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BRIEFLY

Vehicle skids off road in Uri, Eight Police personnel injured

SRINAGAR, May 30 (Agencies): At least eight police personnel were injured on Friday as their vehicle skidded off the road in Uri area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

The injured police personnel were rushed to sub district hospital Uri, they said, adding their condition was stated to be stable.

BSF apprehends Pakistani intruder in Pathankot

PATHANKOT, May 30 (Agencies): Alert Border Security Force (BSF) personnel on Friday apprehended a Pakistani national who had illegally crossed the International Border (IB) in Punjab's Pathankot district, officials said.

Official sources said that the intruder was intercepted by BSF troops near the Narot Jaimal Singh sector after they noticed suspicious movement ahead of the border fence.

"The individual was apprehended swiftly by alert troops before he could advance further into Indian territory," official sources said.

The arrested person has been identified as Jabar, son of Khadir, a resident of Jhelum district in Punjab, Pakistan, they said.

After preliminary questioning, the individual was handed over to Police Chowki Bamial under PS Narot Jaimal Singh for further investigation, they added.

Security agencies are verifying the motive behind the intrusion.

Man arrested for threatening to kill PM Modi during his Bihar visit

BHAGALPUR, May 30 (Agencies): A 35-year-old man from Bihar's Bhagalpur district was arrested for allegedly threatening to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his two-day visit to the state, police said on Friday.

The accused was apprehended on Thursday evening from Maheshi village under the jurisdiction of [Turn to page 9](#)

Three Judges take Oath, SC regains full working strength of 34 Judges



NEW DELHI, May 30 (Agencies): Chief Justice of India B R Gavai on Friday administered the oath of office to Justices N V Anjaria, Vijay Bishnoi and A S Chandurkar as judges of the Supreme Court.

The CJI administered the oath to the judges at a ceremony in apex court premises.

With the swearing in of the judges, the top court will regain its full working strength of 34 judges, including the CJI.

The Supreme Court collegium on Monday recommended the

appointment of Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Anjaria, Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Bishnoi, and Bombay High Court judge Justice Chandurkar as judges of the top court.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal announced their appointment on X.

Their names were recommended against the three existing vacancies of judges in the top court following the superannuation of ex-CJI Sanjiv Khanna, and Justices Abhay S Oka and Hrishikesh Roy. Justice Anjaria had

taken oath as the chief justice of Karnataka High Court on February 25, 2024.

Earlier, he was elevated as additional judge, Gujarat High Court, on November 21, 2011 and confirmed as permanent judge on September 6, 2013.

Born on March 23, 1965 at Ahmedabad, Justice Anjaria obtained a Master's degree in law in 1989 from University School of Law, Ahmedabad.

He started law practice in the Gujarat High Court from August 1988

and conducted matters involving constitutional issues and all categories of civil cases, labour and service.

Justice Bishnoi took oath as the chief justice of the Gauhati High Court on February 5, 2024.

He was appointed additional judge of the Rajasthan High Court on January 8, 2013, and took oath as a permanent judge of the high court on January 7, 2015.

Born on March 26, 1964 in Jodhpur, Justice [Turn to page 9](#)

Development in J-K won't stop; those who harm us will face befitting reply: Shah in Poonch

POONCH/JAMMU, May 30 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday asserted that the development of Jammu and Kashmir, which he said began in 2014 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will not stop or slow down despite recent provocations, and warned that those attempting to harm India will face a "strong and decisive" response.

Delivering a message of reassurance and resolve from the border



district of Poonch, Shah said the pause in development caused by recent disturbances is only momentary, and the Union Territory's progress will soon regain its momentum.

The home minister lauded the bravery and readiness of the armed

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CRPF DG reviews security readiness in Jammu ahead of Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU, May 30 (Agencies): CRPF Director General (DG) Gyanendra Pratap Singh chaired a meeting in Jammu to review the security readiness of the force ahead of the Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir.

The 38-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-meter-high cave shrine in south Kashmir is scheduled to start on July 3 and conclude on August



9, according to the announcement made by the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB). "DG CRPF G P Singh chaired a crucial meet-

ing at Jammu Sector Headquarters with senior officers of CRPF to evaluate security readiness for Amarnath Yatra 2025," the CRPF said on X.

The arrangements have been scrutinised in detail to ensure the seamless movement of devotees, it added.

On Wednesday, the DG visited the Kashmir valley and conducted a strategic review of [Turn to page 9](#)

Marching into history: 1st Batch of 17 Women cadets graduates from NDA alongside over 300 male peers



PUNE, May 30 (Agencies): In a historic milestone, the first batch of 17 women cadets on Friday graduated from

the Pune-based National Defence Academy (NDA), alongside over 300 male counterparts, marking the pass-

ing out of its first co-ed batch.

The cadets went past the 'Antim Pag' at the Khetral Parade Ground of the tri-service training academy in Khadakwasla, widely known as the "cradle of leadership".

Gen V K Singh, former Army Chief and current governor of Mizoram, was the reviewing officer of the Passing Out Parade.

The first batch of women cadets joined [Turn to page 9](#)

J&K admin warns against use of banned calcium carbide for artificial fruit ripening

JAMMU, May 30 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir administration has issued an advisory on the artificial ripening of fruits, warning food business operators against using banned calcium carbide for this process in the Union

Territory.

Consumers are also advised to remain vigilant in the market and purchase fruits only from known vendors who declare that the fruits sold have not been ripened using harmful and banned chemicals. [Turn to page 9](#)

"We advise the food business operators (FBOs) dealing with storage, packaging, distribution, and sale of fruits and vegetables to strictly adhere to the prescribed guidelines during and after

Admin clarifies relief assistance to shelling-affected residents in Rehari Jammu

JAMMU, May 30 (Agencies): The district administration on Friday clarified the relief assistance provided to families affected by cross-border shelling in Rehari, a day after locals told media that the compensation provided was insufficient.

In response to certain reports suggesting that only ₹6,500 was provided to houses damaged during the recent Pakistani shelling in Rehari, the District Administration clarified that as per the prescribed norms, the main house that was directly hit by the shell-

ing has been sanctioned an assistance amount of Rs.1,20,000.

Nearby houses, which sustained minor damages but were not directly impacted, have each received Rs. 6,500, in accordance with the existing guidelines for [Turn to page 9](#)

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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

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**Smt Rekha Raina****10th DAY & KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Kamla Anand W/o Sh. Vijay Anand.**

10th Day will be performed on 29th May 2025 (Thursday) at 11:00 am at our Residence.

Kriya will be performed on 31st May 2025 (Saturday) at 10:00 am at our Residence.

R/o 222/4 Channi Himmat, Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN**Sons & Daughters-in-Law**

Vishal & Risha Anand

Vikas & Arti Anand

Lt. Sh. Raman Anand & Lt. Smt. Seema Anand (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)

Sh. Pawan & Smt. Sunita Anand (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)

Sh. Deepak & Smt. Neeru Anand (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)

Sh. Ajay & Smt. Sonia Anand (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)

Sh. Rajesh & Smt. Shilpi Anand (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)

Brothers-in-Law & Sisters-in-Law

Sh. Subash Kapoor & Lt. Smt. Anjana Kapoor

Sh. Suresh Dhawan & Smt. Anuradha Dhawan

Nayyar Family - Miran Sahib**Grand Children**

Sojanya, Sagarika, Karmanya, Sainsha

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**Smt. Kamla Anand****Anand Caterers**

(The Grand Dreams Saini Colony)

Hotel Sai Shyog (Gangwal)**Vishal Jewellers****National Bardana Store****Trikuta Tin Industries** (Anphalla)**Ajay Anand & Co.****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Ashoon Kumar** S/o Lt. Sh Omkar Nath currently residing at Swam Colony, Trilokpur, Gole Gujral, Talab Tillo, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 25-05-25.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education on 02-06-25 at 8AM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Prilma Devi - Wife

Amesh Pandita - Son

Shweta Pandita and Ashutosh Gupta - Daughter & Son in law

Ph. 9419165983, 7006162450

**Sh Ashoon Kumar****TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Bhooshan Lal Pandit (Advocate)** S/o Lt. Shreedhar Pandit, originally R/o Ganesh Mohalla, Handwara (Kashmir) and currently residing at H.No 162/3, Opp. Soap Factory, Vivek Vihar, Paloura, Jammu.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat, next to Directorate of school education, Jammu on Sunday 1st June, 2025 at 9.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN**PANDITAS, KOULS, BHANS**

Contact :-

Roshan Lal Pandita - 6006444515, Upinder Pandita - 9149570076

**Sh. Bhooshan Lal Pandit (Adv)**
Handwara**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Saroj Saraf** w/o Lt Sh Surinder Krishan Saraf, on 23/05/25. She was originally from Mallapora, Bana Mohalla Srinagar, currently resident of B-1201 Royal Entrada Apartments, Bhumkar Chowk, Wakad, Pune.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on **Sunday June 1st, 2025 at 10:00 a.m** at the Indrayani River Ghat, Alandi, Kamble Wada, Pune 412105.

*In Loving Memory:-***Sonika Bakshi & Ravinder Bakshi,****Saika Saraf & Abhishek Sarkar.***Grandchildren :-* **Abir Bakshi & Enayra Saraf Sarkar,****Saraf, Bakshi & Sarkar families.**

Contact : 9819167656, 7586090505, 9412057536

**Smt. Saroj Saraf****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound and grief We inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mrs. Chuni Devi Parimoo** W/o Late Sh. Gndhari Lal Parimoo on 24.05.2025 at 3.30 pm in Jammu. Originally resident of Habakadal, Srinagar (Kashmir) presently residing at H.No 1492, near Jain Temple Camp Road Talab Tillo Jammu.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 2nd June 2025 (Monday) at Muthi Ghat, Jammu from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.

Grief Stricken**Son and Daughter in Law**

Late Sh. R.L Parimoo & Mrs. Veena Ji

Daughters and Sons in Law

Mrs. Duma Chhangoo & Late Sh. Manu ji Chhangoo

Late Mrs. Promilla & M.L. Dattari

Mrs Nimi & A.K Razdan

Mrs Jyoti & Late Kamlesh Bakaya

Mrs Rozi & Ramesh Raina

Nephews & Nieces

Ravinder Misri & Mrs Veena

Mrs Sweetie & Ramesh Machama

Grand Sons and Daughters in Law

Dr. Vinod Dattari & Ms Sunaina

Mr Piyush Bakaya

Mr Ayush Bakaya

Grand Daughters and Sons in Law

Mrs Manju & Prakash Koul

Ms Veenu & Akhil Sood

Dr Sonali & Nikhil Saraf

Ms Priya & Rohit Gigoo

Ms Shivani & Nikhil Wakhloo

Ms Diksha & Amit Hasloo

Great Grand Children

Kiboo, Kishu, DrPiku, Phu, Ishu, Bani, Golu, Ladoo

**MRS. CHUNI DEVI PARIMOO****BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Manmohan Singh** S/o Late Munshi Bachan Singh J. R/o 1726 Channi Himmat Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 23/05/2025.

In the loving memory and peace for the departed soul.

Arande Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 30.05.2025 (Friday) at 9 AM at our residence.

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 01.06.2025 (Sunday) at 10:30 AM at our residence.

Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be performed on 01.06.2025 (Sunday) at Gurdwara Guru Ka Bagh Channi Himmat Jammu from 4.30 PM to 6 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

S. Deep Kaur - Wife

S. Vikramjit Singh - Son

Daughter & Son-in-law

S. Jyoti Singh & Dr. Sarabjeet Singh

Brother & Bhabhi

S. Iqbal Singh & Harjit Kaur (Rtd. New India Assurance)

S. Harbans Singh & Davinder Kaur (Rtd. SE MECH)

Sister & Brother-in-law

S. Anil Kaur W/o Late S. Sukhdev Singh (Rtd CE)

S. Manjit Kaur & S. Narak Singh (PMS)

S. S. & S. Jagdish Singh (Rtd FSL) - **Brother-in-law**S. Surinder Kaur W/o Late Janak Singh - **Brother-in-law**S. S. & S. Rannik Singh (Rtd P&S Bank) - **Brother-in-law**S. S. & S. Aranjit Singh (Transporter) - **Brother-in-law****Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law**

S. S. & Dr. Hardev Singh (Rtd Skin Specialist)

S. S. & S. Mohinder Singh (Rtd XEN PHE)

Anyara & Parmeet - **Grand Children**

Mob. Nos.: 9419254373, 9906230402, 9409210223,

9419142389

**S. Manmohan Singh****10TH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we informed you the sad demise of my beloved father on 22nd of May, 2025.

10TH DAY will take place on Saturday 31st May 2025, time 10:30 to 11:00 AM at Gesta Mandir, near Karan Hotel, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kamla Gupta - Wife

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Nareish Gupta & Ritu Gupta

Vijay Gupta & Seemi Gupta

Brothers & Bhabhi

Sh. Parshottam Gupta

Sh. Sham Lal Gupta

Smt. Rashmi Gupta

Daughter & Son-in-law

Babita Gupta & Sham Lal Gupta

Sunita Gupta & Vinay Gupta

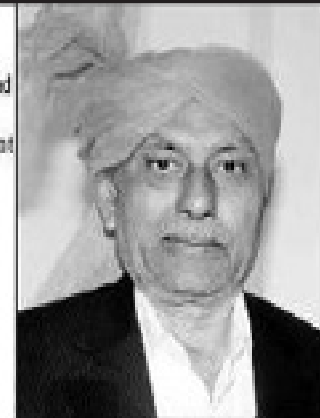
Rajni Gupta & Rakesh Gupta

Rupali Gupta & Pankaj Gupta

Grand Daughters & Sons

Shruti, Rohit, Koshika, Akshat, Aditya, Shubankar, Athirah,

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Maharaj Krishen Bhat** S/o Sh. Ram Chand Bhat R/o Sirhama, Anantnag, Kashmir presently at H.No. 35/C, Om Nagar, Udhaywala, Bhorl, Jammu on 26th May 2025.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 4th June 2025 (Wednesday) at Muthi Ghat, Near Director School Education, Jammu. Assembly will be held at 8:30 AM at the Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN:**Wife** - Smt. Veena Ji (Nirmala Ji)**Son & Daughter in Law**

Sanjeev Bhat & Simran Bhat

Bhabhi - Smt. Dulari Bhat,**Brother & Bhabhi**

Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhat & Smt. Usha Bhat

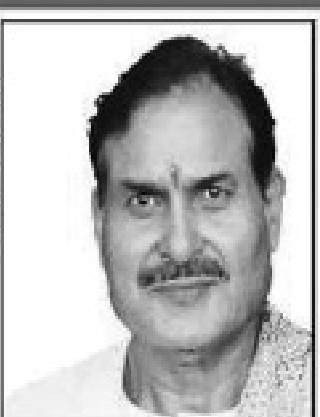
Brother in Law & Sister

Sh. Prem Nath Raina & Smt. Binia Raina

SAMAST BHAT PARIWAR (SIRHAMA), RAINA PARIWAR (SOMBRUN)**KOUL PARIWAR (HARDU TOORU)**

Family can be reached at

Mob: 7006797161, 9797890011, 9018144919

**Sh. Maharaj Krishen Bhat****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, Asira, Advait, Yaduvir

Contact :- 9149570076, 6006444515

**Bhushan Lal Pandita (Adv), Handwara****10TH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA**

With Profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved and respected **SMT. VIDYA DEVI** W/O SH. MADAN MOHAN SHARMA (Rasai Wale) R/o EP 975 MAST GARH, JAMMU on 21st May, 2025 (Wednesday).

10th Day will be performed at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Dakti Sarajan on 30th May, 2025 (Friday) at 10:00 AM

Kriya will be performed at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Dakti Sarajan on 31st May, 2025 (Saturday) at 12:00 Noon

Uthala will be performed at Panch Mandir Sector 2, Channi Harwal on 31st May, 2025 (Saturday) from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN:**(Devrani)**

Smt. Usha Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. Purn Parkash Sharma

(Daughter-in-law and Son)

Smt. Sonal Sharma & Sh. Avinash Sharma

(Daughters and Sons-in-Law)

Smt. Madhuri Bati & Sh. Rajeev Bati

Smt. Lovely Sharma & Sh. Ashwani Sharma

Smt. Sheetal Sharma & Sh. Sarveshwar Sharma

(Grand Children)

Chandrak, Bhuvan, Aditi, Saksham, Shaikja, Aditya, Srishiti and Suvarcha

Lakshapala, Koushika, Lotras

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**SMT. VIDYA DEVI****TENTH DAY**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. RAMESH SAPRU** S/O (LATE SH. MADAN MOHAN SAPRU & LATE SMT. RANI DAVI SAPRU) ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF SAFRIYAR HABBA KADAL. PRESENTLY RESIDING AT H.NO. 77, POCKET B, SARITA VIHAR, NEW DELHI ON 22/05/2025.

THE **10TH DAY KRIYA** IS SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY, 31/05/2025 AT MURAD NAGAR GHAT UP AT 08.30 AM.

PRAYER MEETING/SHRADHANJALI WILL BE HELD AT ARYA SAMAJ MANDIR OPPOSITE POCKET F, SARITA VIHAR, NEW DELHI ON 31/05/2025 FROM 4 PM TO 5 P.M.

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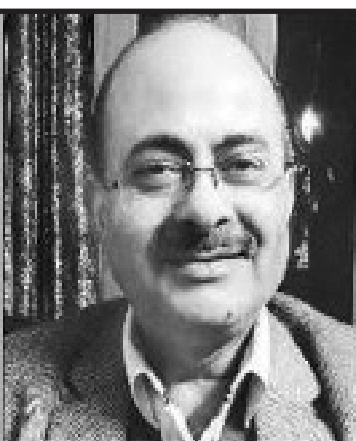
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“Balidan Divas” of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath on June 1



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JAMMU, May 30: Surinder Bhagat, Chairman of the Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Trust, in a press conference held today at Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Samark Park, Shalamar, announced the upcoming “Balidan Divas” to honour the sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath. The event will take place on June 1, 2025, at the same location.

The programme will begin with a Havan ceremony at 9:00 AM, followed by a cultural programme at 11:00 AM. Various special dignitaries will also pay homage to Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath, remembering his invaluable sacrifice, he said.

Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath gave his life fighting for the implementation of reservation benefits for SC, ST, RBA, residents of LAC, socially and educationally backward classes, ex-servicemen, and physically challenged persons in Jammu and Kashmir. Due to Article 370, these reservations were not implemented until 1970. However, after his ultimate sacrifice, the people of Jammu and Kashmir finally secured these rights,” Surinder said.

Surinder Bhagat emphasized the significance of the day and urged everyone to participate in the homage to honor the legacy of this martyr who fought for social justice.

Kavita Dutt Bhakti Sangeet Official presents devotional song “Mindal Batasa – Bich Rehan Waaliye”



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 30: Kavita Dutt Bhakti Sangeet Official proudly announces the release of a soulful devotional song titled “Mindal Batasa – Bich Rehan Waaliye”, a heartfelt tribute to Maa Bhagwati.

The launch took place today at the Press Club Jammu, marking a significant moment in the celebration of spiritual devotion through music.

The song features the melodious voice of Kavita Dutt, beautifully capturing the essence of traditional devotional expressions. The grand launch event was honored by the presence of Munish Sharma, BJP All Morcha Incharge J&K, Former Vice Chairperson JAKFED (J&K Govt.), and Former State General Secretary BJP J&K, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The music for “Mindal Batasa – Bich Rehan Waaliye” is composed by RB Music Studio,

while the touching lyrics are penned by Sonu Raipuriya. The music video was skillfully shot and edited by Yogi Studios under the direction of Prof. D.S. Manhas. The instrumental contributions by the JCM Musical Group add depth to the composition, and blessings have been sought from the revered Ustad Sh. Dharmesh Nargotra Ji.

Produced by Yash Dutt, the song promises to resonate deeply with devotees and music lovers alike, blending traditional devotional themes with vibrant visuals and soul-stirring melodies. “Mindal Batasa – Bich Rehan Waaliye” will soon be available on all leading digital platforms. The team invites devotees and music enthusiasts to join in this spiritual journey of music and devotion. For further updates, subscribe to Kavita Dutt Bhakti Sangeet Official on YouTube and follow their social media channels.

SMVDU NCC, NSS Coordinators participate in “Thana Diwas” organized by JKP under CAP

Top News Report

KATRA, May 30: In a significant step towards strengthening community engagement and fostering cooperation between law enforcement agencies and educational institutions, Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator and Dr. Rajiv Kumar NSS Coordinator of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), participated in the “Thana Diwas” function organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Police under the Civic Action Programme at Police Post Kakryal.

The event was held in the presence of senior police officials including Paramvir Singh (SSP Reasi), Vipin Chandran (SDPO Katra), and Bhism Dubey, along with several representatives from nearby villages. The objective of the Thana Diwas initiative is to enhance police-public interaction, address grievances at the grassroots level, and build trust between the community and the police force. Dr. Varun Dutta and Dr. Rajiv Kumar addressed the large gathering comprising local villagers, students, and police personnel.

NDS, JKAACL hold Dogri Sangeet Sandheya for Vridh Ashram inmates

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JAMMU, May 30: Nami Dogri Sanstha (Regd.) Jammu in collaboration with J & K Academy of Art , Culture and Languages organised a Dogri Music Programme based on Dogri Songs for inmates of Vridh Ashram at Ambphalla Jammu. The programme was presided over by I.D Soni eminent Educationist and presently President of Old Age Home Ambphalla whereas Harvinder Kaur, Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art , Culture and Languages (JKAACL) Prof Anupama Sharma Patron NDS , Capt .Lalit Sharma IFS , APCCF (Retd.) Convener NDS and Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS also shared the

dias besides Rita Kharial Editor Shiraza Dogri Section (JKAACL) . Madam Harvinder Kaur was felicitated by NDS and Vrid Ashram on the occasion where as Dr. Saryansh Kumar Jain Yoga Commissioner recited a poem on the personality and works of Madam Harvinder Kaur , Secretary JKAACL . Yash Pal Yash General Secretary NDS compered the proceedings. Eminent singers Parvinder Singh Apple, Raman Singh Slathia, Supriya Sharma, Marina Jamwal, Dogra sisters, Chanchal and Veena Dogra, Shyam Manyal performed on the occasion. Singers were assisted by Vijay Anand on Dholak, Joginder Pal on Tabla and Krishan Kumar Johnny on synthesizer, who were at

their best.

I.D Soni in his address lauded the role of Secretary JKAACL for furthering the cause of Art , Culture and Languages in general and reaching to the Inmates of the Ashram In particular . He said that this venture is testimony to the fact that government has sincere concerns for the senior citizens .

Harvinder Kaur Secretary JKAACL in her address sought the blessings of inmates. She observed that senior citizens are power house of rich experience and our youth can immensely get benefitted from their experiences and emphasized upon a durable mechanism to establish a regular interaction between youth and the senior citizens.



She assured that when ever Academy receives a call from Vridh Ashram , it shall always be responded. Capt .Lalit Sharma in his concluding address while thanking the participants said that it is the collective duty of the society to address and honour the feelings, aspirations and sentiments of senior citizens especially, the

youngsters shall have to learn respecting and serving them in consonance with our age old traditions.

Narinder Singh Chib Dogri Writer , Prof. Padam Dev Singh of Dogri Department Jammu University , Dr Dinesh Gupta General Secretary Vridh Ashram Wing Commander Nirmal Pilot Sat Pal

Sharma Executive Body Member of Vridh Ashram , Bashir Ahmad , Varinder Mishra Vinod Sharma and R.C. aid were also present along with Ashram Inmates in large number.

Toshi Devi in her eighties an inmate also presented a “Mata di Bheint” and the recital was joined by the participants .

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS-2025								05305	Chhapra	22:00	Anand Vihar (T)	22:10		Mon, Thu	17.02.2025
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EDITORIAL

CULTURE OF BEGGARS

Begging has been a visible part of human society for centuries. In many countries, especially in developing nations like India, the presence of beggars on the streets is a common sight. The culture of begging refers to a way of life adopted by individuals who depend entirely or partially on alms for their survival. While it often stems from poverty, it has evolved into a more complex social issue with deep-rooted economic, cultural, and psychological aspects. The reasons behind begging are varied. For many, it is a last resort when there is no access to education, employment, or social support. People who are homeless, disabled, elderly, or mentally ill often have no choice but to beg. In such cases, begging becomes a means of survival. However, not all beggars fall into this category. Over time, begging has also become a profession for some individuals who see it as an easy way to earn money without working. This dual nature of begging—both as a result of helplessness and as a chosen lifestyle—makes it a challenging problem to address. The culture of begging is often passed from one generation to the next. In certain communities, children are trained from a young age to beg. They are taught which places are best for begging, how to gain sympathy, and how to collect money. This cycle continues and becomes deeply embedded in their lives. It is difficult for such individuals to break free from this mindset and pursue a different path, especially when they lack education and support. A major concern is the organized begging rackets that operate in cities. Some beggars are controlled by gangs or mafia groups who force them to beg and then take a large share of their earnings. These rackets often exploit children and people with disabilities, making them more vulnerable. Such practices are not only illegal but also inhumane. They violate basic human rights and must be addressed by strict laws and enforcement.

Despite the negative aspects, it is important to remember that many beggars are victims of circumstances beyond their control. Natural disasters, unemployment, family breakdowns, and health problems can force people onto the streets. In such cases, society has a responsibility to offer help, not just through charity, but through structured support systems. Governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play a key role in rehabilitation, providing shelter, vocational training, and education. To address the culture of begging effectively, a balanced approach is needed. Simply giving money to beggars may help them in the short term, but it does not solve the root problem. In fact, it may encourage the continuation of the begging culture. Instead, the focus should be on long-term solutions like job creation, skill development, and accessible healthcare and education. Public awareness campaigns can also play an important role in changing public attitudes towards beggars—from pity to empowerment. Education is a powerful tool in breaking the cycle of begging. When children of beggars are given the opportunity to go to school and develop skills, they are more likely to escape the trap of poverty. Community-based programs that support families and encourage self-reliance can create real change. In conclusion, the culture of beggars is a reflection of deeper social and economic issues. It cannot be eliminated overnight, but with compassion, proper planning, and long-term vision, it can be transformed. Instead of encouraging a life of dependence, society should focus on inclusion, opportunity, and dignity for all. Every individual deserves a chance to live with respect, and it is our collective responsibility to make that possible.

By: Omkar Dattatray

Shyam Talib was a literary man and was the Urdu poetand he was famous in the literary circles of Jammu.He was the founder president of a cultural organization known as Adbi Kung and he has watered this literary organization with his sweat and blood and remained to serve it throughout his life. Though basically an Urdu poet and writer,he had equal respect for other languages and to be specific,Shyam Talib revered and loved Dogri as well as Kashmiri language .In the literary organization of Adbi Kunj ,the weeklyMushara’s used to be held on various languages of Jammu and Kashmir and Shyam Talib always up to his passing away remained in the forefront of this literary organization which in fact was his birth child.Shyam Talib was a teacher by profession and he was a government teachers and regarded his profession as noble and divine and he honestly performed his duties as a teacher.Shyam Talib resided at Susheel Nagar Camp Road Talab Tillo.He was the legendary Ghazal writer and founder president of the Adbi Kunj literary and cultural organization.Shyam Talib known for his immense and great contribution to literature ,he will be remembered fondly for his efforts to nurture and promote regional and national language-

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At the recently concluded World Health Assembly at Geneva, the announcement of India’s trachoma-free certification by the World Health Organization (WHO) is more than just a public health triumph; it’s a profound testament to the power of a collective national will. This achievement, born from decades of proactive efforts in hygiene, cleanliness, and awareness, offers a compelling blueprint for how India is now tackling another ancient scourge, tuberculosis (TB). Indeed, the echoes of the trachoma victory resonate strongly in the nation’s ambitious drive towards a TB-Mukt Bharat.

Just as a sustained focus on fundamental public health principles underpinned the fight against trachoma, the current war on TB is being waged with an equally comprehensive, and crucially, deeply ingrained Jan Bhagidari —people’s participation—philosophy. This isn’t merely a catchphrase; it’s the very bedrock of the government’s strategy.The recent 100-day TB elimination campaign provides a vivid illustration of this resolve. The sheer scale of the undertaking, with 12.97 crore people screened and over 7.19 lakh TB patients notified, is staggering.

es.It was Shyam Talib who played a pivotal and dominant role in promoting and enriching literature and fostering a platform for enriching literature for linguistic and creative diversity.His role in promoting regional and national languages is enviable.Throughout his life this legendry poet strategic role in promoting cultural and linguistic unity through his creative expression.His nature was very humane and was secular to the core and was always ready to help anyoneHe was a true Champion of the literary arts and was a renowned poet of Urdu,Hindi ,Punjabi and Dogri languages and respected all the languages and contributed a lot in promoting literature and encourage and supported budding writers and poets till his death.His simple life ,high thinking and his role in promoting and enriching regional and national languages will never be forgotten.Shyam Talib was a noted Urdu poet and writer who also had good knowledge of Hindi,Punjabi and Dogri and always remained intoxicated in the ecstasy of poetry and prose writings.He was a down to earth man and lived a very simple life and never made a show of his poetry and literary qualities and the qualities of head and heart.One would always see this literary genius to travel on foot to Shastri Memorial School Building Talab Tillo,Cultural Academy AbnoveTheater ,Jammu university for organizing Mush-

arias in Urdu,Hindi ,Punjabi ,Dogri and Kashmiri languages. He encouraged and groomed the budding poets and writers of various languages and throughout his eventful life played a pivotal role in promoting languages and literature. He was humble and humility was a characteristic of this literary man.One would also see him visiting the offices of Excelsior,State Times,Kashmir Times ,North Lines and Udru newspapers for publishing the press notes regarding the weekly programs of Poetry. The literary organization Adbi Kunj has reached to the pinnacles of growth and became a household name in Jammu region because of the selfless ,dedicated and sincere efforts of this doyen of literature.He always remained engrossed and busy in literary works and in promoting and enriching various regional and national languages.He was a tall poet of Urdu language and his poetry and write ups used to be published in national Urdu daily Hind Samachar.Shayam Talib gave his life,sweat and blood to promote and flourish regional and national languages.His death has come as a shock to the literary fraternity and his death was widely mourned in literary circles and academics .He was respected and loved by the literary people and was the darling of budding poets and writers of Urdu language. His death was widely mourned by the literary fraternity and

the ordinary people.Former Chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad,former minister R.S.Chib ,AsweerKishtwari a towering literary figure,writer and EX DGAT J&K and many great men mourned and condoled his death.His death has created a great void in literary field and it is difficult to fill it.Shayam Talib’s life and personality as a legendary poet and writer as well as his quality of simple life and high thinking will continue to inspire the poets and writers for many years.Shyam Talib was paid great tributes in the literary meetings and especially in the condolence meeting arranged by Adbi Kunj Jammu and Kashmir where the contribution of the great poet ,writer and an honest and simple man was remembered and the young poets and writers were exhorted to follow the literary and humane qualities of Shyam Talib.May God grant heaven to this legendary man and give peace to his soul and courage to his family to bear the irreparable loss.In short Shyam Talib will be remembered for his love and contribution to languages and literature for many years.

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Treating TB beyond medicine

Yet, what truly sets this effort apart is the parallel commitment to dismantling the social symptoms of TB. The organization of 13.46 crore “Ni-kshayShivirs,” or community screening and awareness camps, speaks volumes about a recognition that effective treatment extends beyond medicine to encompass the eradication of stigma, myths, and misinformation.

Jan Bhagidari, in the context of TB elimination, is a vibrant, multi-faceted phenomenon. It’s an ecosystem that supports the tireless dedication of community health workers like ASHAs and Anganwadi workers, who are themost valuable point of contact in remote villages. They are the unsung heroes identifying presumptive cases, ensuring treatment adherence, and providing vital nutritional support. Building on this foundation, the mobilization of resources by local self-help groups, NGOs, and faith-based organizations further strengthens this community-led effort by establishing critical patient support networks.

Before these frontline warriors even step onto the field, however, the ground is already being prepared by India’s dynamic media ecosystem. The catchy slogan for the 100-day campaign, ‘Jan JanKaRakheDhyaan, TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan’, is not just a clever turn of phrase; it’s a national clarion call, resounding across television, radio, and public spaces in myriad local languages. This comprehensive awareness generation has been significantly bolstered by unwavering politi-

cal will, with the highest echelons of government, including the Honourable Prime Minister, consistently championing India’s progress. And under the aegis of the Honourable Minister of Health and Family Welfare, a “whole-of-government” approach, fostering collaborations across ministries and proactive efforts at the state level, signifies a unified national commitment.

Another cornerstone of India’s fight against TB lies in the pervasive reach of its Panchayati Raj Institutions. These over 2,50,000 local governments are pulling TB out of the shadows, normalizing conversations, and engaging sarpanches and gram pradhans as public health champions. What was once taboo is now openly discussed, and more importantly, acted upon, at the village level.

Media as a public health ally
The media’s role in this monumental endeavour is indispensable. By spotlighting governmental interventions, social protection schemes, and inspiring stories of community-led initiatives, it cultivates public confidence and encourages individuals to step forward for care. This decentralized, people-centric model finds its most profound expression in the novel Ni-kshayMitra initiative. The extensive media coverage around the Indian Council of Medical Research’s evidence linking nutrition and TB treatment outcomes ignited a powerful wave of community action, bringing corporations, NGOs, individuals, and even children forward to become Ni-

kshayMitras. The distribution of over 3.06 lakh food baskets to TB patients and their families by more than 1.05 lakh Ni-kshayMitras during the recent 100 days campaign vividly highlights the far reaching impact of this approach at the grassroots level.

Perhaps most powerfully, the emergence of TB survivors as champions has transformed the narrative. These individuals, having successfully navigated their own journeys of recovery, are now integral allies, offering empathy, guidance, and living proof that TB is entirely curable. Their structured training - where they understand the science of TB, the ways in which it affects a patient psychosocially, and techniques to build community networks - and public sharing of experiences inspire treatment adherence and build crucial community empathy.

As India accelerates towards a TB-Mukt Bharat, the continued synergy between these key catalysts and the spirit of Jan Bhagidari will be paramount. Their combined power to inform, inspire, and mobilize is undoubtedly India’s greatest asset. By strategically leveraging technology, fostering innovative communication strategies, and deepening community involvement, India is not merely striving to eliminate a disease; it is forging a healthier, more engaged society where every citizen is aware, every patient is supported, and where TB, truly, becomes a relic of the past.

ABVP inaugurates National Executive Council Meeting in Raipur; emphasizes educational reform, national security

Top News Report

RAIPUR, May 30: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) kickstarted its National Executive Council Meeting today at the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in Raipur. The event commenced with a vibrant display of Chhattisgarhi folk dance and traditional music, warmly welcoming representatives from across the nation. The inauguration ceremony featured the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by ABVP National President Dr. Rajsharan Shahi, National General Secretary Dr. Virendra Solanki, and National Organising Secretary Shri Ashish Chauhan.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Rajsharan Shahi condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, calling it a "blot on the history of humanity."

He praised the Indian Armed Forces for their successful counter-terror operation, Operation Sindoor, asserting ABVP's commitment to resisting violence



when necessary. Speaking on educational matters, he stated, "The delay in the appointment of Vice-Chancellors is a disregard for Bharat's future."

Dr. Shahi emphasized the holistic nature of Indian education, referencing the journey from Annamayyakosh (physical well-being) to Anandmayakosh (spiritual bliss), and called for the transformation of educational institutions into creative and

engaging spaces for students.

National General Secretary Dr. Virendra Solanki highlighted ABVP's evolving role in national development. He stated that while the armed forces are eradicating terrorism, ABVP activists are actively challenging leftist ideologies within academic institutions.

Citing the recent student union elections at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) as an exam-

ple, Dr. Solanki underscored the importance of eliminating negative ideological influences from campuses.

He advocated for recognizing students as key stakeholders in shaping education policies and stressed the need for youth-centric reforms.

During the session, ABVP proposed four key resolutions to be discussed over the next two days. These include the need for regulation of coaching institutes across the country, addressing the concerning delay in the appointment of Vice-Chancellors and the rising instability in universities, enhancing internal security awareness, and highlighting Bharat's proactive initiatives in the global landscape. These resolutions are set to be officially adopted on May 31.

The meeting marks a significant step in setting a national discourse on education, internal security, and youth empowerment, reflecting ABVP's commitment to constructive change in society.

Rich Harvest School hosts Career Counselling Session on Neuroeducation



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 30: Rich Harvest School (RHS) organized a thought-provoking career counselling session on the theme "Neuroeducation – Applying Cognizance in Designing Career", aimed at guiding students through the complexities of career planning using insights from neuroscience.

Renowned expert Dr. Pawan Dwivedi led the session, sharing deep

knowledge on how cognitive science and brain-based learning approaches can aid students in making more informed and personalized career decisions.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from students of Classes 11th and 12th, who actively engaged in a lively Q&A segment.

Anita Bhatia, Head of the Institute, extended heartfelt thanks to Dr. Dwivedi and his team for

delivering such a transformative session.

"This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to preparing students for their future, not just academically but with clarity and confidence," she said.

The session was widely appreciated by students and faculty alike, marking another significant step by RHS in empowering students through innovative educational strategies.

Supriya Lifescience delivers record-breaking FY25 with 22% revenue growth

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JAMMU, May 30: The unaudited financial statements for the quarter and full year ended March 31, 2025, have been released by Supriya Lifescience Ltd., a cGMP-compliant business with a strong track record in API manufacturing and a focus on products from a variety of therapeutic segments, including antihistamine, anti-allergic, vitamin, anaesthetic, and anti-asthmatic. The company has spread its business in more than 86 countries across the globe.

In FY25, Supriya Lifescience Ltd. witnessed remarkable growth in its revenue, reporting a 22% year-over-year increase, reaching Rs. 696.48 crore compared to Rs. 570.37 crore in FY24. EBITDA for FY25 stood at Rs. 260.80 crore, with an EBITDA Margin of 37.4 %, as opposed to an EBITDA of Rs. 172.98 crore in FY24 with an EBITDA margin of 30.3%. This

marks an improvement of 712 bps YoY. Profit after Tax for FY25 stood at Rs. 187.96 crore, with a growth of 57.8% compared to Rs. 119.11 crore in FY24. The PAT Margin stood at 27.0% in FY25, compared to 20.9% in FY24.

In the fourth quarter of FY25, Supriya Lifescience Ltd. witnessed remarkable growth in its revenue, reporting a 16.4 % year-over-year increase, reaching Rs. 184.11 crore compared to Rs. 158.18 crore in Q4 FY24. EBITDA for Q4 FY25 stood at Rs. 67.58 crore, with an EBITDA Margin of 36.7 %, as opposed to an EBITDA of Rs. 55.5 crore in Q4 FY24 with an EBITDA margin of 35.1%.

This marks an improvement of 162 bps YoY. Profit after Tax for Q4 FY25 stood at Rs. 50.38 crore, with a growth of 38.4% compared to Rs. 36.40 crore in Q4 FY24. The PAT Margin stood at 27.4% in Q4 FY25, compared to 23.0% in Q4 FY24.

Dr. Satish Wagh, Chairman and Whole

Time Director, Supriya Lifescience Ltd, commenting on the results, said, "FY25 has been a landmark year for Supriya Lifescience, reflecting the strength of our diversified product portfolio, resilient global operations, and consistent focus on operational excellence. We achieved our highest-ever annual revenue of Rs. 697 crore, up 22% year-over-year, and delivered an EBITDA of Rs. 261 crore with a robust margin of 37.4%. In Q4 FY25, revenue grew by 16.4% to Rs. 184.11 crore, while PAT rose by 38.4% to Rs. 50.38 crore, supported by improved margins. Our strategic focus on high-value therapeutic segments, deeper penetration in regulated markets, and strengthened backward integration continue to drive our performance. We remain committed to building on this momentum to deliver sustainable growth, foster innovation, and create long-term value for all stakeholders."

Zuno Champions Mental Health Awareness with 'Say Hi'

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JAMMU, May 30: Zuno General Insurance, a new-age digital insurer, has launched a heartfelt campaign, 'Say Hi', as a reminder of the power of small gestures—especially in today's fast-paced, hyper-digital world where meaningful connections often take a back seat. Marking with the Mental Health Awareness Month, the campaign encourages people to pause, reconnect, and check in on those around them with just one powerful word: Hi. When life moves at the speed of scrolls and swipes, genuine connection can get left behind and silent struggles overlooked. We leave messages unread, miss chances to check in, or forget to follow up with the people who matter. Sometimes, the people we pass by every day may be the ones silently struggling. "Say Hi" is rooted in a simple but profound insight: that reaching out — even with just a Hi — can open the door to healing, comfort, or a meaningful conversation.

Behind every screen or

silence, someone may be waiting to be heard and seen. Zuno's latest campaign, 'Say Hi', is a reminder that a small gesture can make a big difference. "At Zuno, 'easy, breezy, surely' isn't just a brand promise, it's a way of being. We are here to make life a little lighter not just through insurance, but by fostering real, human connections. Our brand's signature outreach symbol signifies connection, and this campaign brings that philosophy to life.

Whether it's simplifying claims or the act of reaching out, Zuno is committed to making the hard stuff a little easier including talking about mental health," said Ketan Mankikar, Vice President & Head of Marketing, Zuno General Insurance. The campaign captures everyday scenarios where moments of disconnection quietly creep in—between colleagues at work, old friends, and even within families through thumb stopper videos and reels. It is being promoted across digital platforms to capture attention and spark reflection.

Plog run organized in Hiranagar under WED 2025 Campaign to fight plastic pollution



Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, May 30: In a spirited effort to combat plastic pollution, a Plog Run Programme was successfully held today in Hiranagar as part of the World Environment Day (WED) 2025 campaign. The event was conducted under the guidance of the Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, and was closely supervised by District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Kathua, Sh. Sunil Singh Sambyal, along with Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Hiranagar, Sh. Yog Raj Sharma ji.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from both students

and staff across various schools within the Hiranagar zone. A total of 116 participants, including 97 students and 19 staff members, joined the plog run, which combined jogging with the collection of plastic waste.

This initiative aimed to promote both physical fitness and environmental awareness, aligning with the global mission of reducing plastic waste. Participants actively picked up litter along their jogging route, sending a power-

ful message about the importance of environmental responsibility.

Local authorities lauded the effort, highlighting it as a strong example of grassroots-level involvement in addressing one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time.

The event not only raised awareness but also encouraged the community, especially the youth, to adopt sustainable practices for a cleaner and greener future.

Ajeet Bhagat condemns false allegations against DC Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, May 30: Senior National Conference leader and Chenab Valley Zone Spokesperson, Ajeet Bhagat, strongly condemned the false and baseless rhetoric circulating on social media against Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, and his staff.

Bhagat called the allegations politically motivated and unfair, urging that BJP leaders responsible for spreading misinformation should issue a public apology.

"I condemn such baseless accusations. The people have appreciated the work done during DC Shavan's tenure, and targeting a dedicated officer like him is unacceptable," Bhagat said.

He further stated that attempts to malign the image of an honest officer through social media propaganda are detrimental to public trust and democratic



principles.

"Immediate action must be taken against those trying to defame the Deputy Commissioner and his staff," he demanded.

Bhagat emphasized the importance of collective condemnation of such actions, adding, "If those responsible are not held accountable, it sets a dangerous precedent. Democracy can only thrive when respect for institutions and law is upheld."

He concluded by urging authorities to act swiftly against individuals misusing social platforms to spread false narratives and destabilize administrative integrity.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India launches 50th Anniversary Gold Wing Tour

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JAMMU, MAY 30: Celebrating half a century of iconic touring excellence, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today announced the launch of the 2025 Gold Wing Tour – the 50th Anniversary Edition. As this legendary nameplate turns fifty, the Gold Wing Tour continues to set the benchmark in luxury touring. Bookings for the same are now open and it will be exclusively sold via the company's premium BigWing Topline dealerships. The 50th Anniversary Honda Gold Wing Tour has been priced at Rs. 39.90 lakh, ex-showroom Gurugram (Haryana).

Announcing the launch, Tsutsumu Otani, Managing Director, President & CEO,

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "We are ecstatic to introduce the 50th Anniversary Gold Wing Tour in India. The launch of the 2025 Gold Wing Tour commemorates an iconic journey that began in 1975. Over the past five decades, the Gold Wing platform has evolved into a symbol of class, comfort, and endurance. The 50th Anniversary Edition is a tribute to this unmatched legacy and a celebration of our commitment to engineering excellence for long-distance touring connoisseurs."

Commenting on this announcement, Yogesh Mathur, Director, Sales and Marketing, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "We are delighted to launch the 50th Anniversary Gold Wing Tour for our Indian



customers. With this special 50th Anniversary Edition, we aim to offer a riding experience that perfectly blends innovation, luxury, and power. This is more than just a motorcycle – it's a tribute to a generation of motorcyclists who believe in the art of luxury touring. We are glad to announce that the bookings for the new Gold Wing Tour are now open and customer deliveries of this flagship luxury tourer will begin

in India from June 2025 onwards."

The 2025 Gold Wing Tour boasts a cutting-edge style with a distinctive silhouette that balances aerodynamic efficiency and majestic road presence. Moreover, it gets a special Gold Wing emblem with 50th Anniversary and 'since 1975' detailing, commemorating the motorcycle's important milestone. Enhancing its modern design is a full-LED lighting system

and airflow-optimized air vents which helps the bike slip through the air efficiently while still offering the great ergonomics that are a staple to long days on the open road.

In terms of equipment, the new Gold Wing Tour gets a feature-rich cockpit with a 7.0-inch full-colour TFT display that provides riding, navigation & audio information. Moreover, it now features first-in-class wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay for connectivity and gets a new welcome screen saying "Since 1975" when the motorcycle is turned on. Touring comfort is further elevated with an extended electric screen for excellent wind protection, improved audio system speakers to deliver rich sound at all speeds..

AR Rahman reflects on his decades-long collaboration with Mani Ratnam

The collaboration of director Mani Ratnam and music composer AR Rahman is one of those gifts that continues to deliver. The two have worked on many films, starting from Roja, and then to Kadal and OK Kanmani. The two of them are collaborating once again for Thug Life. In an interview with India Today, Rahman opened up about their creative process and shared how they share the common purpose to 'serve the audience and the cinema'.

What Rahman said about Ratnam

During the interaction, Rahman talked about working with the director over the course of two decades and said, "We feel the same even today! I discovered myself in the jingle industry. He has seen my



growth. When I was based in Chennai, he was there. When I was doing 'Bombay Dreams', he used to come to London for music. He didn't come to Bol-

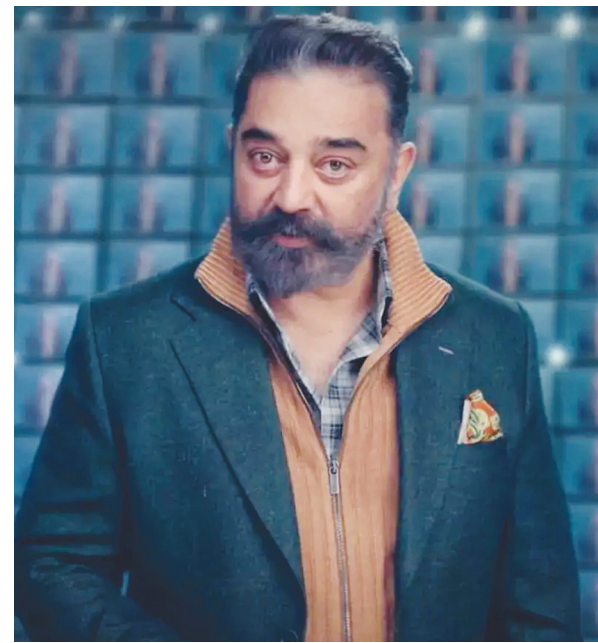
lywood though. When I'm doing my virtual reality stuff, he's seen it and commented on it."

On listening to inputs on the music of Thug Life

He went on to add, "Our relationship is to serve the audience and the cinema. That is our common purpose. That common purpose drives us to excel. In fact, the final mixing of Thug Life was happening day before yesterday. And he asked me if we could make the music a little aggressive in a particular scene. I went to the studio, and we changed it one hour before the engineer left the studio. That's the freedom we have."

The audio launch of Thug Life took place in Chennai a few days ago. Some of the songs featured in the album are Jinguchoo, Sugar Baby, Muththa Mazhai, and Vinveli Nayaga. The gangster drama stars Kamal Haasan, Simbu and Trisha in pivotal roles. It is set to release in theatres on June 5.

Maybe not now but I'll go, it's my place too: Kamal Haasan on shooting in J-K



Home is Kashmir to Kanyakumari, says Kamal Haasan. So there is no reason to not make a film in Kashmir, but perhaps now is not the best time, he adds.

The veteran actor-filmmaker says his last movie "Amaran", which he produced through his banner Raaj Kamal Films International but didn't act in, was shot in Kashmir just six months ago. He has also shot "Abhay" in Kashmir.

"Art can come later," he said, referring to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalagam and India's Operation Sindoor against Pakistan that followed.

The audio launch promotions for his latest film "Thug Life", where he reunites with Mani Ratnam after 1987's "Nayakan", were put off after the attack, said the 70-year-old superstar, almost as well known in the north as he is in the south where he has done most of his films.

"In a critical moment like that, we postponed even our celebrations. We didn't resume 'Thug Life' things (promotions) till we got a signal from our government and the Army," Haasan told agency during a visit to the news agency's headquarters this week. "We were waiting for

that because we can't be celebrating while our boys are dying there. So that's my first feeling. I said art come later, that's what I thought... It might irritate even the locals..." he said.

Would he like to make a film in Kashmir to encourage tourism, which has taken a hit in the aftermath of the Pahalagam attack?

"Maybe not now but I will do that because it's my place also... from Kanyakumari through Kashmir is my home. I still do believe it."

The 2001 film "Abhay", which featured Haasan in a double role, begins in Kashmir with the actor's character of a commando foiling a terror attack there.

"Amaran", starring Sivakarthikeyan and Sai Pallavi was based on Major Mukund Vardharajan, who was martyred during a counter terror operation in Kashmir in 2014.

Haasan's latest film "Thug Life" is a gangster drama and is set to be released in multiple languages on June 5. It also stars Silambarasan TR, Trisha Krishnan, Abhirami, Nasser, Joju George, Ashok Selvan, Ali Fazal and Sanya Malhotra.

Solve the matter: Johny Lever reacts to Paresh Rawal's exit from Hera Pheri 3

Bollywood's popular comedian Johny Lever has reacted to the news of Paresh Rawal suddenly exit from 'Hera Pheri 3'. While the makers are still trying to figure things out, Lever said that both Akshay Kumar and Paresh 8should sit together and resolve the issue calmly.

In a recent Interview with Zoom, the comedian said, "Mujhe lagta hai ki kar lena chahiye unko film, baithe baat karein, matter solve karein kyunki fans bohot miss karenge Paresh ji ko film mein, maza nahi aayega na waisa unke bina. To baat karke solve karlena chahiye, meri nazar mein to yahi sahi hai. (I feel that they should do the film, sit and talk, solve the matter, because fans will miss Paresh ji a lot, it will not be fun without him.

So they should talk and solve the matter)." Besides this, Johny Lever also shared that he also has a special role in 'Hera Pheri 3'. "Mujhe bhi Hera Pheri ki dhamki aa chuki hai, ki aap booked ho (Even I've received the 'Hera Pheri' warning - that I'm already booked!) (sic)," he added jokingly.

Apart from 'Hera Pheri 3', Johny Lever is set to entertain fans in 'Housefull 5', which will release on June 6, 2025. Talking about the film, he said, "Iss baar itna zyada maza aane wala haina ki fans soch bhi nahi sakte. Sabka kirdaar ek se badhkar ek hai, story bilkul alag hai or comedy se bhari hui hai. Fans haste haste thaq jayenge ye guarantee hai (This time, fans can't even imagine how much fun they're gonna have watching the



film. Everyone's character is better than the other, the story is completely different and is full of comedy. Fans will be thankful, laughing, this is my guarantee (sic)."

Sonakshi Sinha's 'Nikita Roy' gets new release date of June 27

"Nikita Roy", a psychological thriller starring Sonakshi Sinha in the lead role, will now release in theatres across the country on June 27.

The film, which explores themes of mysticism, psychological tension, and human vulnerability, is directed by Sonakshi's brother, Kussh S Sinha. It was earlier scheduled for release on Friday.

Written by Pavan Kirpalani, "Nikita Roy" explores the fragile boundary between perception and reality, unraveling themes of paranoia, buried truths, and the human mind's darker recesses, a press release said.

The movie also stars Arjun Rampal, Paresh Rawal and Suhail Nayyar in pivotal roles.



The film is produced by Nicky Bhagnani and Vicky Bhagnani. Anand Mehta, Prakash Nand

Bijlani, Shakti Bhatnagar, Mehnaaz Shaikh, and Prem Raj Joshi serve as co-producers.

Surveen Chawla says actors need to gain weight for South cinema

Actor Surveen Chawla started her acting journey with television shows like Kahin To Hoga and Kaajjal, and later earned recognition for her performances in Punjabi and Hindi cinema. In a recent interview with Hauterfly, Surveen spoke about losing roles due to the 'TV actor' tag and recalled being asked to gain weight to work in South cinema.

Surveen Chawla lost films due to 'TV actor' label

Surveen discussed the label of 'television actor' and recalled losing films because of it. She remembered people telling her "you are exposed" and said, "I was told, don't do this for some time. You should not be seen. You go down South, you



need to put on weight; you come back here (to Hindi cinema), you need to lose weight."

Surveen Chawla on being asked to gain weight for South cinema

When asked if actors really need to put on weight to work in South cinema, Surveen said, "Yes, I was told you are too thin, slim because you won't have bosoms. Kuch hilega nahi (Nothing will jiggle), nothing will bounce. Now it's done a little more sophisticatedly. In my time, they were not so sophisticated. They told me to my face, so I gave it back to their face."

Surveen featured in popular television shows like Kasautii Zindagii Kay, Kahin To Hoga, and Kaajjal before making her Bollywood debut with the film Hum Tum

Shabana in 2011. Over the years, she made her mark in Punjabi and Hindi cinema with films like Taur Mittran Di, Saadi Love Story, Singh vs Kaur, Hate Story 2, Parched, and more.

Apart from this, she has also been part of several popular web series such as Sacred Games, Decoupled, and Rana Naidu. She was most recently seen in the series Criminal Justice 4. The show also stars Pankaj Tripathi, Asha Negi, Shweta Basu Prasad, Mita Vashisht, and Zeeshan Ayyub, among others, in key roles. Directed by Rohan Sippy and produced by Applause Entertainment in association with BBC Studios India, the series is available to watch on JioHotstar.

Shweta Tripathi returns to theatre as a producer with a queer play: I wanted to be a part of this pride celebration

As she gears up for a theatre production, Shweta Tripathi shares why she chose a queer play for her return, reacts to the queer play that got banned in Jaipur

Actor Shweta Tripathi is currently engrossed in her production ventures. Earlier this year, she had announced delving into film production to us, and now she is returning to theatre in the same role. She is reviving the Oliver award-winning play Cock, and she insists it is an ode from her to the LGBTQIA+ community. The play tells the story of a man, who is in a relationship with a man, but while they are together, he falls in love with a woman.

Shweta Tripathi shares, "I recognise myself an ally and I am drawn towards stories

that are from the queer community. It's because the community stands for love, equality and freedom. You fall in love with a person, who that person is, not what they are. I wanted to be a part of this pride celebration because we are also celebrating individuality, which we are losing, and it bothers me. If by being a producer, I can give that love and support to my cast and crew, and help them being seen, why not?"

Recently, a play titled Samaaj got banned from its showing in Jaipur citing it to be "unsuitable for public staging"

as it told a queer lover story. Ask her about how the news impacted her and she says, "Bahut bura lagta hai kyunki pyaar to baantna chahiye, and that story was about love. The difference between us humans and AI is EQ and empathy, and hum wo hi hataye ja rahe hain. Humko takleef kis cheez se hai, uspe discussions and conversations bahut zaruri hain. We need to have communication and understand each other even if we come from different backgrounds. That is the need of the hour as life is not black and



white, it's colourful and we should enjoy all the

colours. So, it feels bad when such restrictions

are put in place, kyunki pehle samjho to."

Shweta's play will be shown in Mumbai during the Pride Month, but does it scare her as a producer that the play might face the same fate if it travels? "We are just hoping that there is no opposition. As artiste, our job is to keep trying and we will do that. We want to tell stories, but our aim is not to hurt anybody. Ours is a love story, which happens to be about queer people. This story can be about anybody as we are all human beings. So, we want people to support us as I can't do anything

alone," she insists.

Talking of queer representation, Shweta says that it is improving in Hindi cinema today, but insists that it will still take more time to get normalised. "It's not just about the community but about understanding each other on a more spiritual level. There needs to be more people from the community in everything, and it will take time. We can hope for it, but the change won't happen overnight. We need to be more accepting as people. The change first needs to be brought in at an individual level, then

only it will spread to a community level," she says.

Many people call out the industry for token representation of the community on screen at times, but the actor agrees that even that is necessary. "It's because if you do it suddenly, it will come out as you are doing it just to be cool or just to fit in. You need to imbibe it in the audience's mind gradually. But token representation should improve and evolve with time, and if it is happening that way, it's all fine. And no change is big or small," she ends.

‘Came back to Bihar only after keeping my promise of teaching terrorists a lesson’: PM Modi

He said that Pakistan's air base and military installations were destroyed within minutes. "This is new India, and it is the power of new India," he remarked.

PATNA, May 30 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said he had come back to Bihar only after fulfilling the pledge he made to its people — to bring justice to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, where several innocent tourists were targeted. Speaking at a rally in the state, the Prime Minister said the terrorists and their handlers had been taught a lesson, as promised.

Recalling his rally in Madhubani district last month (on April 24, a day after the Pahalgam incident), he said, "I had come to Bihar a day after the dastardly attack in Pahalgam, where many of our sisters had lost their husbands. I had promised that the perpetrators would get a punishment that they could not even dream of. Today, I am back in Bihar, after having delivered on the promise".

Modi accused the Congress and the RJD of deceiving Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes under the guise of social justice and said these INDIA bloc constituents are now "trying to grab power again" in Bihar where assembly elections are due later this year.

Addressing a public rally at Bikramganj in Rohtas district, PM Modi invoked the legacy of Lord Ram and his kul (lineage) to emphasise that the new India was following his principles of keeping promises at all costs, even if it meant making supreme sacrifices.

Overwhelmed by the massive



public response, PM Modi said that he had declared from the soil of Bihar during his previous visit (on April 24, a day after the Pahalgam incident) that the terrorists would be taught a lesson beyond their imagination and that their hideouts would be razed to the ground.

"Jin logon ne Pakistan mein baithkar hamari bahno ka sindoor ujara tha, hamari sena ne unke thikanon ko khandhar mein badal diya (Those who, while sitting in Pakistan, orchestrated wiping out the vermilion from the foreheads of our sisters and daughters, our Armed Forces turned their hideouts into rubble)," he asserted.

He said that both Pakistan and the world witnessed the power of sindoor (vermilion). "The perpetrators of the Pahalgam terrorist attack felt safe after taking shelter under Pakistan's Army, but our Armed Forces made them bow down in one stroke," PM Modi said, amid thunderous applause from the crowd.

He said that Pakistan's air

base and military installations were destroyed within minutes. "This is new India, and it is the power of new India," he remarked.

Lauding the role of the Border Security Force (BSF) in safeguarding the country's boundaries, PM Modi said that BSF personnel demonstrated exemplary courage, valour, and skill during Operation Sindoor. He recalled the supreme sacrifice made by BSF sub-inspector Mohammad Imtiyaz, a native of Nalanda in Bihar, during the operation.

PM Modi said that Bihar is the land of Veer Kuer Singh, and that the state's youths have always committed themselves to serving in the Army and the Border Security Force.

Issuing a stern warning to enemies, PM Modi said, "I want to repeat once again, the enemy has seen our power in Operation Sindoor, but they should understand that it is only one of the several arrows in our quiver. Our fight against terrorism has

neither halted nor stopped."

"Atankwad ka fan agar phir se uthega, Bharat use bil se khinch kar kuchalne ke kaam karega (If the hood of terrorism rises again, India will drag it out from its hole and crush it)," he remarked.

Taking a dig at the Congress-RJD alliance in Bihar, PM Modi alleged that they only exploited the people and made them suffer during their rule in the state. Referring to the era of jungle raj, PM Modi said that it was the NDA government under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar that lifted Bihar out of the dark age.

He also cautioned the people against the RJD-Congress combine and said that their promises of social justice were merely political tools used to deceive Dalits, Mahadalits, Other Backwards Classes, and Extremely Backward Classes.

PM Modi also mentioned the government's initiatives to curb Maoist activities across the country. While 125 districts were previously affected by Naxalism, the number has now come down to just 18. "The government is committed to eliminating Naxal operatives to ensure smooth and fast development," he added.

Earlier, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for several projects worth Rs 48,500 crore. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, cabinet colleagues from the Modi Cabinet, deputy chief ministers, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

India will use every method to deal with Pakistan-backed terrorism: Rajnath Singh

The defence minister sent a stern warning to Islamabad saying India will not hesitate to use the methods to deal with terrorism that Pakistan cannot even think of.



NEW DELHI, May 30 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while addressing officers and sailors aboard India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant off the Goa coast on Friday, firmly reiterated India's stance on Pakistan's repeated offers of dialogue. "If there are talks, it will only be on terrorism and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK). If Pakistan is serious about dialogue, it should hand over terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar to India so that justice is served," he said.

Singh pointed out that both individuals are not only on India's list of 'Most Wanted Terrorists' but are also UN-designated terrorists. He highlighted the recent extradition of Tahawwur Rana, an accused in the 2008 Mumbai attacks, to India, adding that Hafiz Saeed too must face justice for his involvement in the attacks.

The Defence Minister asserted that Operation Sindoor launched in response to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam is far from over. "This is only a pause, a warning," he said. "If Pakistan repeats the same mistake, India's response will be even more severe."

Operation Sindoor, carried out by the Indian Armed Forces, was aimed at dismantling terrorist infrastructures in Pakistan and PoK. Singh emphasised that the operation is not just a military manoeuvre but a clear declaration of India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. "If Pakistan indulges in anything evil or unethical, it will this time face the full firepower of the Indian Navy," he warned.

He lauded the Indian Navy's strategic deploy-

ment and described it as the "silent service" during the operation. "The mighty Carrier Battle Group ensured the Pakistani Navy did not dare venture out, or else it would have faced dire consequences. If Pakistan casts an evil eye, it will be the Indian Navy that delivers the first blow in retaliation," Singh declared.

Sending a stern message, the Defence Minister said Pakistan must understand that the era of using terrorism as a proxy war is over. "If Pakistan dares to provoke us with any terrorist activity, it will face defeat. India will not hesitate. Every means at our disposal will be used to root out this menace," he added.

He criticised Pakistan for allowing anti-India activities to flourish openly on its soil and affirmed that India reserves the right to carry out any kind of operation across land or sea to protect its people. "Today, the global community acknowledges India's right to safeguard its citizens against terrorism," he noted, calling on Pakistan to dismantle the "nursery of terrorism" that continues to operate within its borders.

Praising the Indian Navy's contribution to the joint operation, Singh pointed out that as the Indian Air Force struck terror bases inside Pakistan, the Navy's aggressive presence in the Arabian Sea ensured Pakistani naval units remained confined to their shores. "Within 96 hours of the Pahalgam attack, our Western Fleet ships were at sea. They successfully carried out surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile and torpedo firings along both the western and eastern coasts. This demonstrated the combat read-

iness of our systems, our platforms, and our people," he said.

He added that the powerful projection of the Carrier Battle Group made India's intent and capabilities abundantly clear. "The Navy's military expertise and destructive capabilities broke the enemy's morale. It was a strong and effective message," Singh remarked.

The Defence Minister urged the Indian Navy to continue strengthening its operational readiness and reaffirmed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration that any terrorist act on Indian soil will henceforth be considered an act of war, and responded to accordingly.

"Within a very short span of time, we dismantled Pakistan's terror infrastructure and shattered its intentions. Our response was so forceful that Pakistan pleaded for de-escalation. Let it be known we paused on our own terms. Our forces had not even begun to show their full might," he said.

Concluding his address, Rajnath Singh remarked: "We now live in a world where wars are not fought only with bullets and bombs, but also through cyberspace, data dominance, and strategic deterrence. It is a matter of pride that the Indian Navy is advancing strongly in these domains."

Describing the Navy as more than just the "sentinel of the Indian Ocean", Singh said it is a strategic force strengthening India's regional and global influence. "The message to our adversaries is clear India is no longer merely a regional power. It is stepping into the role of a global power," he said.

The Defence Minister arrived in Goa on 29 May 2025 and interacted with Indian Navy personnel involved in the initial phase of Operation Sindoor. In addition to INS Vikrant, he boarded several frontline warships that played a critical role in compelling Pakistani naval units to remain close to the Makran Coast.

One dead, 2 injured, 8 missing as tourist vehicle plunges into Teesta river in Sikkim

GANGTOK, May 30 (Agencies): One person was killed, two injured and eight others went missing when a vehicle carrying 11 tourists plunged into the Teesta river in North Sikkim's Mangan district, police said on Friday.

The tourist vehicle plunged more than 1,000 feet into Teesta river near Munsithang along the Lachen-Lachung highway on Thursday night. Two critically injured persons have been rescued and one body recovered, they said.

Eight tourists are still missing, said Superintendent of Police (SP) Mangan, Sonam Detchu Bhutia.

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang in a Facebook post said,

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic road accident that occurred on the night of May 29 near Chubombu, Mangan district, where a tourist vehicle fell into the Teesta river while travelling from Lachen to Lachung. My heartfelt prayers are with the victims and their families during this extremely difficult time."

The CM said that rescue operations began immediately under the supervision of SP Mangan, with the dedicated efforts of the police, ITBP, fire and medical teams, and local volunteers. He said that two individuals have been rescued and are receiving medical care. He further said that the search for

others is ongoing, with NDRF teams joining the operation.

"Our government is fully committed to extending all possible support to the victims and their families. We are closely monitoring the situation and ensuring that every necessary resource is deployed for the ongoing rescue and relief efforts. Let us stand united in this hour of grief and extend our support to those affected," the CM said.

Details regarding the deceased, injured and the cause of the accident are still awaited. Authorities have cordoned off the area and requested tourists to avoid unnecessary travel along the route until further notice, the police added.

One killed, another injured as car rams into tractor-trolley in Rajasthan



JAISALMER, May 30 (Agencies): An advocate was killed in a collision between a car and a tractor-trolley here, the police said on Friday, adding that a police officer had also sustained injuries.

Advocate Genaram and SI Bhomaram were on their way from Jaisalmer to attend a wed-

ding in Ramdevra when their car rammed into a stationary tractor-trolley near Basanpeer village.

Both were rushed to a nearby hospital where the advocate succumbed to critical injuries, the police said.

The injured police officer is being treated at the district hospital.

Congress' Jai Hind Yatra more like Jai Pakistan Yatra: BJP

NEW DELHI, May 30 (Agencies): The BJP on Friday lashed out at the Congress for its leaders' questions and jibes at the government following the conflict with Pakistan, and alleged that the opposition party's ongoing 'Jai Hind Yatra' looks more like "Jai Pakistan Yatra".

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra told reporters that senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, have often asked about the number of aircraft India lost in the conflict, and accused Jairam Ramesh of equating MPs travelling abroad as members of all-party delegations with terrorists.

Gandhi never asked about the details of terror sites and air bases destroyed in Pakistan but his party has enquired about the losses of Indian jets more frequently than the neighbouring country, he said.

These leaders are like "babbar" (warrior) of Pakistan, he said, adding that they are gabbar of India, invoking the villain of iconic film Sholay, and added they will meet the same fate as the bandit did in the hands of heroes Jai and Veeru.

"Gabbar's defeat is certain due to India's jai (glory) and veerta (valour)." He noted that even Congress MPs are part of the seven all-party delegations currently

on a visit to world capitals to put across India's stand following the Pahalgam terror attack and its punitive strikes against Pakistan.

These Congress MPs are doing a good job as the delegations are strongly projecting India's stand but Ramesh in one breath is comparing them to terrorists, he said.

The Congress chief spokesperson had said on Thursday that the terrorists behind the Pahalgam attack are roaming and so are these MPs abroad.

Patra cited controversial statements of a number of Congress leaders, including some questioning military conflict with Pakistan and the suspension of Indus



Water Treaty, since after the Pahalgam attack.

He said the opposition party might have claimed that it is with the government on the issue but it is lowering the morale of armed forces from the very beginning.

The Congress should suspend its Jai Hind Yatra, which is more

like Jai Pakistan Yatra, and instead consult with Pakistan and hold a joint press conference, he said, claiming that Gandhi has been quoted frequently in Pakistan.

With the Congress increasingly turning caustic at its MP Shashi Tharoor, who is leading the multi-party delega-

tion to the US and four other countries, for his stout defence of the government's actions, Patra said the party is divided into two factions.

One supports Pakistan, he alleged, while another include those who want to raise their voice for India but cannot due to leaders like Gandhi.

He noted that another Congress leader Salman Khurshid, who is a member of one of the delegations, had spoken about the changes brought by the revocation of Article 370, and said somebody should relay the former Union minister's remarks to Gandhi.

During the Congress-led UPA rule, terrorists were invited to the Prime

Minister's Office at the behest of the then Congress president Sonia Gandhi, he claimed and referred to reports that she had cried over the killing of some young terrorists in the Batla House encounter.

Patra also referred to Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's comments that India's Brahmos missiles hit his country's military facilities ahead of the planned attack on Indian targets to emphasise on the damages inflicted on the neighbouring country.

"Gandhi should listen to his friend Sharif," he said.

Patra quoted the opinion of US-based military expert John Spencer, which has been report-

ed widely in the Indian media, that India won the tech war in the conflict while Pakistan lost as China's proxy.

He said Spencer was not alone as many experts have spoken about India's decisive victory but some opposition parties, especially the Congress, have been trying to lower the country's morale.

Criticising West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her choice of words in slamming Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who at a rally in the state had hit out at her government, he said Modi is everyone's "sewak".

It is beyond any doubt that she was sheltering infiltrators and Rohingyas, he added.

Macron says stance on Israel must 'harden' unless Gaza situation improves

The French President also asserted recognition of a Palestinian state with conditions was "not only a moral duty, but a political necessity".

SINGAPORE, May 30 (Agencies): French President Emmanuel Macron said Friday that European countries should "harden the collective position" against Israel if it does not respond appropriately to the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

With international pressure mounting on Israel over the deepening hunger crisis in Gaza, Macron said action was needed "in the next few hours and days".

He also asserted recognition of a Palestinian state with conditions was "not only a moral duty, but a political necessity".

If there was no response in line with the humanitarian situation in Gaza "in the coming hours and days... we will have to harden our collective position," Macron said on a visit to Singapore.

This meant dropping an assumption that human rights were being respected "and apply sanctions", the French leader said hours before addressing a defence summit in the city-state.

Macron is on a diplomatic tour in Southeast Asia which also saw him visit Vietnam and Indonesia earlier this week.

While in Jakarta, Macron and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto issued a joint statement condemning Israeli plans to take control of Gaza and any



moves to "forcibly remove the Palestinian population from their homeland".

Paris hoped to "trigger a movement of recognition for a Palestinian state under certain conditions", including the demilitarisation of Hamas and recognition of Israel's right to exist and protect itself, Macron said in the Indonesian capital.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza remained dire despite aid beginning to trickle back into the territory after a more than two-month Israeli blockade.

Food security experts said starvation was looming for one in five people.

Israel has also intensified its military offensive in what it said was a renewed push to destroy Hamas, whose October 7, 2023 attack triggered the war.

'Ukraine a test of credibility for

the US'

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday that Washington faces a "credibility test" over its response to Russia dragging its feet on a Ukraine ceasefire.

Moscow has rebuffed calls for an immediate ceasefire and kept up an intense bombardment of Ukraine even as diplomatic efforts to end the war have gained momentum.

US President Donald Trump called Vladimir Putin "crazy" late on Sunday in a rare rebuke of the Russian leader but he has yet to follow up on repeated threats to impose fresh sanctions on Moscow.

Macron said that if Russia gives "confirmation that it is not ready to make peace" Washington must then confirm its "commitment" to impose sanctions

on Moscow, stressing it was a "credibility test for the Americans".

"I spoke 48 hours ago to President Trump who showed his impatience. The question now is what do we do? We (Europeans) are ready," he said during a visit to Singapore.

Macron will give the opening speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, Asia's main annual security and defence conference, which was addressed last year by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The French leader said this week he believed Trump now realised Putin lied when he claimed to be ready for peace in Ukraine, and hoped the US president's anger would translate into action.

Macron said it was time to threaten Russia with "much more massive sanctions" to persuade it to end the conflict begun by its invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

The French president visited Kyiv on May 10 with other European leaders to give Russia an ultimatum -- agreed with Washington -- to accept a ceasefire.

The Russian offensive has resulted in tens of thousands of deaths and the destruction of large parts of eastern and southern Ukraine.

Israel far-right minister says 'time to go in with full force' in Gaza



JERUSALEM, May 30 (Agencies): Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said Friday it was time to use "full force" in Gaza, after Hamas said a new US-backed truce proposal failed to meet its demands.

"Mr Prime Minister, after Hamas rejected the deal proposal again - there are no more excuses," Ben Gvir said on his Telegram channel.

"The confusion, the shuffling and the weakness must end. We have already missed too many opportunities. It is time to go in with full force, without blinking, to destroy and kill Hamas to the last one."

The White House said on Thursday that Presi-

dent Donald Trump and US envoy Steve Witkoff had "submitted a ceasefire proposal to Hamas that Israel backed".

"Israel signed off on this proposal before it was sent to Hamas," Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said, adding discussions were "continuing" with the militants.

Israel has not confirmed that it approved the new proposal.

Hamas sources said last week the group had accepted a US-backed deal, but on Thursday political bureau member Bassem Naim said the new version meant "the continuation of killing and famine... and does not meet any of our people's demands, foremost among them

halting the war".

"Nonetheless, the movement's leadership is studying the response to the proposal with full national responsibility," he added.

A source close to the group said the new version "is considered a retreat" from the previous one, which "included an American commitment regarding permanent ceasefire negotiations".

According to two sources close to the negotiations, the new proposal involves a 60-day truce, potentially extendable to 70 days, and the release of 10 living hostages and nine bodies in exchange for Palestinian prisoners during the first week.

It also involves a second exchange of the same number of living and dead hostages during the second week, according to the sources.

The same sources said Hamas had agreed last week to two exchanges on the same terms, but one during the first week of the truce and the other during the final week.

Moscow genuinely interested in revival of Russia-India-China troika format: Lavrov

MOSCOW, May 30 (Agencies): Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has said his country is genuinely interested in the revival of activities within the framework of the Russia-India-China (RIC) format.

Following the deadly Galwan Valley standoff between the militaries of India and China in 2020, the RIC troika has not been very active.

"I would like to confirm our genuine interest in the earliest resumption of the work within the format of the troika—Russia, India, China—which was established many years ago on the initiative of (ex-Russian prime minister) Yevgeny Primakov, and which has organised meetings more than 20 times at the ministerial level since then, not only at the level of foreign policy chiefs but also the heads of



other economic, trade and financial agencies of the three countries," Lavrov was quoted as saying by agency.

The foreign minister was addressing an international social and political conference on forming a single and equitable system of security and cooperation in Eurasia in the city of Perm in the Ural mountains, where Europe borders Asia.

"As of today, as I understand, an understanding has been reached between India

and China on how to ease the situation on the border, and it seems to me that the time has come for the revival of this RIC troika," Lavrov stressed.

He also alleged that NATO is blatantly trying to lure India into anti-China intrigues.

"I have no doubts that our Indian friends and I say this on the basis of confidential conversations with them, obviously see this trend that can be actually deemed as a large provocation," Lavrov said.

China forms new global mediation group with dozens of countries

HONG KONG, May 30 (Agencies): Dozens of countries joined China on Friday in establishing an international mediation-based dispute resolution group.

Representatives of more than 30 other countries, from Pakistan and Indonesia to Belarus and Cuba, signed the Convention on the Establishment of the International Organization for Mediation in Hong Kong to become founding members of the global organization, following Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

The support of developing countries signaled Beijing's rising influence in the global south amid heightened geopolitical tensions, partly exacerbated by U.S. President Donald Trump's trade tariffs.

At a ceremony, Wang said China has long advocated for handling differences with a spirit of mutual understanding and consensus-building through dialogue, while aiming to provide "Chinese wisdom" for resolving conflicts between nations.

"The establishment of the International Organization for Mediation helps to move beyond the zero-sum mindset of 'you



lose and I win," he said.

The body, headquartered in Hong Kong, aims to help promote the amicable resolution of international disputes and build more harmonious global relations, he said.

Beijing has touted the organization as the world's first inter-governmental legal organization for resolving disputes through mediation, saying it will be an important mechanism in safeguarding the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. It also positioned Hong Kong as an international legal and dispute resolution services center in Asia.

Wang said the city's rule of law is highly developed, with the advantages of both common law and mainland Chinese law systems, asserting that it possesses uniquely favorable conditions for international mediation.

Hong Kong leader John Lee said the organization could begin its work as early as the end of this year.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from some 50 other countries and about 20 organizations, including the United Nations.

Yueming Yan, a law professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, said the new orga-

nization is a complementary mechanism to existing institutions such as the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague.

"While the ICJ and PCA focus on adjudication and arbitration, IOMed introduces a structured, institutionalized form of alternative dispute resolution — namely, mediation — on a global scale," she said.

Although many details about the new body are yet to be clarified, it could open the door for greater synergy between formal litigation or arbitration and more flexible methods like mediation, she said.

Shahla Ali, a law professor at the University of Hong Kong, said the International Organization for Mediation would have the capacity to mediate disputes between states, between a state and a national of another state, or in international commercial disputes.

"Conventions can provide opportunities to experiment with new approaches," she said, noting rising interest in mediation globally as a means to resolve investor-state disputes.

"Exposes hypocrisy behind US claims of freedom" China opposes student visas revocation

BEIJING, May 30 (Agencies): China opposed its student visas revocation by the United States and said that this decision of the Trump administration exposes "hypocrisy behind US claims of freedom."

Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Lin Jian, said that the move is "unjustified" and "disrupts" people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

In a social media post on X, Lin Jian said, "The US decision to revoke Chinese student visas is fully unjustified. Citing ideology and national security as a pretext, the move seriously hurts

the lawful rights and interests of international students from China and disrupts people-to-people exchanges between the two countries. China firmly opposes this action and has protested to the US over the decision."

Calling the US decision politically motivated, Lin Jian said this will damage the image and reputation of Washington itself.

"This politically motivated and discriminatory move exposes the hypocrisy behind the US's claims of freedom and openness. It will further damage the image and reputation of the US itself," he said.

On Wednesday, US



Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that the US will begin revoking visas of Chinese students, including those with connections to the Chinese Communist Party or studying in critical fields.

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US will begin revoking visas of Chinese students, including those with connections to the Chinese Communist Party or studying in critical fields."

This further widens an already strained relationship between the US and China, which

backtracked after Trump threatened China with reciprocal tariffs.

The US President introduced his "reciprocal" tariffs, placing substantial duties on imports from some of the United States' key trading partners. This led to a tariff war between both countries, with Trump indicating that the tariffs may go up to as high as 245 per cent.

However, both countries arrived at an agreement on May 12 and withdrew their previously announced tariffs. Currently, China imposes 10 per cent tariffs on US goods, and the US will tax Chinese goods at about 30 per cent.

Eight dead as heavy rain, thunderstorms lash parts of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

PESHAWAR, May 30 (Agencies): At least eight people died while 21 others were injured as heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds lashed parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwest Pakistan on Thursday evening, an official said today.

The deceased included five men, two women and a child, a spokesman for the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) said.

Among the injured were 10 men, five women and six children.

Heavy rain accompanied by strong winds wreaked havoc across

various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Thursday.

The PDMA has released a report detailing human and material losses caused by rain and strong winds across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa since May 27.

The report noted that 25 houses have been damaged, including one completely destroyed and 24 partially damaged.

The incidents occurred in various districts, including Mardan, Swabi, Peshawar, Shangla, Swat, Torghar, Mohmand, Mansehra, and Haripur.

The PDMA has

instructed the respective district administrations to ensure immediate relief for the affected families and provide the injured with the best possible medical treatment.

The weather pattern is expected to continue until May 31.

The PDMA remained in close touch with all the district administrations and the relevant relief agencies, the spokesman said.

The PDMA emergency operations centre is fully operational, and citizens have been advised to report any untoward incident by calling 1700, he added.

MLA Vijaypur chairs event under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Panchayat Palli

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VIJAYPUR, May 30: Chander Prakash Ganga MLA Vijaypur constituency chaired a mega event under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Panchayat Palli of District Samba. On his arrival, he was welcomed by district heads of line departments as well as Scientists from SKUAST Jammu.

The programme was attended by more than 450 farmers/farm women, besides, officers, officials from the line departments.

The MLA also visited morethan 31 exhibitions stall which were displayed by the Govt Departments/KVK Samba, Self Help Groups as well as some enterpreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that "The government is committed towards supporting the farmers through various Central and UT schemes with the goal of increasing farm income and making agriculture a viable livelihood for the younger generation."

He commended the team Samba being led by Prof Sanjay Khajuria District Nodal Officer VKSA 2025 District Samba comprising Dr. Rakesh Khajuria, Chief Agriculture Officer Samba, Dr. Rahul Dev Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Samba, Farhat



Naz Choudhary Dy Registrar Cooperative Samba, Joginder Kumar Sharma, AD Fisheries Samba, Dr. Deepak Kichloo DSHO Samba, Chief Horticulture Officer Samba for organization of the grand programme for the benefit of the farming community of Panchayat Palli and adjoining villages.

MLA urged the farming community to remain in touch with

the officers for increasing their income and take all the benefit of the government schemes for increasing their livelihood. He also laid thrust on adoption of organic as well as natural farming so that everyone should get healthy food for the good health.

Earlier, Prof Sanjay Khajuria District Nodal Officer VKSA 2025 District Samba in his address encouraged the farm-

ers to engage directly with the agricultural scientists, assuring them of dedicated support to address their queries and challenges.

He highlighted the vast potential of agriculture and allied sectors to enhance the productivity through technology-driven practices.

He further briefed that the 15-day Abhiyan aims to educate the farmers about modern, region-specific technologies for major Kharif crops, raise awareness about key government schemes and policies, promote use of Soil Health Cards for crop selection and balanced fertiliser application and collect grassroots feedback to guide farmer-centric innovations and agricultural research.

Dr.Neerja Sharma Chief Scientist, Dr Reena Chief Scientist from SKUAST Jammu also spoken on the occasion and interacted with the farmers.

The programme was concluded with vote of thanks to the chair by the Dr. Rakesh Khajuria Chief Agricultural Officer cum Joint Nodal Officer VKSA 2025 in which he apprised the MLA about the various benefits as schemes provided to the farming community of the District Samba.

Army distributes solar lights, power banks to Gujjar & Bakkarwals at Bhagwah



Top News Report

DODA, May 30: In a heartfelt initiative to illuminate lives and empower underserved communities, the Indian Army at Doda distributed Solar Lights and Power Banks to the Gujjar & Bakkarwal families of Bhagwah area under Operation Sadhbhavana and Operation Roshni. As part of its unwavering commitment to uplift the quality of life in remote and high altitude regions, the Indian Army extended these vital amenities to the nomadic tribes residing in the harsh and inaccessible terrains of

the district.

The endeavour sought to ease the burdens of these resilient communities who often brave extreme climatic conditions with limited access to modern infrastructure. This outreach was not merely about distributing equipment, it symbolized hope and connection.

The Gujjar & Bakkarwas, along with local media representatives gathered for the event, which highlighted the Indian Army's steadfast dedication to inclusive development.

The Indian Army has continuously strived to render essential ser-

vices and support to remote populations.

The provision of Solar Lights and Power Banks serves as a beacon of the Army's enduring mission to bring light-both literal and metaphorical into the lives of those in need. The overwhelming gratitude expressed by the community was a poignant reminder of the profound impact such acts of service can have. With limited infrastructure and scarce amenities, these families now see a brighter path ahead, lit by the spirit of unity and compassion. A total of 70 Gujjar & Bakkarwals attended the event.

One out of every 3 Indians consumes milk as a beverage: Godrej Jersey

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JAMMU, May 30: On the occasion of World Milk Day, Godrej Jersey is celebrating the evolving choices of Indian consumers with its report, "Bottoms Up... India Says Cheers to Milk!". The findings reveal that one of every three Indians consumers prefer milk as a beverage. Additionally, 50% of Indian consumers prefer to drink flavoured milk or add flavour to their milk at home. Indian Parents, too, are increasingly opting for flavoured milk as a convenient and enjoyable way to give their children a nourishing refreshment drink

with 45% offering it during the day and 44% using it as a refreshing option during playtime.

Commenting on the findings, Bhupendra Suri, CEO, Godrej Jersey said, "At Godrej Jersey, we are committed to deliver on the consumer expectations.

By prioritizing taste, refreshment and nourishment in equal measure, the brand is redefining what milk means for a new generation Godrej Jersey Badam Milk isn't just a treat for the taste buds—it's a healthy, wholesome choice that makes milk the preferred beverage every day, not just on World Milk Day."

Army conducts lecture on Road Safety at Saloni

Top News Report

POONCH, May 30: Indian Army in its continuous efforts to foster community engagement and awareness conducted a lecture on road safety at Govt High School, Salani, Poonch District.

This initiative was part of the Indian Army's outreach program aimed at educating the younger generation about the importance of safe road

practices and responsible behaviour while commuting.

The lecture was attended by students, teachers and local residents and was delivered by experienced personnel for the Indian Army who emphasized the significance of adhering to traffic rules, wearing helmets and seat belts and avoiding reckless driving.

The road safety campaign by the Indian

Army is a testament to its commitment not just too national security but also to the well-being of civilians particularly in the remote and sensitive areas like Jammu and Kashmir.

By organizing such informative session, the Indian Army aims to bridge the gap between security forces and the local population while also instilling discipline, awareness and civic sense among the youth.



The school authorities expressed their gratitude to the Indian Army for this thoughtful initiative, which is expected to have a lasting impact on the minds of young

students. Overall, the lecture served as an initial step towards promoting road safety and preventing avoidable accidents in the region.

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Three Judges take Oath, SC regains full working strength of 34 Judges

Bishnoi was enrolled as an advocate on July 8, 1989. He practised law at the Rajasthan High Court and the Central Administrative Tribunal at Jodhpur.

Born on April 7, 1965, Justice Chandurkar joined the Bar on July 21, 1988, after obtaining a law degree.

Justice Chandurkar shifted to Nagpur in 1992 and practised in various courts. He was elevated as an additional judge of the Bombay High Court on June 21, 2013.

Development in J-K won't stop; those who harm us will face befitting reply: Shah in Poonch

forces and the civil administration, acknowledging the sacrifice of a senior official during the recent India-Pakistan military conflict. He also praised the administration's swift response in evacuating civilians to safer places during the shelling.

"The development of Jammu and Kashmir will neither stop nor slow down. The pace that began in 2014 will continue. Anyone who tries to harm us will receive a strong and befitting reply," Shah said, addressing people here.

Shah said that immediately after Prime Minister Modi assumed office in 2014, a decision was taken to construct bunkers along the border to protect civilians. "More than 9,500 bunkers have been built so far, which played a crucial role in saving lives in the last three days," he said.

He added that the Government of India, in coordination with the UT administration, will build more bunkers in the coming days to further enhance civilian protection in border areas.

Standing firmly with the residents of the border region, Shah said, "The entire nation and the governments of India and Jammu and Kashmir stand with you like a rock. The acts committed by terrorists and Pakistan will only make India's defence policy stronger."

Reiterating Prime Minister Modi's firm stance on terrorism, Shah asserted, "Terror and talks cannot go together. Terror and trade cannot go together. Blood and water cannot flow together."

Stressing on peace and progress, Shah said, "I assure the people of Jammu and Kashmir that the development that began in 2014 will resume with full force. Anyone who tries to disrupt it will be given a powerful and befitting reply."

The Union home minister said that Pakistan committed a "highly condemnable act" by carrying out intense shelling in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Poonch, and asserted that India responded by precisely targeting terror infrastructure across the border without harming any civilians.

Calling the recent shelling "the worst in Poonch since Independence," Shah said civilian homes, temples, gurudwaras, and mosques were targeted by Pakistan. "This is a highly condemnable act. Pakistan used civilians as human shields. Only after this provocation, our forces responded with strength and precision," he said.

Shah visited the affected region to express solidarity and announced that a special relief package would soon be introduced by the Centre for damaged homes, businesses, and religious sites. "We have already provided appointment letters to the families of those who lost their loved ones in the attack. This can never compensate for the loss, but it is a step in sharing their burden," he said.

Lauding the swift response of the administration and security forces, Shah said, "Even senior officers made sacrifices. The LG, administration, and police worked tirelessly to evacuate residents from shelling zones and ensure safety."

CRPF DG reviews security readiness in Jammu ahead of Amarnath Yatra

preparedness for the yatra to ensure its smooth conduct.

He also visited key pilgrimage locations, including the base and transit camps, assessing on-ground arrangements and reaffirming the commitment to a secure, smooth, and spiritually enriching yatra for all devotees.

The journey to the Amarnath cave shrine can be undertaken through two routes — the traditional 48-km route via Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

The Centre has ordered the deployment of 580 companies, comprising about 42,000 on-ground personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), for the annual Amarnath Yatra.

Marching into history: 1st Batch of 17 Women cadets graduates from NDA alongside over 300 male peers

the NDA's 148th course in 2022 after the UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) allowed women to apply to the defence academy following a Supreme Court direction in 2021.

Academy cadet captain, Udayveer Negi, commanded the parade of the 148th course.

"Today is also a uniquely signifi-

cant day in the history of the academy as the first batch of female cadets pass out from the NDA. This marks a historic milestone in our collective journey towards greater inclusivity and empowerment," Gen Singh said on the occasion.

These young women are the inevitable symbol of "Naari Shakti", embodying not just women's development but women-led development, he said.

"I envision a future, not far from now, that one of these young women may rise to the highest of roles of the service they go to," he said.

J&K admin warns against use of banned calcium carbide for artificial fruit ripening

artificial ripening treatment to ensure safe and compliant ripening practices. Failing this, penal action shall be initiated," the Drug and Food Control Organisation (D&FCO) said in an advisory issued here.

It warned FBOs against applying banned calcium carbide in the artificial ripening of fruits.

"Considering the issue of the use of banned calcium carbide and the non-availability of alternative ripening agents, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has permitted the use of ethylene gas for ripening of fruits in India, subject to adherence to the SOPs by the FBOs," it added.

The organisation said that artificial ripening with calcium carbide, popularly known as 'Masala', has been strictly banned due to its potential health hazards.

The organisation has specifically issued an advisory for the ripening of climacteric fruits — fruits which are harvested at full maturity and can be further ripened during transit or storage, like banana, guava, avocado, mango, apple, pear, apricot, peach, tomato, etc.

It said a detailed SOP for the use

of ethylene gas for artificial ripening has been notified by FSSAI.

"Ethylene gas, ethanol, ethephon, etc, can be used on fruits to trigger the ripening process under controlled conditions of humidity, temperature, and exposure time," the organisation said.

However, any source of ethylene gas coming in direct contact with fruits is not permitted.

Further, only approved sources of ethylene gas are allowed to be procured and used, besides ensuring the authenticity and purity of the sachets containing ethephon in powdered form and other components, it added.

"Only those sachets must be used that are properly labelled, mentioning details of the manufacturer, composition, instructions for use, etc. Use of ethylene gas for artificial ripening can be done up to the concentration of 100 ppm (100 µL/L) only," the organisation further advised.

Fruit should not occupy more than 75 per cent of the volume of the chamber as well as the crate during the treatment.

"Gas leakage monitoring systems should be installed in the commercial ripening chambers. Stacking of boxes should be done keeping a minimum 4-6 inches space from the walls and between the adjacent crates," it said.

Consumers are also advised to wash fruits thoroughly with potable water before consumption, the advisory said.

Admin clarifies relief assistance to shelling-affected residents in Rehari Jammu

compensation of minor structural damages, said an official spokesman, in a handout.

Furthermore, individuals who suffered minor injuries due to the shelling have been extended Rs. 10,000 each by the District Administration as immediate relief, while the ones grievously injured have been granted assistance of

Rs.35,000 each.

He said the District Administration remains deeply committed to addressing the concerns of all affected families. Every genuine requirement arising from this unfortunate incident is being dealt with on priority. We stand in solidarity with the residents affected and reaffirm our resolve to support them in every possible way.

Man arrested for threatening to kill PM Modi during his Bihar visit

Sultanganj Police Station, an official statement said.

Notably, the PM arrived in Patna on Thursday on a two-day visit to Bihar.

"A WhatsApp call was made to security agencies from Bhagalpur, threatening to kill the PM during his Bihar visit. Accordingly, Bhagalpur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) was informed about the threat call on Thursday and a team was constituted to investigate the matter," the police statement said. A preliminary investigation revealed that the call was made from the mobile phone number of 71-year-old Mantu Chaudhary.

"After a detailed technical analysis and questioning, the team found Sameer Ranjan, the accused, made the WhatsApp call from Choudhary's mobile number by using a virtual private network (VPN)," the statement, issued by the Bhagalpur police, said.

Prima facie, it appears that the accused made the call to put Chaudhary in trouble as they have a property dispute, it said.

"The accused admitted the crime during interrogation," the statement said.

The matter is being further investigated, it added.

Modi will launch development projects worth more than Rs 48,520 crore in Karakat in Rohtas on Friday and will also address a public rally ahead of the assembly polls due later this year.1

IIM Jammu organizes Hindi Workshop on noting, drafting, unicode

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JAMMU, May 30: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, organized a one-day workshop on Noting, Drafting, and Unicode on 30th May 2025 (Friday) at the Agastya Classroom. The workshop aimed to enhance the use of Hindi in administrative and technical communication, in line with the Government of India's Rajbhasha policy.

The session was conducted by Santosh Kumar, Assistant Director, Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Jammu. He emphasized the mandatory implementation of Hindi under the Rajbhasha policy, stating that while 55% of official communication should be in Hindi, the set target for Jammu (K zone) is currently at 30%.



and Publication Committee, and Brigadier Neeraj Soni, faculty member, IIM Jammu.

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He provided a detailed overview of Hindi noting and drafting, emphasizing clarity, tone, and structure in official correspondence.

He also introduced tools and techniques for Unicode-based Hindi typing and demonstrated the use of phonetic, Remington, and Inscript keyboards.

He encouraged staff to enroll in Prabodh, Praveen, and Pragya Hindi training programs, which offer incentives such as annual incre-

ments.

He also proposed an Inscript Typing Workshop with performance-based rewards to further promote Hindi usage in official work.

The session began with a welcome address by Shri Ashish Kumar Isher, Hindi Rajbhasha Officer, IIM Jammu, who also introduced the guest speaker. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, also delivered by him. The event saw active participation from offi-

cers and staff across departments.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks. Ashish Kumar Isher, Hindi Rajbhasha Officer, IIM Jammu expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, Indian Institute of Management Jammu, for his valuable guidance and vision, and for granting permission to organize such a workshop to promote the Hindi language.

He also extended his thanks to Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Vice-Chairperson, and Commander Kesavan Bhaskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, for their support.

The workshop marked an important step in strengthening the use of Hindi in official functioning and reaffirmed IIM Jammu's commitment to promoting linguistic and cultural diversity.

Zone Gandhi Nagar clinches U-14 & U-17 girls football titles



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 30: The Inter-Zonal District Level Football Competition for U-14 and U-17 girls concluded today at Parade Ground, Jammu, with Zone Gandhi Nagar emerging victorious in both categories.

The tournament showcased exceptional young talent and provided a platform for budding athletes to compete and demonstrate their football skills.

The event was held under the patronage of Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, Rajinder Singh Tara, and was conducted under the overall supervision of Deputy Director Central, Jetinder Mishra and Joint

Director YSS, Ved Parkash.

Key officials including Accounts Officer Sunil Kumar Sharma and DYSSO Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma, also played pivotal roles in organizing the event.

In his address, DYSSO Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma appreciated the dedication of the participants and encouraged them to maintain their fitness and continue participating in sports. He extended his best wishes to all the athletes for future competitions.

The tournament was efficiently conducted by experts from the Youth Services and Sports Department, including Ajay Kumar, Harvinder Kour, Rohit Gupta, Gurbachan Singh, Taran Pal

Singh, Varinder Singh, Rakesh Singh, Mohd Ashraf, Muneshwar Singh, Devinder Singh, Maheep Salathia, and other technical officials.

U-14 Girls Football: Semi-Final: Zone Gandhi Nagar defeated Zone Jammu 2-0. Final: Zone Gandhi Nagar edged out Zone Satwari 2-1 U-17 Girls Football: Semi-Finals: Zone Bhalwal beat Zone Dansal 4-3; Zone Gandhi Nagar beat Zone Marh 3-1. Final: Zone Gandhi Nagar dominated Zone Bhalwal with a convincing 4-0 victory.

The tournament not only celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship but also served as a selection ground for upcoming higher-level competitions.

GDC Paloura organises pranayam session under International Yoga Day celebrations



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 30: In the run-up to International Yoga Day, Government Degree College (GDC) Paloura organized a Pranayam session on campus as part of a month-long series of activities aimed at promoting health and wellness through traditional yogic practices.

The event was organized as part of the initiative of the NCC's 8 J&K Girls Battalion.

The session featured Prof. Chinmei Sharma, Head of the Music Department, as the lead resource person. She delivered an engaging and informative session on the importance of Pranayam, elaborating on various techniques

such as Brahmari, Chandrabhedhi, and Anulom Vilom.

Emphasizing the holistic benefits of controlled breathing, Prof. Sharma explained how these practices enhance mental clarity, reduce stress, and support overall physical well-being.

Prof. Sharma also offered insights into the seven chakras energy centers located at different points in the human body explaining their role in achieving emotional balance and spiritual awareness. A live demonstration of Tratak , a yogic technique to improve concentration, was a key highlight of the session.

In her address, Prin-

cipal GDC Paloura, Mishriwala, encouraged students to adopt yogic practices like Pranayam daily, underlining their value in achieving academic and personal success.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members including Prof. Joginder Kumar, Prof. Rabya Meer, Prof. Shivani Sharma, Prof. Vijay Kumari, Prof. Neha Bhagat, Prof. Usha Rani, PTI Vikram Singh Jamwal, Dr Sikander S. Khan, Prof. Tanu, and Prof. Shagun.

The entire program was organized and coordinated by Prof. Kusha Sharma, Associate NCC Officer (ANO), 8 J&K Girls Battalion.

Mahant Rohit Shastri presents felicitation volume to VC KU Prof. Nilofer Khan



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JAMMU, May 30: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, and recipient of the State Award, paid a courtesy visit to Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir. During the visit, he presented her with a felicitation volume dedicated to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha.

Commending Prof. Khan's leadership, Mahant Shastri stated that the University of Kashmir is making nota-

ble strides in the areas of quality education, research, innovation, and inclusive growth. He acknowledged her dedication and contribution in transforming the institution into a hub of academic excellence.

Addressing the student community, Mahant Shastri urged them to channel their education toward national service. He emphasized that the knowledge acquired at such esteemed institutions should contribute to building a self-reliant India and usher in a cultural renaissance across the country. "This is our heartfelt wish," he remarked.

Jodhamal skaters shine in National Championships

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 30: Jodhamal Public School continues to make headlines for excellence in sports, with its students achieving remarkable success at the national level in roller skating competitions.

Leading the charge, Tabish Haider Chib delivered a stellar performance at the 2nd Inter District Open National Roller Skating Championship held in Mohali, bagging an impressive trio of medals — Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

Adding to the school's accolades, Dhruv Sadotra secured a well-deserved Silver medal, proudly joining Tabish on the winners' podium.

Recently, Tabish further cemented his reputation as a top tier athlete at the 68th Nation-



als conducted by School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

Competing against some of the finest skaters from across the country, he brought home two more medals — Silver and Bronze — highlighting his consistent excellence and competitive spirit.

Coach Kamal Anand and Ritish Jamwal

expressed immense pride in the achievements of his students.

The School Trustee Nandan Kuthiala, Directo Arati Kuthiala and Vice Principal Amita Arora congratulated the young champions on their stupendous success and extended their best wishes for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Agriculture Department Jammu celebrates International Day of Potato



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JAMMU, May 30: The Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu, celebrated the second International Day of Potato on May 30, 2025, honouring the immense value of this versatile crop that sustains over one billion people globally.

The United Nations General Assembly, in December 2023, proclaimed May 30 as the

International Day of Potato, recognizing its significance as a staple food and its critical role in achieving global food security. The 2025 theme, "Shaping History, Nourishing the Future," highlights the potato's contribution to the livelihoods of both producers and consumers worldwide.

In his address, Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, underscored the potato's pivotal role in the

region's agrarian economy. He commended the tireless efforts of farmers who contribute to the cultivation and innovation in potato farming, particularly in the diverse terrains of Jammu.

Director A.S Reen detailed the sowing patterns in the region—from April to May in hilly areas, covering approximately 900 hectares, and from September to October in the plains, with nearly 2050 hectares under cultivation. He also highlighted the popular potato varieties cultivated in the region. These include Kufri Sindori, Kufri Badshah, Kufri Pukraj, Kufri Surya, Chipsona 1, and Khyati in the plains, and Kufri Jyoti, Kufri Himailini, Kufri Himsona, Kufri Chandermukhi, and the newly introduced Lady Rosetta in hilly areas.

Emphasizing the

importance of modernization, Director Agriculture advocated for the adoption of mechanized technologies, such as potato transplanters and harvesting equipment, to enhance productivity and efficiency. He encouraged farmers to embrace scientific and climate-resilient practices to meet current and future challenges in agriculture.

Director Agriculture, Arvinder Singh Reen, also encouraged young farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to explore opportunities in advanced potato farming and processing units under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He emphasized that by adopting modern technologies and value addition techniques, they can significantly enhance their income and contribute to the

region's agri-economy.

Director Agriculture further highlighted various initiatives launched by the Department aimed at promoting sustainable practices and improving farmer welfare. Special focus was given to supporting small-scale and family-based potato farming, especially by rural and women farmers, to combat hunger, malnutrition, and poverty.

"As we observe the International Day of Potato, let us acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our farmers, scientists, entrepreneurs, FPOs, and agriculture officers," said Director Agriculture. "Potato cultivation not only strengthens rural economies but also plays a crucial role in securing a sustainable and nutritious food system for future generations."

IDPS Ghou Manhasan hosts "Summer Fusion" Camp



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JAMMU, May 30: International Delhi Public School (IDPS) Ghou Manhasan launched its three-day summer camp, Summer Fusion, with Chief Guests Saima Khan (Assistant Commissioner, Sales Taxes Enforcement, Jammu) and Adv. Neha Mahajan (General Secretary, BJP J&K UT, Mahila Wing).

The event was graced by Director Vandna Sharma, Principal Saharish Ismaili, and Vice Principal Mubeen Butt. It began with the traditional lamp lighting, followed by an energetic Zumba performance by students.

The Chief Guests officially declared the camp open, kicking off a range of engaging activities including sports, arts,

crafts, pottery, and flower arrangement.

"This camp is a great platform for learning and fun," said Saima Khan. Principal Saharish Ismaili thanked the guests, noting their presence as a source of inspiration for the students.

The camp concludes on May 31 with a grand ceremony featuring stalls and student showcases.

I have no doubt in my mind Kohli is going to play a big hand in final: AB de Villiers

RCB, who was one of the participating teams when IPL began way back in 2008 with eight franchises, have never won IPL title despite reaching finals on three occasions before

MULLANPUR, May 30 (Agencies): South African batting great AB de Villiers is backing "ultimate team man" Virat Kohli to play a big hand in the IPL final and lead a multi-dimensional Royal Challengers Bengaluru outfit to its maiden title in the world's biggest T20 league.

Chasing a paltry 102, RCB crushed Punjab Kings by eight wickets in the first qualifier here on Thursday to storm into the final of the 2025 edition of the league.

One of their biggest performers this season, Kohli (12) missed out with the bat in the one-sided game, but his former RCB teammate De Villiers is confident the Indian superstar would fire in the title clash in Ahmedabad on June 3.

"The first time I saw him on the screen for PBKS vs RCB game, was when he got out of the bus, and I just saw a lot of focus in that guy. That's the typical kind of body language we're so used to seeing."

"And what I love most about this is—he didn't score runs today, but we still saw him right till the end, celebrating with the batters," De Villiers told JioHotstar.

"The ultimate team man, and



he looks very, very focused. Obviously, the job's not done yet, but I'm very excited to watch him play. I have no doubt in my mind he's going to play a big hand in the final," the South African added.

RCB, who was one of the participating teams when the IPL began way back in 2008 with eight franchises, have never won the IPL title despite reaching the finals on three occasions in the past.

De Villiers shared his thoughts about RCB's journey and their potential to win the title this time.

"I think 2011 was a really good

chance to win the title. Everyone talks about the 2016 season, but let's forget about the past. Where are RCB now? In another final – 2025. It's closer than you think and smaller than you think."

"So hopefully those little moments will go in RCB's favour, come the 3rd of June. It was around the auction time when I felt like RCB really got the balance right this year. It's not a one-dimensional batting line-up, not a one-dimensional bowling line-up—there are options."

"I just loved the look of that

squad when I saw it come out. They found a way to gel together as a unit. As you can see, all the players individually chipped in at times, and that is a sign of a healthy environment," De Villiers said.

Having missed few games over last couple of weeks, pace spearhead Josh Hazlewood (3/21) marked his return with a brilliant exhibition of fast bowling, and RCB opener Phil Salt emphasised the importance of having the Australian in their ranks.

"Josh is such a key figure for us—not just with his bowling, because we know it's world-class and what he does time and again—but also as part of the bowling unit, that sort of calm head out there for everybody else to lean on. It's massive."

"And we've obviously got Bhuvu (Bhuvneshwar Kumar) as well doing the same job. So to have Josh back in the team and contributing to the bowling unit, making the observations he does, and then performing the way he did—that's almost the cherry on top."

"So pleased that he's back fit again for us." Salt said.

Preity Zinta left heartbroken in stands, wins sympathy of netizens as Punjab Kings collapse against RCB in IPL 2025 Qualifier 1



MULLANPUR, May 30 (Agencies): Bollywood actress and Punjab Kings (PBKS) co-owner Preity Zinta was left visibly heartbroken as her team suffered a defeat against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in Qualifier 1 of the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL).

The Kings delivered a dismal performance,

getting bowled out for just 101 runs. On the other hand, RCB's batters were aggressive and quickly ended Punjab's hopes of reaching the final.

It was not just the players who were the anguish of defeat, Preity's emotional rollercoaster in the stands became one of the most talked-about moments

on social media.

Preity, dressed in a traditional salwar suit, began the match in her trademark cheerful spirit, flashing her dimpled smile, cheering for her team, and waving at the crowd. However, as the wickets tumbled and PBKS's hopes unravelled, her joyful expressions turned to disappointment.

Social media was soon flooded with photos of her reactions. "She wears her heart on her sleeve," one fan wrote. Others called for Preity to be honoured for her years of loyalty to the team.

Throughout the season, Preity has been a constant presence in the stands, often seen chanting through the tense moments, and clapping over victories and defeats with grace. Her passion has long made her one of the most beloved figures in the IPL, and this year was no exception.

Harry Brook crosses 4000 international runs, enters England's top 50 scorers list

BIRMINGHAM, May 30 (Agencies): Harry Brook continues to rise rapidly in the international cricketing arena, marking another significant milestone in his burgeoning career. The 26-year-old completed 4,000 international runs during the first ODI against the West Indies in Birmingham, becoming the 49th highest run-scorer for England across formats.

Brook contributed a composed 58 off 45 deliveries in the match, laced with five boundaries and three sixes, helping England to a comprehensive win in his debut outing as white-ball captain. His performance underscored both his leadership credentials and his value as a dependable middle-order batter.

Since making his international debut, Brook has played 96 matches and amassed 4,011 runs at an impressive average of 43.12. He already boasts 9 international centuries and 21 half-centuries, and his overall strike rate of 99.47 highlights his attacking instincts and ability to control the tempo across formats.

Brook's strongest impact so far has come in Test cricket. In just 25 Tests, he has racked up 2,339 runs at a stellar average of 58.47, including eight centuries and eleven fifties. His career-best score of 317 further underlines his

capability to play long, match-defining innings.

In the ODI format, Brook has featured in 27 matches and scored 874 runs. In T20Is, he has accumulated 798 runs from 44 games, demonstrating his flexibility and adaptability across the formats.

England got their home summer off to an excellent start at Edgbaston as they cruised to an impressive 238-run triumph over the Caribbean side in what was Brook's first game in charge as white-ball skipper.

While tougher tests will await England before the next ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe in 2027, the showing against the West Indies was much improved from what the side has shown in recent times.

England failed to make it out of the group stages of the most recent 50-over World Cup in India and went winless at the ICC Champions Trophy at the start of this year, while the team haven't even won a bilateral ODI series since they snuck past Ireland 1-0 in September 2023.

Brook has instilled new life into England's white-ball outfit since he took the captaincy reins from long-time skipper Jos Buttler.

“Really important that club get that right”: Maguire issues warning to Manchester United about summer signings

MUMBAI, May 30 (Agencies): Manchester United defender Harry Maguire emphasised the need to get the right signings in the upcoming summer transfer window after ending the season on a shambolic note.

Manchester United finished 15th in the Premier League, their worst position in the competition's history. With just 42 points, Manchester United registered its lowest ever points tally in the Premier League. The Red Devils had one last shot at redemption in the Europa League final, which was snatched away by their local rival, Tottenham Hotspur.

"It's been a difficult season. It's been tough. We haven't been good enough. We take responsibility as players.



We played under two different managers, and the results haven't been good enough," Maguire told reporters.

With no European football next season and only domestic cups to fight for, Maguire highlighted the significance of the summer transfer window, which will open on June 1.

For the seasoned

English defender, the club and the manager, Ruben Amorim, need to get the right acquisition along with figuring out which players need to find a new home.

"So, our players take responsibility, and now it's a big summer. I'm sure there'll be players who leave and players who will sign as well. So, that's really

important that the club get that right. Whoever they're thinking of, who they want to leave and who they want to keep, it's probably down to the manager," he said.

"It's really important that they get that right and, of course, we need a lot of recruitment as well. We need bodies to come in and help the team and improve. I think this year we've seen that we just haven't really scored enough goals. So, it's been difficult. So, all of us have got to improve for next season," he added.

His compatriot Diogo Dalot shared his experience of switching from his preferred right position to left, a spot that has been an uncharted territory for him.

The Portuguese right back had to switch to

the left side of defence due to the unavailability of Manchester United's designated players. Even though he initially struggled to adjust to the demands of the situation, Dalot believes he has finally settled into it.

"I mean, I'm used to it now. Obviously, on the right is where I feel more comfortable or I grew up and played more time. But throughout your career, you have to be able to do other things and be as complete as you can," he said.

"I think it's good for the team, good for managers to have other options also. So as soon as I started on the left, it was something that I really worked on to be comfortable. And I think today it's normal for me," he added.

Former New Zealand coach David Trist passes away at 77

CHRISTCHURCH, May 30 (Agencies): David Trist, the former New Zealand cricket coach who led the team to victory in the 2000 ICC KnockOut Trophy, now known as the Champions Trophy, has passed away at the age of 77, as per ESPNcricinfo.

Trist enjoyed a 14-year playing career as a pace bowler for Canterbury before transitioning into coaching. His coaching journey included stints with Canterbury, South Africa, Hong Kong, and the Netherlands, before he took charge of the New Zealand national side in 1999, succeeding Steve Rixon.

Although his tenure lasted just two years, Trist played a pivotal role in securing New Zealand's first major ICC title. Under his guidance, the team triumphed over

India by four wickets in the final in Nairobi, with Chris Cairns anchoring the chase with an unbeaten century. That victory marked a historic moment for New Zealand cricket, later followed by their 2021 World Test Championship triumph.

"Cairns was outstanding, and played an innings that he will remember forever, because it was the winning of the game," Trist told in an interview with ESPNcricinfo in 2017.

"But the feeling was we could do it, and we had to do it. That was what pervaded the dressing room - although there were moments of concern, quite clearly, with losing wickets early and one or two other batsmen not quite doing what they had done previously," he added, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.



"But Cairns' innings was one of his greatest, if not his greatest, innings, in so much as it won basically the only thing New Zealand has ever won. He could take the game away from you. He was a big hitter, but he was also technically very sound. He wasn't unsettled by fast bowling, and against spin he was positive," he noted.

"I think in the latter stage of that innings, the Indians went from 'We've won this' to 'Oh

shit! And Chris went on, of course, to get a hundred. It was a huge innings, and probably one of the most important innings in terms of New Zealand that we've witnessed," he said.

"I look back on it as pleasing for the players in the first instance, and a special moment for New Zealand. Even though they were only three matches, they were very testing ones: Zimbabwe in Africa, and then us as underdogs beating two of the

powerhouses of world cricket on a fair and equal environment - we caused one of the bigger upsets in one-day cricket finals," he reflected on the title, where New Zealand beat Zimbabwe and Pakistan before facing India.

Following his time with the national side, Trist continued to contribute to the sport as the coaching director at Christchurch's Old Collegians Cricket Club. He also took on coaching roles in both India and England.

"NZC is deeply saddened to confirm the passing of former Black-caps coach David Trist, who died in Christchurch yesterday, aged 77... NZC extends its heartfelt condolences to David's family and friends," New Zealand Cricket said in a statement on social media.

“Stop at any cost”: R Ashwin doesn’t want MI vs RCB IPL final

MUMBAI, May 30 (Agencies): As Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) gear up for their fourth IPL final, former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin believes there's one team they wouldn't want to face—Mumbai Indians (MI). Speaking on his YouTube channel, Ashwin said RCB will be praying MI don't make it to the final in Ahmedabad. RCB sealed their place after thrashing Punjab Kings in Qualifier 1, while MI will first play Gujarat Titans in the Eliminator, with the winner then taking on PBKS in Qualifier 2 on June 1.

Ashwin, who played for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in IPL 2025, said the five-time champions MI are the only team capable of denying RCB their maiden IPL title. "If RCB has to win the IPL, then Gujarat Titans should win against Mumbai Indians. MI are one team that you cannot allow to enter the final, you have to stop them at any cost," Ashwin said in his analysis of the playoffs.

He added that if he were in RCB's shoes, he would prefer facing Gujarat Titans in the final rather than MI, who he believes are the only real threat to Rajat Patidar's side. "RCB will keep their fingers crossed to not have Mumbai Indians in the final. It looks like RCB are going the distance, but it is cricket; anything can happen. If I was RCB, I would want to face Gujarat Titans" he said.

Ashwin also touched upon Virat Kohli's incredible run in the past year, saying

everything seems to be aligning for the RCB star. Kohli, who has never won the IPL, has had a stellar run in international cricket recently—winning both the T20 World Cup in 2024 and the ICC Champions Trophy earlier this year.

"Virat Kohli, I want to tell you all one thing. I don't want to make it about him, but I cannot help but feel that this is RCB's year. People used to say Kohli has no ICC title, and now he has two in the space of a year. Not as captain, but he's still been central to the wins. He's also one of the greatest Indian Test captains. Is he going to win the first-ever IPL title for RCB in the 18th season? If they are chasing in the final, Kohli knows how to handle those situations," Ashwin said.

RCB booked their final berth with a dominant performance in Qualifier 1. After bowling out Punjab Kings for just 101, Phil Salt led the chase with an unbeaten half-century, helping the team reach the target in only 10 overs. Kohli, however, had a rare failure, scoring just 12 runs.

Despite the low score, Kohli has had a remarkable season—scoring 614 runs in 14 matches at an average of 55.82 and a strike rate of 146.54. With the final looming, RCB fans will be hoping for another match-winning performance from their talisman. RCB will now wait to find out who they face in the final—MI, GT or PBKS. But as Ashwin puts it, if it's Mumbai, "stop them at any cost."

DC Doda flags off 100-day “TB Muk



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DODA, May 30:- The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh, on Friday flagged off the 100-day campaign under the “TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan” from DC Office Complex, Doda.

The campaign aims to intensify efforts to make India tuberculosis-free through sustained awareness, screening, and treatment drives across the district.

The launch event witnessed the presence of Chief Medical Officer

Doda Dr Om Kumar, Deputy CMO Doda Dr S L Manhas, Block Medical Officer Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor, and other officials and staff from the Health Department.

The DC Doda emphasized the importance of active community participation and inter-departmental coordination in achieving the goal of a TB-free India.

He also urged frontline workers to reach out to vulnerable populations, especially in remote and underserved areas.

The “TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan” is part of the

national strategy aligned with the Prime Minister’s vision to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target.

During the campaign, door-to-door screening, TB awareness sessions, sputum collection drives, and intensified case-finding will be carried out.

The initiative also includes engaging local influencers, PRI members, ASHAs, and NGOs to spread awareness and remove the stigma associated with TB.

DIG Shiv Sharma participates in special Abhishek Ceremony at Tirupati Balaji Temple



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JAMMU, May 30: A grand and spiritually enriching Abhishek ceremony of Lord Venkateswara was held on Friday at the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu, drawing the presence of prominent dignitaries and a large gathering of devotees.

DIG Jammu-Kathua Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, accompanied by his wife Radhika Sharma, paid obeisance and actively participated in the sacred rituals. The ceremony

was conducted in the traditional South Indian style, adding cultural depth and authenticity to the occasion.

Also present were RC Subramaniam, Superintendent of Balaji Temple Jammu, Temple Inspector Sai Krishna, temple official Ramesh Babu, and Pandit Amit Shukla, who led the spiritual rituals with devotion.

BJP State Spokesperson Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia also took part in the prayers, highlighting the communal harmony fostered by such religious gatherings.

Alliance University launches India’s First Multidisciplinary Ph.D. Program Integrating Research and Entrepreneurship

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JAMMU, MAY 30: Alliance University, South India’s first UGC-recognized private university, has launched a groundbreaking doctoral program-Ph.D. VISTA (Venture Innovation for Social Transformation and Advancement). This advanced initiative reimagines research as a catalyst for societal impact, aiming to cultivate scholar-entrepreneurs who transform academic insights into real-world ventures and scalable solutions.

Designed for scholars across disciplines such as Business, Law, Liberal Arts, and Engineering, the program bridges academic research with entrepreneurial innovation.

It encourages interdisciplinary exploration, enabling scholars to convert domain knowledge into sustainable, practical solutions for complex social challenges. As a pioneering initiative, Ph.D. VISTA redefines conventional doctoral education by integrating innovation, entrepreneurship,

and purpose-driven research.

Curated by Nagaraja Prakasam, a renowned champion of grassroots innovation, Ph.D. VISTA is built on the belief that India’s progress lies in transforming local challenges into global opportunities.

Drawing from his extensive experience mentoring impact-driven startups, he has shaped a doctoral journey rooted in field immersion and socially relevant research.

Nagaraja Prakasam said: “With Ph.D. VISTA,

JKUPSA President highlights responsibility of parents and schools in moral, academic development of students

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SRINAGAR, May 30: JKUPSA President Showkat Chowdhary, has expressed deep concern and solidarity with the Kashmir Harvard School, Srinagar, in light of recent developments.

He underscored the need to avoid drawing premature conclusions until a thorough and impartial investigation is completed by the relevant authorities. Chowdhary also cautioned against the spread of misinformation and the dangers of one-sided narratives dominating media and social plat-

forms. “Media trials and social media campaigns can irreparably damage the reputation of institutions and individuals”.

Showkat Chowdhary emphasized that while educational institutions play a vital role in students’ academic development, the emotional and moral upbringing of a child is a shared responsibility between schools and parents.

“We must understand the limits and scope of institutional responsibility. Schools primarily focus on academics, and while we strive to support our students holistically, active parental involvement is essential for a child’s overall

well-being,” he added.

Referring to the current structure under the New Education Policy, Chowdhary noted that regular assessments and Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) are held to keep parents informed about their child’s academic and behavioral progress. However, only 25–30% of parents regularly attend these sessions, which limits the effectiveness of collaborative development.

“When parents are disengaged, it becomes extremely difficult for schools to intervene meaningfully beyond the classroom. True child development demands joint responsibility,” he

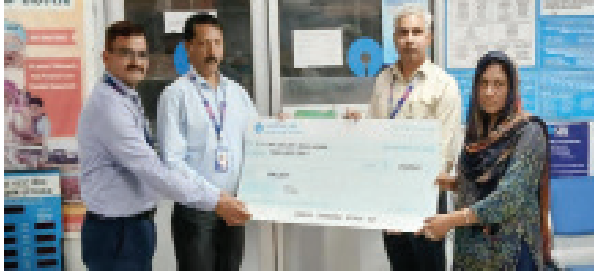


observed.

Showkat Chowdhary reaffirmed JKUPSA’s commitment to student welfare and disclosed that a resolution was passed to enhance counselling services in schools across

the region. “We are strengthening our internal systems to better support students who may be struggling emotionally. But this effort must be complemented by proactive parental engagement.”

SBI hands over PMJJBY claim to nominee in Panchari



Top News Report

PANCHARI, May 30: In a significant step towards supporting beneficiaries under government-backed social security schemes, the State Bank of India (SBI) handed over a PMJJBY (Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana) claim of Rs 2 lakh to the nominee of a deceased policyholder in Panchari, District Udhampur.

The claim was disbursed in a formal function organized by SBI Panchari Branch, where Ravinder Singh, Regional Manager, SBI, was present as the chief guest. The cheque was officially handed over to Rita Devi, wife of the late Sh. Jugal Kishore, by Ex-Sarpanch Kuldeep Kumar in the presence of bank officials and local residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Regional Manager Ravinder Singh highlighted the benefits of key social secu-

rity schemes including PMJJBY, PMSBY (Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana), and APY (Atal Pension Yojana). He urged the local population to enroll in these schemes to safeguard their financial future.

Rajinder Kumar, Branch Manager of SBI Panchari, also addressed the gathering and educated people about the importance of availing these schemes and adopting digital and cashless banking methods.

He noted that a significant number of people remain unaware of the ease and advantages offered by digital financial services and emphasized the bank’s commitment to improving financial literacy at the grassroots level.

The initiative was well received by the community and served as a reminder of the impactful reach of social security schemes in rural and remote areas.

LFO-BHF conducts free ration donation drive in Doda’s Marmat Area



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DODA, May 30: In a heartfelt initiative aimed at supporting underprivileged families, Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) organized a free ration donation drive in Marmat, Doda, reaching out to those in dire need of essential supplies.

The drive was carried out in collaboration with Talla Jewellers, reflecting a strong partnership between civil society and local businesses.

Essential food items including wheat flour, rice, cooking oil, lentils, salt, sugar, and spices were distributed to 15 needy families—10 in the first phase and 5 in the second—benefiting

around 60 individuals. Among the beneficiaries were two families facing severe medical and financial crises, one with a child suffering from a tumor and another with a family member battling cancer. Several families shared their challenges, including children being forced to drop out of school due to financial hardship. Kashish Gupta, CEO of Talla Jewellers, expressed her support for the initiative, stating, “This initiative reflects our commitment to giving back to the community and supporting the less fortunate.” Vivek Parihar, Director and CEO of LFO-BHF, remarked, “This drive is a small step towards making a

significant difference in the lives of those who need it most.” Karan, a member of LFO-BHF and Activity In-charge for the drive, added, “Our aim is to reach out to as many families as possible and provide necessary support.” The success of the drive was made possible through the efforts of numerous LFO-BHF members including Manvi, Sahil Choudhary, Radhika Mahajan, Radhika Chandial, Sahil Sharma, Sunny Kumar, Anshu Katoch, and many others. Special thanks were extended to Vipin Sharma for logistical arrangements and Dr. Maheshwar Katoch for identifying the beneficiary families.

IPRS leads from front as India Records 357% Growth in Royalty Collections as captured in CISAC’s 2025 Global Report

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 30: The Indian Performing Right Society Ltd. (IPRS) welcomes the release of the CISAC Annual Report 2025, which showcases India’s strong growth in royalty collections and

outlines a global call for ethical AI regulation in the creative industry. The report underscores the importance of protecting creators’ rights and adapting to technological advancements to ensure fair remuneration and sustainable growth in the music sector.

According to the report, total royalty collections in India crossed Rs. 7 billion in FY24-25, reflecting a 42% increase over the previous year, and a 357% growth compared to 2020.

This performance has moved India up significantly in global rankings - making it one of the fastest-growing music markets.

The report also highlights IPRS’s ongoing collaboration with CISAC to develop a strategic roadmap aimed at positioning India among the world’s top 10 creative economies. This includes targeted efforts to strengthen digital collections, address non-

digital revenue challenges, and improve the licensing and distribution ecosystem. Sharing his views, legendary creator and IPRS Chairman, Mr. Javed Akhtar, said, “A society that cherishes music must ensure that its creators are not forgotten in the shadows of technology and commerce.

The significant rise in royalty collections is more than a number - it is a reflection of growing awareness around intellectual property, fair value for creative work, and the need for compliance across the industry.

Yet, many challenges remain - as music travels far and wide in the digital age and AI presents new threats.

From educating creators about their rights to ensuring the ethical use of their work across platforms, our mission is far from over. As a body representing those behind the music, we at IPRS are committed to

protecting the rights of every music creator, addressing systemic gaps, and building an ecosystem where creativity is respected, rewarded, and rightfully owned.”

Highlighting the significance of the report Björn Ulvæus, CISAC President, mentioned, “We are living through an era of unprecedented transformation. Nowhere is this more evident than in the rise of generative AI - a force that raises fundamental questions about the nature of authorship and creativity. Protecting creators’ rights in no way means trying to stop the advance of technology.

On the contrary, it means embracing and licensing AI tools in a safe, legal environment.

I say this as the number one fan of AI and of its possibilities for enhancing human creation. What is prerequisite, however, is that creators’ rights are respected. Upholding

creators’ rights is not only about fairness, it’s also about economic good sense.”

Rakesh Nigam, CEO of IPRS, added, “The remarkable growth in India’s royalty collections reflects not just a rising music economy, but also a growing recognition of creators’ rights - though there is still significant ground to cover.

At IPRS, we are proud to lead this transformation—empowering creators, strengthening systems, and working with global partners to raise the standards of copyright governance. As technology reshapes the creative landscape, it is critical that innovation does not come at the cost of artistic integrity.

Through strategic collaborations and a robust rights management framework, we remain committed to ensuring that every creator is respected, rewarded, and ready for the future.”