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BRIEFLY

Two held with narcotic substance in Jammu

JAMMU, Jun 10 (Agencies): Two persons were arrested after 350 grams of opium was allegedly recovered from their possession on Tuesday, police said.

Sudhir Singh and Surya Partap Singh, both residents of Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur district, were arrested from Talab Tillo area of Jammu, a police spokesman said. Fine dining reservations They were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and further investigation is underway to trace the source and network behind the illegal drug trade.

Missing Shopian man's body recovered from Aharbal

KULGAM, Jun 10 (Agencies): A body of a man, who had gone missing near the Aharbal waterfall in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, was recovered today morning, officials said.

An official said that the man had gone missing near the Aharbal fall during an outing on Sunday.

He said that following the incident the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) was pressed into service to retrieve the body.

"After intense search operation, the SDRF recovered the body today morning and later handed it over to police for medico-legal formalities," he said.

The deceased has been identified as Wasim Ahmad Malik (33) son of Mohammad Yaseen Malik of New Colony Alayipora, Shopian.

Terrorist hideout busted in Rajouri

RAJOURI/JAMMU, Jun 10 (Agencies): Security forces on Tuesday busted a terrorist hideout in a remote area in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir and seized 10 Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGLs) along with other material, an official said.

The hideout was unearthed in Darra Barachara village in Thanamandi area during a joint search operation by police and the army, the official said.

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Major reshuffle in Civil Administration, 134 JKAS Officers transferred in J&K

Rajiv

JAMMU / SRINAGAR, Jun 10: In an major administrative reshuffle Jammu and Kashmir government has ordered the transfer and posting of 135 JKAS officers across various departments and districts in the Union Territory.

In the interest of administration, the following transfers and postings are hereby ordered with immediate effect, read a government order.

Mr. Bashir Ahmad Dar, JKAS, Managing Director, JKPC, is transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Public Service Commission, against an available vacancy.

Mr. Rajinder Singh Tara, JKAS, Director General, Youth Services and Sports, J&K, is transferred and posted as Controller, Legal Metrology, J&K. Ms. Nitu Gupta, JKAS, Secretary in the Finance Department, is transferred and posted as Secretary in the Agriculture Production Department.

Ms. Smita Sethi, JKAS, Secretary in the Industries and Commerce Department, is transferred and posted as Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, J&K, against an available vacancy. Ms. Anuradha Gupta, JKAS, Controller, Legal Metrology, J&K, is transferred and posted as Director General, Youth Services and Sports,

J&K, it reads.

Ms. Mathora Masoom, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, Tourism Department, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Financial Corporation vice Mr. Shafat Sultan, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Mr. Abdul Hafiz Shah, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, is posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Information Technology Department.

Mr. Musheer Ahmed, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department, is transferred and posted as Mission Director, ICDS, J&K. Mr. Nawab Din, JKAS, Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Udhampur, is transferred and posted as Custodian General, J&K. Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Dar, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department.

Mr. Mohammad Mumtaz Ali, JKAS, Director, Rural Development, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Director, Tribal Affairs, J&K, vice Mr. Ghulam Rasool, JKAS, who



shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, it reads.

Mr. Rishpal Singh, JKAS, Custodian General, J&K, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department. Mr. Kishori Lal, JKAS, Mission Director, ICDS, J&K, is transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Tax Planning, Policy & Advance Ruling), J&K, against an available vacancy, it reads. Mr. Mansoor Aslam Chowdhary, JKAS, Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, ARI and Trainings

Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu. Ms. Shahnaz Akhter, JKAS, Joint Director J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, is transferred and posted as Director, Rural Development, Jammu.

Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Bandy, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Director, Command Area Development, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Ms. Prerna Raina, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Power Development Department, order reads.

Ms. Rimpy Ohri, JKAS, Special Secretary in the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, is transferred and posted

as Director, Public Relations, New Delhi. Dr. Subash Chander, JKAS, Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Samba, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department.

Mr. Ved Prakash, JKAS, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Udhampur. Mr. Pardeep Singh, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Enforcement), Kathua, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, SIDCO, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Managing Director, SICOP, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Mr. Ghalib Mohi-ud-din Shah, Secretary, Royal Spring Golf Course, Srinagar, holding additional charge of Director, SKICC, is transferred and posted as Director, SKICC, on full time basis. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Secretary, Royal Spring Golf Course, Srinagar, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Mir Afroz, Director, Public Relations, J&K, is transferred and shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, it reads.

Mr. Krishan Lal, JKAS,

Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department. Mr. Nazir Ahmad Mir, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Transport Department. Mr. Rakesh Kumar, JKAS, Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu, holding additional charge of Additional Chief Executive Officer, Smart City, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu.

Ms. Kanchan Bala, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department. Mr. Sudershan Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Reasi, against an available vacancy. Mr. Sunil Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Chief Administrative Officer (HR), JPDCL.

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“Mata Ne Bulaya Hai”: Farooq Abdullah hails Vande Bharat as a “Historic Gift” to Jammu Kashmir



SRINAGAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): In an emotional journey that symbolised decades of aspirations finally turning into reality, National Conference president and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday rode the newly operational Vande Bharat Express from Srinagar to Katra, hailing it as a “historic

gift” that bridges not just geographical distances but also emotional and political divides.

JKNC leader Dr Farooq Abdullah with son Omar Abdullah and grandsons, Zamir and Zahir

The Vande Bharat Express, flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, is the first semi-high-speed train to connect the Kashmir Valley with

the rest of India via the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL). The 272-km corridor, built at a staggering cost of Rs 43,780 crore, is an engineering marvel featuring 36 tunnels spanning 119 km and 943 bridges, including the iconic Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge at 359 meters.

As the sleek

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SIA raids house in Sawjian Poonch in ongoing narco-terrorism probe

POONCH, Jun 10 (Agencies): The State Investigation Agency (SIA) Jammu on Tuesday morning carried out a raid at a residential house in Sawjian, as part of its ongoing probe into a narco-terrorism case.

Official sources said that the raid was conducted in the morning today at the residence of Mohd Jameel, son of Mohd Latief, resident of Ward No. 06, Gagrian

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The operation was carried out in the presence of the Naib Tehsildar Sawjian and Chowki Incharge Sawjian, they said.

The action is said to be linked to FIR No. 02/2022 registered at SIA Jammu, which reportedly involves the use of cross-border drug smuggling by terror groups to finance their activities.

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Mrs. Sohniee Lata (Kaki)**, w/o Roshan Lal Dhar originally from Bumhama, Kupwara, A/P Flat No 15, Block 30, Lane 7, Jagti Nagrota, Jammu on 07/06/2025.

Tenth Day Kriya & Assembly will be performed on 16/06/2025 at Muthi Ghat near Director Education office, Jammu at 8 AM. **Mourning** after 10th Day Kriya will be observed at Community Hall, Lane 05, Jagti Nagrota.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Roshan Lal (Husband)
Akhilesh Dhar (Son)
Kashi Nath Dhar (Brother-in-law)
Brother in law & Sister in law
Smt. and Sh. Krishan Lal Dhar
Smt. and Sh. Vinod Kumar Dhar
Smt. and Sh. Sunil Kumar
Smt. Phoolu Raina (Sister in law)
Sh. Suraj Prakash Pandita (Brother in law)
Smt. Chuni Ji Pandita (Bua)

Deeply Missed by:

Ankit, Meenu, Archit, Hardick, Manika, Meisha, Prakriti.
Dhar's, Raina's, Pandita's, Bhat's

Contact: 9419223118, 7006342843



**Mrs. Sohniee Lata
(Kaki)**

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Late Sh. M. R. Sharma (Retd. AAO)**, originally from Village Mela, Hiranagar) Resident of 216/1, Sanjay Nagar, Jammu who left for his heavenly abode on 1st June 2025.

10th Day: Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at 10:00 AM at our residence

Kriya: Wednesday, 11th June 2025 at 12:30 PM at our residence

Uthala: Wednesday, 11th June 2025 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Ram Mandir, Shastri Nagar (opposite Nirankari Bhawan)

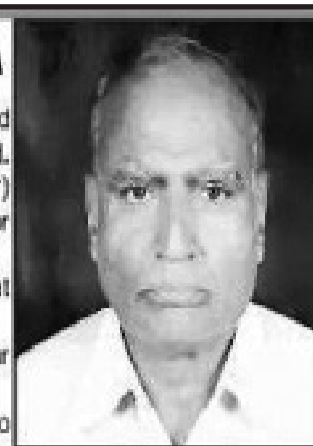
GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Geeta Sharma -Wife
Anil Kumar Sharma (J&K Bank) & Archana Sharma -Son & Daughter-in-law
Rajesh Sharma (Glaxo Pharma) & Sonia Sharma -Son & Daughter-in-law
Ritu Sharma & Chander Kant Sharma (SBI) -Daughter & Son-in-law

Grandchildren:

Anmol Sharma, Abhishek Sharma, Drushika, Meetali

Contact: 94192 08889, 70489 76375, +91 97795 84324



**Late Sh. M. R. Sharma
(Retd. AAO)**

TENTH DAY

With profound grief we inform you the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Krishna Devi W/o Late Sh. Qabla Singh** Bandral at Village Sounthal.

Tenth Day will be performed on 08-06-2025 Sunday at 11am and 13th day will be performed on 11-06-2025 Wednesday.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughters-in-law & Sons
Smt. Usha & Sh. Govind Singh (Ex Asst. Comd. BSF)
Smt. Reva & Sh. Chandev Singh (Retd. Master)

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Santosh & Sh. Swarn Singh
Smt. Vashni & Late Sh. Pritam Singh
Smt. Shoba & Sh. Parbad Singh

Granddaughter-in-law & Grandsons

Dr. Divya & Sh. Gulshan Singh (Senior Ex)
Granddaughters & Grandsons-in-Law
Smt. Poonam & Sh. Rajpal Singh

Grandchildren

Smt. Parul & Sh. Bhawani Singh
Mr. Harsh Dev Singh - Grandson
Yashvir Singh - Great Grandchildren



Smt. Krishna Devi

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Parmeshwari Dhar W/o Lt. Sh. Prem Nath Dhar R/o Y.K. Pora Qazgund**, presently at H.No 71/C Om Nagar Udhaywallah Bohri Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 7-06-2025.

10th Day Kriya for the departed soul will be held on 16-06-2025 (Monday) at 9 AM at Muthi Ghat (near Director School of Education)

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh. Shakti Lal Dhar and Sushma Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Smt. Picha Hangloo and Sh. M.K. Hangloo (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Smt. Kiran Pandita and Sh. Nareni Pandita (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Preeti Dhar w/o Lt. D.N. Dhar (Sister-in-law)
Sh. Brij Lal Dhar and Veena Ji Dhar (Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law)

Sh. Durshan Lal Dhar and Asha Ji Dhar (Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law)
Smt. Phoolu Saproo and Sh. P.K. Saproo (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Sh. Avtar Krishan Dhar and Smt. Anji Ji Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Sh. Rajinder Dhar (Son)

Sh. Rakesh Dhar and Smt. Rashi Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Smt. Renu Pandita and Sh. Rakesh Ji Pandita (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Gangula Dhar and Sh. Sanjay Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Smt. Anila Razdan and Sh. Sanjay Razdan (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Grand Children : Roni/Nisha, Rajat, Sakya/Rohan, Shivi, Akhil, Ayush, Riya, Anshu

Mob. : 9419205615, 9622363999



Smt. Parmeshwari Dhar

MASVAR

(One Month Remembrance)

With deep sorrow and everlasting love, we fondly remember our beloved mother **Smt. Rani Bhat (Rajrani Bhat) W/o Late Sh. Lassaram Bhat** (Originally from Buran Gangipora, Pattan), who left for her heavenly abode on 13th May 2025.

The **Masvar** will be observed on 13th June 2025 at our residence in Vipin Garden, New Delhi.

On this solemn occasion, we bow our heads in reverence and pray for eternal peace to her noble soul.

Her affection, values, and blessings shall remain with us forever.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED & MISSED BY:

Rajiv Bhat (Son)

Ritika Bhat (Daughter-in-law)

Babbly Sawhney W/o Kapil Sawhney (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Lovely Misri W/o Manoj Misri (Daughter & Son-in-law)

And the entire Bhat Parivar

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"Forever in our hearts, her love and presence will always be with us."



**Smt. Rani Bhat
(Rajrani Bhat)**

10TH DAY KRIYA/OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the untimely sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Rekha Pandita W/o Late Sh. T.K. Pandita** of Hangalgund Kokernag, Anantnag at present Community Hall, Buta Nagar, Jammu on 04-06-2025.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 13/06/2025 Friday at Muthi Ghat, near Director School of Education at 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter-in-law & Son
Ayushi Pandita & Deepankar Pandita

Daughter & Son-in-law
Preeti Pandita & Ajay Pandita

Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law
Smt. Asha Ji & Sh. T.N. Pandita

Smt. Nancy Ji & Sh. M.L. Pandita

Smt. Shama Ji & Late Sh. O.N. Raina

Smt. Nancy Ambardar & Late Sh. S.K. Ambardar

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Smt. Rekha Pandita

MASVAR & VAHERWAR

A year has passed since you left for heavenly abode. We feel the sadness due to the void created by your passing. We hope that you are resting in a better place and that you are watching over us all time and always.

MASVAR AND VAHERWAR of our beloved **Late Sh. Hriday Nath Raina** will be performed on 10th & 11th June at our residence F-36/54 Ashok Nagar, Opposite Canal Power House, Canal Road, Jammu

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY -

Sh. Sunil & Smt. Sunita Raina (Son and Daughter-in-Law)

Smt. Nimmi & Sh. Rabinder N Kaul (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Anjali & Sh. Vinay Nehru (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Sunita & Late Sh. Vinod Wahi (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Grand Children :

Reetika Kaul Kapoor, Tanushree Kaul Pandita, Khushboo Nehru Dhar, Deepanshi Nehru, Riya Wahi, Vaibhav Wahi, Abhishek Raina, Palak Bhat Raina and Falguni Raina.



Late Sh. Hriday Nath Raina

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Smt. Kusam Narang W/o Lt. Sh. Lalit Narang R/o Lower Subash Nagar, Jammu** who left us for heavenly abode on 8.06.2025.

FIFTH DAY will be held on 11.06.2025 (Wednesday) at 11am at our residence H.No. 57, Shankar Vihar, Talab Tillo, Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN:

BROTHERS:

Sh. Guljeet Singh

Sh. Babir Singh Jamwal

Sh. Kamal Singh Jamwal

Sisters & Brother-in-Laws

Smt. Chander Kala Wazir W/o Lt. Sh. Pritam Singh Wazir

Smt. Janak Rani W/o Sh. Krishan Lal

Smt. Purnima Wazir W/o Sh. Arjun Singh Wazir

Smt. Kunti Jasrotia W/o Lt. Sh. Romesh Singh Jasrotia

Smt. Neelam Rajput W/o Sh. Dalbir Singh Rajput



Smt. Kusam Narang

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Maharaj Krishan Gadroo (DADDY)** S/o Late Sh. Lassa Koul Gadroo, originally R/o Bohri Kadal, Srinagar at present Krishna Nagar, Miran Sahib, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 02/06/2025.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 11/06/2025 at Maralia Morh, Miran Sahib, Jammu (near Khajuria Sweets) at 09:00 AM.

DEEPLY MISSED BY:

GADROOS, SAFAYAS, KHARS, BHANS, RAINAS, KOULS AND SAPROOS.

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**Sh. Maharaj Krishan
Gadroo (DADDY)**

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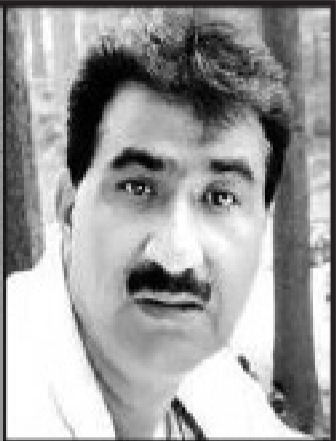
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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, it is to inform that **Tenth Day Kriya** of Departed pious soul **Rajesh Bhat S/o Dwanika Nath Bhat** of Diver Trail presently at H.No. 413, Lane-4, Suryavanshi Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Muthi will be performed on 12-06-2025 Thursday 8.30 AM at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of Education.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Dwanika Nath Bhat - Father
Smt. Chandrani Bhat - Mother
Smt. Sunita Bhat - Wife
Mr. Abhay Bhat - Son
Rakesh Bhat & Anjali Bhat - Brother & Bhabhi
Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Babli & Sh. Vijay Trakroo



RAJESH BHAT

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Mohan Lal Raina S/o Lt. Sh. Radha Krishan Raina** originally resident of Village Poshkery Anantnag, presently residing at H.No. 14, Lane 1-A, Bharat Nagar Enclave, Bantlaba, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 5/6/2025. Mourning shall be held at our residence.

10th Day Kriya shall be held on 14/6/2025 (Saturday) at 8:00 am at Muthi Ghat, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Shanika Raina - Wife

Sonu Kumar Raina & Arti Raina (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Sandeep Raina & Anu Raina (Son & Daughter-in-law)

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

Shanu Raina Dhar & Bharati Bughan Dhar

Jagat Nath Raina & Santa Raina (Brother & Bhabhi)

Chuni Pandita W/o M.K. Pandita (Sister & Brother-in-law)

Kanta Bhan W/o Chuni Lal Bhan (Sister & Brother-in-law)

Grand Children : Madhav Raina, Ishi Dhar, Radhika Raina, Ashvik Dhar, Kiera Raina

Mob.: 9897550445



Sh. Mohan Lal Raina

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound sorrow and grief, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **S. Didar Singh Sehgal (Batote Wale)** H/o Late Sdr. Krishan Kour Sehgal and So Late Sh. Faqir Chand Sehgal, R/o H.No 44, Sector-7, Lane-10, Narak Nagar, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 05-06-2025.

Programme:

Arambh of Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 09-06-2025 (Monday) 9AM at our residence. **Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib** on 11-06-25 (Wednesday) 9:30 AM at our residence. **Shabad Kirtan and Antim Ardas** from 10:30 AM to 12:30 noon at Gurdwara Dana Sanputra Narak Nagar, Jammu, thereafter Guru ka Langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(Son & Daughter-in-law)

S. Iqbal Singh Sehgal & Sdr. Karamjeet Kour Sehgal

(Daughter's and Son-in-law's)

Sdr. Ajit Kour Raina & Jaspreet Singh Raina

Sdr. Chhannji Kour & Javinder Singh

Sdr. Sulinder Kour Sethi & Javinder Pal Singh Sethi

Sdr. Gagandeep Kour Raina & Ajeet Singh Raina

(Brother's and Sister-in-law's)

Late Sh. Dhan Raj Sehgal & Late Smt. Santosh Sehgal

Col. S. Narinder Singh Sehgal & Sdr. Kuldeep Kour Sehgal

S. Darshan Singh Sehgal & Sdr. Dhaminder Kour Sehgal

Sh. Rajinder Sehgal

(Sister's & Brother-in-law's)

Smt. Nanki Suni & Late Sh. Bareil Lal Suri

Sdr. Pasi Bhatia & Late S. Manohar Singh Bhatia

Smt. Kandhan Maghu & Sh. Ramish Maghu



**S. Didar Singh Sehgal
(Batote Wale)**

(Grand Children)

Harshpaul Singh Raina & Harleen Kour (USA)

Harleen Kour Khalsa & Manpreet Singh Khalsa

Harmeet Singh Sethi & Gagneet Kour (USA)

Harinder Kour & Kulbir Singh

Harshanti Kour Sethi (USA)

Ravdeep Kour Raina (Canada), Japneek & Sehaj

(Great Grand Children)

Saajoon & Mahroon (USA)

CONTACT NO. 8005853030, 9419135012

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Dimpy Ji D/o Sh Prem Nath Dhar** of Zainapora Kashmir & W/o Sh Lalit Kumar Bhat of Fatehpura Anantnag Kashmir at her residence i.e. Flat No 205 Mahagun Appartment Shalimar Garden Ext-1 opposite Hyundai Showroom Wazirabad Road Ghaziabad U.P. on 07-06-25.

10TH DAY KRIYA to be done on 16th June (Monday).

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Mohan Rani W/o Lt. Sh. Mohan Lal Bhat
Sh. Sanjay Bhat & Minakshi Bhat (Mob: 7011998340)

Smt. Basanti Bhat & Sh. Suneel Bhat (9723450223)



SMT DIMPY JI

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BROTHER **SH. ASHOK KUMAR NAGRI S/O LT. SH. SHIV JI NAGRI** ON 03.06.2025 ORIGINALLY FROM PURSHYAR, HABBA KADAL, SRINAGAR KASHMIR A/P 35/2 VINAYAK VIHAR, NEAR KIDZE SCHOOL, PALOURA JAMMU. THE 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT, JAMMU ON 12.06.2025 (8:00A.M.)

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT. BABLI NAGRI (WIFE)

DEEPAK NAGRI (SON)

(DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)

KOMAL & AKSHAY PANDITA

(BHABHI & BROTHER)

SMT. USHA JI NAGRI W/O LATE SH. K.K. NAGRI

SMT. RUBY & SH. OPINDER NAGRI

SMT. NIRMALA & SH. S.K. BHAT (SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW)

SANJAY & NEHA (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)

RENU & MAHESH RAINA (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)

SHEETAL & ADEESH AIMA (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)

RAHUL, TANIYA, HEMANSHI, SHARVAN, KARTHIK, SAJAANSH, KRISHIV, KRITHVIK

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SH. ASHOK KUMAR NAGRI

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Smt. Rita Rani Kotwal** on 3

J&K’s infrastructure revolutionized under Modi’s leadership: Vibodh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: Marking 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, senior BJP leader and BJP J&K general secretary Vibodh Gupta today praised the Centre’s relentless push towards inclusive growth, national development, and upliftment of marginalized communities. Addressing a press conference at the BJP office in Kachi Chawni alongside BJP MLA, Jammu East Yudvir Sethi and District President Jammu Rajesh Gupta, he emphasized that India’s development under PM Modi has not just been about statistics—but about real, transformative change in the lives of ordinary citizens. “Under PM Modi’s leadership, India has seen a monumental rise on the global stage,” Vibodh stated. “From being the 10th largest economy in 2014 to now standing at the brink of becoming the fourth largest as per the IMF’s latest projections—this is the story of a nation re-emerging with confidence.”



On the topic of poverty eradication, Vibodh highlighted the tangible outcomes of key central schemes. “Today, over 25 crore Indians have been liberated from the shackles of poverty. This isn’t just a figure—it reflects a silent revolution powered by Jan Dhan bank accounts that bring financial inclusion, gas connections under Ujjwala Yojana that ensure clean cooking fuel for rural households, and health coverage under Ayushman Bharat, which has been a game-changer for the poor,” he explained. Vibodh underlined the Modi government’s targeted welfare initiatives for SC, ST, OBC, and women, noting that

these efforts have been a pillar of the BJP’s governance model. “Whether it is the empowerment of tribal communities through the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana, scholarships for OBC students under the National Fellowship Scheme, or the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Cards- this government has gone beyond tokenism. We’ve ensured that every section of society moves forward together,” he said. Vibodh also pointed out the significant efforts have been made in promoting women-led development. “From boosting Self-Help Groups to creating thousands of ‘Lakhpati Didis’ who now earn

sustainable livelihoods in rural areas—this is about changing the narrative. Women today are not just participants but leaders in sectors ranging from agriculture to science and space,” he added. Vibodh concluded by saying that Jammu and Kashmir, under the current leadership, has also witnessed substantial infrastructural and economic development, aligning with the larger national vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. MLA Jammu East Yudvir Sethi, while speaking at the press conference emphasized the significant transformation witnessed at the grassroots level in Jammu. “The last 11

Anti-encroachment drive held at Pahloo Kulgam; 2 Kanals 15 Marlas land retrieved

Top News Report

KULGAM, Jun 10: Kulgam administration launched an anti-encroachment drive on Tuesday at Pahloo area of Kulgam district. An official told Top News JK correspondent Gh Nabi Khanday that on the directions of Deputy commissioner Kulgam an anti-encroachment drive was launched on Tuesday at Pahloo by Tehsildar Pahloo Showkat Ahmad along with police and other officials were also present in the drive and freed around 2 kanals and 15 Marlas from illegal encroachment. Meanwhile, Administration warned the residents living in its jurisdiction to not indulge in illegal construction activities or dumping of the construction material in the restricted areas without permission. He said that it would continue the demolition of illegal structures in these areas, he added.



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PTTI Vijaypur organises cultural programme on valediction of Upper Class Course

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Jun 10: Three months “Upper Class Course” (Pre-Promotion Course) concluded at Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in which 379 Police personnel (ASIs) from executive cadre and other units/wings of Jammu and Kashmir Police undergone the said course. On this occasion a Valedictory function was organized at the Institute which was graced by Ranjit Singh Sambyal, Principal PTTI Vijaypur who while speaking on the occasion congratulated the trainees for successful completion of their training course and stressed upon them to work with more zeal and dedication at their respective place of postings. Prior



to the course valediction, a cultural programme followed by Bada Khana (Dinner) on 09.06.2025 for trainees and staff of the Institute has been organized. The event was also attended by members of the local community, featured a diverse array of performances including musical acts, patriotic songs and folk dances. A motive behind organizing cultural program/bada khana was aimed to promote unity, camaraderie, and cultural appreciation within the institute. All trainees and staff participated in the programme.

District Administration conducts e-Office 2.0 Training to boost digital governance

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Jun 10: In a significant push towards digital governance, the District Administration Ramban today organized a comprehensive training program on the e-Office 2.0 platform for government officials at the District Conference Hall. The initiative, spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, marks a crucial step in transitioning to paperless, efficient and transparent government operations. The training session was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Roshan Lal, who serves as the district’s e-Office Nodal Officer. In his opening remarks, ADDC emphasized the administration’s commitment to digital transformation and the importance of officials becoming proficient with the new system. The program



featured technical experts from JaKeGA (Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency) and the Information Technology Department, led by ICT Resource Person Romit Pal Singh. Participants received hands-on training covering all aspects of the e-Office 2.0 platform, including document workflow management, digital file processing and system navigation. SWAN Network

Engineer Prithvi Raj provided on-the-spot technical support during the practical sessions. The interactive format allowed officials to clarify operational queries and gain confidence in using the new system. This master trainer program represents the first phase of district-wide digital upskilling, with participants expected to cascade their training to colleagues at Tehsil and Block levels. The admin-

istration has developed a phased rollout plan to ensure smooth adoption across all departments. Deputy Commissioner, while reviewing the program’s progress, highlighted how e-Office implementation aligns with the broader vision of responsive governance. “This digital transition will not only improve efficiency but also enhance transparency and accountability in our operations,” he remarked. The administration plans to conduct regular follow-up sessions and establish a dedicated helpdesk to support officials during the transition period. The training concluded with participants expressing confidence in implementing the new system in their respective departments. The District Administration reaffirmed its commitment to complete digitization of workflows by the end of the current financial year.

Ridima enthralled students at summer camp at Jyotirpunj Ashram

Top News Report

JAMMU Jun 10: About a hundred students of Sacred Heart Public School, Purkhoo Camp had a musical bonanza at Jyotirpunj Ashram, Chalani village where they visited for Summer Camp. Braving heat waves, the Ashram nestled in a thick cover of fruit and other trees provided a natural setting for a summer camp and musical goldmine. The Ashram has been established and run by the nationally acclaimed Hindustani vocalist, septuagenarian Nadayogi Vijay Kumar Sambyal, popularly known as ‘Rangeley Thakur’. The Jyotirpunj Ashram is a sylvan retreat located around 30 kilometres at Chalani village under Aitham panchayat in Nagrota mandal of Jammu district. This Sunday the secluded ashram was abuzz with young students and their teachers. As a part of the Summer Camp, the school, in association with Tarakeshwara



Foundation of Visakhapatnam, had scheduled a Hindustani vocal recital by Ridima Bajpai in the ashram. She was accompanied by Pt. Divyansh Shastri on the harmonium and Vid. Rajveer Singh on the tabla. Eighteen-year-old Ridima enthralled the young students with her remarkable rendition of raag Brindabani Sarang. While she chose to skip bada khayal in vilambit laya due time constraint, she started with her alaap in madhya laya followed by chhota khayal in drut laya. With her mellifluous voice, she orchestrated a silky

weave of swaras, making the audience spellbound. She concluded her concert with a beautiful bhajan from Avadhoot Gita, that served as an icing on the cake. The concert was also attended, among others, by the two daughters of late Padma Sachdev, a legendary Dogri poetess and Padmashree awardee. The veteran Vijay Kumar Sambyal, former director AIR, Jammu, visits the school every Saturday, along with his main disciple, Ridima, to teach Hindustani music to a select batch of students.

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EDITORIAL

Terrorism: A Global Issue

Terrorism, a scourge on humanity, transcends geographical boundaries and ideological divides, posing one of the most complex and persistent threats to global peace and security in the 21st century. Far from being a localized phenomenon, its tentacles reach every corner of the world, impacting nations rich and poor, stable and volatile alike. Understanding the multifaceted nature of terrorism—its causes, manifestations, and consequences—is crucial for devising effective strategies to combat this insidious evil.

At its core, terrorism is the systematic use of violence, or the threat of violence, to achieve political, religious, or ideological goals. It is designed to instill fear, coerce governments, and disrupt the normal functioning of society. The perpetrators often target civilians indiscriminately, turning everyday spaces into scenes of horror. This deliberate targeting of non-combatants distinguishes terrorism from conventional warfare and highlights its inherent barbarity.

The roots of terrorism are diverse and often deeply entrenched, varying from region to region and group to group. Socio-economic factors like poverty, unemployment, and a lack of educational opportunities can breed desperation and resentment, making individuals susceptible to radical ideologies. Political grievances, such as perceived injustice, oppression, foreign occupation, or lack of political representation, also serve as powerful motivators. Furthermore, extremist ideologies, whether religious or secular, often provide a distorted framework that justifies violence as a legitimate means to an end, offering a sense of purpose and belonging to disenfranchised individuals. The rise of sophisticated propaganda, particularly through online platforms, has amplified the reach of these ideologies, enabling radicalization to occur at an unprecedented pace.

The global nature of terrorism is evident in its transnational operations. Terrorist organizations leverage modern communication technologies and interconnected financial systems to plan attacks, recruit members, and disseminate their messages across continents. Groups like Al-Qaeda and ISIS have demonstrated the devastating impact of networked terrorism, orchestrating attacks in multiple countries and inspiring lone-wolf actors worldwide. The flow of foreign fighters to conflict zones, the illicit trade of weapons, and the exploitation of ungoverned spaces further complicate efforts to contain these threats.

The consequences of terrorism are far-reaching and devastating. Beyond the immediate loss of life and physical injury, terrorist attacks inflict profound psychological trauma on survivors and communities. They disrupt economies, deter investment, and damage critical infrastructure. The fear generated by terrorism can lead to social fragmentation, heightened xenophobia, and the erosion of civil liberties as governments implement stringent security measures. Moreover, the response to terrorism can sometimes inadvertently exacerbate existing tensions, contributing to cycles of violence and instability.

Combating terrorism requires a comprehensive and multi-pronged approach that extends beyond military intervention. While robust security measures, intelligence sharing, and law enforcement cooperation are essential for disrupting terrorist plots and apprehending perpetrators, long-term solutions must address the underlying drivers of radicalization. This includes promoting inclusive governance, fostering economic development, investing in education, and countering extremist narratives with messages of peace and tolerance. International cooperation is paramount, requiring nations to share intelligence, coordinate strategies, and build capacity in vulnerable states. Addressing root causes while simultaneously strengthening security is the only path towards mitigating this persistent global threat and fostering a more secure and stable world.

Sankalp Se Siddhi Tak, Eleven Years of Transformation in Modi Rule

By: Omkar Dattatray

Modi's NDA government completed one year of its third term on 9th June 2025 and turns and completes 11 years of rule, its storey is one of innovation, transformation, socio-economic development and technological marvel. Modi government is celebrating eleven years of its transformative, inclusive and growth-oriented development under the title of Sankalp Se Siddhi Tak and is organising programmes and public awareness campaigns throughout the country so that people are made aware about the 11 years of socio-economic and technological development of India. Modi government had resolved to ensure inclusive and all round development of the country and also ensured that the fruits of nations development should reach to the last man in the queue. Sankalp Se Siddhi is not only a slogan unlike Gribihatov but it a last initiative which has been realised and the country is running on the path of overall development of various sectors of the country. Economic reform, infrastructure expansion and digital public goods have redefined India's developmental model and global standing. India has become the fourth world economy during Modi rule and it is a significant development and is a feather in the cap of PM Narendra Modi. The GDP of India is at dollar 4.2 trillion and it is no ordinary thing and development. India has surpassed Japan and will also surpass Germany in 2-3 years. There has been significant transformation across various sectors under the leadership of PM Modi in the last 11 years [2014-25] of the Modi rule. The average growth rate has been more than 6% since 2014 and accelerating to 7.4 % in the latest quarter of the year 2024. This exhibits resilience ,robust and sustained momentum in the Indian economy. Inflation has been controlled and today it is 4.6 % today. This provides much needed stability for households and businesses. India's infrastructure development has been spectacular and it is the engine of nations

economic, social, technological and cultural development. Infrastructure expansion is the most visible sign and symbol of transformation. National highways grew /expanded from 91,287 kms to 1,45,204 kms in 2024 ,and construction speed has increased from 12 km a day to 34km a day. The stress is on last -mile connectivity which resulted in nearly four lakh km of rural roads being built ,bringing 99% of village India into national network ,ensuring rural mobility and economic inclusion. There has been tremendous rather unprecedented expansion of railway network over past decade. A total of 25,871 route kilometres RKM of new tracks were laid. Kashmir to Kanyakumari has been connected with railway network and the world's largest railway bridge has been constructed over river Chenab in Jammu's Ramban district. Indian Railways have become the world's second-largest cargo transporter, handling 1,617 million tonnes annually. Notably ,railway connectivity has now reached the northeastern states, enhancing regional integration. Indian railways ferries over 30 million passengers daily. The ongoing development of the Dedicated Freight Corridor -DFC is another feat of infrastructure development. Moreover, air travel has seen rapid democratization. Operational airports have grown 74 to 160 between 2014 and 2025, with the UDAN scheme bringing air connectivity to remote towns. The government's vision of expanding to 300 airports by 2047 underlines its continued focus on logistics and accessibility. Urban transformation has continued through the smart cities Mission, with over 8,000 projects and investments worth Rs 1.64 lakh crore. Urban transport has also advanced with Delhi Metro expanding into one of the largest and most efficient systems globally ,setting benchmarks for mass rapid transit in the country, which now reaches 15 Indian cities. India's green energy progress is also commendable. Significant growth of India's public digital infrastructure is also an outstanding feature of the India's transformation in the last 11 years.

UPI, Aadhar, direct benefit transfer and opening of 55 crore Jan Dhan accounts are all revolutionary steps of Modi governments 11 years rule. All this has led to poverty alleviation and social development. The poverty rate has fallen from 29.17 per cent in 2013-14 to 11.28 percent in 2022 -23. GDP has also grown at a good pace in the Modi era except a few lows triggered by reforms such as demonetisation, GST and covid 19. When Modi took over in 2014, India's inflation rate was around 8.33 percent, way higher than RBI's 2-6 percent tolerance band. However, the issue of unemployment has been a thorn in the otherwise impressive mood. According to the May 17-23 survey by US firm Morning Consult ,PM Modi is the most popular leader in the world with an approval rating of 77%. The Modi government has aimed to improve the lives of the ordinary citizens ,but jobs for some groups are still hard to come by. More than 960 million Indian's voted in the general election 2024 and Modi's NDA returned to power again the third time but the mark of BJP was not up to the party's expectation. If one goes by economic growth figures alone, the Modi government's performance has been impressive. When Modi came to power in 2014, economic growth was sluggish .A series of high-profile corruption cases led to loss of investor confidence in the Indian economy. But between 2014 to 2022, India's gross domestic product-GDP per capita rose from US dollar 5000 to over US dollar 7,000 -an increase of roughly 40% in eight years. According to IMF ,India's economy is projected to grow at a rate of 6.4% in 2024. That is higher than China's projected growth rate of 4.6% ,and exceeds that of any other large economy. The UK's economy ,for instance ,was expected to grow by 0.6% in 2024. Modi government is at its job of converting higher growth into productive jobs while also curbing the excess wealth of India's economic and political elites. Modi laid emphasis on delivering public goods and social welfare programmes in a less corrupt manner. This saw the launch

of a massive rural road construction programme and the enrolment of roughly 99% of Indian adults in Aadhaar , a digital ID system linked to fingerprints and iris scans. The Aadhaar rollout ,in particular has allowed national and state governments to distribute benefits to the poor directly through their Aadhaar linked bank accounts. Besides the above economic and technological transformation, Modi government has scrapped controversial Article 370 and has bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. This was really epoch making and historical development and this region was totally integrated with India. For women empowerment many initiatives were taken during the Modi's rule and the passage of the bill to eliminate triple talak for Muslim women is a praiseworthy initiative. Passing of the bill in the both houses of the parliament giving 33% reservation to women in Parliament and state legislatures is a very commendable step to empower women politically and it will also ensure economic emancipation also possible. Construction of the grand Ram temple at Ayodhya and solving the Ram-janamboomi Babri Masjid dispute is also an important and historical development of Modi Raj as the dispute of 500 years was resolved and it goes to the credit of PM Modi. Recently Waqf Amendment Bill 2025 was passed to manage and regulate waqf properties for the benefit of the Muslim community and despite much hurdle this controversial bill was passed and it is really a very transformative political and economic and social initiative. In brief it can be said that last eleven years of Modi rule can be written in the golden letters by historians as immense transformation has taken place in India economically, socially and there was also a digital revolution.

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Women battling plastic pollution

By: Vijay Garg

Plastic pollution is not only damaging the ecosystem, but it is also deeply affecting social and gender inequality. This problem is not limited to plastic waste floating in the sea only, but also associated with millions of women and girls whose life plastic pollution has deeply affected. It is a violence that is neither instantaneous. Nor clear, but gradually affects the body, society and generations to come. That's why it can be called 'slow violence'. Plastic pollution in India is not just environmental problem, it has also become a social crisis. Just as countries like the US, China and Europe export their plastic waste to developing countries globally, its impact can be clearly seen on countries like India. Crores of tonnes of plastic waste is generated every year in India, the use' (single use) includes plastic, which cannot be easily destroyed. Of which a large amount of 'single use women in rural areas usually traditionally handle responsibility for tasks such as house cleaning, cooking and taking care of children. Products used in all these activities—such as plastic packing foods that come in, cheap cosmetics, pesticides, and household cleaning products, etc., contain toxic chemicals, which directly enter the body of women. Today, the industry of cosmetics in India has repaid more than crores in about ten thousand products annually. Research suggests that microplastics are found that inhibit the secretion of hormones. Also, chemicals used in these products can affect

skin, blood, and reproductive systems for a long time. These have led to serious problems such as skin disease, thyroid disorders, hormone imbalance, infertility and abortion. Women are more sensitive to the effect of toxic chemicals even physically. The amount of fat in their body is more toxic keeps the elements stored for a long time. In addition, hormones like estrogen make the effects of these chemicals even deeper. This effect becomes and severe in natural stages such as pregnancy, menstruation and menopause. According to research, chemicals such as bisfenal-A and pathelet present in plastic disrupt the fetus, which may lead to congenital disorders, mental problems, and hormone-related distortions.

Development plastic waste is often deposited nearer to urban slums, industrial areas, and countryside, where there is lack of basic cleaning arrangements and garbage management facilities. The most affected in these areas are the communities, which are already facing a variety of problems because of poverty, unemployment, and social marginalization. Women from these communities, who traditionally handle home and children's care responsibility, today they engage in dangerous tasks such as plastic trash picker and burning in the informal sector for the livelihood of their family. These tasks are performed without any safety equipment, training or health facility, causing serious impact on women's health. The noticeable fact is that women in many parts of the country work as unorganized labourers in garbage pickers, domestic workers or garbage recycling units. In these tasks

everyday contact is from plastic such as pallithene, bottles, plastic bags and broken household items, which often contain hazardous chemicals present. These are prone to skin diseases, respiratory illness, reproductive health problems, and even cancer. Moreover, the burning of plastic waste also affects women and their families. When it is burnt in the open near garbage settlements, the dioxins and other toxic chemicals released from it pollute air and water, which have a direct bearing on children and pregnant women. Environmental policy and waste management plans in the country are often technological and urban solutions focused. But it is imperative that the role of women in these schemes, the unorganized nature of their labour and the effects on their health should also be majorly noted. Another dimension of this crisis is associated with labour and education. Girls' education is also interrupted by this, as they engage in this task with their mothers at an early age. They would not be able to go to school, and the only option in front of them is the risky labour associated with plastic remains the same as a slow labour. Plastic becomes a poison to their lives, which gradually eliminates the possibility of their future. gives. Plastic pollution has become sexually a biased crisis, as women often "experience and requirements are not taken into account in its policies and solutions. Women's participation in the creation of environment-related policies: are minimal and decisions that are taken are often not technical or a participatory. In such a situation, the 'voice of women is suppressed, which is most affected by this crisis.

As a result, neither do they get safe workplaces nor ensure access to health services for them. A multi-level strategy is needed to get out of this situation. First, the corporate area will have to sweep its responsibility. They have to make the packaging, distribution and consumption system of their product sustainable from environmental and social point of view. Must promote the options of 'biodegradable' products in place of plastic used only once and ensure the safety of women's health in their production process. Second, the government has to reorganize its waste management mechanism with gender sensitivity. This includes giving safe and dignified workplace to women, giving leadership roles to women in garbage management and providing them with social safety and health facilities. Also it is important to make girls and women aware of the risk of plastic pollution and ways of dealing with it through schools and community programmes. Also, we have to keep education and awareness at the centre. Unless girls go to school and women will be mindful of their rights and health, it will be hard to end this crisis by root. An educated woman can become a carrier of awareness and change not only for herself, but for her entire family.

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IIM Jammu inaugurates CBP for Finance and Planning Officials of Batch-4 under CITaG at SKUAST-K

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 10: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu inaugurated the Capacity Building Program (Batch-4) for Finance and Planning & Monitoring Department officials of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

The inaugural ceremony took place at the Vice Chancellor's Conference Hall, SKUAST Kashmir, Srinagar. This program is conducted under the aegis of the Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG) — a visionary initiative of the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department, Government of J&K.

CITaG integrates multiple national and state-level frameworks including the State Institute of Transformation (NITI Aayog, GoI), the PPP Cell (funded by the Department of Economic Affairs, GoI), and the Future Ready Governance initiative of the UT Government. IIM Jammu serves as the Nodal Knowledge Partner and implementing body for CITaG, driving its mission to catalyse innovation-led governance and transformational change across the region. The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and commitment to excellence in governance.

Talat Parvez Rohella, IAS, Secretary, Planning and Monitoring Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, and Shri Madan Gopal Sharma, Director, Planning, Government of Jammu and Kashmir (attending virtually), presided over the inaugural ceremony. The event was graced by the presence



of Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir.

The Capacity Building Program features 94 participants from officials of the Finance and Planning & Monitoring Department of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Also present on the occasion were Dr. Sanjay Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (joining virtually), along with Program Directors Prof. Ravij Seth, Dr. Guangpuanang Kahmei, and Dr. Garima Maurya. Dr. Kapil Gumte and Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Swain are also serving as Program Directors for the training program under CITaG.

In his address, Talat Parvez Rohella, Secretary, Planning and Monitoring Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, emphasized the importance of the collaborative governance initiative Future Ready Governance, led by the State Institute of Transformation with IIM Jammu as the Nodal Knowledge Partner.

He highlighted the role of CITaG in driving the government's vision of a developed Jammu and Kashmir through data-driven decision-making, AI integration, and innovative governance practices. He noted that the training equips officials with advanced IT tools, governance models, and real-world case studies, aimed at strengthening institutional capacity.

He also underlined

the value of leveraging IIM Jammu's academic excellence and mentorship in executing the CITaG project to build a robust, transformative governance ecosystem in the region.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, welcomed all participants and emphasized the need for Jammu and Kashmir to transition from a primarily agrarian economy to a diversified, innovation-driven one. Referring to the long absence of tourism in the region, he underscored the importance of moving from primary to secondary agriculture to boost per capita income.

He highlighted the role of capacity-building programs in preparing officers to actively contribute to India's vision of becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047. Stressing the importance of critical thinking and purposeful participation, he encouraged self-reflection among officials through structured assessments.

He also outlined SKUAST-Kashmir's innovation-led progress and lauded Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, for establishing the institute's permanent campus in record time—calling it a model of visionary leadership and efficient execution.

Madan Gopal Sharma, Director, Planning, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, expressed his pleasure in joining the

inaugural session of the fourth batch under the collaborative initiative with IIM Jammu. Acknowledging the successful completion of training for previous batches, he urged current participants to attend all sessions, actively engage, and contribute innovative ideas—especially in areas such as PPP models, revenue generation, and emerging technologies like AI and machine learning.

He extended his gratitude to IIM Jammu for its pivotal role in training officials from the Finance and Planning & Monitoring Department through this impactful program.

Prof. Sanjay Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, welcomed all participants and expressed his privilege in being part of the program.

He emphasized the significance of the three-day learning experience and encouraged participants to apply the financial and strategic insights gained to strengthen governance and contribute towards making Jammu and Kashmir a leading Union Territory in the country.

Prof. Ravij Seth, Program Director, Capacity Building Program for Finance and Planning Officials under CITaG, delivered the inaugural address, outlining the program's objectives, structure, and expected outcomes.

He emphasized the need to enhance strategic and analytical capabilities among officials across all districts of Jammu & Kashmir and encouraged active participation. He also shared an overview of CITaG's mission to promote innovation and drive transformative governance in the region.

Dr. Garima Maurya, Program Director, Capacity Building Program for Finance and Planning Officials under CITaG, extended a warm welcome to all participants of the fourth batch. She set the tone for the three-day program by expressing optimism about the enriching insights and meaningful discussions that would unfold throughout the sessions.

An audio-visual presentation showcasing IIM Jammu's history, achievements, and contributions to nation-building provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the institute's journey and impact.

The session featured participant introductions, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Guangpuanang Kahmei, Program Director, Capacity Building Program under CITaG. The ceremony culminated with the National Anthem, marking a dignified start to the week-long training initiative.

The Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG) at IIM Jammu remains a pioneering initiative aimed at catalyzing transformative change in governance. Through focused efforts in capacity building, public-private partnerships, and future-ready governance frameworks, CITaG aspires to position Jammu and Kashmir among the most progressive and high-performing regions in the nation.

Randhawa honours Jagriti Sangotra for winning gold medal at National Kalarippayattu Championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: Vikram Randhawa, MLA of Bahu Fort, visited the residence of Jagriti Sangotra to honour her remarkable achievement of winning the prestigious gold medal at the 17th National Kalarippayattu Championship held recently in Kerala.

During the visit, Randhawa congratulated Jagriti for her outstanding performance, applauding her dedication, hard work, and determination in mastering the ancient martial art of Kalarippayattu.

He expressed pride in her accomplishment and encouraged her to continue striving for excellence, urging her to serve as an inspiration to young athletes across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Jagriti's historic victo-



ry not only showcases her personal talent but also marks the growing prominence of Kalarippayattu in Jammu & Kashmir.

The entire Kalarippayattu community, along with the people of the region take immense pride in her success, which brings laurels to the Union Territory on a national stage.

Mahatma Sant Ram B.A Education Mission honours gold medalist Jagriti Sangotra at 17th National Kalarippayattu C'ship



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: Mahatma Sant Ram B.A Education Mission Jammu (MSREM) felicitated Jagriti Sangotra, daughter of Ravi Kumar and Renu Kumari of Gorkh Nagar, Bahu Fort, Jammu, for her outstanding achievement of winning the gold medal at the 17th National Kalarippayattu Championship held in Kerala. The felicitation ceremony was graced by F.C. Satia, Convenor MSREM and State President of All India Backward Classes Federation, along with Er. Manga Ram, Er. G.R. Dafara, Dr. Nek Ram, and Sham Lal Basson, Ex-Councillor, who presented bouquets, a trophy, and books to Ms. Jagriti Sangotra in

recognition of her exemplary accomplishment.

Speaking on the occasion, F.C. Satia applauded Jagriti for representing Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory with distinction. He highlighted her exceptional performance in the Senior Girls Kaipporu event (60-70 kg category), where she won six consecutive fights, demonstrating remarkable courage, endurance, and martial arts skill to claim the Gold Medal and bring glory to the region.

Er. M.R. Prajapati, Chairman of MSREM, and Er. G.R. Dafara, General Secretary, also extended heartfelt congratulations to Jagriti, describing her as a great inspiration for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sham Lal Basson, Ex-Councillor, congratulated Jagriti and her family for this outstanding achievement. He emphasized the significance of Kalarippayattu—also known as Kalari—an ancient martial art originating from Kerala's southwestern coast. He noted that Jagriti serves as a strong role model for young girls, particularly in the area of self-defense. Learning Kalarippayattu helps develop physical strength, flexibility, coordination, courage, and self-confidence, empowering girls with the ability to protect themselves.

The Mahatma Sant Ram B.A Education Mission Jammu praised Jagriti Sangotra for her dedication and wished her continued success in all future endeavors.

Samvedna Society distributes ration, Voter ID, Ayushman Bharat Cards to locals

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JAMMU, Jun 10: Prominent social activist and Chairman of the Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra, today led a key community outreach event at Talab Tillo, Jammu, distributing vital welfare cards including Ration Cards, Voter ID Cards, and Ayushman Bharat health cards to local residents.

The initiative aimed to ease access to essential services, ensuring locals need not venture out in the intense summer heat to obtain these important documents. Keshav Chopra personally handed out Voter ID Cards to many eligible youths, stressing the importance of youth participation in the democratic process. "It is crucial that our youth understand their civic responsibility and are empowered to

cast their votes without any hassle during elections," he said.

In addition, the distribution of Ayushman Bharat Cards will provide beneficiaries with access to cashless healthcare services at empanelled hospitals, removing financial barriers to medical treatment.

"This drive reflects Samvedna Society's commitment to enhancing the well-being of our community," Keshav Chopra said. "We strive to ensure every individual has access to basic rights and services—from food security to healthcare and voting rights. We believe these efforts will significantly improve many families' quality of life in Jammu."

The event was attended by community members including Anju, Vikas Kumar, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, and Ishan Gupta.

Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam' Purification ceremony held at Tirupati Balaji Temple

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: With great devotion and reverence, the sacred 'Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam' purification ceremony was conducted on Tuesday at the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu. The event witnessed the active participation of Temple Inspector Sai Krishna, Kiran, Ramesh Babu, Pandits Amit Shukla, Raviteja, Narasimha and other temple priests.

'Tirumanjanam' refers to the cleaning of the temple using aromatic and medicinal ingredients.

During the process, the sanctum sanctorum and the entire temple premises are cleansed thoroughly.

All idols and puja articles are removed from the sanctum while the main deity (Mula Virat)



is covered with a waterproof cloth.

The walls, ceiling, floor, and sub-shrines of the sanctum are washed with a special mix called Tirumanjanam, which includes camphor, refined camphor, Sindhur, turmeric powder, loban, white

thilak (namam) sandal paste, saffron, and Kichili Gadda (a root vegetable) — known for its disinfectant properties.

After cleansing, the idols are reinstalled, followed by special pujas and Naivedyam offerings to the presiding deity.

Army pays tribute to Ex-Serviceman in Lassana & Surankote

Top News Report

POONCH, Jun 10: The Indian Army paid solemn tribute to a revered Ex-Serviceman (ESM), who passed away in, Lower Sanai, Surankote, Poonch.

A wreath-laying ceremony and military honors were conducted by personnel from the local, as a mark of deep respect and gratitude for his selfless service to the nation.

In a gesture of solidarity with the bereaved family, Army representatives attended the last rites and extended heartfelt condolences.

The ceremony witnessed the presence



of local civilians, veterans, and village elders, reflecting the enduring bond between the Army and the people of the region.

The Indian Army remained a proud contributor to his community post-retirement. His legacy continues

to inspire younger generations in the region to serve the nation.

The Indian Army remains committed to the welfare and honour of its veterans and their families, reaffirming the ethos of "Nation First, Always First."

Deepika Padukone announces badminton school in birthday post for father Prakash

Actor Deepika Padukone announced the launch of 'Padukone School of Badminton (PSB)' on her father's 70th birthday. The actor shared the news on her official Instagram account, alongside a beautiful note dedicated to her father and legendary badminton player, Prakash Padukone.

The caption on the post read, "As someone who grew up playing badminton, I've experienced firsthand how much this sport can shape one's life — physically, mentally, and emotionally. Through Padukone School of Badminton(PSB), we hope to bring the joy and discipline of Badminton to people from all walks of life, and build a generation that is healthier, more focused, and inspired by sport."

Pappa, those who know you well, know your passion for this sport. That even at 70, all you do is eat, sleep and breathe Badminton. And we are committed to making your passion a reality: Badminton for All! Happy 70th Birthday Pappa (sic)!"



All about Deepika Padukone's badminton school

As mentioned in an official press release shared by the actor, Padukone School of Badminton is expanding to 75 centres a year, targeting 250 centres by 2027 to champion the cause of 'badminton for all'. The school has already established over 75 grassroots coaching centres across 18 Indian cities - including Bengaluru, NCR, Mumbai, Chennai, Jaipur, Pune, Nashik, Mysuru, Panipat, Dehradun, Udaipur, Coimbatore, Sangli, and Surat - within its first



year of operations.

Padukone described this vision as her contribution to making India a healthier, fitter and a more sports-friendly nation. She said, "As someone who grew up playing badminton, I've experienced firsthand how much this sport can shape one's life — physically, mentally, and emotionally. Through PSB, I hope we can bring the joy and discipline of badminton to people from all walks of life, and build a generation that is healthier, more focused, and inspired by sport."

Her father, former World No. 1 and All-England Champion, has joined PSB as a mentor and advisor. He underscored the importance of discipline and resilience, while explaining what PSB means to him.

"Sport is an integral part of growing up — it instills discipline, resilience, and a winning mindset that extends well beyond the court. With PSB, our goal is to make quality coaching accessible and affordable, nurture talent from the grassroots, and set a strong foundation for the future of Indian badminton," he said in a statement.

PSB's vision is to democratise access to quality and affordable badminton coaching, providing opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels. With over 100 coaches trained under a structured certification program and access to cutting-edge facilities, PSB's coaching system ensures consistency, quality, and the ability to identify and nurture future champions.

Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri renames 'The Delhi Files' to 'The Bengal Files'



Filmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri on Tuesday announced that his upcoming film 'The Delhi Files: The

Bengal Chapter' has a new title — 'The Bengal Files'.

Starring Mithun Chakraborty, Anupam

Kher and Pallavi Joshi, the film is set to have a worldwide release on September 5.

Agnihotri shared the announcement on his social media pages along with an official poster of the new film.

"Big announcement. 'The Delhi Files' is now 'The Bengal Files'. Teaser coming this Thursday, 12 June. In cinemas on September 5, 2025," he wrote in the caption.

The movie delves into the communal violence in undivided Bengal during the 1940s.

The upcoming film is the third instalment of a trilogy, which also includes Agnihotri's 'The Tashkent Files' (2019) and 'The Kashmir Files' (2022).

'The Bengal Files' is jointly produced by Abhishek Agarwal and Pallavi Joshi.

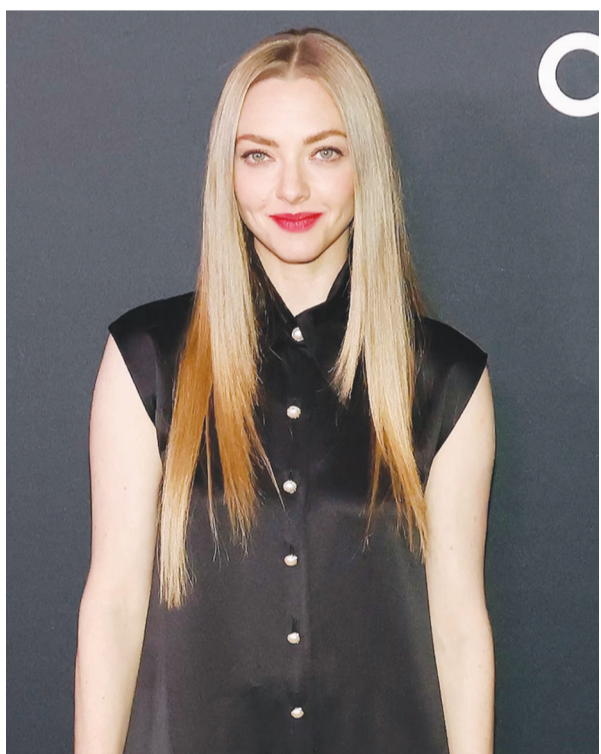
Amanda Seyfried accuses Paramount of owing her money for Mean Girls merchandise

Amanda Seyfried, an American actor and singer, accused Paramount Pictures (film production and distribution company) of not paying her royalties for 'Mean Girls' merchandise. She said that she was 17 when she did the film and now enjoys seeing her face on people's t-shirts. Speaking to Adam Brody during a conversation for Variety's Actors on Actors, she put forth this allegation against the company.

During the interview, Brody asked Seyfried if she had re-watched the 2004 teen classic, 'Mean Girls'. She replied saying, "No, I haven't. It's on often enough. You know what, I love it. I really love seeing my face on people's t-shirts."

Continuing further, she added, "I mean, I am a little resentful, because Paramount still owes me some money. Every store sells 'Mean Girls' t-shirts with our photographs."

Seyfried questioned herself and said, "I don't know if it was because I was 17 and dumb or what." This sparked a conversation about Sey-



fried, Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams and Lacey Chabert not receiving royalties for the merchandise of the comedy film.

The 'Mamma Mia' actor, however, added that she loves seeing her face on t-shirts. "I love it. Like even the girl at TSA said 'Mean Girls, my favourite movie'. And I'm like, 'Wait I was 17. I had nothing to do with it'." Paramount Pictures hasn't reacted

to Amanda Seyfried's claims yet.

The 2004 teen comedy, "Mean Girls" was directed by Mark Waters and written by Tina Fey. The film was loved by critics and audiences alike. It eventually won many awards and accolades. A sequel premiered on ABC Family in 2011 and was also adapted into a stage musical. A film adaptation of 'Mean Girls' hit theatres in 2024.

Purpose makes Tony Awards history for Kara Young, wins Best Play award

The Best New Play trophy Tony Awards was claimed by Purpose, Brandon Jacobs-Jenkins' drawing-room drama exploring the internal fractures of an accomplished Black family snowed in together. The win capped a remarkable season for Jacobs-Jenkins, who also earned the 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Purpose — a win that coincided with his role on the Met Gala host committee.

This victory marked Jacobs-Jenkins' second consecutive Tony, following last year's Best Revival win for Appropriate. He now becomes the first Black playwright to win Best New Play since August Wilson received the honour in 1987 for Fences. Onstage, Jacobs-Jenkins used his moment to urge Tony viewers to support regional theatre.

Jue's triumph

Francis Jue won Best Actor in a Featured Role for his performance in a revival of Yellow Face. Wearing a tuxedo gifted by a fellow Asian actor, Jue dedicated his win to "generations of wonderful deserving Asian artists who came before me". He added, "To those who don't feel seen; I see you."

Jak Malone was awarded Best Featured Actor in a Musical for the British import Operation Mincemeat: A New Musical, in which he plays a woman. He hoped his win would serve as a strong statement in support of trans rights.

Sparkling start



First-time host Cynthia Erivo opened the ceremony in theatrical fashion, dashing from her dressing room after being prompted by the stage manager.

Erivo emerged in a red, spangled gown with white accents and performed the original ballad Sometimes All You Need Is a Song, written by Marc Shaiman, Scott Wittman, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul.

Early Musical Momentum Before the main event, several musicals gathered early momentum. Maybe Happy Ending took home Best Book and Best Score, with lyrics by Hue Park and music by Will Aronson. It also won Best Scenic Design of a Musical and entered the evening as a front-runner for Best New Musical.

Buena Vista Social Club impressed with awards for Best Choreography (Justin Peck and Patricia Delgado) and Best Orchestrations (Marco Paguia), as well as Best Sound Design. Meanwhile, The Pic-

ture of Dorian Gray secured Best Costumes in a Play for designer Marg Hornwell and Death Becomes Her won Best Costumes in a Musical for Paul Tazewell — who earlier this year became the first Black man to win an Oscar for costume design (Wicked). Season shaped by plays This season on Broadway was marked not by musicals, but by the prominence of plays powered by A-list talent. In addition to Snook, stars such as George Clooney (Good Night, and Good Luck), Denzel Washington and Jake Gyllenhaal (Othello) and Bob Odenkirk (Glenngary Glen Ross) drove critical buzz.

Pulitzer-winning plays English (2024) and Purpose (2025) were joined by Oh, Mary! — Cole Escola's offbeat, irreverent take on Mary Todd Lincoln — as key conversation starters, though Oh, Mary! remained winless at the halfway mark.

Musical showdown

Three musicals contended for

the top prize—Maybe Happy Ending, a romantic comedy about androids; Dead Outlaw, the story of a drifter whose embalmed body becomes a prized relic; and Death Becomes Her, a satire about vanity, immortality and female rivalry. Each entered the night with 10 nominations.

Other musicals featured in the ceremony included Just in Time (about Bobby Darin) and Real Women Have Curves, though BOOP! The Betty Boop Musical and SMASH were notably absent from the line-up. 'Hamilton' was also honoured, celebrating a decade on Broadway.

Snook's 26 roles Sarah Snook won Best Leading Actress for her one-woman powerhouse performance in The Picture of Dorian Gray, where she seamlessly plays all 26 characters. She credited her crew and collaborators for the achievement and rejected the 'solo show' label. "I don't feel alone any night," she said. The play also won Best Costumes in a Play.

Double win for Young Kara Young became the first Black person to win Tony acting awards in consecutive years. Her win for Purpose followed last year's success, and she's also the only Black woman ever nominated four years in a row. In her speech, she called theatre a 'sacred space that unites people and thanked her parents.

Maldives names Katrina Kaif as global tourism ambassador ahead of PM Modi's visit

Actor Katrina Kaif was named the global tourism ambassador for the Maldives, as per an announcement made on Tuesday on social media. The Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC/Visit Maldives) announced that they were delighted to have Kaif, a prominent face in the Indian film industry, as the Global Brand Ambassador for the Maldives.

The collaboration came amid a major turnaround in ties since January 2024, when India-Maldives relations turned sour. Kaif's appointment has been announced right on the heels of Visit Maldives' special Summer Sale Campaign, designed to entice more travellers to discover the natural beauty, vibrant marine life, and exclusive luxurious experiences that the Maldives offers.

Meanwhile, Indian Prime Min-



ister, Narendra Modi, is set to visit the country next month.

Kaif, in an official statement, acknowledged her appointment

as the global brand ambassador, and maintained that she is excited to represent the luxury and beauty that the Maldives has to offer.

Speaking about her new role as the Sunny Side of Life's Global Brand Ambassador, the actor said, "The Maldives represents the pinnacle of luxury and natural beauty — a place where elegance meets tranquility. I'm honoured to be chosen as the face of the Sunny Side of Life. This collaboration is about bringing the finest travel experiences to global audiences, and I am excited to help people around the world discover the unique charm and world-class offerings of this extraordinary destination."

Kaif is one of the most popular faces in India for brand representation. She is also the face for her own makeup line, called 'Kay by Katrina'.

Akshay Kumar starrer 'Housefull 5' collects Rs 104.98 crore at box office



"Housefull 5" featuring Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh and Jacqueline Fernandez, has earned over Rs 100 crore nett at the domestic box office, the makers said on Tuesday.

Directed by Tarun

Mansukhani, the film is the fifth installment in the "Housefull" franchise, which began in 2010.

Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala's production banner Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, "Housefull

5" released in theatres worldwide on June 6.

Production banner shared the box office collection on their official X handle. The post featured the film's poster with the box office numbers written over it.

"Countless laughs. One Housefull heart. Thank you for showering so much love, cheering loud, and cruising with us! #Housefull5 In Cinemas NOW! Book your tickets today," read the caption.

"Housefull 5" opened with Rs 24.35 crore nett and went on to earn Rs 91.83 crore net during its first weekend. The total collection of the film stands at Rs 104.98 crore nett.

The film also stars Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Soundarya Sharma, Jackie Shroff, Fardeen Khan and Sanjay Dutt.

Modernisation, self-reliance focus in defence production: PM Modi

Modi shared a thread from a government's citizen engagement platform highlighting changes in areas like defence as he completed 11 years in office on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that significant changes have unfolded in the defence sector in the 11 years of his government, with a clear focus on both modernisation and self-reliance in defence production.

He said on X, "The last 11 years have marked significant changes in our defence sector, with a clear focus on both modernisation and becoming self reliant when it comes to defence production. It is gladdening to see how the people of India have come together with the resolve of making India stronger."

Modi shared a thread from a government's citizen engagement platform, which highlighted the changes in different areas as the prime minister completed 11 years in office on Tuesday.

In just 11 years under Modi's visionary leadership, India



has revolutionised its defence capabilities, deepened strategic global partnerships, and achieved historic milestones in space exploration, it said.

Guided by his resolve for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the nation has embraced self-reliant innovation and expanded its influence in trade and technology, it added.

"India's Rise in 11 Years: Power, Partnerships, and

Progress," it said, putting out the government's initiatives and subsequent changes in different fields.

India's defence exports have soared to Rs 23,622 crore in 2024-25 from Rs 1,940 crore in 2014-15, the post said, noting the country also unveiled its first indigenous aircraft carrier in INS Vikrant.

It said, "This is the story of India's rise as a confident,

decisive, and respected global leader driven by PM Modi's bold vision and unwavering commitment to a stronger Bharat."

India's missile power had its precision and reach elevated, it said, mentioning Brahmos extended range version, which was successfully test-fired from Su-30 MKI, among others.

The threat also highlighted India's robust ties with other countries, noting the inking of its "historic" trade deal with the UK and comprehensive economic power agreement with the UAE.

Highlighting India's commitment to global peace, it said the country stands as a leading force in UN peacekeeping, with over 2.9 lakh troops deployed across 50 missions worldwide.

During the pandemic, India also provided two lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses to UN peacekeepers, supporting health and safety on the frontlines of peace, it added.

India's defence sector transformed from import-driven to global exporter under Modi govt: Rajnath



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said during the 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "bold and visionary" leadership, India's defence sector has transformed remarkably from a largely import-driven model to becoming a "trusted global exporter".

In a post on X, the Union minister also underlined that the celebration of these years honours India's stride towards "strength, self-reliance and strategic global leadership".

Sharing some data on defence exports, Singh underlined the government's thrust on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiatives.

India's defence exports have risen to Rs 23,622 crore in 2024-25 from Rs 1,940 crore in 2014-15, he said.

He also highlighted India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, first indigenous multi-role combat helicopter LCH Prachand and the country's missile capabilities.

"In the last 11 years, under the bold and visionary leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi, India's defence sector has transformed remarkably from a largely import-driven model to becoming a trusted global exporter," Singh said.

"Powered by #AatmanirbharBharat and #MakeInIndia, this journey has led to record-high defence exports to 100+ countries, indigenous milestones like LCH Prachand, Tejas fighter jets, BrahMos missile production and the rise of defence corridors attracting massive investments," he said.

As "we celebrate #11YearsOfRaksha-

Shakti, we honour India's stride towards strength, self-reliance and strategic global leadership", he said.

In another post, Singh shared a video titled 'Self-reliant defence: Strengthening Tomorrow's Bharat' depicting India's counter-terrorism stance, including Operation Sindoor, various military exercises, patrolling by troops, drop in insurgency cases in the northeast, and 'Nari Shakti' in the armed forces.

"In the #11YearsOfRakshaShakti, India's defence sector has undergone a historic transformation under PM Shri @narendramodi's inspiring leadership which has resulted into stronger borders, modern armed forces, indigenous weapons, record defence exports and global trust. A proud stride towards self-reliance," Singh said.

This is the third term of the Modi government after the BJP-led NDA won the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union council of ministers was held on June 9 last year.

Air strikes, Operation Sindoor answer to those imposing war on country: Adityanath

LUCKNOW, Jun 10 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday asserted that India now responds with strength rather than silence and if someone imposes war on the country, the answer will be in the form of Operation Sindoor.

Lauding 11 years of Modi government at the Centre, he also said these years will be remembered as a "golden period" in the making of a developed and self-reliant India.

Referring to Operation Sindoor that was launched in the aftermath of the April 22

Pahalgam terror attack, he said, "If someone imposes war on us or encourages terrorism, the answer will be surgical strikes, air strikes and Operation Sindoor".

Criticising the previous governments at the Centre, he said, "Earlier, before 2014, there was a prevailing trend in the country to remain passive on issues like terrorism. The narrative was that India is a nation that only advocates peace — no matter the circumstances. "There was a tendency to chant the mantra of peace even in the face of aggression. That mindset had deeply taken root," he said

addressing a gathering on the completion of 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership at the Centre.

"But through the 'new normal' established under the current leadership, that approach has been completely reversed. Now, India responds with strength, not silence." "In the past 11 years, Prime Minister Modi has given India a distinct global identity. His governance is marked by service, good administration and welfare of the poor," he said.

The chief minister said the country has received a leadership that is free



from corruption, dynastic politics and appeasement.

Under Modi's leadership, India has emerged as a symbol of trust for its 140 crore citizens and regained its honour on the global platform, which he claimed had diminished during the 65

years of Congress and other "unstable" governments, he asserted.

"The vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Great India) is now being realised under a strong and decisive leadership," the chief minister said.

Delhi man, his 2 children die after jumping from 8th floor of burning building

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): A man and his two children were killed when they jumped to escape a massive fire that broke out in the eighth and ninth floors of a housing apartment in Delhi's Dwarka area on Tuesday morning.

According to police, two children (a boy and a girl, aged between 10 and 12) jumped from the balcony of the eighth floor to save themselves. Injured, they were rushed to Akash Hospital, where they were declared dead.

Later, their father, Yash Yadav, 35, also jumped from the same balcony. He was declared dead at IGI Hospital.

Two more people, Yadav's wife and his niece, were rushed to Akash Hospital with injuries.

Yadav had flex board business, police said.

The family lives in a duplex on the top two floors of the building.

Visuals from the site showed the building in Sector 13's Sapath Society engulfed in flames with people below gathered in balconies and crying for help.

Police said the fire broke out in the eighth and ninth floors of the housing apartment located near MRV School.

According to the Delhi Fire Service, the department received a call about the blaze at 10.01 am. Initially, eight fire tenders were rushed to the spot, but as the magnitude of the fire became evident, more engines were deployed. The fire could be seen from a long distance. Black smoke was billowing out of the upper floors, and flames were leaping out of the eighth-floor flat, a fire officer present at the spot said.

Videos circulating on social media showed passersby filming the fire on their mobile phones. "God help them!" a video recorded

by a woman from an adjacent building had a voice say. A police officer said, "All residents of the society have been evacuated, and all essential services such as electricity and PNG connections shut down."

DDA and MCD have been informed to assess the structural stability of the building, he said.

Those who could rush out of the building prayed for the safety of those trapped inside. People on the sixth floor were seen smashing windows. Those who were on the lower floors managed to evacuate quickly. But those higher up had a harrowing time. We saw some residents trying to climb onto balconies and signal for help, a local said.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. Firefighting operations were still under way, with over a dozen fire tenders deployed at the site.

25 cr people lifted out of poverty in 11-ysrs of Modi govt: Smriti Irani

RANCHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Smriti Irani on Tuesday said around 25 crore people were lifted out of multidimensional poverty in the country in the past 11 years of the Modi government.

She said four crore houses were provided to the poor and tap water supply to 15 crore families in the country.

"Bringing people out of multidimensional poverty has been a resolution of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As a result, today India has witnessed how 25 crore citizens have come out of multidimensional poverty and are rapidly progressing toward prosperity," Irani said while addressing media persons on the occasion of 11 years of the Modi government.

The BJP is based on five principles: nationalism, belief in democracy, Gandhian thought towards the



poor, oppressed, and deprived, equality of all religions, and value-based politics, she added.

Irani said that around 12 crore connections of LPG under Ujjwala yojana have been distributed, while 12 crore toilets were built in the past 11 years.

She said there is a representation of every class of the society in the Modi cabinet.

"More than 60 per cent of ministers in the council of ministers are from SC, ST and OBC communities," she said.

PM Modi abrogated Article 370, she added.

"A few days ago, Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah also said that PM Modi has fulfilled Atal ji's dream by inaugurating the Chenab bridge. Atal Bihari Vajpayee gave it the status of 'project of national importance'," Irani said.

India's defence exports have witnessed a 34-fold increase and after 'Operation Sindoor', the Make in India defense system earned widespread acclaim, she added.

2 run over by goods train in Chhattisgarh

BALOD, Jun 10 (Agencies): Two labourers were killed and two injured after being run over by a goods train while they were resting on the railway tracks in Chhattisgarh's Balod district on Tuesday, police said.

The incident took place in the wee hours between Dallirajhra and Kusumkasa stations on the Dallirajhra-Durg route, an official here said.

As per preliminary information, 11 labourers, including the victims, were heading towards Kusumkasa on foot on the railway tracks.

Five of them sat on the tracks to rest and at that time a goods train arrived there, the official said.

While one of them shouted to alert the others and managed to escape, four others were hit by the train, he said.

Two of the four died on the spot. The deceased have been identified as Dillu Rai (19) and Krishna (20), while the injured have been identified as Ajay Rai and Vikas Amran, all natives of Jharkhand, the official said.

The injured were shifted to the district hospital, he said.

The bodies were sent for post-mortem, the official said.

Picnic turns into tragedy as 8 men drown in river in Rajasthan's Tonk



JAIPUR, Jun 10 (Agencies): Eight men drowned in the Banas river in Rajasthan's Tonk district on Tuesday, police said.

Three others were rescued and their condition is stable, Tonk Superintendent of Police Vikas Sangwan said.

He said a group of 11 men aged between 25 and 30 had entered the river for taking a bath when they slipped into deep water.

"They were taken out and rushed to a hospital where doctors declared eight of them dead," he said.

The SP said it was not immediately clear how they slipped into the deep water.

The deceased had come from Jaipur for a picnic, he said.

Bengaluru stampede: Karnataka High Court posts hearing to June 12

BENGALURU, Jun 10 (Agencies): The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday posted to June 12 the next hearing into a petition initiated by it on the June 4 stampede at the Chinnaswamy stadium here that claimed 11 lives.

The court ordered Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty to file a reply in a sealed cover.

During the hearing, AG Shetty submitted that he has not yet filed his reply. He said that a judicial commission has been constituted, giving a one-month timeline for a report. He also noted that police officers have been suspended.

Shetty requested for a sealed-envelope submission, stating that in the pending bail petitions being heard concurrently, any statements made in the case were being used by the accused. The suo-moto petition was heard by acting Chief Justice V Kameshwar Rao and Justice C M Joshi. A former member of the Legislative Council sought to be impleaded in the petition.

Meanwhile, a counsel mentioned that he is also filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding the stampede. On June 5, Karnataka HC had taken suo moto cognizance of the stadium stampede event, and directed the state government to file a status report.

Two bullet-riddled bodies found in Patna's Bikram locality

PATNA, Jun 10 (Agencies): A day after a double murder rocked the state capital, two bullet-riddled bodies were found in Patna's Bikram locality on Tuesday morning, police said.

The identities of the deceased have not yet been disclosed.

Speaking to reporters, Paliganj Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Umeshwar Choudhary said, "Police received a call around 6 am that two bodies were lying near Majhauli rural road, under the jurisdiction of Bikram police station. A team reached the spot and found that both had bullet injuries. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination."

The SDPO added that the exact motive behind the killings is unclear.

Police have launched a manhunt to identify and apprehend the perpetrators.

On Monday, unidentified gunmen opened fire on a family in Alamganj locality. A retired nurse and her daughter were killed on the spot, while the head of the family sustained critical bullet injuries.

Police investigations into both incidents are ongoing.

Massive Russian drone, missile assault rocks Ukraine, killing two, injuring 13

KYIV, Jun 10 (Agencies): Russia sent waves of drones and missiles in an attack on two Ukrainian cities early Tuesday that killed two people and wounded at least thirteen others, Ukrainian officials said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in an online statement called the attack "one of the biggest" in the war that has raged for over three years, saying Moscow's forces fired over 315 drones, mostly Shaheds, and seven missiles at Ukraine overnight.

"Russian missile and Shahed strikes are louder than the efforts of the United States and others around the world to force Russia into peace," Zelenskyy wrote, urging "concrete action" from the U.S. and Europe in response to the attack.

A maternity hospital and residential buildings in the center of the southern port city of Odesa were damaged in the attack, regional head Oleh Kiper said. Two people were killed and nine injured in the city, according to a statement from the regional prosecutor's office.

Four people were injured in the attack on the capital, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said. Associated Press journalists heard explosions and the buzzing of drones around the city for hours.



The fresh attacks came hours after Moscow launched almost 500 drones at Ukraine in the biggest overnight drone bombardment in the three-year war. Ukrainian and Western officials have been anticipating a Russian response to Ukraine's audacious June 1 drone attack on distant Russian air bases.

Plumes of smoke were visible in Kyiv as air defense forces worked to shoot down drones and missiles Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian residents took shelter and slept in metro stations during the hours-long attack. Nina Nosivets, 32, and her 8-month-old son Levko were among them.

"I just try not to think about all this, silently curled up like a mouse, wait until it all passes, the attacks. Distract the child somehow because its prob-

ably the hardest thing for him to bear," she said.

Krystyna Semak, a 37-year-old Kyiv resident, said the explosions frightened her and she ran to the metro at 2 a.m. with her rug.

Russia has been launching a record-breaking number of drones and missiles targeting Ukraine while the two countries continue to swap prisoners of war, the only tangible outcome of recent direct peace talks held in Istanbul. A ceasefire, long sought by Kyiv, remains elusive.

In Kyiv, fires broke out in at least four districts after debris from shot down drones fell on the roofs of residential buildings and warehouses, according to the Kyiv City Military Administration.

Vasyl Pesenko, 25, stood in his kitchen, damaged in the

attack.

"I was lying in bed, as always hoping that these Shaheds (drones) would fly past me, and I heard that Shahed (that hit the house)," he said. "I thought that it would fly away, but it flew closer and closer and everything blew away."

The Russian attack sparked 19 fires across Ukraine, Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko wrote on Telegram. "Russia must answer for every crime it commits. Until there is justice, there will be no security. For Ukraine. And for the world," he said.

The Russian Defense Ministry on Tuesday morning reported downing 102 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions and Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula Moscow illegally annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

The drones were downed both over regions on the border with Ukraine and deeper inside Russia, including central Moscow and Leningrad regions, according to the Defense Ministry's statement.

Because of the drone attack, flights were temporarily restricted in and out of multiple airports across Russia, including all four airports in Moscow and the Pulkovo airport in St. Petersburg, the country's second largest city.

Israel hits Houthi targets at Yemeni port, warns of naval and air blockade



DUBAI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Israel's navy said it struck Houthi targets in Yemen's Red Sea port of Hodeidah on Tuesday and Defence Minister Israel Katz threatened the Iran-aligned movement with a naval and air blockade if attacks on Israel continue.

Houthi-run Al Masirah TV said Israel targeted the docks of Al Hodeidah port with two strikes. The Israeli army said in a statement that the navy struck Houthi targets, adding the port was used by the group to transfer weapons.

There were no immediate reports of casualties. Israel has been hitting Houthi targets with airstrikes in a military campaign launched after the country severely weakened Iran's other Middle East partners.

The Israeli military on Monday urged the evacuation of the Houthi-controlled ports of Ras Isa, Hodeidah and Salif.

"We warned the Houthi terror organisation that if they continue to fire towards Israel, they will face a powerful response and will be subjected to a naval and aerial blockade", Katz said on X.

British maritime security firm Ambrey said there was no reported damage to merchant vessels in the port following the Israeli strikes.

Ambrey also advised vessels to minimise crew movements on deck and bridge manning to a minimum while operating in the vicinity.

Since the start of the war in Gaza in October 2023, the Iran-aligned Houthis have fired at Israel and at shipping in the Red Sea, disrupting global trade, in what it says are acts of solidarity with the Palestinians.

Most of the dozens of missiles and drones fired towards Israel have been intercepted or fallen short. Israel has carried out a series of retaliatory strikes.

The Houthis are a resilient force that survived years of Saudi-led bombing in Yemen's civil war.

Israel has severely hurt other allies of Iran in the region - Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Palestinian terror group Hamas. The Tehran-backed Houthis and pro-Iranian armed groups in Iraq are still standing.

The group's leader, Abdul Malik al-Houthi, created the defiant force challenging world powers from a group of ragtag mountain fighters in sandals.

Under the direction of al-Houthi, the group has grown into an army of tens of thousands of fighters and acquired a huge arsenal of armed drones and ballistic missiles. Saudi Arabia and the West say the arms come from Iran, though Tehran denies this.

8 dead in Austria school shooting, suspect may have killed himself

VIENNA, Jun 10 (Agencies): At least eight people were killed and several others injured in a shooting at a school in the Austrian city of Graz, news agency reported, citing local media.

The suspect, reportedly a student, is believed to have killed himself and was found in the washroom, UK-based Independent reported, citing Austrian state media ORF.

However, an official confirmation was awaited.

Police said a major operation had been underway in the city since 10 am after gunshots were heard inside the school. Students and teachers were among those seriously injured in the shooting, according to ORF.

A video on social media showed police cars rushing to the spot following the

shooting, while another showed people and police vehicles at the site.

According to Austrian police, the operation was ongoing in a street on which a secondary school is located. The building was searched by authorities and the area was cordoned off.

The husband of a teacher who was barricaded in a classroom with her students during the shooting said his wife heard several gunshots, Krone newspaper reported.

Parents of students who escaped were allowed to see their wards while the injured were being given medical attention.

The shooting occurred ahead of the tenth anniversary of the Graz shooting on June 20, 2015, which left three people dead.

Greta Thunberg being deported: Israel

Thunberg was one of 12 passengers on board the Madleen, a boat carrying aid destined for people in war-torn Gaza

JERUSALEM, Jun 10 (Agencies): Activist Greta Thunberg is being deported from Israel, the Foreign Ministry and a rights group representing her said on Tuesday, after the Gaza-bound ship she was on was seized by the Israeli military.

In a post on X, the Israeli Foreign Ministry shared a photo of Thunberg on a plane. "Greta Thunberg is departing Israel on a flight to France," the post said.

Adalah, a legal rights



group in Israel representing her and the other activists, said Thunberg, two other activists and a

journalist had agreed to be deported and leave Israel. Other activists refused deportation,

were being held in detention and their case was set to be heard by Israeli authorities.

Thunberg was one of 12 passengers on board the Madleen, a boat carrying aid destined for people in war-torn Gaza.

Israeli naval forces seized the boat early on Monday about 200 km off of Gaza's coast, according to the Freedom Flotilla Coalition, the group that organised the journey.

The boat, accompanied by Israel's navy,

arrived in the Israeli port of Ashdod on Monday evening, according to Israel's Foreign Ministry.

The activists said that they were protesting the ongoing war and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Israel says such ships violate its naval blockade of Gaza.

Israel's Foreign Ministry portrayed the voyage as a public relations stunt, saying on social media that "the 'selfie yacht' of the 'celebrities' is safely making its way to the shores of Israel."

"Europe has sharper interest in building stronger ties with India": EAM Jaishankar in Brussels

BRUSSELS, Jun 10 (Agencies): External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday addressed members of the Indian community from Belgium and Luxembourg, highlighting Europe's growing interest in deepening ties with India amid a changing global landscape and an increasing push for self-reliance.

"To give you a context of what I am doing, I think all of you living in Belgium, living in almost the centre of Europe, will understand today that lots of things are happening in the world, particularly in respect to Europe itself, and there is much sharper interest in Europe to build stronger ties with India," Jaishankar said during the interaction.

Reflecting on the shifting geopolitical landscape, the minister noted that Europe, much like India's concept of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, is beginning to rethink its dependence and move towards strategic autonomy.

"I think a part of it is

the direction in which the world is going. There is an increase in the sense that, look, all countries in a way used to speak about Aatmanirbhar Bharat. I mean there is also Aatmanirbhar Europe now in the making--Europe, which realises that there are many problems of Europe that have to be readdressed by Europe itself," he stated.

He added that this rethinking has led to a clear shift in Europe's external engagements. "That they have to stand more on their own feet and therefore they need stronger relationships with other countries, and I think that is a very much the kind of thinking which is there in the process," Jaishankar said.

Acknowledging the contributions of the Indian diaspora, Jaishankar said, "You all come from different professions, different walks of life. I am sure you don't need me to tell you what is happening here and other possibilities. But certainly, when



it comes to Belgium specifically, we can see that Belgium has always been a major partner of India."

Recalling the strong diplomatic foundations between the two countries, he added, "We always had a good political understanding as it was one of the earliest countries to establish diplomatic relations with India."

Looking ahead, the minister underlined New Delhi's intention to deepen engagement across sectors. "Politically, things have always been smooth for us; but our effort now is not just to be satisfied with what

we have, but to intensify our cooperation with different countries--particularly, I would say, the economic cooperation, the people-to-people linkages and also the well-being of the community," he said.

Jaishankar's outreach to the Indian diaspora came soon after he met with Belgium's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Maxime Prevost. Both leaders discussed enhancing bilateral cooperation and tackling the shared challenge of terrorism.

His visit to Brussels comes on the heels of a high-profile 300-member Belgian economic del-

egation led by Princess Astrid to India three months ago. During that visit, Princess Astrid met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and EAM Jaishankar to explore cooperation in labour migration, pharmaceuticals, defence, diamonds, space, and green energy.

Notably, Jaishankar's visit coincides with the detention of fugitive Indian businessman Mehul Choksi, who is currently lodged in a Belgian jail. Choksi, wanted in India in connection with a Rs 13,850 crore fraud at Punjab National Bank, was arrested in April based on India's extradition request. India and Belgium have an extradition treaty, and the matter is expected to figure in diplomatic engagements during the minister's visit.

Jaishankar is on an official visit to France, the European Union, and Belgium from June 8 to 14, 2025. His engagements are part of India's broader push to strengthen ties with key partners across Europe.

China, South Korea must safeguard free trade, Xi tells Lee



BEIJING, Jun 10 (Agencies): Chinese leader Xi Jinping urged South Korea's new President Lee Jae-myung on Tuesday to work with Beijing to uphold free trade and defend "multilateralism", state media said.

In a phone call with Lee, Xi urged Beijing and Seoul to "inject more certainty into regional and international situations", Xinhua news agency said, as well as to "promote strategic cooperative partnership to a higher level."

"A healthy, stable, and continuously deepening China-South Korea relationship aligns with the trend of the times," Xi said.

"Close bilateral cooperation and multilateral coordination should be maintained to jointly uphold multilateralism

and free trade, ensuring the stability and smooth functioning of global and regional industrial and supply chains," the Chinese leader added.

South Korea's new centre-left leader was elected in a landslide last week after winning a snap election triggered by his predecessor's disastrous martial law declaration.

Lee's office said the new leader had told Xi he hoped the two countries "would actively promote exchanges and cooperation in a wide range of fields -- including the economy, security, culture, and people-to-people exchanges."

Lee also invited Xi to attend the upcoming APEC summit in November this year, which is being held in Korea's southern city of Gyeongju.

Lee said he hoped there would be a chance for "in-depth discussions on bilateral ties and regional issues."

Lee also asked that China play a "constructive role in promoting peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula," in a reference to Beijing's ties with the nuclear-armed North.

Seoul has long trod a fine line between top trading partner China and defence guarantor the United States.

Relations suffered under Lee's predecessor Yoon Suk Yeol, who cleaved close to the United States and sought to improve ties with former colonial master Japan.

But both countries' export-driven economies have now found themselves in the crosshairs of US President Donald Trump's tariff blitz.

And Lee hinted on the campaign trail that he would seek to improve ties with Beijing.

He has also raised alarm by saying that a future conflict between China and Taiwan would not be South Korea's concern.

Army conducts Battle Field Nursing Assistant Cadre for J&K Police at Akhnoor

Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Jun 10: The Indian Army has successfully conducted a Battle Field Nursing Assistant (BFNA) Cadre for Jammu & Kashmir Police at Akhnoor region.

The training aimed at enhancing operational readiness in field and improve first responder capability during real-time combat and crisis situations.

The cadre was attended by a significant number of police personnel's from different units of J&K Police.

Over the duration of the cadre, the trainees were trained in various critical aspects of battlefield first aid includ-



ing bleeding control, airway management, fracture immobilization and casualty evacuation procedures under combat conditions.

The exercise marks an important step towards jointness and interoperability between security forces deployed in Jammu and Kashmir.

Indian Army medical professionals used interactive sessions, demonstrations and realistic simulation to ensure that the police person-

nel were better prepared to handle medical emergencies in challenging and hostile environment.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commanding Officer of Indian Army appreciated the enthusiastic participation of J&K Police and also highlighted the importance of such initiative to improve synergy and collaboration in field operations.

He said, "Training like these help bridge the gap and enhance mutual understanding in high pressure scenario."

The J&K Police personnel's also expressed gratitude towards Indian Army for organizing this cadre and said the skills learnt will be helpful both in field duty and civil emergency alike.

Army organizes Special Yoga Session for troops at Tain



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jun 10: Indian Army organised a special yoga session at Tain and Mangal Devi of Rajouri District. The event highlighted the importance of physical fitness, mental wellbeing and discipline among the troops. Led by experienced Army personnel trained in yoga, the ses-

sion brought together over a strength of 123 personnel. The troops were engaged positively throughout the session, with many expressing a newfound interest in incorporating yoga into their daily routines.

A brief talk on the benefits of yoga was also conducted, emphasising its role in Enhancing focus, reducing stress,

and improving overall well-being.

The conduct of Yoga session was aimed at promoting health, wellness and positive values among the troops. The troops expressed that the yoga session not only inspired them but also reinforced the values of discipline and dedication in leading a healthy life.

Major reshuffle in Civil Administration, 134 JKAS Officers transferred in J&K

against an available vacancy, order reads.

Ms. Subah Mehta, JKAS, Joint Director, School Education, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Additional CEO, Smart City, Jammu, in addition to her own duties, till further orders. Ms. Vinakshi Koul, JKAS, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu.

Mr. Devinder Singh Bhau, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Patnitop, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Information Technology Department. Ms. Deepika Rana, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board.

Mr. Khalid Hussain Malik, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies (Audit), Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Shah, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

MS. Paramjeet Singh, JKAS, Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Doda, holding additional charge of General Manager, DIC, Doda, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Employment, Jammu, order reads.

Mr. Romin Ahmad, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Director, Handloom, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Mr. Chand Kishore Sharma, JKAS, Additional Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K. A Selection Grade post from overall cadre strength is transferred to EDI for drawl of salary of the officer. Mr. Waseem Raja, JKAS, Additional Secretary to the Government, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Tourism, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Mr. Ghulam Nabi Bhat, JKAS, Additional Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, it reads.

Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project,

Anantnag, against an available vacancy. Mr. Ashwani Kumar, JKAS, Joint Director, Employment, Jammu, is transferred and posted as -Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Doda, order reads.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (South), Kashmir hqr at Lower Munda, against an available vacancy. Mr. Ashok Kumar, JKAS, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, School Education Department. Ms. Shazia Koser, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-II), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu. Mr. Virender Kumar Manyal, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Patnitop.

Mr. Kulbushan Khajuria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri, against an available vacancy. Mr. Mohammad Rouf Rehman, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Kokernag, against the available vacancy, it reads.

Mr. Joginder Singh Jasrotia, JKAS, Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bhaderwah, against an available vacancy. Mr. Rajesh Lakhan, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Samba. Syed Ahmad Kataria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, School Education Department.

Order reads, Mr. Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation. Mr. Waseem Raja, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Director, Employment, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Mr. Anirudh Rai, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Udhampur, is transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Induscos, Handicrafts Department, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Mr. Afaq Ahmed, JKAS, Additional Secretary to the Government, Power Development Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the -Government, Higher Education Department, it reads.

Mr. Alyaz Ahmad Naisroo, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-

II), Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Mr. Fareed Ahmad Kohli, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Rajouri, holding additional charge of Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri and Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Rajouri, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment.

Mr. Babu Ram Tandon, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bani-Basholi, against an available vacancy. Mr. Kulraj Singh, JKAS, Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-II), Jammu. Mr. Swaran Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board.

Ms. Kusum Chib, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, reads the order.

Ms. Nuzhat Khurshid, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, against an available vacancy. Mr. Raeis Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (M&P), Kashmir, relieving Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Magray, JKAS, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Kashmir of the additional charge of the post.

Mr. Giasul Haq, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department. Mr. Rizwan Asgar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu. Mr. Prince Noorul Hamid, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary in the J&K Public Service Commission. Mr. Mohammad Imran Khan, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Wullar-Manasbal, is transferred and posted as Additional Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, Kashmir, against an available vacancy, it reads.

Mr. Vikas Anand, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Transport Commissioner, against an available vacancy.

Mr. Gurdev Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Joint Director, School Education, Jammu. Mr. Shurjeel Ali Naiku, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as General Manager,

DIC, Shopian. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Shopian, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department.

Mr. Sartaj Hussain, JKAS, Deputy Director, Estates, Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. He shall continue to hold the charge of the post of Deputy Director, Estates, Kashmir, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Mr. Harpal Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Rajouri, order reads.

Ms. Sanchi Misra, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu. Ms. Mantasha Binti Rashid, JKAS, Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Kashmir, is transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Ganderbal, against an available vacancy. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Registrar, District Ganderbal, in addition to her own duties, till further orders. Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Shah, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Civil Aviation Department. Mr. Umesh Sharma, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, School Education Department.

Ms. Sunaina Saini, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Jammu, against an available vacancy. Mr. Masood Ahmad Wani, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department, it reads.

Mr. Javid Ahmad Rather, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Director, Information (Public Relations), J&K. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Deputy Director (Audio-Visual) in the Directorate of Information, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Mr. Mehmod Riaz, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Samba, is transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, R.S. Pura, against an available vacancy. Syed Farooq Ahmad, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner (Central) in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Mr. Din Mohd., JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Information Department, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Doda.

Mr. Rafiq Ahmad, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling

Centre, Doda, against an available vacancy. Mr. Bashir Ahmad Padder, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner (Nazool), Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Bandipora, against an available vacancy, order reads.

Order further reads, Mr. Qadeer-ul-Rehman, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Rajouri. Ms. Seema Parihar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South). Mr. Sheraz Ahmed, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Rajouri, holding additional charge of Project Manager, IWMP, Rajouri, shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Rajouri, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Mr. Bilal Ahmad, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Kulgam, against an available vacancy.

Mr. Abdul Majid, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Poonch, against an available vacancy. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Rajouri, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Poonch, against an available vacancy, it reads.

Mr. Manoj Kumar, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Doda, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Information Department. Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Mir, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shopian, holding additional charge of Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Shopian, is transferred and posted as Deputy Registrar, J&K Special Tribunal, against an available vacancy. Mr. Akshay Rajan, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department, is transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur, against an available vacancy.

Mr. Aamir Choudhary, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Custodian Evacuee Property, Jammu, against an available vacancy. Syed Mushtaq Razvi, JKAS, Assistant Collector (Recovery), Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Mr. Mohammad Muneer Ahmed Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Deputy Director, Quality Control, Handicrafts Department, order reads. Ms. Anju Anand, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment.

“Mata Ne Bulaya Hai”: Farooq Abdullah Hails Vande Bharat as a “Historic Gift” to

Jammu Kashmir

blue-and-white train glided over the Chenab Bridge, Abdullah, a three-time former CM, was overcome with emotion. "Tears welled up in my eyes when we crossed the Chenab Bridge," he told reporters at Katra station. "It's a dream come true. For the first time, Kashmir is truly connected to the country by rail."

Abdullah emphasized that the Vande Bharat service is not merely about faster travel but about economic revival, tourism growth, and national integration. With travel time between Srinagar and Katra slashed by nearly three hours, the train is expected to significantly boost pilgrimage tourism, particularly for the Vaishno Devi shrine and the upcoming Amarnath Yatra starting July 3. He highlighted how Kashmiri apples, saffron, and other produce can now reach markets across India, from Kanyakumari to Kolkata and Mumbai, more efficiently. Unlike road travel, which often gets disrupted due to snowfall and landslides, the Vande Bharat offers reliable, year-round connectivity.

Praising the efforts of engineers and labourers who braved extreme terrain to complete the project, Abdullah acknowledged the contributions of successive governments. "It started as a vision of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was advanced by Manmohan Singh, and completed under Prime Minister Modi," he said. "This is a collective achievement. I salute every hand that built it." The Chenab Bridge, standing taller than the Eiffel Tower, and the Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, were particularly lauded as testaments to India's engineering prowess.

Beyond infrastructure, Abdullah framed the train as a symbol of emotional and political reconciliation. "This is the first step in reducing 'Dil Ki Doori' (emotional distance) and 'Delhi Ki Doori' (political distance)," he said, while reiterating his party's demand for J&K's full statehood restoration. "Mata ne bulaya hai (The Mother Goddess has called)," he declared at Katra, drawing cheers from supporters. "This train is hope roaring across bridges, bringing Kashmir closer to India—not just in miles, but in spirit."

The Vande Bharat trains, equipped with KAVACH anti-collision technology, Wi-Fi, and cold-climate adaptations, are set to redefine travel in the region. With two services now operational, Srinagar-Katra and Baramulla-Delhi—the project marks a turning point in J&K's integration with mainland India. As Abdullah concluded, "This is more than steel and rail. It's a new dawn for Kashmir."

Terrorist hideout busted in Rajouri

In addition to UBGLs, the search parties also seized a damaged ammunition box, a blanket, a plastic tarpaulin, two packets of medicine, some utensils and daily use items, he said.

However, the official said no one was arrested in connection with recovery.

Joint Director Horticulture inspects Govt Mega fruit Plant Nursery Chakroi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: Joint Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed on Tuesday inspected Govt. Mega fruit Plant Nursery Chakroi, R.S. Pura Jammu. During his visit, he inspected all the ongoing time bound activities of the nursery and made a comprehensive analysis of mother blocks of elite cultivars of Mango, Citrus, Guava, Apple, Ber, Dragon fruit etc. He gave on spot instructions to the concerned officers and officials to strictly follow all the time bound operations.

He emphasized on the selection of suitable rootstock and best quality bud wood for the production of fruit plants suitable for high density plantation so that they can be made available to the farmers at Govt. subsidized rates. This will serve as a platform for boosting the Horticulture sector in Jammu



division.

Joint Director also inspected protected cultivation structures viz Hi- tech structures, Insect proof net structures, screen houses and asked the officers to utilize the available rootstock of Citrus for propagation, purpose. He laid emphasis on production of good quality citrus plants of different cultivars with special focus on lime plants owing to its high demand.

He stressed upon the introduction of latest Horticulture tech-

nologies in the nursery which will not only ease the execution of all nursery operations but will also save time and labour. He asked the officers to develop this farm on scientific lines so that it could become a role model unit for other farmers who want to establish their own nursery/farm.

He also interacted with the trainees who are acquiring one year training program in the nursery and asked them to show their active participation

in this learning programme and acquire all the practical skills which will help them in disseminating the latest technology to the farmers.

Since majority of people living in the adjoining area of the nursery are engaged in dairy farming, Joint Director asked the concerned officers to utilize this organic waste for making organic manure on large scale by establishing vermicompost unit which will not only fulfil the nutrient requirement of nursery stock but will also generate income both in public as well as in private sector.

District Horticulture Officer Jammu, Perminder Singh, Manager Cum Chemist Sunil Mahnori, District Horticulture Officer Abhinav Gupta, Subject Matter Specialist Entomology, Zia Ur Rashid and Horticulture Development Officer Sh. Pard-eep Dingra were present during the visit.

Shoolini Innovation Day 4.0 celebrated with focus on ‘One Student, One Patent’ vision



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SOLAN, Jun 10: Shoolini University's Intellectual Property Rights Office (SIPO) organized the fourth edition of Shoolini Innovation Day, celebrating innovation, creativity, and intellectual property, on Tuesday.

The event highlighted the university's growing culture of patent filing and its bold vision - One Student, One Patent.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Dinesh Chatanta, Director, SIPO, who emphasized the importance of universities having well-established IPR cells. He shared that Shoolini has in-house patent filing facilities and is actively encouraging students to innovate.

In his keynote address, Prof. Atul Khosla, Vice-Chancellor, Shoolini University, inspired the audience by stating, "Innovation needs ideas, not money. Great innovations are born from great ideas." He stressed the importance of global collaboration, experimentation, and fearless innovation.

Vishal Anand, Pro Chancellor, Shoolini University, spoke

about the alignment of research with learning and societal impact. "We are ready to fund students and researchers who want to innovate and file patents," he said.

Chancellor Prof. PK Khosla highlighted the concept of One Teacher, One Patent per year. He encouraged faculty members to convert their ideas into patents and support the culture of innovation.

Prof. Sanjay Sandhu, Professor of Law, Himachal Pradesh University, urged young innovators to take bold steps and believe in their ideas.

"Every great invention starts with a simple idea. It's the courage to act on that idea that sets true innovators apart," he remarked.

Guest Speaker Prof. (Dr.) Manu Sharma, Coordinator, TEC, Panjab University, Chandigarh, shared insights on IPR and industry collaborations.

Prof. (Dr.) Rupinder Tiwari, Mentor, TEC, Panjab University, Chandigarh, emphasized the need for Technology Enabling Centers and stronger industry-academia partnerships to support ground-level

innovation.

Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) C. Raman Suri, Chairman, Management Committee of TEC, Panjab University, Chandigarh, praised India's rich legacy of innovation from the Vedic era to the modern day.

"In today's era, nothing is impossible if you pursue your ideas with passion," he said. He also called for more society-driven innovation.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Senior Manager, SIPO. He appreciated the dedicated efforts of the entire SIPO team, acknowledging that their success lies in teamwork.

SIPO, established in 2015 and transitioned to an in-house structure in 2021, has a dedicated team of nine professionals who manage the university's IP needs, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and designs. Their mission includes building internal capabilities, promoting commercialization, running summer patent schools, and engaging young researchers.

AAP stands with the rights of every citizen of the country : G S Baaghi

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JAMMU, Jun 10: Gurmeet Singh Baaghi emphasized that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) stands for the rights and happiness of every citizen, respecting their dreams and working hard to realize them. Under Arvind Kejriwal's leadership, AAP has grown rapidly, forming governments in two states, gaining national party status, and expanding its presence in Jammu, Gujarat, and Goa. Baaghi highlighted the dedication of AAP MLA Mehraj Malik in Jammu, who actively raises issues affecting common people and opposes corruption and mafias, unlike other silent legislators. Baaghi stated that AAP is more than a



party—it's a revolution and the only genuine political alternative in India, known for honest governance, efficient delivery of public services, and avoiding divisive politics. He criticized BJP, Congress, and other parties for making empty promises and urged people to support AAP for a united, corruption-free India focused on equality, harmony, and development.

"They Remember the Wrong"

*They don't recall the times you tried,
The nights you wept, the tears you dried.
They overlook your silent fight,
The ways you stood for what was right.*

*Your right was lost in time's swift stream,
Like faded parts of some old dream.
But make one flaw, take one misstep—
That stain is all they choose to keep.*

*Your triumphs fade, your truth erased,
Mistakes are all they choose to trace.
A hundred rights may drift away,
But one wrong word is here to stay.*

*Yet walk ahead with steady grace,
Let kindness shine upon your face.
The world may judge, forget the rest—
But you must know you did your best.*



Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain President Vichar Kranti Manch International

KVK Samba covered 90 Villages of District Samba under VKSA

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SAMBA, Jun 10: The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Samba under the aegis of SKUAST Jammu, continued its impactful outreach under the ongoing National Outreach programme Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) Kharif 2025. These

programmes are being conducted under the stewardship of Prof. B.N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu and under the guidance of Dr. Amrish Vaid Director Extension SKUAST Jammu.

The Abhiyan is being carried out under the close coordination and monitoring of Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, District Nodal Officer and Dr. Rakesh Khajuria Joint Nodal Officer VKSA, Samba.

On tenth day of the campaign, awareness programmes and farmer engagement activities were conducted across nine villages namely



sustainable agricultural growth.

Krishi Vikas Kendra Samba enlightened a significant outreach initiative, and deployed three expert teams comprising experts from KVK Samba, SKUAST Jammu, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Fisheries, Cooperatives etc to nine different locations across district Samba under the flagship ongoing campaign Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan.

Till date more than 9350 farmers participated in these programs which focused on promoting sustainable agricultural practices, climate resilient farming and advanced techniques in horticulture, livestock management and promotion of agroforestry, natural farming, safe use of pesticides,

insect pest management, seed treatment, horticulture based agroforestry, cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants, plantation of various agroforestry trees, awareness on various Centrally sponsored schemes, HADP Schemes, PM KISAN, KCC etc for the benefit of the farming community of the district.

The campaign is also focused on collecting data and feedback from farmers. This information will be analysed to understand challenges faced in the fields.

This initiative is aimed at bridging the gap between scientific advancements and grassroots agricultural practices. The insights gained will guide future research directions, ensuring that agricultural practices evolve according to farmers' needs.

AYUSH Department organizes health camp as prelude to International Day of Yoga 2025



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RAMBAN, Jun 10: In the run-up to the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025, the AYUSH Health & Wellness Centre, Chuchatar, organized a highly successful Awareness cum Medical Aid Camp at Bari-Sadre Bagh today. The initiative, conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Bas-eer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, aimed to promote holistic healthcare through Ayurveda and Yoga, aligning with the district's wellness objectives.

The camp, supervised by Senior Medical Officer AYUSH, Dr. Masood Iqbal Zarger, provided free health check-ups, distribution of AYUSH medicines, and screening for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). A special session on preventing latent tuberculosis through Ayurveda was conducted, educating attendees on traditional

remedies and preventive care. Over 250 beneficiaries availed themselves of the free medical services, reflecting strong community participation.

District Nodal Officer AYUSH, Dr. Suresh Sharma, emphasized the camp's role in advancing the principles of Ayurveda and Yoga ahead of IDY 2025. Dr. Zarger, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the importance of preventive healthcare, Ayurveda's role in daily wellness, and the transformative benefits of Yoga. He encouraged residents to actively participate in the upcoming International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21, underscoring

its impact on physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

The event received widespread appreciation from the local community, with special recognition for Dr. Pharmacist Sanjeet Singh for his efficient coordination in medicine distribution. The camp reinforced the AYUSH Department's commitment to integrating traditional healthcare practices into public wellness initiatives.

The District Administration Ramban commended the department's efforts and reiterated its support for future initiatives promoting holistic health and sustainable wellness in the region.

Rich Harvest School hosts groundbreaking active learning workshop

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JAMMU, Jun 10: Rich Harvest School recently unleashed a transformative experience for its educators with a cutting-edge workshop on "Active Learning," expertly led by the visionary educationist, Dr. Kunal Anand, Principal of DPS Udhampur.

This immersive session was designed to revolutionize teaching-learning practices, cultivating a vibrant and interactive classroom ecosystem.

As Dr. Anand took the stage, Anita Bhatia, Head of the Institute, extended a warm welcome,



setting the tone for a day of insightful exploration. With his trademark innovative approach, Dr. Anand delved into Innovative Strategies-Unlocking the potential of active learning to

captivate young minds; Effective Engagement Techniques-Mastering the art of classroom engagement to foster curiosity and creativity; Collaborative Learning Approaches-Harness-

ing the power of teamwork to drive student success.

The workshop was a resounding success, equipping Rich Harvest School educators with a treasure trove of ideas, tools, and techniques to craft dynamic, student-centric learning experiences.

This forward-thinking initiative will undoubtedly elevate the school's pedagogical practices, benefiting students and educators alike.

By investing in the growth and development of its educators, Rich Harvest School continues to set a shining example of excellence in education.

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“He has got hands faster than a pickpocket”: Ravi Shastri hail MS Dhoni’s wicketkeeping skills

LONDON, Jun 10 (Agencies): Former India head coach Ravi Shastri lauded World Cup-winning captain MS Dhoni’s wicket-keeping skills during the ICC Hall of Fame event in London, hilariously comparing the speed of his hand to that of a “pickpocketeer.”

Dhoni was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame during a ceremony. He became the 11th Indian cricketer to join the illustrious company.

Speaking during the event about Dhoni, Ravi Shastri asserted, “He had hands faster than that of a pickpocket. If you’re ever in India, going for a big game, especially in Ahmedabad, you don’t want MS behind you; watch that back. The wallet will disappear.”

“He gets out for zero is the same, he wins the World Cup is the same, he gets a hundred the same, two hundred the same. There is absolutely, you know, no difference,” he added.

With 17,266 international runs, 829 dismissals and 538 matches across formats for India, Dhoni’s numbers reflect not just excellence but extraordinary consistency, fitness and longevity.

Reacting to his presence in the august company, the former India skipper stated that this honour would stay with him forever.

“It is an honour to be named in the ICC Hall of Fame, which recognises the contributions of cricketers across generations and from all over the world. To have your name remembered alongside such all-time greats is a wonderful feeling. It is something that I will cherish forever,” said Dhoni as quoted by ICC.

Dhoni’s strongest format is the ODIs. In 350 ODIs, he scored 10,773 runs at an average of 50.57. He scored 10 centuries and 73 fifties for India, with the best score of 183*. He is India’s sixth-highest scorer in ODIs (with Sachin Tendulkar at the top with 18,426 runs). The fact that he managed to score 10,000-plus runs at an average of over 50 while coming down the order makes his statistics even more interesting.

He led India in 200 ODI matches, winning 110, losing 74. Five matches were tied, while 11 failed

to produce a result. He has a winning percentage of 55. Dhoni has won ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 and ICC Champions Trophy 2013 for India as a skipper.

Dhoni, known as Chennai Super Kings’ “Thala” (leader), played 98 T20Is for India, scoring 1,617 runs at an average of 37.60, at a strike rate of 126.13. He has two half-centuries in the format, with the best score of 56. He was the winning captain of India’s ICC T20 WC 2007 winning team.

Coming to his long-format career, Dhoni played 90 matches, scoring 4,876 runs at an average of 38.09. He scored six centuries and 33 half-centuries, with the best score of 224. He is the 14th-highest scorer for India in Tests. As a captain, he led India in 60 Test matches, out of which they won 27 matches, lost 18 and drew 15. With a win percentage of 45.00, he is one of India’s most successful skippers across all eras. He led Team India to the number one ranking in ICC Test Rankings.

He is also the only Indian skipper to whitewash Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, doing so in the 2010-11 and 2012-13 series. The people’s favourite ‘Mahi’ led India in 72 T20Is, winning 41, losing 28, one being tied and two failing to produce results. His win percentage is 56.94.

When Dhoni broke into the national team in 2004, few could have foreseen just how profoundly the then 23-year-old would go on to redefine the role of a wicket-keeper-batter. It wasn’t a question of talent, that was evident, but rather how much of an outlier he appeared compared to his predecessors.

His glove work defied convention. Dhoni’s technique behind the stumps was unorthodox, yet extraordinarily effective. He turned wicketkeeping into an art form of its own, affecting run-outs off deflections, completing stumpings in the blink of an eye, and pulling off catches with a style all his own.

With the bat, he brought brute force and power-hitting to the wicketkeeper-batter’s role that was traditionally reserved for steady, lower-order contributors. At a time



when Indian wicketkeepers were expected to play it safe, Dhoni came out swinging, both literally and metaphorically.

It was not the smoothest of starts in Dhoni’s international career; his ODI debut in December 2004 ended with a run-out for a duck, but it didn’t take long for him to make an impression. Promoted up the order against Pakistan in Visakhapatnam in April 2005, he lit up the stage with a blistering 148 off 123 balls, a knock that announced his arrival to India and the world.

Just a few months later, in October, Dhoni delivered another unforgettable performance. Once again promoted in the batting order, this time against Sri Lanka in Jaipur, he unleashed a whirlwind 183* off 145 deliveries, studded with 15 fours and 10 sixes. The innings remains the highest individual score by a wicketkeeper in men’s ODIs to this day.

It was also the highest score in a successful run chase at the time, offering an early glimpse into the calm, calculated finisher Dhoni would go on to become.

And thus began the story of one of Indian cricket’s most iconic careers, a journey marked by unconventional brilliance, unflinching composure, and an uncanny ability to deliver when it mattered most.

MS Dhoni’s early performances had already marked him out as a player of composure and clarity. It was enough for the selectors to take a bold call and hand him the captaincy for the inaugural ICC Men’s T20 World Cup in 2007.

The timing was delicate. India

had endured a disappointing exit in the group stage of the 50-over World Cup earlier that year, and the squad for the T20 edition was a young, largely untested group, missing many of the senior stalwarts of Indian cricket. Expectations were modest where India were far from tournament favourites.

But under Dhoni’s leadership, a new generation of players emerged - Rohit Sharma, RP Singh, Robin Uthappa, Dinesh Karthik, among others - all playing fearless cricket.

That approach paid off spectacularly. India went on to lift the trophy, beating arch-rivals Pakistan in a thrilling final and etching their names in history as the first T20 World Champions.

India came close to victory in the subsequent editions under Dhoni’s captaincy, including an appearance in the final of the 2014 edition and semi-finals of 2016.

The victory not only sparked a new era of Indian cricket but confirmed that the future of its leadership was in safe hands. What followed was a period of sustained success across formats and the rise of Dhoni as one of the most influential captains the game has ever seen.

India’s rise under Dhoni’s leadership wasn’t limited to white-ball cricket; it extended seamlessly into the red-ball arena as well. Under his captaincy in December 2009, India reached the summit of Test cricket, claiming the No.1 spot in the ICC Men’s Test Team Rankings for the first time since its inception in 2003.

As a batter, Dhoni continued to defy convention, even more so in

the Test format. His unorthodox technique and aggressive instincts seemed ill-suited to the patience and precision Test cricket demanded. Yet, time and again, he found a way to make it work.

He did not take long to stamp his presence in the longest format. In just his fifth Test match, against arch-rivals Pakistan in Faisalabad, Dhoni hammered a counter-attacking 148 off 153 balls.

A year later, he proved he could thrive in testing conditions too. At Lord’s, Dhoni walked out early on the final day with India reeling at 145/5. In challenging conditions, he scored a gritty 76* and stitched together a crucial 86-run partnership with VVS Laxman. Even after Laxman’s dismissal, Dhoni stood firm with the tail to secure a hard-fought draw, which helped India seal a rare series win in England, their first in the country since 1986.

Among Dhoni’s many memorable batting contributions in whites, none stood taller than his lone double-century, which came in 2013 at his adopted home ground in Chennai.

Australia had posted a formidable 380 in the first innings, and India found themselves under pressure at 196/4 when Dhoni walked out to bat. But what followed was one of the most iconic innings by an Indian wicketkeeper-batter where Dhoni unleashed a brutal 224, his highest Test score.

Built on vital century partnerships with Virat Kohli and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Dhoni took India to a decisive 192-run lead, and his innings proved to be the turning point of the match.

Throughout his Test career, Dhoni faced numerous trials and tribulations both as a batter and captain until he called it quits in 2014. Yet, time and again, by fight or flight, he always found a way.

Few in Indian or world cricket can lay claim to having redefined the ODI format quite like MS Dhoni - whether as a finisher, captain or wicketkeeper.

It didn’t take long for him to make his mark. In just his 40th ODI, Dhoni rose to the top of the ICC Men’s ODI Batting Rankings, becoming the fastest player to ever

achieve the No.1 spot, a record that still stands today.

Dhoni’s ODI legacy is studded with records, including the most stumpings in the format (123), the highest individual score by a wicketkeeper (183*), and the most matches as captain for India (200), to name a few. But the crowning moment of his career came in 2011, when he led India to World Cup glory after a 28-year wait.

Despite a relatively quiet tournament with the bat, Dhoni rose to the occasion when it mattered most. On the night of the final against Sri Lanka, he made a bold call to promote himself to No.4, a decision that would go down in Indian cricketing folklore.

Walking in at 114/3 with the final delicately balanced, Dhoni joined forces with Gautam Gambhir to stitch a vital 109-run stand, steadying the chase and taking India to the brink of glory.

Then, in trademark MS Dhoni fashion, he sealed the win with a towering six over long-on, a shot now etched in Indian cricketing history, sparking celebrations across the country and ending a 28-year wait for the World Cup.

He would go on to add another major title to his name, guiding India to the ICC Champions Trophy in 2013. In a tense, rain-curtailed final against England, Dhoni’s tactical acumen came to the fore once again, helping India lift the trophy and earning him the rare honour of being the only captain to win all three ICC men’s white-ball titles.

Even in his final international appearance at the 2019 ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup, Dhoni was, as he so often had been, India’s last hope. His run-out in the semi-final against New Zealand, a moment that broke a billion hearts, would prove to be his final act on the international stage.

Though his retirement came more than a year later, the silence that followed that dismissal felt like the closing chapter of an era. But by then, MS Dhoni had already etched himself into the fabric of Indian cricket, leaving behind memories and milestones that will be remembered for generations.

Sahib Singh: India’s first Sikh chess IM

CHANDIGARH, Jun 10 (Agencies): Sixteen-year-old Sahib Singh has made history by becoming the first Sikh player to earn the International Master (IM) title in chess.

Born and raised in New Delhi, he has connection with Chandigarh — the city beautiful — as the family has an ancestral house at Sector 20. Sahib’s fascination with chess began at home, where he watched his father Tajinder Singh and elder brother play casually. He turned out to be sharp and made an immediate mark when his school introduced chess classes. Recognising his potential, his coach Arbaaz Singh encouraged his family to support his budding talent.

“Arbaaz Sir called me after observing the growth of Sahib, who was just seven years old then. The coach said he is an exceptional talent and the family should prepare for serious coaching and regular participation in tournaments,” Tajinder told The Tribune.

Tajinder, who runs a footwear shop at Karol Bagh, said the journey to this stage was time-consuming and financially tough but somehow, even without sponsors, they pulled through.

“My father never let me get distracted from chess practice and competitions by the problems of shop management and financial issues he faced,” Sahib said in an interview with chessbase.com.

Sahib quickly made a name for himself in local tournaments, securing second place in the Delhi State U-9 Championship. His early victories laid the foundation for a remarkable career that would soon take him to the international stage.

Sahib’s journey to the IM title was anything but easy. He came close to achieving the title multiple times but narrowly missed his final IM norm on several occasions. However, his persistence paid off when he secured his third and final IM norm at the Dubai Open 2025, officially earning the IM title.

His first IM norm came at the Rudar



GM Tournament at Pozarevac, Serbia, in November 2023, followed by his second norm at the Priaeus GM Tournament in Greece in May 2024. Notably, he also secured his first Grandmaster norm in the same tournament, signalling his potential to reach the GM level soon.

Sahib has consistently made India proud with his performances. One of his standout moments was his triple gold victory at the Western Asia Youth Chess Championship in 2022, where he dominated across classical, rapid and blitz formats.

Harmeet Singh Kalka, president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), said, “His success has inspired young chess players, particularly within the Sikh community, proving that dedication and hard work can break barriers. His achievement as the first Sikh International Master is a landmark moment in Indian chess history.”

With his IM title secured, Sahib now sets his sights on becoming a GM. His rapid progress and determination suggest that it won’t be long before he reaches this next milestone.

“This was very difficult”: Former West Indies T20I captain Nicholas Pooran retires from international cricket at 29

PORT OF SPAIN, Jun 10 (Agencies): Former West Indies T20I captain Nicholas Pooran surprised the world on Tuesday by announcing his retirement from international cricket at the age of 29.

The 29-year-old, who recently dazzled in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for Lucknow Super Giants with explosive performances, described retiring from the international circuit as “difficult.”

“To the cricket public, after much thought and reflection, I’ve decided to announce my retirement from international cricket. This game we love has given and will

continue to give so much - joy, purpose, unforgettable memories, and a chance to represent the people of the West Indies.”

Pooran’s decision comes days after he requested Cricket West Indies not to consider him for their ongoing white-ball tour of England. With over eight months left before the T20 World Cup 2026 kicks off in India and Sri Lanka, Pooran’s decision serves as a massive setback for the 2016 winners.

Since bursting onto the international scene in 2016, Pooran featured in 106 T20Is and 61 ODIs, garnering



more than 4,258 runs across both formats. He mustered up 2,275 in the shortest format of cricket, averaging 26.14 at 136.39. While in the 50-over cricket, he tallied 1,983 runs at 39.66 while maintaining a strike rate of 99.15,

- thank you for walking this journey with me. Your belief and support carried me through it all,” he said.

Pooran had his last dance with the Men in Maroon during their encounter against Bangladesh at Kingstown. Bangladesh ousted the Caribbean giants with a comprehensive 80-run victory.

“Though this international chapter of my career closes, my love for West Indies Cricket will never fade. I wish the team and the region nothing but success and strength for the road ahead. With all my heart, Nicky P,” he concluded.

Arshdeep opens up about India’s preparations, reveals “main objective” with Bumrah

KENT, Jun 10 (Agencies): Left-arm quick Arshdeep Singh offered some valuable insights about India’s training session before the five high-stakes Tests in England, scheduled to kick off at Headingley on June 20.

Arshdeep has been infused into India’s Test squad ahead of Harshit Rana and Mohammed Shami for India’s first assignment of the new World Test Championship cycle. The left-armed, who has formed a revamped bowling quartet alongside Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna and Mohammed Siraj, has been testing India batters during the nets session while trying to find his rhythm.

During the recent session, he bowled against the newly crowned Test captain, Shubman Gill, and young Sai Sudharsan, a challenge he relished and hopes to continue with for a long time. “There was a lot of competitiveness with the batters. We enjoyed it. As bowlers, we had to grind and make

proper plans to get the batter out. Sai, who has joined the team for the first time, looked compact. The skipper looked in good touch. I will try the banter keeps on going, and I dismiss them a lot of times,” Arshdeep said in a video posted by the BCCI. For the 26-year-old, the motive was to bring the body back to rhythm according to the demands of the Test format after an elongated patch in white-ball cricket. “The main motive was to bring the body to rhythm. To get a feel of how the red ball was coming out of the hand, because a lot of players were playing white-ball cricket for a long time. As we go ahead, the intensity will increase, and we will try to make it hard for batters to face the ball,” he added.

A sense of familiarity surrounds Arshdeep, considering his past exploits in the County Championship. After a 17-wicket campaign in the IPL 2023, he signed for Kent and scalped 13 wickets from five matches at 41.76.

With the backdrop of his past stint, Arshdeep is in line to earn his maiden cap and bowl alongside the current “best in the world”, Jasprit Bumrah. While the feeling of being the best continues to exist within him, Arshdeep doesn’t want to stray away from the main objective: improving each other’s skills.

“Whenever I pick up the ball, I feel I am the best. But when a player like Jasprit Bumrah plays in an attack, there is no room for comparison. The main focus is improving each other’s skill set and helping the team,” he said.

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

PK urges GoI to institute commission to examine issue of Overground support structures of terrorism in J&K

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JAMMU, Jun 10: Panun Kashmir on Tuesday urged the Government of India (GoI) to institute a high-powered commission to thoroughly examine the critical issue of Overground Support Structures (OGSS) that sustain separatist terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Ajay Chhugoo, Chairman of Panun Kashmir, speaking at the press conference held at Jammu Press Club, emphasized the significance of Operation Sindoor's achievements while underscoring that terrorism in the region cannot be eradicated without dismantling these OGSS.

He highlighted that many political parties operating in Jammu and Kashmir, while presenting themselves as bona fide political formations, engage in a half-way separatist politics promoting communal Muslim interests, thus functioning as part of the OGSS. Dr. Chhugoo called on the Modi govern-



ment to initiate a comprehensive analysis, beginning with the alliance between the BJP and the regional party Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The alliance's agenda, which laid the foundation for PDP-BJP rule in Jammu and Kashmir, was described as subversive, enabling the mainstreaming of Muslim separatism.

Dr. Chhugoo questioned who authorized this agenda and how it contributed to embedding separatist supporters within main-

stream politics. He also criticized BJP's acceptance of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed—founder of PDP and a figure implicated in the 1986 communal assault on Kashmiri Pandits—as Home Minister of India, and raised concerns over demographic changes in Jammu during the PDP-BJP alliance period.

The press briefing addressed the collapse of the PDP-BJP alliance leading to Governor's rule and condemned the denial of the Hindu genocide campaign

spearheaded by some parties. Dr. Chhugoo emphasized that the electoral campaigns of parties like PDP often crossed constitutional boundaries into anti-India rhetoric, calling this a dangerous relapse.

He urged that the investigation should not be limited to PDP alone but encompass all political parties that may contribute to OGSS.

Since the BJP government has claimed success in eradicating such structures, Panun Kashmir demanded identification and dismantling of subversive elements within mainstream politics.

Dr. Chhugoo also appealed to the government not to treat internally displaced Hindus from Kashmir as political experiments or symbols of secularism, warning that such actions would amount to abetting genocide.

Other leaders addressing the conference included Raj Nath Raina, Sunil Bhat, P.N. Raina, Daya Krishan Koul, and Surinder Bhan.

Crippling heatwave in Jammu, Samba hottest at 46.6



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JAMMU, Jun 10: Heatwave persisted in the Jammu region with Samba recording the highest maximum temperature of 46.6 degree Celsius while Jammu city touched 44.3 degrees Celsius, MeT officials said. The Jammu region is experiencing extreme heatwave conditions for the past four days. Today, five districts recorded temperatures above the 40-degree mark, they said.

The maximum temperature in Jammu city today was higher than Sunday's 42.7 degrees Celsius, they said. Katra, the base camp for Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, recorded 40.2 degrees Celsius, while Ramban recorded 43.2 degrees Celsius and Kathua 43.2 degree Celsius, the MeT department said. Srinagar's daytime temperature was 33.3 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, Leh and Kargil districts recorded 26.9 and 27.9 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Sant Kabir taught people to be truly religious, worthy of acceptance at Father's Court: Kaith

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JAMMU, Jun 10: Social and political activist R.L. Kaith with many others paid obeisance to Guru of the Gurus: Sant Kabir.

Kaith said, Bhagat Kabir taught the people to be truly religious and worthy of acceptance at the Father's Court; Man should earn his living by honest labour and share his earnings among the poor and the needy ones: He should ever meditate on the True Name and persuade others to do so.

Hans Raj Loria said, Kabir's philosophy centered on the concept of a divine reality, accessible to all beings regardless of their religious or

social background. He emphasized the importance of love, empathy, and understanding as paths to spiritual growth and societal harmony.

Also speaking, Tilak Raj Bassa said, Kabir's teachings continue to inspire people across different cultures and religions. His emphasis on human values, social justice, and spiritual freedom has made him a prominent figure in the history of humanism and continues to resonate with modern audiences. Others who spoke were Messers Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Master Naresh Kumar Kaith, Jagdish Raj Kaith and Som Nath.

Congress Leader Namrta Sharma demands immediate revocation of discriminatory Urdu Clause in Naib Tehsildar Recruitment

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JAMMU, Jun 10: Namrta Sharma, Senior Congress Leader and social-political activist, has strongly condemned the recent JKSSB notification that mandates Urdu as a compulsory qualification for the post of Naib Tehsildar.

In her statement, she described the move as arbitrary, exclusionary, and in violation of the

spirit of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. While the J&K Official Languages Act, 2020 recognizes Hindi, English, Kashmiri, Dogri, and Urdu as official languages, the selective imposition of only Urdu—especially where it holds no administrative relevance in the majority of Jammu districts—reflects blatant linguistic discrimination.

Highlighting the deeper

systemic neglect, she emphasized that vacancies for Urdu teachers have remained unfilled for over 11 years, yet suddenly Urdu proficiency is mandated. "Expecting fluency in a language the system never ensured was taught is a travesty of justice," Namrta Sharma remarked.

She laid the blame at the feet of the BJP appointed LG adminis-

tration, which has presided over the UT for 5 years, stating that it has aggravated the imbalance rather than resolving it.

She also called on the NC led government to take responsibility and instantly act to uphold fairness and meritocracy.

Namrta Sharma appealed to Hon'ble LG Shri Manoj Sinha ji and the JKSSB to review

and revoke this discriminatory Urdu clause, and to implement a recruitment policy grounded in constitutional values of inclusion, equity, and merit.

"This is more than a language issue—it impacts the futures of thousands of capable candidates from Jammu," she concluded, reaffirming her commitment to stand with the region's youth.

Kavinder slams JKSSB over compulsory Urdu Criteria for NT Posts Says will not tolerate discrimination against Jammu Youth

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta has taken strong exception to the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for making Urdu language proficiency compulsory in the recently advertised Naib Tehsildar (NT) recruitment.

He termed the move as blatant discrimination against the youth of the Jammu region, many of whom do not have Urdu as a subject in their academic curriculum.

Speaking at the meeting held at Party Headquarters here today, the



BJP stalwart asserted that after the abrogation of Article 370 and the subsequent reorganization of the State into a Union Territory, the linguistic policy of the region has changed.

As per The Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020, Hindi, Dogri, English, Urdu,

and Kashmiri have all been recognized as official languages of J&K. "When all five languages are official, why is Urdu alone being imposed as a mandatory qualification for specific posts?" he questioned.

Referring to the 2019 NT recruitment, Kavinder highlighted that 126

candidates were rejected for not qualifying in Urdu, and 122 of them belonged to the Jammu region.

"This is a shocking statistic which clearly indicates that the Urdu clause has been misused as a tool to deliberately exclude the educated youth of Jammu

from government job opportunities," he said.

The former Deputy Chief Minister demanded that the present J&K Government and JKSSB immediately review the recruitment criteria for Naib Tehsildar posts and ensure a level playing field for all candidates, irrespective of their regional and linguistic backgrounds.

"Such discriminatory practices will not be tolerated," he warned, adding that BJP stands firmly with the youth of Jammu and will continue to fight for their rights and equal opportunities in all spheres of employment.

Non-Gazetted Police Pensioners Welfare Forum demands resolution of pay anomaly



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JAMMU, Jun 10: A protest was held at Hari Singh Park, Jammu under the leadership of Ajit Singh, Chairman of the Non-Gazetted Police Pensioners Welfare Forum, demanding urgent government intervention to address long-standing pay anomalies and discrimination faced by retired police personnel and J&K Fire Services staff.

The protesters highlighted key issues, including the government's Order No. 229 F of 2014 on pay anomaly, which has been applied only prospectively from

the date of the order rather than from 1996 when the 5th Pay Commission was implemented across the state. The Forum emphasized that many retired employees affected by this omission have since passed away, and surviving pensioners deserve retrospective benefits.

The Forum also demanded that the ECH Card medical facility, currently available only to retirees after 2019, be extended to all former employees who retired before that year.

Further, the group called for the immediate release of pending gratuity payments as

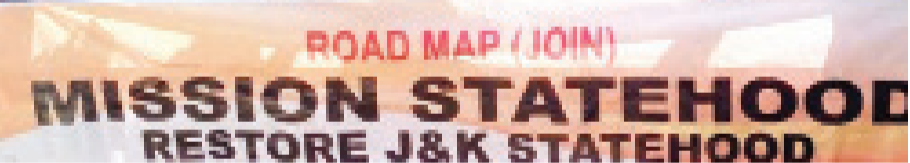
per Article 242 of the Civil Services Rules and urged the authorities to comply with the Tribunal Court order, which ruled in favor of the pensioners.

Ajit Singh stressed that justice has been served by the court ruling, and now the government must ensure swift implementation to rectify the grievances of the retired police and fire service personnel.

The Non-Gazetted Police Pensioners Welfare Forum continues to press for these demands to secure the rights and welfare of retired employees in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple leads Protest against Urdu requirement for Naib Tehsildar Posts

Demands Action on rising unemployment, daily wagers' regularization



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 10: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, led a strong protest against the advertisement for Naib Tehsildar selection posts mandating Urdu as a compulsory subject.

The protest also addressed the rising unemployment among educated youth, increasing corruption, and condemned the Jammu & Kashmir government's failure to tackle these issues effectively.

Addressing the protesters, Dimple criticized the revenue department for insisting on Urdu knowledge for revenue-related jobs such as Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar, and Patwari posts, questioning its relevance in an era where most work is conducted online. He warned of intensified agitation if the Urdu language requirement was not removed from the Naib Tehsildar recruitment

advertisement. Additionally, he demanded age relaxation for these posts.

Dimple questioned Chief Minister Omar Abdullah about the progress of the six-member committee formed to regularize daily wagers working in departments like PHE, PDD, and PWD, highlighting the ongoing hardships faced by these workers.

He urged the government to urgently address unemployment and expedite the regularization of daily wagers. Dimple criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party's failure over the past decade to regularize daily wagers and provide justice to youth post the abrogation of Article 370.

He contrasted this with the Ladakh UT administration's recent increase in daily wagers' salaries from Rs 29,000 to Rs 45,000, accusing the central government of discrimination against Jammu & Kashmir.

Dimple demanded per-

manent appointments and salary enhancements comparable to Ladakh's rates for various cadres including vocational trainers, cluster resource coordinators, Kisan Khidmat Ghars, SPOs, physical education teachers, anganwadi workers, paramedical staff, and others.

Calling for the restoration of Jammu & Kashmir's statehood, Dimple condemned the failure of the double power system and emphasized that eight months into the elected government, no justice has reached the youth or any section of society.

He warned the fight against rising unemployment, with J&K's rate at 42%—the highest in India—would continue unabated.

The protest saw participation from prominent leaders including Ram Kapoor, Sudershan Sharma, Akbar Khan Kala Singh, Shafi, Nazir Khan, Rattan Kumar, among others.