties would begin rapidly.

Sharing a post on the social media platform

Truth Social, Trump wrote, "I received a call today from Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, requesting an extension on the June 1st deadline on the 50% Tariff with respect to Trade and the European Union. I agreed to the extension -- July 9, 2025 -- It was my privilege to do so. The Commission President said that talks will begin rapidly. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

Following President Trump's decision to extend the deadline for the proposed 50% tariff

on European Union imports, von der Leyen expressed her gratitude for the extension. She highlighted the EU and the US's close trade relationship, stating that Europe is ready to engage in swift and decisive talks to reach a good deal.

Sharing a post on X, von der Leyen wrote, "Good call with @POTUS. The EU and the US share the world's most consequential and close trade relationship. Europe is ready to advance talks swiftly and decisively. To reach a good deal, we would

need the time until July 9." A few days ago, Trump had accused the EU of taking advantage of the United States through what he described as "powerful trade barriers."

Sharing a post on Truth Social, Trump wrote, "The European Union, which was formed for the primary purpose of taking advantage of the United States on trade, has been very difficult to deal with. Their powerful Trade Barriers, VAT taxes, ridiculous Corporate Penalties, Non-Monetary Trade Barriers, Monetary

Manipulations, unfair and unjustified lawsuits against American companies, and more, have led to a Trade Deficit with the US of more than \$250,000,000 a year, a number which is totally unacceptable. Our discussions with them are going nowhere."

He added, "Therefore, I am recommending a straight 50% Tariff on the European Union, starting on June 1, 2025. There is no Tariff if the product is built or manufactured in the United States. Thank you for your attention to this matter."

Russia fired record barrage of 355 drones at Ukraine overnight



KYIV, May 26 (Agencies): Russia fired 355 drones at Ukraine overnight in the biggest such attack since Moscow's 2022 invasion, Kyiv said on Monday, a day after Russian strikes killed 13 people.

Ukraine's air force said Russia had launched "355 Shahed-type drones", including

decoys, as well as nine cruise missiles, with its spokesman Yuriy Ignat confirming to agency that it was the largest drone attack since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion in February 2022.

The drone strikes on Monday came after what Kyiv described as a weekend of "terror".

Kyiv has so far not reported deaths from the drone attack, but said that Russian shelling in the last 24 hours had killed one civilian man in the north-eastern Sumy region, which has been under relentless Russian attack for several months.

Air alerts in Kyiv lasted for six hours, the capital's authorities said.

In the western Khmelnytsky region, local authorities said that 18 residential buildings were damaged by Russian drones.

The head of the southern Odesa region said a 14-year-old boy was wounded there.

Massive IEC campaigns held across Ramban under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan



Top News Report

RAMBAN, May 26: In a major move towards eradicating drug abuse and fostering a healthier lifestyle among youth, the District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, successfully organized extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan across all 11 blocks and the Municipal Council Ramban.

A key highlight of the campaign was the event held at Dak Bungalow, Ramban, where MLA Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju, led the Nasha Mukht Bharat initiative. The programme witnessed the presence of CEO Municipal Council Sudershan Jamwal, alongside several gov-

ernment officials, civil society members, and enthusiastic students.

District Health Officer Dr. Mohd Iqbal and other resource persons delivered insightful lectures on the severe impact of drug abuse, educating the masses about its physical, mental, and social repercussions.

Mass awareness programs were also organized across multiple panchayats including Trigam Upper, Sujmatna-B, Rajgrah, Gool Parthmullah, Dharam B, Thather Lower, Famrote, Karma, Kangha, Sildhar, and Sena Bhatti-B. These events witnessed active participation from students, teachers, and officials from Health, Police, Social Welfare, and Information Departments, reinforcing a collective stand against substance abuse.

At Panchayat Gool Parthmullah, Sub-Divisional Magistrate

Imtiaz Ahmed presided over the programme, sensitizing the public about the far-reaching consequences of drug addiction.

Throughout the campaigns, Health Department experts elaborated on the devastating health impacts of drug use, while representatives from the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Excise Department discussed legal ramifications and enforcement strategies. Social Welfare officials highlighted available government helplines and rehabilitation initiatives to support affected individuals and their families.

All programmes concluded with mass pledges of commitment, as participants vowed to protect youth and the larger society from the grip of drug abuse, reaffirming their dedication to building a drug-free, healthy, and prosperous Ramban.

The Power of Small

*A gentle word, a helping hand,
A smile that helps one understand—
Kindness shown in smallest deeds,
Blossoms into mighty seeds.*

*From humble acts, great love may grow,
In hearts we've touched, it starts to show.
No grand parade, no boastful sound,
Yet roots of hope spread underground.*

*So plant with care, each thoughtful part—
For kindness blooms within the heart.*

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Inter-Zone District Level U-17 Girls Football Tournament concludes at GHSS Chandwan



Top News Report

KATHUA, May 26: The Inter-Zone District Level Under-17 Girls Football Tournament was held today at Government Higher Secondary School, Chandwan. The event was organized under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua, Sh. Sunil Singh Sambyal, with activity incharges Dharmender Singh Shally and Parveen Singh coordinating the matches.

The tournament was inaugurated with a ceremonial kick-off by football observer Smt. Kanchan Thapa, Lecturer in Physical Education, in the presence of Dharmender Singh Shally

and the supporting field staff.

The tournament witnessed intense competition among various zones. In the opening match, Zone Sallan defeated Kathua Zone with a score of 2-1. The second match saw Zone Hiranagar overpower Zone Lakanpur with a dominant 4-0 victory. In the third match, Zone Sallan continued their strong performance, defeating Zone Marheen 2-0.

The final match of the tournament was a high-energy clash between Zone Hiranagar and Zone Sallan. Zone Hiranagar emerged victorious with a commanding 5-0 win, securing the championship title.

Honorary Doctorate on Humanitarian Services conferred upon Robert Robin Gill

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Honorary Doctorate on Humanitarian Services conferred upon Robert Robin Gill, by the University of Jerusalem, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 9th May 2025.

R Robin Gill born on 27th June 1954 comes from a family of humble parents who had served the needy society at large.

Completed his schooling from St. Joseph's High School, Baramulla, and Graduation from Jammu University, he served in Presentation Convent School, Jammu from 1975 to 1984. In July 1984 he joined Indian Oil Corporation Ltd from where he retired in 2014. During his working tenure he had been supporting poor students with books and stationery etc. After his retirement from IOCL, he is fully devoted towards Social activities. Shri Robin



opened an orphanage in his own house for the girls in 2017 and had to close it in 2021 due to the financial crisis.

Carrying forward the message of Mahatma Gandhi, for Peace and Non Violence and exhibiting the same among the society with full dedication and commitment, Padma Shri Dr. S P Varma, President Gandhi Global Family, J&K has elevated him as Vice President, GGF, J&K. Besides being an active volunteer in GGF, he is also a Trustee in Sarvodaya International Trust, JK Chapter (working on Gandhian Ideologies).

Robin is also providing support to Robin Hood Army, J&K, who carry food and serve to the hungry needy society lying on foot paths and juggies.

He holds a spiritual skill in conducting Inter-religious dialogues under the Catholic Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar, where spiritual heads of J&K & Ladakh UTs, belonging to all religions join together for sharing the message of peace, non violence, brotherhood and love and compassion.

Robin also has a skill of providing free counselling to students/youth and disturbed families where many students/people have seen the right path.

Based on his service to the needy Society, University of Jerusalem at Chennai, has conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Specialization in Humanitarian Services) (Honoris Causa).

Army conducts medical camp for border villages in Uri

Top News Report

URI, May 26: Demonstrating its commitment to public welfare, the Indian Army organised a medical camp on Monday in Uri, Baramulla, for civilians impacted by recent ceasefire violations.

Over 500 residents from the villages of Nambla A, Nambla B, Nambla C, Sahora, Hathlanga, Silikot, Ghar-kote, Balkote, Macchikrand, Bandi, Lagama, Rajarwani, and Paran Pila received medical attention. A dedicated team—including a Lady Medical Officer, Medical Officer, and Psychologist—offered free consultations, basic treatment, mental health support, and awareness



sessions on hygiene and preventive care.

The initiative was welcomed with gratitude by the local population and reflects the Army's con-

tinued efforts to support and serve the people of Jammu & Kashmir, living by its motto: "Army for the Awaam, Awaam for the Army."

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Lieutenant Governor flags-off 'Physics Bharat Yatra' from Udhampur

Governor attributed the success of Operation Sindoor to India's indigenous defence capabilities, innovations in defence sector and technological advancements.

"Operation Sindoor has shown India's scientific might. It has demonstrated that our scientists, defence personnel and jawans are second to none in the world. This victory is a tribute to their dedication. It is also a vindication of our steadfast commitment to self-reliance.

India's military might is proof of our Scientist's determination to comprehensively strengthen the national security and also put our economy on the growth trajectory. Our scientists are unwavering and determined to make historic strides in new areas of science and technology," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, emphasised on capacity building of science teachers and bringing the new scientific advancements to the classroom and lab.

He urged the teaching community and educational institutions to provide the young researchers with a bigger canvas and bigger goals for experiments.

The Lieutenant Governor also called upon the Indian scientists and engineers making valuable contributions all over the world to consider returning home. He said, the conditions are now favorable for pioneering inventions and they can significantly contribute to India's scientific and economic leadership.

"The confluence of Science, Spirituality, and Sanskar has powered

India's dominance globally. We are strategically investing in scientific and technological advancement to make India a leading global scientific power. Our scientists, innovators and researchers are determined to reclaim the ancient glory and build a developed India by 2047. It is our national resolve," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

Padma Shri Dr HC Verma shared the vision and objective behind Physics Bharat Yatra. He said, the initiative aims to promote experiential and hands-on learning, and encourage the people, especially the youth to make Science a part of their day-to-day life. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also inspected the Physics Exhibition showcasing the students-led models and experiments.

Shri Pawan Kumar Gupta, Member of Legislative Assembly from Udhampur West; Shri Balwant Singh Mankotia, Member of Legislative Assembly from Chenani; Ms Sarah Rizvi DIG Udhampur -Reasi Range; Ms Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; Shri Mineesh Gulati, Coordinator Happy IAPT Anveshika Udhampur, senior officials, members of IAPT, students, teachers and prominent citizens were present.

Covid-19 cases cross 1,000 mark: 430 active cases in Kerala, 104 in Delhi

reported no active cases at present.

Forest guard's body recovered after 4 days in Ganderbal

Sindh near compartment no 1 of Paribal forest division while he was

on duty.

He said that a search and rescue operation was launched to trace him, but to no avail.

"His body was recovered after four days today afternoon following strenuous efforts by the rescue and search teams," he said.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey alleges Nehru, Indira planned to give Kashmir territories to Pakistan in 1960s

Bhutto. Read this paper carefully, India had already decided to give back to Pakistan the territory forcibly occupied by Pakistan in Poonch and Uri. The matter did not stop at this; the entire Neelum and Kishanganga valley in Gurez was made the international border along with the Line of Control. The sole reason for India's problems today is the Congress's hand. But with whom?"

According to Dubey, India had agreed to return territories in Poonch and Uri, forcibly occupied by Pakistan. It was prepared to designate the entire Neelum and Kishanganga valley in Gurez as the international border along the Line of Control.

The document, dated February 9, 1963, details discussions between Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh and Pakistan's Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, held under the mediation of the U.S. and Britain, amid Cold War geopolitical pressures.

The telegram, sent from Karachi to the U.S. Secretary of State, reveals that India had considered conceding strategic areas like Poonch, Uri, and the Kishanganga Valley to Pakistan as part of a potential settlement. It

notes India's reluctance to agree to a vote in Jammu and Kashmir, citing concerns over territorial control, while Pakistan insisted on a full-state vote, leading to a deadlock. The document also highlights U.S. concerns about the risk India took by deviating from the voting framework and the potential for further escalation if no agreement is reached.

Earlier on Saturday, Dubey criticised the Congress party for its role in the 1968 agreement that led to India ceding 828 square kilometres of the Rann of Kutch to Pakistan, despite India's victory in the 1965 Indo-Pak war.

Dubey alleged that the Congress party, under Indira Gandhi's leadership, agreed to international arbitration, which resulted in India losing territory to Pakistan.

Citing a document, Dubey claimed that the decision was made following an international tribunal under the United Nations, where India appointed Yugoslavia's Ales Bebler as its representative.

He described Indira Gandhi as the "Iron Lady" who, despite winning the 1965 war, chose to cede land to Pakistan due to fear.

ED seizes Rs 1.70-Cr cash, Documents in raids against Jaypee Infratech Ltd, Others

During the searches, it said, financial documents and digital devices along with documents relating to immovable properties held in the names of promoters, their family members and the group companies and cash amounting to Rs 1.70 crore were seized.

Jaiprakash Associates Ltd, currently facing insolvency proceed-

ings, is into cement, construction, real estate, power and hospitality business among others.

Suraksha Realty has acquired Jaypee Infratech Ltd through insolvency to complete stalled housing projects in NCR comprising around 20,000 flats.

There was no response from the companies or promoters concerned.

National Conference urges EC to hold Rajya Sabha Polls in J&K

NC chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq told reporters here.

He said more than six months have passed since the Assembly elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir but the Rajya Sabha seats are still vacant.

"Despite six-seven months having passed, elections for the Rajya Sabha seats from Jammu and Kashmir have not taken place. Moreover, everywhere by-elections are taking place except for Budgam and Nagrota. Why only delay in Jammu and Kashmir?" he posed.

While the Budgam assembly segment fell vacant after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah decided to give it up to retain Ganderbal, the Nagrota assembly seat fell vacant following the death of BJP leader and incumbent MLA Devender Rana soon after last year's assembly polls.

Poha, girlfriends and prison breaks: Jaipur jail scandal leaves officials red-faced; 13

arrested

the 5.30 pm deadline on Saturday.

"This outing was arranged for around Rs 25,000, routed through a middleman. The escorting constables were promised Rs 5,000 each," said a senior officer involved in the investigation.

Rafiq and Bhanwar met their wife and ex-girlfriend, respectively, at a Jalupura hotel, where Rafiq's wife was later found with narcotics and was booked under the NDPS Act, DCP (East) Tejaswani Gautam said.

Ankit and Karan were tracked to a hotel near the airport, where they were seen having poha for breakfast. The room was booked by Ankit's girlfriend.

Later, the police detained Karan's relative carrying Rs 45,000 in cash at one of the hotels, along with several inmate ID cards.

Jail sources said that the outing was masterminded by a convicted extortionist still operating from inside the prison.

Investigators say that over 200 phone calls intercepted since April reveal a deeper network of bribes, unauthorised mobile use, and alleged threats to VIPs, including Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.

A case has been registered at the Sawai Man Singh Police Station, and an investigation and search has been initiated in the Jaipur Central Jail, the police stated.

Man dies after scooty crashes into army vehicle in Baramulla

Gaffar Rather, a resident of Deewanbagh. He was a plumber by profession," they said.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

DPS Jammu’s Musa Pervaiz Malik crowned best performer at state-level swimming championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Musa Pervaiz Malik, a student of Class X-F at Delhi Public School Jammu, has brought immense pride to the school and his family by being declared the “Best Performer” in the Senior Open Swimming Championship 2025–26, held in Jammu, on 24th and 25th May 2025. The prestigious event was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Swimming Association.

Demonstrating exceptional talent, determination, and athleticism, Musa clinched an impressive five gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal. His standout victories include 1st Place: 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, and 4x50m Relay; 2nd Place: 50m Freestyle; 3rd Place: 50m Breaststroke.

Despite his young age, Musa has been selected to represent Jammu & Kashmir in the upcoming Senior National Swimming Championship, scheduled to be



held later this year. This achievement adds to an already illustrious record. Musa has consistently proven his mettle as a national-level swimmer, having competed and excelled at various district, state, and national-level competitions.

DPS Jammu remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing young talent and providing holistic development opportunities that empower students to excel not just academically, but also in co-curricular and sports domains.

The management of

DPS Jammu, under the visionary leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro-Vice Chairperson, Dr. Ritu Singh, Director, S.S. Sodhi, and Principal, Ruchi Chabra, extended their heartfelt congratulations to Musa Pervaiz Malik, his proud parents, and his dedicated coach Ravinder Deonia on this remarkable achievement.

They lauded Musa’s outstanding performance and conveyed their best wishes for his continued success and a bright future in the field of swimming and beyond.

JSS Jammu triumphs in Inter-District Zonal Cricket Tournament



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: The Youth Services and Sports Department conducted the Inter-District Zonal Level Cricket Tournament at Zone Bishnah and RS Pura, showcasing remarkable talent and sportsmanship among young cricketers.

The cricket teams of Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu delivered an outstanding performance in both Under-14 and Under-17 categories. In a thrill-

ing display of skill and teamwork, both age groups secured two consecutive victories each against the RS Pura Zone.

The Under-17 Boys team defeated RS Pura by commanding margins of 42 runs and 40 runs respectively, while the Under-14 team also claimed back-to-back wins, demonstrating discipline, focus, and strong team coordination.

The tournament was graced by the presence of the District Sports Officer (DSO) and the

Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Bishnah Zone, who appreciated the performance and spirit of the young cricketers.

The dignitaries praised the JSS teams for their dedication and sportsmanship, calling them “a shining example of emerging talent in the region.”

This successful tournament reaffirms the commitment of the Youth Services and Sports Department to nurturing future sports stars and promoting physical education across districts.

Samsung becomes first brand to cross INR 10000 cr in TV sales in India

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Samsung, India’s largest consumer electronics brand, announced that its television business has crossed Rs 10000 Crore in sales in calendar year 2024.

This makes Samsung the first brand in India to achieve the significant milestone in the television industry.

Samsung said it is confident of achieving double-digit growth in 2025, driven by an expansive portfolio of premium offerings and growing demand for large-screen, AI-powered televisions.

“2024 was a landmark year for Samsung India. In value terms, we achieved a turnover of INR 10000 crore. We now aspire to grow in

double-digit this year backed by our new AI TV lineup that breathes new life into every frame, setting a new benchmark for cinematic excellence at home. With this new era of AI-powered screens, we are confident of accelerating next-generation TV adoption and strengthening our leadership in India’s premium television segment,” said Viplesh Dang, Senior Director, Visual Display Business, and Samsung India.

Samsung recently unveiled its 2025 TV lineup of Vision AI-powered televisions in India, with the introduction of more than 40 models across Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K, OLED, QLED and The Frame.

Samsung Vision AI represents a major

leap in making screens smarter, more intuitive and deeply personal. It transforms televisions into adaptive hubs, responsive to their environment and user behaviors.

They seamlessly blend into everyday life, making the TV an intelligent partner rather than just a display. Samsung Vision AI delivers real-time optimization of picture and sound, gesture-based navigation, and smart home integration via SmartThings.

Samsung’s 2025 lineup, priced between Rs 49490 to Rs 1100000, underscores Samsung’s strategy to democratize cutting-edge innovations across wider price points and screen sizes.

The Vision AI-enabled line-up also introduc-

J&K Police wrestler Bablu lifts 13th Koarnu Dangal title 2025

Top News Report

KATRA, May 26: Wrestler Bablu of J&K Police lifted 13th Koarnu Dangal title 2025 by defeating wrestler Harsh of Ladopur, Bahadurgarh in Harayana in a neck to neck contest at village Koarnu in District Udhampur.

Bablu was given a cash prize of Rs. 12,000, while runner-up wrestler Harsh was cash awarded with Rs. 9,000.

Dangal was organized by young youth Koarnu Dangal committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Ratten Langeh and Lochan Singh.

MLA Udhampur East Ranbir Singh Pathania was the Chief Guest



on the occasion who distributed cash prizes of Rs. 1,10,000 among the winner and runner-up wrestlers.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association presided over the func-

tion and Sub-Inspector Azhar was the Guest of Honour. In all, 34 bouts were played in the one day Dangal. The bouts were officiated by Lochan Singh, Sat Paul Verma, Om Parkash Verma, Madan Gopal, Murlidhar (Munna) and Tulinder Kumar.

Second main bout

was won by Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police who defeated Wrestler Amit of Delhi. Third bout was won by Rakesh (Goldi) of Ramnagar who defeated Kharpur of Jammu. Fourth bout was won by Ali of Hossiarpur in Punjab who defeated Pardeep of Delhi. Fifth bout was won by Jakker

of Kathua who defeated Arjun of Jammu.

Other Results: Amit of Delhi beat Sidhu of Jindrah, Rahul of Jindrah beat Arjun of Delhi, Surinder of R.S. Pura beat Ajay of Nagrota. Bout played between Shotu of Jindrah v/s Sonu of Dinanagar ended in a draw.

Members of young Youth Koarnu Dangal Committee who helped for conduct of this one day long dangal were Amaru Langeh (President), Prem Nath, Hans Raj Langeh, Romesh lalotra, Suresh Banotra, Girdhari lal (Retd. Master) Hans Raj Banotra (PDD) and Ratten Langeh.

Shiv Kumar Sharma appealed all the youths to adopt sports as part of life.

SD Tara Puri High School bags 13 medals at District-Level Speedball Championship



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Students of S.D Tara Puri High School shone brightly at the District-Level Speedball Championship 2025, held at the J.P World Auditorium, and organized by the J&K Sports Speedball Association. Competing across various age categories — Under-10, 12, 14, and 16 — the school secured an impressive 13 medals, marking a proud moment for the institution.

Out of 22 participants from the school, 13 students clinched medals, including 2 Gold, 5 Silver, and 6 Bronze. All medal winners have now been selected for the Inter-District Level Championship 2025.

Gold: Pardeep Singh, Rehaan. Silver: Raghav, Aarav, Yuvraj, Dhairya, Devank. Bronze: Suryansh, Sahil, Shakib,

Ayush, Sagar, Ujwal School Principal Neeru Puri congratulated the students, commending their dedication and perseverance, which she said, had brought honor to the school.

She encouraged the students to continue practicing and striving for greater excellence in future competitions.

The winning students credited their trainer Sunny Nanda for his expert guidance and motivation.

He was also honored alongside the students as they received medals and certificates in recognition of their achievements.

The school management and principal expressed their pride and appreciation for the students’ outstanding performance and extended best wishes for the upcoming inter-district competition.

Dr. Rudrkash Gupta of SMVDU shines at State Aquatics Championship, wins best swimmer award

Top News Report

KATRA, May 26: Dr. Rudrkash S. Gupta, Research Fellow at the School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has brought laurels to the university by securing an impressive three gold medals and four silver medals at the State Open Aquatics Championship, held in Jammu.

In recognition of his exceptional performance, Dr. Gupta was also conferred with the prestigious Best Swimmer Award of the State during the closing ceremony.

This remarkable achievement not only



reflects Dr. Gupta’s unwavering dedication and passion for swimming but also exemplifies SMVDU’s commitment to fostering physical excellence alongside academic pursuits.

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude, Dr. Gupta acknowledged the University’s consistent support, infrastructure, and encouragement that

enabled him to balance his sporting aspirations with scholarly responsibilities.

The Head of the School of Mechanical Engineering, along with faculty members, extended warm congratulations to Dr. Gupta, lauding his accomplishments as a source of pride and inspiration for the university community.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, also congratulated Dr. Gupta on his success, noting that his victory adds a distinguished milestone to the University’s legacy of promoting holistic student development through both academics and sports.

Vi enhances family plan flexibility with Rs 299 per member add-on

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Vi, India’s leading telecom operator, today announced a new add-on feature in Family Postpaid plans, wherein upto a total of 8 secondary members can be added to your existing family plan at just Rs 299 per member.

This provides a convenient way for customers to add family members to their existing Vi Family plan via Vi App, allowing all members to enjoy superior benefits.

Vi’s new add-on feature ensures each member, who is part of the plan,

gets 40GB high-speed monthly data. At Rs 299 per connection, it is one of the most competitive options in the market, offering excellent value and convenience.

The plan complements Vi’s existing Family Postpaid range, which includes data, OTT, voice and SMS benefits for two to five members, starting at Rs 701. With the introduction of the Rs 299 add-on feature, Vi customers can now add up to 8 secondary members to their account, offering greater flexibility without upgrading to a higher-tier plan. For example,

a Vi Max Family Rs701 plan currently includes 2 connections – 1 Primary and 1 Secondary. With the introduction of this add-on feature, a Rs701 plan user can add upto 7 additional secondary members at Rs 299/ member.

Vi’s Family Postpaid plans simplify account management through single billing, individual data allocation, and substantial cost savings.

This new feature strengthens Vi’s commitment to delivering practical and tailored solutions to the evolving needs of Indian families.

Reliance General Insurance delivers PAT up YoY by 12.5% at INR 315 cr

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Reliance General Insurance Company Limited (the Company), delivered a resilient performance in FY 2024–25, underpinned by its digital-first approach, customer-centric products, and diversified distribution strategy.

Reliance General Insurance continued to expand its footprint across retail, corporate and government business segments while maintaining robust risk management practices.

The Company, which faced strong headwinds being under IBC for nearly 4 years, has been acquired by IndusInd International Holdings Limited. (IIHL) In order to resurrect the posi-

tion of the Company, the new promoter has already infused Capital amounting to Rs 300 crores. Distribution channel being one of the core advantages in the insurance business, Promoter’s adjacencies to a vast pan-India network, will also be a boost to the company’s reach.

Commenting on the Company’s performance, Mr. Rakesh Jain, CEO of Reliance General Insurance, said: “FY 2024–25 marked a year of disciplined execution, strategic investments, and resilient growth, even in a dynamic and challenging market environment. Our continued focus on delivering seamless customer experiences, adopting cutting-edge technolo-

gies, and investing in talent has helped us build a strong, future-ready organisation. We remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting the aspirations of millions of Indians through innovative and trusted insurance solutions.”

He further added that “The successful conclusion of the CIRP of Reliance Capital Limited in March 2025 has opened a transformative new chapter for us under the stewardship of IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL). With IIHL’s strong financial backing and proven expertise in financial services, we are confident in our ability to accelerate our growth journey and lead the next wave of innovation

in India’s general insurance sector.”

The strategic support and long-term vision of IIHL are expected to bring enhanced operational agility, capital strength, and digital innovation capabilities to RGICL. This partnership will empower the Company to scale new heights by deepening distribution partnerships, embracing cutting-edge technologies, and reinforcing its commitment to customer-first innovation.

Well-positioned in a growing market, Reliance General Insurance is now equipped to lead the next wave of growth in India’s general insurance sector, delivering greater value to policyholders, partners, and stakeholders alike.

Gautam Gambhir offers prayers at Maa Kamakhya temple in Guwahati ahead of England Test series

The visit of Gautam Gambhir comes ahead of the England tour for a five-match Test series, part of the 2025-2027 ICC World Test Championship.

GUWAHATI, May 26 (Agencies): Ahead of the five-match Test series against England, Indian Cricket Team's head coach Gautam Gambhir offered prayers at Maa Kamakhya temple in Guwahati on Monday.

The visit of Gautam Gambhir comes ahead of the England tour for a five-match Test series, part of the 2025-2027 ICC World Test Championship.

The Kamakhya temple, located at a distance of 7 km from Guwahati, is one of the biggest Shakti shrines in the country. It is situated on the Nilachal hills.

The series against England will take place from June to August 2025, with matches at Headingley (Leeds), Edgbaston (Birmingham), Lord's (London), Old Trafford (Manchester), and The Oval (London).

This will be India's first bilateral series since both Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli announced their retirement from Test cricket earlier this month.

Earlier on Saturday, right-



hand batter Shubman Gill was appointed as the new Test captain for India, while wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant will serve as his deputy in the longest format, as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the squad

ries, and 29 fifties behind him. He had a disappointing tour to Australia last year, where he scored just 36 runs in four innings.

Following Kohli's retirement from the longest format of the game, a couple of budding and solidified figures like Sai Sudarshan and Karun Nair have been added to the middle-order.

In the bowling department, right-arm seamer Jasprit Bumrah will be leading the unit on English soil. Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh and Shardul Thakur are the other fast bowlers in the squad.

India's Test squad for England series: Shubman Gill (c), Rishabh Pant (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Karun Nair, Nitish Reddy, Ravindra Jadeja, Dhruv Jurel, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav.

Quartermiler Sneha in dope net, dropped from Asian Championships team



NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): Another national camper has been caught in the dope net. After javelin thrower Shivpal Singh, quartermiler Sneha Kollerli stands suspended after her samples have shown presence of stanozolol, a performance enhancing anabolic steroid.

Sneha, who is a national camper in Thiruvananthapuram, has been dropped from the Indian team taking part in the Asian Championships in South Korea. A source in the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has confirmed that Sneha has indeed been withdrawn from the team. However, it is yet to be confirmed where her sample was taken.

Sneha was part of the mixed relay team at the World Relays in China early this month and was selected for the Asian Championships for both the women's and mixed relay teams.

The Kerala athlete had claimed the bronze medal with a personal best timing of 53 seconds at the Federation championships held in Kochi. Besides, she beat Vithya Ramraj for the 200m gold medal at the Indian Grand Prix-2 at Thiruvananthapuram.

Interestingly, according to the AFI selection policy for the relay team, only those quartermilers who are part of the Thiruvananthapuram camp will get selected to represent India.

"The AFI will be on the back foot. A national camper has been caught. A lot of questions will be thrown at the federation as to what is happening in the camp," said a source. "Further, the AFI has announced that they will punish the coach if a trainee under them tests positive for banned substances. In Sneha's case, she is training under a foreign coach (Jerry Holness). Will they act against him?" he added.

Meanwhile, Shivpal, who may get an eight-year suspension for a second offence, was training in Patiala with India's javelin coach Sergey Makarov.

Cameron Green, Matthew Kuhnemann shine in County Championship ahead of WTC final against South Africa

LONDON, May 26 (Agencies): Ahead of the World Test Championship (WTC) against South Africa, Australia's Cameron Green and Matthew Kuhnemann shone for their respective teams AT the ongoing County Championship in London, as per the ICC official website.

Green's 118* for Gloucestershire against Northamptonshire was his third hundred in five matches for his county, on his road back to a Test XI recall after his lengthy back lay-off.

Coming in at 156/4, Green hit eight fours and three sixes, helping the side reach 379/8 before skipper and fellow Australian Cameron Bancroft made the innings declaration.

Green has one more innings before joining the Australian World Test Championship Final camp, with 442 runs at over 73 already to his name for the UK season.

Cardiff's Sophia Gardens played host to a potential World Test Championship Final preview of sorts, with South Africa's Dane Paterson, turning out for Middlesex, going head-to-head with Australia's Marnus Labuschagne for Glamorgan.

Labuschagne was not dismissed by the Proteas quick, though fell for 23 against first-change fast bowler Ryan Higgins. With Glamorgan only needing eight to win in the second innings, Labuschagne didn't bat again in his side's 10-wicket win, and goes into the World Test Championship Final with just 27 runs across three innings in his 2025 UK sojourn.

It was another Aussie and Final hopeful in Kuhnemann who shone for Glamorgan, taking career-best first-class figures of 6/53 in the second innings to stifle the visitors.

Making an impact

in his one-match stay for the Welsh county, Kuhnemann tore through Middlesex's top order on either side of lunch on day three, before taking two of the last three wickets on the road to victory.

World Test Championship Final Squads:

South Africa: Tony de Zorzi, Ryan Rickelton, Aiden Markram, Temba Bavuma (c), David Bedingham, Tristan Stubbs, Kyle Verreynne, Wiaan Mulder, Marco Jansen, Corbin Bosch, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Dane Paterson, Keshav Maharaj, Senuran Muthusamy.

Australia: Usman Khawaja, Sam Konstas, Marnus Labuschagne, Steve Smith, Travis Head, Alex Carey, Josh Inglis, Cameron Green, Beau Webster, Pat Cummins (c), Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Scott Boland, Nathan Lyon, Matt Kuhnemann. Travelling reserve: Brendan Doggett.

RCB's last attempt for top two finish, LSG aim to end on a high

LUCKNOW, May 26 (Agencies): In pursuit of a top-two finish, Royal Challengers Bengaluru will tread with caution in their final league clash against the erratic Lucknow Super Giants here on Tuesday as the hosts will be desperate to sign off on a positive note after a largely forgettable campaign.

Gujarat Titans' back-to-back defeats have created a golden opportunity for third-placed RCB to secure a top-two finish for the first time since 2016. The top two teams play the Qualifier 1 from which the winner enters the final and the losing side advances to Qualifier 2 to take on the winner of the eliminator, played between the third and fourth-place finishers.

The margin for error for RCB, who have 17 points, is rather slim. A win is imperative as either Mumbai Indians (16 points) or Punjab Kings (17 points) are set to overtake GT (18 points) after their clash this evening.

RCB were in red-hot form before the league's 10-day pause due to the India-Pakistan military conflict, winning four matches on the trot. But the break appears to have disrupted their momentum.

Since the restart, Bengaluru have seen a game washed out by rain and then suffered a 42-run defeat to Sunrisers



Hyderabad. Their last victory came on May 3, and rustiness was evident against SRH.

"We were rusty. The intensity wasn't there initially... In the death (overs), we were bowling more accurately," stand-in captain Jitesh Sharma admitted after that loss.

The return of Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood has lifted spirits in the RCB camp. Hazlewood has been the team's standout performer this season, with 18 wickets in 10 matches, and currently ranks fourth among the tournament's leading wicket-takers.

RCB will also be familiar with conditions, having played their last match at the Ekana Stadium.

However, overcoming Lucknow Super Giants won't be

easy. The hosts come in high on confidence after dismantling Gujarat Titans in their last outing.

Their overseas trio of Aiden Markram, Mitchell Marsh, and Nicholas Pooran, who has been the franchise's biggest positive this season, tore through GT's bowling to pile 235/2.

The bowling unit also impressed, showing glimpses of what their campaign could have been without a string of injuries.

The addition of Will O'Rourke, signed as a replacement for the injured Mayank Yadav, has been a positive move. Spinner Digvesh Rathi, who has been LSG's find of the season, will also return for the clash after serving his one-match suspension for animated send-offs.

Yet inconsistency has plagued

their season, something skipper Rishabh Pant acknowledged.

"We talk about playing good cricket, and we've shown on occasion that we can do that. There were times in the tournament where we had our chances but didn't take them — it's part and parcel of the game," Pant said last week.

Teams (from):

Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Phil Salt, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar ©, Mayank Agarwal, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Tim David, Krunal Pandya, Romario Shepherd, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Suyash Sharma, Josh Hazlewood, Yash Dayal, Rasikh Dar Salam, Manoj Bhandage, Jacob Bethell, Swapnil Singh, Liam Livingstone, Nuwan Thushara, Lungi Ngidi, Mohit Rathee, Swastik Chikara, Abhinandan Singh.

Lucknow Super Giants: Rishabh Pant (wk/captain), Aiden Markram, Mitchell Marsh, Nicholas Pooran, Ayush Badoni, Abdul Samad, David Miller, Shardul Thakur, Avesh Khan, Akash Deep, Digvesh Rathi, Ravi Bishnoi, Prince Yadav, Shahbaz Ahmed, Matthew Breetzke, Himmat Singh, Shamar Joseph, Manimaran Siddharth, Aryan Juyal, RS Hangargekar, Yuvraj Chaudhary, Akash Maharaj Singh, Arshin Kulkarni.

Match starts at 7:30pm IST.

IPL 2025: Klaasen ton powers SRH to mammoth 110-run win over KKR

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen struck his second IPL century on Sunday as he powered Sunrisers Hyderabad to a mammoth 278-3, and a 110-run win over Kolkata Knight Riders.

With both teams already out of the play-off race, Hyderabad elected to bat first and registered the third highest total of the T20 tournament, with Klaasen hitting an unbeaten 105 off 39 balls in Delhi.

Klaasen, who was promoted to number three, stole the limelight with seven fours and nine sixes in a complete show of domination by Hyderabad after opener Travis Head hit a 40-ball 76.

Three-time champi-



ons Kolkata, who won the IPL last year, were bowled out for 168 in 18.4 overs to end this edition placed eighth out of 10 teams.

Hyderabad finished with 6 wins and seven losses.

"Very pleased, it's been a long season of disappointment," Klaasen said after his knock.

"Luckily, I stuck to my processes and found my form now.

The franchise spent a lot of time and money to play this brand of cricket, and it was up to us to step up to the mantle."

Hyderabad, who won their only IPL title in 2016 under Australia's David Warner, have the top four totals in IPL to their credit.

Hyderabad amassed IPL's highest ever total

of 287-3 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru last year.

They fell one short of that score -- 286-6 -- against Rajasthan Royals this year.

Hyderabad scored 277 versus Mumbai Indians in 2024.

Hyderabad's Australian import Head came out roaring with opening partner Abhishek

Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeat Uruguay 3-2 in Four Nations Tournament

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team registered a 3-2 victory over Uruguay in their second match during the friendly Four Nations Tournament in Rosario, Argentina on May 26 (as per IST).

Sonom (21') and Kanika Siwach (46', 50') scored crucial goals for India while Milagros Seigal (3') and Agustina Mari (24') found the net for Uruguay.

Uruguay took an early lead in the game as Milagros Seigal successfully converted a penalty corner in the 3rd minute to push her side ahead early on.

In the second quarter, India scored the equaliser as Sonam scored through a pen-

alty corner in the 21st minute. However, just three minutes later, Uruguay reclaimed the lead as Agustina Mari scored a goal through a penalty corner as well, as per the Hockey India press release.

The game remained level by the end of the third quarter, but Kanika Siwach scored a crucial brace in the final stretch to help India emerge victorious. She first scored through a penalty corner in the 46th minute, followed by a decisive field goal in the 50th minute to seal the well-deserved win.

Earlier on May 25, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team began its friendly Four Nations Tournament on a positive note with a 2-1 win

over Chile in Rosario, Argentina. Sukhveer Kaur (39') and Kanika Siwach (58') were the goal scorers for India. Javeria Saenz (20') scored the only goal for Chile.

Chile's Javeria Saenz broke the deadlock in the 20th minute to give her side a slim lead heading into the second half. India, however, promptly replied with an equalising goal in the third quarter courtesy of Sukhveer Kaur in the 39th minute.

In the dying minutes of the match, Kanika Siwach scored the winning goal in the 58th minute to ensure India's victory.

India's next game is against Argentina on May 28.

Dimple leads protest for cash relief; demands justice for border residents and martyrs' families



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Sunil Dimple, president of Mission Statehood, led a massive protest demonstration at Rehari Chungi, BC Road, demanding immediate cash relief for residents of border areas and families of martyrs affected by the Operation Sindoor conflict. The protest also condemned Pakistan and called for the unification and liberation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Gilgit, and Baltistan as integral parts of India.

Addressing the protestors, Dimple expressed serious concern over the losses suffered by residents in Poonch, Rajouri, and Jammu districts, claiming that many families have lost their homes and loved ones due to cross-border shelling and war-related incidents. He criticized the government for offering only Rs 6,000 as compensation, calling it an insult to the people who have lost lakhs worth of property.

He demanded that the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister visit the affected families, call them to Raj Bhavan and the Civil Secretariat, and issue appointment letters to the kin of the martyrs without delay.

"The political leaders just visit the damaged sites for photo sessions, make empty promises, and leave without offering any real help," Dimple alleged. He added that no financial

relief has been provided to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack, nor to those who have lost lives or property due to shelling in border areas.

Dimple appealed to all 90 MLAs and 5 MPs from J&K to donate six months' salary to the Operation Sindoor Relief Fund, emphasizing the urgent need for collective action until peace is restored.

He also issued a stern warning to Pakistan, demanding that it hand over terrorists Hafiz Saeed and Azhar Masood to India and dismantle its terror infrastructure. Dimple reiterated his demand to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the immediate unification of PoK, Gilgit, and Baltistan with Jammu and Kashmir.

Criticizing the recent Tiranga Rallies, Dimple accused political parties of using nationalism to divert attention from real issues like relief distribution, unemployment, tourism collapse, and the destruction of livelihoods post-war and terror attacks.

He also slammed the parliamentary delegation sent abroad, calling it a waste of public money with no tangible benefits for the people of J&K.

The protest saw participation from several prominent leaders, including S. Tarun Singh, Ashok Sharma, Narendar Chowdhary, Sanjay Kumar, Sanjeev, Baba Gupta, Parveen Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Happy Kumar, Sunny Kumar, and Rocky Kapoor, among others.

JKAACL hosts "Meet the Author" Programme Featuring Hindi Writer Dr. Chanchal Dogra

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: The J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) organized an insightful literary programme titled "Meet the Author" to honour the celebrated Hindi writer Dr. Chanchal Dogra (Sharma), recognizing her immense contributions to Hindi literature.



Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL, extended a warm welcome to the guests and participants.

In her address, she elaborated that the main objective of this series is to document the lives

and works of poets, writers, and artists of Jammu & Kashmir.

She praised Dr. Chanchal Dogra's literary achievements, stating that her work consistently highlights the voices of women, social challenges, and cultural values.

She also felicitated Dr. Dogra with a shawl, memento, and flower vase, in the gracious presence of Sonali Arun Gupta, Additional Secretary, JKAACL; Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head Jammu; and senior literary figures Prof. P.N. Trisal, Dr.

R.L. Shant, and Dr. A.S. Amn, former Additional Secretary, JKAACL.

The programme featured a thoughtful and comprehensive paper presentation by Dr. Adarsh Prakash, who reflected on the literary journey, themes, and stylistic depth of Dr. Chanchal Dogra's writing.

Dr. Chanchal Dogra, a renowned writer, editor, and academician, is known for her significant contributions to Hindi literature through poetry, essays, and short stories. Her works often reflect deep social

consciousness and psychological insights, especially related to women's experiences.

During the session titled "Main Aur Meri Sahityik Yatra", Dr. Dogra shared her personal and literary journey, spanning over five decades. She spoke about her evolution as a writer, the challenges she encountered as a woman in the literary world, and her commitment to creating literature that embodies truth, resilience, and the human spirit.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Javaid Rahi, who commended Dr. Dogra's literary contributions and thanked the audience for their enthusiastic participation.

The event was ably conducted by Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Editor Hindi, JKAACL, who efficiently steered the proceedings of the programme.

Engagement orders distributed to AAYAs in Zone Ghat

Top News Report

DODA, May 26: In a key initiative aimed at strengthening foundational education, Shabar Ishaq Zargar, In-Charge Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Ghat, distributed engagement orders to AAYAs (helpers) in various schools across Zone Ghat.

The initiative has been undertaken in line with the directions of the Director of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Doda. It aims to improve the quality of education, particularly at the pre-primary and primary levels.

As per the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the government has mandated the deployment of one AAYA in

every school where at least five students are enrolled in pre-primary classes. This step is expected to provide much-needed assistance in managing young children and creating a safe, child-friendly environment in government schools.

Speaking on the occasion, Shabar Ishaq appreciated the timely implementation of the policy and expressed confidence that it would significantly contribute to the holistic development of children, especially in rural and remote areas. He emphasized that the engagement of AAYAs would enhance support services in schools, offering better care for newly enrolled students and strengthening the government school ecosystem.

Nine-month-old defies rare heart defect without surgery at Medica under Sishu Saathi scheme

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: A nine-month-old baby girl from Hili in Dakshin Dinajpur has made a miraculous recovery after undergoing a rare, life-saving cardiac procedure without surgery at Medica Superspecialty Hospital (A unit of Manipal Hospitals Network) by Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, Head – Paediatric Cardiology & Senior Interventional Cardiologist, Medica Superspecialty Hospital (A unit of Manipal Hospitals Network) with the critical support of a multidisciplinary team comprising doctors from Anaesthesia, Cardiology, and Paediatrics, along with the CTVS surgical team, who were on standby to handle any emergency.. The procedure was performed under the Government of West Bengal's Sishu Saathi scheme, which ensures free treatment

for children with heart diseases because the child's family, dependent on agriculture, could not have afforded the advanced treatment otherwise.

Baby "Ananya" (name changed), born to a farmer's family, had been having trouble in breathing and poor weight gain since early infancy during the end of 2024. Her parents grew increasingly worried as her condition worsened and she failed to thrive despite medications. At around four months of age, she was diagnosed locally with a complex congenital heart defect.

She was referred to Medica Superspecialty Hospital, where a detailed evaluation by the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease team, led by Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, revealed a rare and serious defect called aortopulmonary window. This abnormal connection between the

heart's two major arteries — the aorta and the pulmonary artery — was causing four times the normal blood flow into her lungs, causing her heart failure.

While explaining her condition, Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, shared, "This defect is typically treated through open-heart surgery, ideally before six months of age. At nine months, the risk of lung damage was high, but we decided to attempt a less invasive transcatheter closure at Medica. We inserted a closure device through tiny blood vessels in the baby's leg, guided it to her heart, and sealed the defects all under sedation and local anesthesia.

Though the first attempt was unsuccessful, we persisted and succeeded on the second try. The device was positioned perfectly, and the baby's lung pressure dropped

dramatically within minutes." He further added, "Closing such a large heart defect in such a small child without open-heart surgery is rarest of rare. Her quick recovery shows what is medically possible with timely intervention and the right expertise."

The procedure was done on 14th May 2025, and the baby was shifted to the ICU for observation and discharged the very next day, stable, smiling, and feeding well — a testament to the power of minimally invasive modern cardiac care.

Expressing her gratitude with tears in her eyes, Ananya's mother said, "We had lost all hope. She was not eating, not growing, always gasping. We had no money for surgery. But the doctors at Medica treated her like their own child. Thanks to them and the government's help, our daughter

is alive and smiling today."

Dr. Ayanabh Debgupta, Regional Chief Operating Officer, Manipal Hospitals – East, expressed, "Manipal Hospitals, always strives to provide state-of-the-art to all patients, including those from underserved communities. This inspiring case of baby Ananya's recovery through a novel, non-surgical cardiac procedure under the Sishu Sathi scheme is a testament not only to the clinical skills of our team at Medica, part of Manipal Hospitals, but also to our vision to make advanced healthcare accessible to all."

This case marks a proud milestone for Medica Superspecialty Hospital's Pediatric Cardiology department and reaffirms their commitment to providing world-class cardiac care to even the most economically vulnerable children.

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: The farewell party "Ruksati-2k25" for the Batch of 2021-25 at Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology (YCET) was a vibrant and memorable event, marking the end of the academic journey for the 8th semester students.

The hall was beautifully decorated, creating a festive and colorful atmosphere that set the tone for the celebrations.

The event was filled with various engaging activities and highlighted the cherished memories of the students' four years at YCET.

One of the most touching moments was a video presentation that compiled memorable moments and experiences from the students time at the college. This video served as a nostalgic reminder of their journey and the bonds they formed along the way.

The farewell bash included a series of fun events such as Pictionary, musical chairs, and tongue twisters, which brought laughter and excitement to the attendees.

The winners of these fun activities (Pictionary- Eitesh Kalouppia, Musical chairs-Saksham Gupta and Tongue twisters- Sohrab Malik and Vikrant) were honored by the event coordinators, Er. Inderdeep Singh, Er. Shivam Sharma, Er. Anikait Gupta and Rohit Gupta.

Adding a competitive yet joyful spirit to the occasion.

A significant highlight

of "Ruksati-2k25" was the Miss YCET and Mr. YCET contest. This competition allowed the outgoing students to showcase their talents, poise, and confidence as they walked the ramp, participated in a talent show, and faced a Q&A round.

Sakshi Manhas and Saksham Gupta were crowned Miss and Mr. YCET respectively, and were felicitated by Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal (Chairman, JGEI) and Er. Renu Bangroo (Managing Director, JGEI).

The event also included a formal segment where the students were presented with mementos by distinguished guests and faculty members. These included Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal, Er. Renu Bangroo, Er. Dinesh Gupta (Dean Academics, YCET), Er. B.R. Verma (Chief Coordinator, YCET), and the respective Heads of Departments. This gesture was a token of appreciation and a reminder of their time at YCET.

Following the formalities, faculty members from all departments took the podium to share their best wishes for the students' future endeavors, assuring them of continued support throughout their lives. Their heartfelt messages added an emotional touch to the farewell, emphasizing the strong bond between the students and their teachers.

The evening concluded with a feast and a DJ session, where students danced to their favorite songs, making the day even more memorable.

The farewell party was organized by YCET faculty members and expertly carried out by the junior batch students, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable event for all attendees.

The faculty members organized a lot of entertaining events. Among them, Er. Inderdeep Singh and Er. Anikait Gupta organized the tongue twister; Er. Inderdeep Singh and Rohit Gupta organized the musical chair; and Er. Shivam Sharma and Rohit organized the Pictionary. Mr. & Miss YCET was the day's centerpiece expertly orchestrated by Er. Anikait Gupta and Rohit. Teacher Coordinators, Er. Inderdeep Singh, Er. Shivam Sharma, Er. Anikait Gupta and Rohit Gupta along with the student Coordinators, Arjun Mukesh, Ojaswi Soni, Arudrika Thukral and Vidushi Sharma handled overall coordination for the event of Jamwal Group of Educational Institutions (JGEI), under the leadership of Chairman Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal, Vice-Chairman Shiv Dev Singh Jamwal, Managing Director Er. Renu Bangroo, Director Dr. Mukesh Kumar Rana, Dean Academics Er. Dinesh Gupta, and Chief Coordinator Er. B.R. Verma, extended their best wishes to the students for their future endeavors.

The farewell party "Ruksati-2k25" was a testament to the strong community spirit at YCET and the enduring relationships formed during the students' time at the College.

AAP J&K slams PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat', demands shift to 'Jan Ki Baat'

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JAMMU, May 26: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Jammu & Kashmir unit has strongly criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi's continued focus on his monthly radio address "Mann Ki Baat," urging that it be replaced by "Jan Ki Baat" to reflect the people's concerns rather than a one-sided monologue.

In a sharply worded press statement, AAP leaders accused the BJP of failing to deliver on any of its promises since 2014, stating that public sentiment is increasingly disillusioned with what they describe as a "monotonous, dull, and boring" broadcast.

Highlighting recent comments

from former US President Donald Trump concerning a halt in military tensions between India and Pakistan, AAP J&K demanded that the Prime Minister address such international developments directly, along with controversial statements made by BJP leaders, including Haryana MP Ram Chander Jangra and Madhya Pradesh ministers Vijay Shah and Jagdish Devda.

"The PM should speak on issues that matter, such as national security lapses like the Pahalgam terror attack and the disgraceful remarks made by his own party members," the party said. AAP leaders expressed outrage over comments that allegedly blamed victims of the Pahalgam attack, suggesting

that tourist women should have fought back.

Drawing parallels with authoritarian regimes, AAP claimed that "Mann Ki Baat" resembles the propaganda strategies of dictators like Hitler and Mussolini, emphasizing that true democratic leadership listens to the voices of its citizens — "Jan Ki Baat."

The party also expressed grief over the brutality of the Manipur violence, which included sexual assault against women, calling it a national shame. "Even a Kargil Hero could not protect his wife — the silence and delayed response from the PM is deeply disappointing," the statement read, referring to the 83-day delay in the Prime Minister's response and his brief

36-second mention of the issue.

AAP J&K further condemned the hypocrisy of BJP leaders for hosting patriotic events like Tiranga Rallies while their own ministers allegedly insult military personnel and women victims. The party questioned the morality of such leaders and criticized the BJP high command for not taking disciplinary action.

"The BJP must show respect for the armed forces and women through concrete action, not just slogans," the statement asserted. AAP demanded immediate resignations and strict disciplinary measures against Shah, Devda, and Jangra, emphasizing that such steps are vital to preserving national unity and the dignity of India's defense forces.