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Drug peddler detained in Rajouri

JAMMU, Jun 11 (Agencies): A suspected drug peddler was detained under the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Wednesday.

Sunny Kumar alias Sundi, a resident of Bareri Nowshera, is a habitual offender and has been involved in multiple cases of narcotics across the border district, a police spokesman said.

"A detention warrant under the PIT-NDPS Act was obtained from the competent authority. Acting on the warrant, Kumar has been detained and lodged in Jammu Jail," the spokesman said.

Only Aadhar authenticated users can book tatkal tickets from July 1: Railway Ministry

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Only Aadhar authenticated users will be able to book tickets under the Tatkal scheme from July 1, 2025, onwards, the Railway Ministry said in an announcement.

In a circular dated June 10, 2025, the ministry informed all zones that this decision was made "to ensure that the benefits of the Tatkal Scheme are received by the common end users." "With effect from 01-07-2025, tickets under Tatkal scheme can be booked through the website of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) its app only by Aadhaar authenticated users," the ministry said.

Subsequently, Aadhaar-based OTP authentication shall also be made compulsory for Tatkal bookings from July 15, 2025, onwards. "Tatkal tickets shall be available for booking through computerized PRS (Passenger Reservation System) counters of Indian Railways/authorized agents only after authentication of a system-generated OTP, which shall be sent through the system on the mobile number furnished by the users at the time of booking. This shall also be implemented by 15/07/2025," the circular further stated. The circular also

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LG conducts on-site inspection of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board's Yatri Niwas at Baltal



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GANDERBAL, Jun 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday conducted

the on-site inspection of the Disaster Management and Yatri Niwas Complex of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board at Baltal axis in Ganderbal. The Lieutenant Gov-

ernor ascertained the progress of the work being carried out at the site, and directed the officials for timely completion of the infrastructure projects being

developed to enhance facilities for pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

At Domail, the Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the members of the taskforce and staff of BRO engaged in improving and maintaining the yatra track.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by SJM Gillani, MD J&K Police Housing Corporation; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO, Amarnathji Shrine Board; Vijay Kumar Bihuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; VK

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Massive public response, no seats available for next 10 days": Katra Station Superintendent on Vande Bharat train

KATRA, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Vande Bharat Express between Katra and Srinagar has received overwhelming public response following its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with full bookings reported for the next ten days, railway official said.

Speaking to a news wire, Station Superintendent at Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station, Jugal Kishore Sharma said that the newly inaugurated Vande Bharat Express,

flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has received an overwhelming response from the public.

"There is tremendous excitement among the public. The demand has been so high that there are no seats available for the next 10 days," Sharma said.

Talking about the route, he said, "It's a new and scenic route, and people are thrilled to travel on it. There is a festive atmosphere among the passengers, and everyone wants to enjoy the

experience. That's why there is a rush and a long waiting list. Tourists are especially drawn to this train."

He added that the train offers excellent facilities and passengers are enjoying the journey thoroughly. "We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that passengers have no complaints. If any issues do arise, they are addressed immediately," Sharma said.

"The railway staff is equally excited about

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Education Minister J&K flags off Aryans 6th Shikara Race in Dal Lake, Srinagar



Rajiv

SRINAGAR, Jun 11: In a bid to bring tourists back to valley after Pehalgam incident, JK students of Aryans Group of Colleges, Chandigarh organized

6th Shikara Race at Ghat number 18, Dal Lake, Srinagar.

On the occasion, Sakina Itoo, Minister for Health & Medical Education School Education Higher Education and Social Welfare was

the Chief Guest and Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over. Minister flagged off the race and around 50 shikara participated in the race on the theme "Aryans Welcomes You In Kashmir".

The Minister appreciated the students and management of Aryans Group of Colleges. He said, "I have already seen the positive role of Aryans Group when, after the Pehalgam incident, Kashmiri students studying outside the valley were disturbed due to various incidents. Aryans not only opened its hostel doors to

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Tourists visiting J&K through Vande Bharat blessing for tourism, trade: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah returned to Srinagar on Wednesday aboard the newly launched Vande Bharat Express from Katra, after paying obeisance at the revered Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.



Speaking to reporters at Srinagar Railway Station, Dr. Farooq Abdullah described his journey as "very pleasant," adding with a smile, "Bohut acha safar raha."

With a smile on his face and pointing towards the arriving visitors, Farooq said, "You can see

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Restoring constitutional rights in J&K will empower people to fight terrorism: CPI (M)

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Highlighting that people from all walks of life in Kashmir Valley had strongly condemned the Pehalgam attack, CPI (M) General Secretary Mariam Alexander Baby on Wednesday said that "restoring Constitutional rights in Jammu and Kashmir will help people to fight

terrorism". Addressing a large gathering of party workers at Tagore Hall here during a convention organised by CPI (M) J&K, MA Baby said "abrogation of Article 370 has distorted the historical importance of J&K."

"The way special status in J&K was dilut-

ed came as a shot in the arm for terrorists. With attacks such as the Pehalgam incident, they want to divide the society. Need of the hour is to empower people in J&K by returning their special status so that they can fight terrorism," said MA Baby.

He said it was ironic

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Fire engulfs J&K Legislative Assembly lobby in Jammu; historic photographs, furniture damaged

JAMMU, Jun 11 (Agencies): A minor fire broke out in the lobby of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly complex in Jammu on Wednesday morning, causing considerable damage to historic photographs, furniture, and

infrastructure, officials said.

A senior official in the J&K Assembly told news agency JKNS that the fire started around 9 AM and rapidly spread through the lobby area. Preliminary investigations suggest a short

circuit as the likely cause of the blaze.

The flames engulfed several historic portraits of former Governors and Lieutenant Governors of Jammu and Kashmir, along with furniture including sofas, chairs,

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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. Phoolo 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)

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Mr M. L. Toofan Deputy Commissioner (Retd)** Custom and Central Excise, Kathua on June 3, 2025.

10TH DAY will be held at his residence Lane Number 3, Patel Nagar Kathua on 12th June Thursday at 10 AM.

KRIYA will be held at residence on 13th June (Friday) at 12 onwards.

RASAM PAGRI / UTHALA will be held on 14th June (Saturday) 5 PM to 6 PM at AVALON RESIDENCY National Highway, Kalibari Kathua.

GRIEF STRICKEN

(Mrs. Shub Late (Wife)
(Son and Daughter-in-law)
Mr. Anil Sharma and Mrs. Vasudha
Daughter & Son in law
Pratika Sharma & Ajay Sharma
Brother & Bhabhi
Mr. OP Sharma and Mrs. Nirmal
Mr. Surinder Sharma & Mrs. Meena
Mr. Ashok Sharma & Mrs. Rajani
Mr. B. B. Sharma & Mrs. Manika
Mr. Ravi Prasad Sharma & Mrs. Shobha
Mr. Sham Prasad Sharma and Mrs. Chitral Chitraya

Mother-in-Law

Mrs. Suman Kanta W/o Late Sh. Dhani Ram

Co-Brother & Sister-in-law

Shri Mohinder Nath Asst. Commissioner (Field) and Mrs. Neelam



MR M. L. TOOFAN
Deputy Commissioner (Retd)

Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law

Mr. Vijay Sharma and Mrs. Neelam
Mrs. Shashi Sharma, Wife of Late Jyoti Sharma
Mrs. Veena, W/o Late Shri Ram Prasad Sharma
Mrs. Rajkumar and Mrs. Sunil
Mr. Jagdeep Paul and Mrs. Anju
Mr. Sanjay Sharma & Mrs. Nandam

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of beloved **Smt. Usha Kiran Sharma** W/o Lt. Sh. Bharat Bhushan Magotra R/o 767-C, Chowadi Road, Sainik Colony, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 2-6-2025 (Monday).

Tenth Day will be performed on 11-06-2025 (Wednesday) from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM at our residence in Sainik Colony.

Kriya will be performed on 12-06-2025 (Thursday) from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM at our residence in Sainik Colony. **Uthala** will be performed on 13-06-2025 (Friday) from 4.30 PM to 5.30 PM at Laxmi Narayan Mandir at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Krishna Devi - Mother
Son & Daughter-in-law
Nishesh & Dr. Eva Sharma (Asst. Prof. GDC, Kathua)
Sisters & Brothers-in-law
Smt. Shashi Kiran & Sh. Surinder Sharma
Smt. Suman & Sh. Ravinder Sharma
Dr. Poonam (J&K Health Services) & Dr. Vinod Sharma (Health Officer, JMC)

Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Sh. Hari Krishan & Smt. Deepika Sharma
Sh. Pratap Krishan & Smt. Shamah Sharma
Sh. Avtar Krishan & Smt. Manu Sharma

Grand Daughter: Nebesa Magotra

Contact Details: 9103552520, 7006556946, 9419145269



SMT. USHA KIRAN SHARMA

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 Fatehpore Anantnag Kashmir at her residence i.e. Flat No 205 Mahagun Apartment 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 (8:00AM.)

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

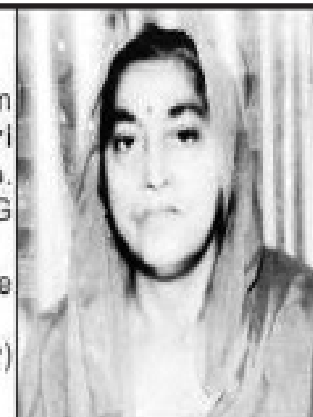
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Gayatri Devi** (W/o Late Sh. Ram Murti Baru) R/o Ward No. 11 opposite Trikuta Ice Factory near Old DIG office, Vaishnavi Dham Lane Udhampur.

10th Day will be performed on 12th June (Thursday) 2025 at 11:00 AM at our residence.

Kriya will be performed on 13th June (Friday) 2025 from 9:00 AM onwards at Devika Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

(Sons & Daughters in law)
Sh. Manmohan Baru & Smt. Swarna Devi
Sh. Ashok Baru & Rashmi
(Daughter & Son in law)
Sh. Kuldeep Khajuria & Smt. Madhu Khajuria
Mob : 9419158468



Smt Gayatri Devi

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Ashaji Pandita (Rani)** W/o Sh. Dewarka Nath Pandita R/o Vessu Anantnag A/P Paradise Enclave R.K. Vihar behind Yoga Ashram near Kamel General Store Udhupalla Bhat on 7 June 2025.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sister-in-law
Smt. Kashiya Koul W/o Lt. Sh. Anamath Koul
Smt. Shanti Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Sarwanand Bhat
Smt. Rupa Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. J.N. Bhat
Lt. Smt. Kamla Raina W/o Lt. Sh. B.L. Raina
Daughters
Smt. Nancy Raina W/o Lt. Sh. B.L. Raina (9018027711)
Lt. Smt. Dolly Pandita W/o Lt. Sh. B.L. Pandita
Smt. Kiran Bhat W/o Sh. Prabhu Ranjan Bhat (7889498724)
Smt. Anjal Pandita W/o Sh. Tej Krishan Pandita (8002286047)
Smt. Shoba Ji Bhat W/o Sh. Dhara Bhat (9611377993)
Smt. Suneeta Saraf W/o Sh. Naveen Saraf (8447063377)
Grand Daughter
Diya Pandita



Smt. Ashaji Pandita (Rani)

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 Qazqind, presently at H.No. 71/C Om Nagar Udhaywallah Buhri 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 Sunita Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Smt. Pooja Hangoo and Sh. M.K. Hangoo (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Smt. Kiran Pandita and Sh. Naveen 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. Phoolo Sapoo and Sh. P.K. Sapoo (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Sh. Avtar Krishan Dhar and Smt. Anji 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. Anja Razdan and Sh. Sanjay Razdan (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Grand Children : Roni/Nishu, Rajat, Sanyam/Kush, Shiv, Akhil, Ayush, Riya, Anshu
Mob. :- 9419056515, 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)
Babli 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
9796691188, 7298019810, 9622156162



Smt. Rekha Pandita

OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow that we regret to inform the sudden and sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Jewan Lal Koul** S/o Late Shri Kashi Nath Koul and Late Smt. Kamawati Koul originally resident of Jawahar Nagar-Srinagar, on June 10th, 2025 in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Rattan Koul (Brother)
(Brothers & Sisters-in-Law)
Sh. Raj Nath Koul & Smt. Grijya Koul
Sh. Roshan Lal Koul & Smt. Rita Koul
Smt. Durga Dudha (Sister)
(Son & Daughter-in-Law)
Sh. Rahul & Smt. Shweta Koul
(Son-in-Law & Daughter)
Sh. Ashish Razdan & Smt. Sheetal Koul
Grand Children- Shreya, Aashika & Vansh
Samast Koul, Razdan, Dudha, Mishra Parivar 9899656006, 8530096075



Shri Jewan Lal Koul

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Mrs. Meena Kumari** W/o Sh. Bhagwan Singh Kharwal, House No. 176, Sector-2 Vinayak Nagar, near Sham Palace who left for the heavenly abode on 05-06-2025. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 13-06-2025 (Friday) at 10.00 AM. The **Kriya/Rasam Pagri** will be held at our residence on (Saturday) 14-06-2025 at 12 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh. B.S. Kharwal - (Husband)
Mr. Rishi Kumar (Son)
Mr. Amit Kumar (Son)
Daughter & Son in Law
Mrs. Sonia Sambyal and Mr. Rahul
Mrs. Ambika Jasrotia and Amtesh
Mrs. Neha Bhau and Mr. Anil Pratap Singh

In-Law Family

KHARWAL, KATOCH, PATHANIA AND SEN FAMILY
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Mrs. Meena Kumari

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Veena Raina (alias Teja Kumari)** W/o Sh. Raj Nath Raina R/o Tailwani Ang. (Kmr) at present MP2-602, Eldeco Aamantran, Sector 119, Noida (UP) on 08.06.2025 due to prolonged illness.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 17.06.2025 (Tuesday) at Muradnagar Ghat UP and the assembly will be held at our Noida residence at 10:30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sh. Raj Nath Raina (Husband)
Smt. & Sh. Sunil Raina (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Smt. & Sh. Anil Raina (Son & Daughter-in-law)
And Samast parivars of Rainas, Panditas, Bhats, Safayas, & Marhattas.
Contact Nos. 9541057750, 9419194572, 9622181347



SMT. VEENA RAINA (ALIAS TEJA KUMARI)

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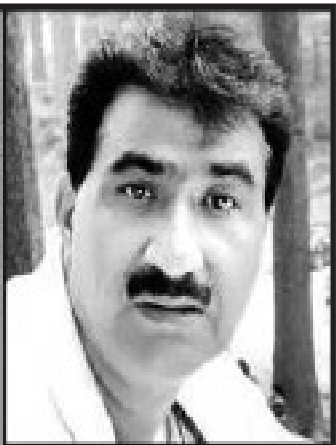
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TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

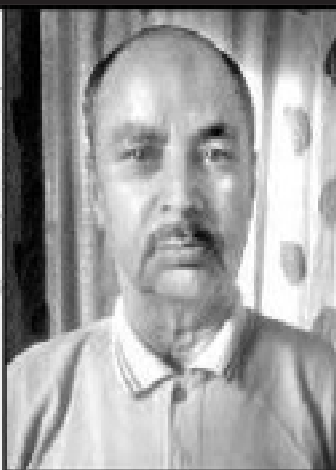
10TH DAY KRIYA

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, Bantialab, 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 & Bharat Bhushan 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, Kiara Raina
Mob.: 9897550445



Sh. Mohan Lal Raina

MOURNING/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Dura Mota Kundu** W/o Late Sh. Sampat Prakash Kundu originally resident of Kalyar Rainawari Srinagar, at present H.No. 240, Sector-2 Upper Roop Nagar Jammu. The Mourning will be held at H.No. 240, Sector-2 Upper Roop Nagar Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Muthi Ghat on 18-06-2025 at 9.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SONS & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW:
Er. Lenin Kundu & Shivarbhana Kundu
Er. Ravinder Kundu & Sandhya Kundu
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW:
Smt. Superna & Sh. Sanjay Pandita
BROTHER -IN-LAWS & SISTER-IN-LAWS
Sh. S.P. Kundu & Smt. Asha Ji Kundu
Sh. Kamlesh Kundu
Sh. Vijay Kundu & Usha Ji Kundu
Smt. Asha Kundu
SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER-IN-LAW:
Smt. Raj Dulari Wali
Smt. Bimla & Sh. Manmohan Koul
Smt. Darly & Sh. Raja Ji Munshi
GRAND CHILDREN: Bhagirathi, Ravanti & Tejeshi, Samantha
(Samast Kundu Parivar)
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Smt. Dura Mota Kundu

SADMOS & MASVAR

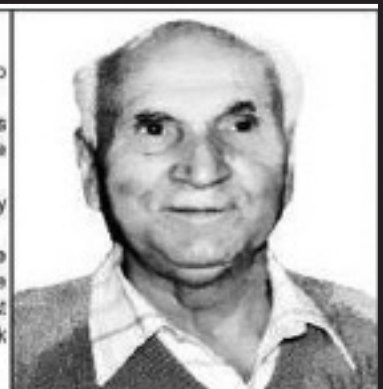
Your passing away came as a shock and left a deep void in our family. Six months have gone by but the pain of your loss remains. Your absence is deeply felt and we cherish the memories shared with you.

We pray to God for param gati to your soul and may you attain the highest place in Vaikuntha Dham.

SADMOS & MASVAR of our beloved father **Late Sh. Amar Nath Pandita (Daddy ji)** Ex Principal will be held on 11th & 12th June at our residence 701/23 East end apartments Mayur Vihar Extn. Opp New Ashok Nagar metro station New Delhi

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Oma Shoni Pandita- Wife
Omkar Nath Pandita- Brother
Sheela Pandita- Sister-in Law
Suraj Prakash & Shashi Prakash- Brother & Sister-in-law
Renu & Ravi Shanker- Daughter-in-law & Son. 9818099756/ 9871259955
Urmila & Ravi Misri- Daughter & Son-in-law-7780983912
Veena & Prem Kaul- Daughter & Son-in-law- 7889671807
Sushma & Rakesh Dhar- Daughter & Son-in-law- 9419000014
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Great Grand Children's : Myra, Mykra, Lyaansh, Tavashree, Darshi, Seth & Avir
AND SAMAST PARIVAR & ALL NEAR & DEARS
PANDITA'S, PATWARS & SHALL'S



Late Sh. Amar Nath Pandita (Daddy ji)

CS reviews functioning of J&K RERA: emphasises strengthening of institutional mechanism to safeguard public interests



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 11: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday reviewed the functioning of the Jammu and Kashmir Real Estate Regulatory Authority (JKRERA) during a detailed presentation made by its Chairman, Satish Chandra.

Present in the meeting were Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Member, RERA; Commissioner, SMC/JMC; Director, ULB, Kashmir/Jammu; MD, Housing Board; Chief Town Planner, Jammu/Kashmir besides others.

The meeting focused on regulatory achievements, enforcement actions, public grievance mechanisms and existing challenges being faced in streamlining the real estate sector in the Union Territory.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the critical role of JKRERA in promoting transparency, accountability and consumer protection in the real estate sector. He called for enhanced inter-departmental coordination and timely interventions to ensure full compliance with the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act.

Dulloo directed the Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) and allied departments to extend support to JKRERA in fulfilling its mandate. He stressed on resolving the coordination issues, accelerating infrastructure setup and ensuring that no real estate project operates outside the regulatory ambit.

It was informed by the Chairman, RERA, that the Real Estate (Regulation and Development)

Act, 2016 was extended to the UT of Jammu and Kashmir vide notification dated 30th October 2019. Consequently, the UT government established JKRERA on 22nd July 2020 under Section 20 of the Act and framed the J&K Real Estate Development Rules, 2020. The Jammu & Kashmir Special Tribunal had been designated as the Appellate Tribunal.

The JK RERA exercises full jurisdiction over all the commercial and residential real estate projects within Jammu and Kashmir, except the projects under 500 square meters, projects with fewer than 8 apartments, projects completed before the Act's commencement and renovation projects not involving new sale or marketing.

Regarding the reg-

istration and compliance, it was revealed that JKRERA has made the project and agent registration mandatory, both online and offline. Besides, the promoters and real estate agents are being charged registration fees, ensuring due diligence through document verification and status tracking.

The Authority has already registered multiple projects and agents, increasing the consumer confidence and market regulation.

With respect to the complaint redressal mechanism for the Consumers, promoters and agents, it was apprised that these can file complaints through a defined digital process after depositing a fee of Rs. 1,000. Besides, JKRERA has taken strict enforcement action to ensure compliance

while penalties have been imposed on violators across the districts. Notably, a penalty of ₹10 lakh was levied on a promoter for non-registration of the property as per the law.

The meeting also discussed several institutional and operational hurdles including infrastructure deficiency, layout approvals in rural areas, clearance of bottlenecks from various departments and need for a robust verification mechanism with JKRERA for registering transactions, allowing some unregistered projects to bypass oversight. It was also deliberated that a close coordination among the Municipal Committees, Development Authorities and Revenue Departments need to enhance the support enforcement, especially in identifying and curbing the unauthorized colonies.

Moreover, it was maintained that focus should be laid on implementation of a single-window clearance system, mandatory verification of RERA registration before the property transactions, enhanced collaboration with revenue and local bodies besides streamlining of approval processes for legacy and ongoing projects.

Lieutenant Governor performs 'Pratham Puja' at Holy Cave

J&K Police, Army, CRPF, CAPFs have made foolproof security arrangements: Sinha



Top News Report

GANDERBAL, Jun 11: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday performed the Pratham Puja at the Holy Cave, marking the ceremonial beginning of the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Lieutenant Governor urged all the devotees of Baba Barani to visit in large numbers for the Holy Yatra and pray to Mahadev for progress of J&K and the nation. He said, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and Administration have improved the pilgrims facilities and Jammu Kashmir Police, Army, CRPF, CAPFs have made foolproof security arrangements.

"J&K Administration, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Army, BRO, CAPFs, J&K Police and

all stakeholders are working with complete devotion, dedication, collaboration and clear objectives for hassle-free and safe pilgrimage starting from 3rd July," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor lauded the invaluable contributions of people of J&K, Civil Society groups and all service providers.

"I have full faith that significant improvements to essential facilities and services will ensure this year's pilgrimage is memorable and spiritually fulfilling for all devotees. May Baba Amarnathji keep showering his divine blessings on all of us," the Lieutenant Governor said. Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board has been organising Pratham Puja at the Holy Cave

on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima every year.

This year, Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra will commence on 3rd July, simultaneously from both the routes – the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district and it will culminate on 9th August, 2025 on Raksha Bandhan.

GoC 15 Corps, Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava; Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Amarnath Ji Shrine Board Member, KN Rai; Amarnath Ji Shrine Board CEO and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; IGP Kashmir, VK Birdi and other senior officials were also present at the holy cave.

Dr Jitendra, Norway Minister Marianne hold bilateral; discuss marine resource management



FRANCE, Jun 11 (Agencies): Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday held a 'bilateral' with Marianne Sivertsen Ness, Norway's Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy to discuss a range of issues concerning sustainable fisheries, marine resource

management, sustainable fisheries and the broader framework of the blue economy.

Later at the delegation level talks led by the two Ministers, India and Norway reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen collaboration on sustainable

ocean governance and fisheries during a bilateral meeting held on the sidelines of the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), currently underway in Nice, France.

During the interaction, the two Ministers exchanged views on enhancing bilateral cooperation in ocean governance, reflecting on the long-standing partnership between India and Norway in the fisheries sector.

The discussion also covered shared priorities such as sustainable use of marine resources, improved data sharing mechanisms, and joint efforts to tackle challenges like overfishing and marine pollution. Both sides

acknowledged the significance of international cooperation in achieving the goals of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), with an emphasis on knowledge exchange, capacity building, and technology sharing. The Ministers also explored opportunities to build on existing India-Norway collaborations, particularly in areas aligned with the development of a sustainable and inclusive blue economy.

The UNOC3, taking place from June 9 to 13, has brought together global leaders, scientists, policymakers, and industry representatives to discuss collective actions toward

ocean health, sustainable development, and climate resilience.

India's participation, led by Dr. Jitendra Singh, reflects the country's commitment to playing an active role in shaping the global ocean agenda, while also safeguarding the interests of coastal communities and promoting sustainable ocean-based livelihoods.

The discussions in Nice come at a time when countries worldwide are scaling up efforts to balance economic growth with marine conservation. The India-Norway dialogue is seen as a step forward in reinforcing multilateral cooperation to ensure long-term sustainability of ocean resources.

Tempo Travel Owners Union urges Govt to stop outsider tempos from picking passengers in Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 11: Kamal Kumar Chairman and Kali Dass, President of the Tempo Travel Owners Union, Jammu, voiced serious concerns over the increasing operation of outsider vehicles (Tempos) within the Jammu region.

Addressing the media, the Union leaders strongly appealed to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to stop outsider tempos—operated by agents—from picking up local passengers within Jammu. "If they come with their own pre-booked tour packages, they are wel-

come, but they must not be allowed to operate locally and affect our livelihoods," said Mr. Kali Dass.

Highlighting the grim situation, the Union pointed to the setback caused to the tourism industry by the recent attack in Pahalgam, compounding the already existing issues faced since the Covid-19 pandemic. The industry, they stated, has been reeling under financial stress with hiked permit fees, which have been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 2 lakh, and the token tax for tempos doubled from Rs. 2,400 to Rs. 4,800 per year.

Furthermore, insurance costs have reportedly increased by over 200%, putting additional pressure on local operators. "While our costs keep rising, our opportunities are shrinking," the Union emphasized.

Another major concern raised was the shifting of tourism-related operations and focus from Jammu to Kashmir. "It feels like Jammu has been sidelined completely. There is no tourism activity or promotional work being done here anymore," the speakers added.

The Union demanded that the Government provide relief in the form of interest waiv-



ers, relaxed EMIs, and tax concessions for the transport operators in Jammu. "We urge the administration to recognize our struggles and take immediate steps to safeguard the livelihoods of people dependent on this sector," said Mr. Kali Dass.

The press conference concluded with a firm appeal to the government to regulate the entry of outside vehicles, restore local tourism promotion, and extend financial support and relaxations to tempo and travel operators in Jammu.

First DLIC meeting under Mission YUVA held at Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 11: The first meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for the Mission YUVA initiative was held on Wednesday here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan.

The meeting was convened to review and approve applications received under the Mission YUVA scheme and assess the progress of cases forwarded by the Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and Business Help Desks (BHDs).

A total of 25 applications, duly verified by the SBDU were presented before the DLIC for consideration. Each

case was thoroughly scrutinized assessing the project viability, besides eligibility and socio-economic background of the applicants. The committee unanimously approved all 25 applications for financial assistance and

necessary handholding support under the Mission YUVA.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the crucial role of youth in the economic development and the need to empower them through Mission YUVA.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRI, Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due date
01	62255128	Cross Bar Assembly as per Drg. No. WD-17039-S-05, Alt-1 or latest, Item No.-6.	3840 Nos.	03.07.25
02	62255130	Modified Guard Chair (New Design) for BVCN Wagon, Drg. No. WD-15009-S-13 Item-25, Alt-3 or latest & WD-24025-S-01 Sheet-1 & Sheet-2, Alt-Nil or latest.	960 Nos.	07.07.25

NOTE - Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. **Tender Notice No. 02/2025-2026 Date : 10.06.2025**

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Extension Notice No. 02 (e-NIT No. 02 of 2025)

Due to poor response to e-NIT No. 02 of 2025, the last date for uploading of tenders issued under endorsement No. DJK/Accts./2025-26/239-240 dated:- 28.04.2025 and extension notice no:-DJK/Accts./2025-26/397-403 dated:-14.05.2025 for supply of Standard Medicines/Generic Medicines/Surgical Items/Medical Equipments to District Jail Kathua through e-tendering on jktenders.gov.in, is hereby extended as per detailed below:-

1	Online Bid submission end date is extended upto	20.06.2025 (upto 1600 hrs)
2	Date and time of opening of Bids (online) is rescheduled on	23.06.2025 at 1100 hrs in the office of Superintendent District Jail Kathua.

Other terms and conditions of e-NIT remain unchanged.

No:- DJK/Accts./2025-26/620-25
Dated:- 06.06.2025

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Superintendent
(Chairman
District Level Purchase Committee)
District Jail Kathua

EDITORIAL

Welcome to Amarnath Pilgrimage

The Amarnath Yatra, one of the holiest pilgrimages in India, holds deep spiritual significance for millions of Hindu devotees across the world. Nestled in the serene and sacred caves of South Kashmir Himalayas at an altitude of about 3,888 meters, the Amarnath Cave is believed to be the abode of Lord Shiva. Every year, lakhs of pilgrims embark on this arduous yet spiritually fulfilling journey, braving rugged terrains, cold temperatures, and high altitudes to witness the divine Shivling formed naturally from ice.

The legend of the Amarnath Cave is rooted in ancient Hindu mythology. It is believed that Lord Shiva chose this cave to reveal the secret of immortality (Amar Katha) to his consort, Goddess Parvati. In order to ensure that no living being overheard this sacred knowledge, Shiva left behind all his companions — Nandi (the bull), the moon, his snake, and even his son Ganesha — before entering the cave. He created fire to burn any living creature nearby. Inside the cave, he narrated the Amar Katha to Parvati, unaware that an egg hidden under the deerskin listened silently and eventually became immortal. This divine story forms the basis of the annual pilgrimage.

The Amarnath Yatra is typically held between June and August during the Hindu month of Shravan. The journey to the cave can be undertaken via two main routes — one from Pahalgam, covering approximately 46 km, and another from Baltal, which is shorter but more challenging, spanning about 14 km. While some pilgrims choose to walk the route, others opt for pony rides, palkis, or helicopter services.

The journey is not just a test of physical strength, but also of spiritual resilience and devotion. Despite harsh weather conditions, steep inclines, and oxygen-thin air, devotees remain steadfast in their faith, chanting “Bam Bam Bhole” and singing hymns in praise of Lord Shiva. The sight of the majestic ice Shivling inside the cave is a divine reward, believed to cleanse one’s soul and fulfill desires.

To ensure the safety and comfort of the yatris (pilgrims), the Jammu and Kashmir government, in collaboration with the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB), arranges extensive facilities every year

Visiting the Amarnath Cave is considered a rare and divine opportunity. According to Hindu beliefs, a glimpse (darshan) of the ice Shivling is equivalent to attaining moksha (liberation from the cycle of birth and death). The experience fills the soul with inner peace, devotion, and a renewed sense of purpose. For many, it is a once-in-a-lifetime journey that strengthens their bond with the divine.

The Amarnath Yatra is not just a religious journey but also a beautiful reflection of India’s composite culture. The local Muslim community plays a vital role in assisting the yatra by providing horses, food, and shelter. This spirit of unity, service, and brotherhood highlights the secular ethos of the region, making the pilgrimage a symbol of communal harmony.

As the 2025 Amarnath Yatra commences, the people of Jammu & Kashmir extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all the devotees from across the globe. With improved infrastructure, digital registration, and enhanced security, the Yatra promises to be more organized, accessible, and safe.

This pilgrimage is not just a journey through mountains, but a journey into one’s own spirit — of surrender, of faith, and of divine grace. The echo of hymns in the valleys, the flutter of prayer flags in the wind, and the unwavering devotion of countless pilgrims combine to create an atmosphere that is truly spiritual and transformative.

The Amarnath Yatra stands as a glowing beacon of India’s spiritual richness and timeless traditions. It is a journey that demands strength but rewards the soul. As you prepare for this sacred yatra, carry with you faith, patience, and devotion. May Lord Shiva bless every pilgrim with health, happiness, and enlightenment.

Beyond Medicine: The Unspoken Link That Connects Grief And Cancer Care...

By: Jyoti Chhikara

Using my father to lung cancer was a defining moment in my life -- one that pushed me into the depths of understanding disease as something far more than a mere physical ailment. It was not just a loss; it was a call to seek answers beyond chemotherapy, pathology reports, and what I had learnt in textbooks. My father was a man of few words but vast emotions, strong built, resilient, strong-headed, one who would carry the weight of personal struggles with a smile. And so, when he developed lung cancer, I couldn’t understand the reason.

I wanted to dig into the invisible -- how grief and suppressed emotions carve their imprints, sometimes so deeply that they manifest as disease because cancer does occur in people who do not smoke or drink alcohol. During my research, I came across Dr Ryke Geerd Hamer’s German New Medicine (GNM) -- a concept that resonated with my own experiences. Dr Hamer, following the tragic loss of his son, discovered a startling connection that the body does not develop cancer randomly; rather, it is a biological response to unresolved emotional shocks, which he termed “biological conflicts” -- conflicts that leave traces in the brain and trigger corresponding changes in the body. This perspective struck a deep chord within me. Could it be that my father’s lung cancer was not just about mutations in the cell, but an embodiment of the unspoken internal conflicts which lingered in his head as he cared too much?

Grief is not merely an emotion as studies have shown that prolonged grief increases inflammatory markers, weak-

ens immune function, and disrupts hormonal balance. When emotional pain is buried rather than expressed, it embeds itself within the body, creating vulnerabilities that, over time, may manifest as chronic illnesses, including cancer. This understanding was reinforced when I met a 77-year-old woman diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She was undergoing chemotherapy, but her emotional landscape told a parallel story. She had shared a profound bond with her grandchild, who had recently moved abroad, leaving her feeling abandoned. Simultaneously, her family shifted homes, which left her displaced. Her disease was grief echoing through her lymphatic system, as feelings of abandonment often manifest in this form in circulation. After starting homoeopathic therapy, her PET CT showed a positive outcome, with about 50 per cent recovery in just four months.

Another case was of an 86-year-old man, a towering figure of humility and success, known for his accomplishments, who had always put his family first. Yet somewhere in the noise of expectations and responsibilities, his own voice had quietly faded. When he first came to me, he was afraid to eat, having lost trust in his own body. Food, once a source of joy, had become a source of fear. He had already undergone proton therapy and hormonal treatment for prostate cancer. As per GNM, prostate cancer often arises from territorial or identity conflicts -- when one’s position, dignity, or role within the family or society has been challenged. And a deeper sense of unease remained as his platelets were constantly elevated, a rare form of blood cancer named essential

thrombocythemia, which GNM relates to self-devaluation, particularly when one feels emotionally displaced. With homeopathic care, his journey began to shift. He gradually began eating again, feeling safer in his body. His platelet counts, once chronically elevated, normalised. Over time, his thyroid levels and blood sugar came under better control, and, more importantly, he became more confident in handling his daily challenges.

Medicine once understood this connection. Before the 1500s, physical health was seen as inseparable from emotional and spiritual well-being. Somewhere this was lost in favour of treating symptoms without understanding their root cause. Only in recent decades has modern medicine started to revisit the psychosomatic nature of diseases, yet the response remains largely pharmaceutical. Homeopathy continues to honour that connection as it focuses on the patient, not just the diagnosis. It acknowledges that deep-seated emotions shape disease patterns, and thus, true healing cannot occur without addressing these. I remember a 48-year-old woman diagnosed with left-sided breast cancer. Rather than examining her tumour, I explored her story. She had lost her mother a year earlier and carried immense guilt for not doing more. Sensitive, dutiful, self-sacrificing, she fits the archetype of someone who suppresses her emotions to meet external expectations. Through homeopathy, meditation, and emotional processing, her tumour reduced by 30 per cent in six months -- without chemotherapy. Dr Joseph Murphy, in his bestseller The Power of Your Subconscious Mind, shared his own journey

of overcoming skin cancer by tapping into the healing potential of the mind. He believed that faith, affirmations, and the resolution of inner conflicts could transform health outcomes, something I have witnessed first-hand in my own practice. As a physician, I am not against any form of treatment that saves lives. But I believe the future of healing lies in integrating the understanding of medicine’s ability to address inherent tendencies offering a powerful roadmap to healing. Looking back, my father’s battle with cancer was not just a medical mutation. It was a testament to the mind-body connection, a reminder that what remains unspoken within can shape our biology. Today, as I continue to explore these dimensions, I hope to contribute to a world where healing is not just about battling disease but about transforming lives from the inside out. For those diagnosed with cancer, the question should not only be: “how do I treat this?”; but also: “what is my body trying to tell me?” The answer to that might just be the key to healing itself.

(Dr Jyoti Chhikara is a homeopathic physician and researcher based in New Delhi who is passionate about holistic wellness and preventive care)

Fungus is not only an Enemy of Crops, it is also Dangerous for Human life

By: Vijay Garg

According to a science journal, fungus can be a dangerous weapon of agricultural terrorism. A fungus called fugerium graminarium affects the growth of various grains. This also reduces yield. After infecting it is spread with fungus crop matures. Fugerium graminium is known to survive and infect new plants in small grain plants stem and of the following tissues, residues. It produces mycotoxins that are consumed by harmful. In the past, the American intelligence agency FBI arrested Yunking Jiang, a researcher Chinese research scientist at the University of Michigan who brought dangerous biological fungus Fugerium graminium to the US. Well fungus produces a variety of diseases such as head blight, root rot and seedling blight. Most of its species are mridafungus. While fugerium graminiumSerum fungus spreads head blight disease in wheat, paddy, maize, and barley. This mainly produces vomitoxin substance which contaminates grains. The toxic substance derived from it wastes billions of dollars of crop every year and reduces yield. Significantly, the FBI had sent back to China from Detroit airport after Golmol replied about the red plant substance that Chinese research scientist Gian’s Bwi-frand Liu received in his bag last

year in July. According to Liu, her plan was to use this material for research at the Michigan University lab. He then pulled this dangerous fungus to the Michigan University lab by hiding it through his girlfriend Gian. Liu used to work in this lab earlier. She is currently working in Chinese University. The FBI director has said it as a serious case that China is doing infiltrating sex in U.S. institutions so as to neutralize the populace through the food security mechanism. Unauthorized imports of this strain lead to more aggressive or pesticide-resistant variants. Due to this control measures are less effective. This dangerous fungus is also found in India. As reported by the U.S. National Library of Medicine 2022, the wheat crop in North India saw symptoms of head blast several times. However every time he got control over it. Climate change is the key reason behind it being active here. It is considered as a L threat to wheat crop. The comprehensive disease-survey conducted in Himachal and Tamil Nadu in ICAR's 2021 had revealed about this fungus. This caused the problem of head blight or stand in wheat grain. Not only this, a survey conducted by Karnataka Krishi Vиви in the Rabi season between 2021 and 2022 saw the problem of head blite in Karnataka. Actually in the US the smuggling incident of fugerium graminium

by Chinese scientist has questioned global agricultural security, warning has also given that soil, seeds and crops can also become weapons of terrorism. Fugerium graminiumSerum fungus can also plant grains that can lead to the death of humans and cattle. Being extremely subtle, it does not easily fall into the grip and expands itself through air, soil, and seeds. Symptoms are such as cropped diseases at the beginning of it. In humans it is too late as long as it is discovered. It can prove the silent weapon of biological warfare. Scientists are telling it theagro tarizism. The biological agent is used for the sake of ruining crops is called agricultural terrorism. which aims to ruin the economy and create an atmosphere of fear-shattering in the society. The contribution of agriculture in India’s economy is more than 17 per cent and more than half of the population is involved with farming, so India is also on China’s target. Punjab, Rajasthan and Himachal states are adjacent to China and Pakistan and both countries are enemy countries. Now Bangladesh is also on the road to China-Pak. Significantly, the toxic fungus Magnparth Oraija Pathotayip Triticum, sent from Bangladesh in 2016, had caused havoc in two districts of West Bengal. The poison of this fungus is quite dangerous. It enters the body of man from contaminated

food (bread, grain, pasta, beer) or during processing, dust from contaminated grains from breath through skin contact. Mainly affects the gastrointestinal and immune system. Its victims are infants, children, and people with weak immune systems. With its effect, human beings can have problems like vomiting, diarrhea, fever, hormonal imbalance, reproductive distress, skin irritation. At the same time, the development of animals can be disrupted. Studies continue on advanced varieties of fungicidal wheat in the Council of Agricultural Research and Agricultural Universities in India, trial of disease-resistant seeds is being done but along with it strict adherence to biological safety standards and guidelines, continuous cooperation-consultation from international laboratories, weather forecasting systems and fungal monitoring mechanisms are extremely urgent to be developed only if control is possible on it to some extent.

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Dimple leads protest against PDD, PHE over power cuts, water crisis in Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 11: In the wake of soaring summer temperatures, Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a strong protest against the Power Development Department (PDD) and Jal Shakti/PHE Department on the Janipur High Court Road, voicing public outrage over unscheduled power cuts and the acute shortage of drinking water in Jammu city and surrounding areas.

Addressing the gathering, Dimple alleged that residents, including children, the elderly, and patients, are suffering immensely due to erratic power supply and sleepless nights caused by long hours of both scheduled and unscheduled curtailments. "In this unbearable heat, people are forced to live without electricity and water. It's a total failure of the concerned departments," he said.

He pointed out that the power infrastructure is in a dilapidated state, with outdated transformers that frequently trip and cables that remain unrepaired for days. "The electricity department's system is defunct. Transformers trip every ten minutes, and when they burn out, there is no urgency in replacing them. Residents are left to suffer," Dimple added. Raising another serious concern, Dimple accused the PDD of issuing inflated and incorrect electricity bills. "People are being looted through arbitrary bills. In one month, different amounts appear on different bills. There is no transparency or accountability in the billing system. No



one knows where the money is going," he alleged. Demanding relief for the common people, he urged the Chief Minister to immediately provide 200 units of free electricity to all consumers and warned of intensified agitation if prepaid meters are not rolled back. Turning his attention to the Jal Shakti and PHE Departments, Dimple said they have completely failed to ensure a regular water supply. "There is an acute water crisis in many

wards of Jammu. People are struggling for drinking water, yet there seems to be no effort from the administration," he said.

He strongly demanded the government initiate the long-pending Chenab Water Supply Project from Akhnoor to provide clean and sufficient drinking water to Jammu city. Additionally, he called for fresh procurement of water tankers, stating that the current fleet of the PHE department is outdated and non-functional. Dimple also appealed for free provision of electricity and water to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, given the rising cost of living and growing public hardship.

Prominent leaders and activists who joined the protest included Ram Kapoor, Sudershan Sharma, Kala Kumar, Rattan Kumar, Billo Pahlwan, S. Kala Singh, Mohinder Lichee, Vijay Virdi, Arun Verma, Lohari Shaha, Shishupal Sharma, Babu Singh, and many others. The protest concluded with a warning from Sunil Dimple that if the demands are not met urgently, a larger mass agitation will be launched across the region.

Akhil Bhartiya Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti organizes devotional programme on Jyeshtha Purnima



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 11: On the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima, the Akhil Bhartiya Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti organized a spiritual programme at Ram Mandir, Chhanni Himmat, as part of its ongoing mission to promote Sanatan Dharma and instill cultural values among all sections of society.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the chanting of Vedic mantras, creating a deeply devotional and serene atmosphere. The programme was presided over by Sunil Sharma, National Convenor of the Samiti, while Kewal Krishan Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest.

As part of the spiritual proceedings, a collective recitation of the Sundar Kand was performed, followed by Shri Ram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa. Participants of all age groups, including students, youth, and women, joined in the chanting, enriching the spiritual energy of the gathering. Young children enhanced the event with a heartfelt prayer, "Hey Prabhu Anand Data Gyaan Humko Deejiye," adding charm and innocence to the occasion.

After the recitations, offerings were made to the deities, and a collective Aarti was performed, symbolizing unity and devotion.

Addressing the gathering, National Convenor Sunil Sharma emphasized the importance of inculcating spiritual and moral values among children and youth. He noted that the Samiti is committed to spreading awareness of Sanatan Dharma through scripture recitations and spiritual outreach programmes across the country.

He expressed concern over the rising drug abuse among youth and stressed the need to guide them through cultural and religious values.

Sharma also highlighted the Samiti's past initiatives, including the free distribution of the Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta, Gangajal, the organization of Shrimad Bhagwat Kathas, and saints' conferences. Since Durga Ashtami last year, the Samiti has been actively working to ensure that Shri Ram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa are recited

in every temple across India to instill cultural values in future generations and contribute to making India a global spiritual leader.

He affirmed that such initiatives will continue in Jammu and that the Samiti aims to cover every temple in the district under this programme.

Over the past 20 months, the campaign has gained momentum in several districts beyond Jammu, with growing public support and appreciation.

Prominent attendees included Gopal Sharma, Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Pohli Devi, Surinder Sharma, Ranju Bansal, Kewal Krishan Sharma, Darshan Tagotra, Dharmendra Pandey, Ayushman Sharma, Om Prakash Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Deepak Sharma, Deep Sharma, Vimala Gupta, Simmi Devi, and many other devotees who contributed to the success of the programme.

Two-day Mela concludes at Bawa Bhair Devsathan with devotion



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JAMMU, Jun 11: The two-day ancient Bawa Bhair Mela concluded with religious fervor and devotion at the revered Bawa Bhair Devsathan in Block Nagrota on Wednesday evening. The event was organized by the Bawa Bhair Devsathan Trust and witnessed participation from thousands of devotees from across the country.

The Mela was inaugurated by Former Deputy Commissioner B.S. Jamwal in the presence of prominent dignitaries including NMC President Subash Shastri, DBPS Chairman Advocate P.C. Sharma, Trust President Balwant Singh, General Secretary Ramesh Sharma, and other notable figures such as Om Parkash Sharma, Kirpal Singh, Gurdas Sharma, Subash Sharma, and Ritiz Khajuria. Representatives of various religious and social organizations also graced the occasion.

A sacred Hawan ceremony was performed

during the Mela, led by scholars and chela of Bawa jee, Joginder Singh, with the chanting of Vedic mantras echoing through the devasthan. The spiritual ambience added to the sanctity of the event.

As part of the celebrations, several langars (community kitchens) were organized within the temple premises, serving free meals to the devotees. A ceremonial Yatar was also performed at the shrine by chelas of Bawa jee from different parts of the country, showcasing deep-rooted traditions and cultural vibrancy.

Despite the overall success of the Mela, many pilgrims expressed concern over the lack of clean drinking water and the poor condition of the road leading to the Devasthan. In light of this, the Trust has urged the concerned authorities to promptly approve and initiate the construction of a proper road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to facilitate easier access for devotees in the future.

Urdu language mandate for Jobs persistent regional bias: Raman

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 11: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) executive member Raman Suri today expressed grave concern over the Jammu and Kashmir government's repeated discrimination based on regional bias, particularly in mandating Urdu proficiency for the Naib Tehsildar recruitment.

Suri condemned the policy as a deliberate attempt to sideline youth from regions where Urdu is not widely known, calling it a grave injustice that toys with the sentiments and career aspirations of countless students.

"It was natural for controversy to arise over the compulsory use of Urdu for the Naib Tehsildar post," Suri stated. "This is not the first time such a controversy has erupted. Previously, the notification for Patwari recruitment sparked widespread protests among the youth over the same Urdu language requirement. The government could have easily avoided this issue by abolishing the mandatory use of Urdu, which is no longer justified in today's context."

Suri emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir, as a Union Territory, recognizes Hindi as the main and national language.

"In such a scenario, how can we deprive youth who have studied in Hindi from accessing job opportunities? Imposing Urdu as a criterion renders thousands of deserving candidates ineligible, which is unacceptable," he added.

Highlighting the changing times, Suri



noted, "Revenue records are now digitized, and the compulsory use of Urdu has already been phased out in the Union Territory. Persisting with such outdated policies is a clear sign of regional bias and insensitivity toward the youth."

He pointed out that several MLAs have already raised objections, with some expressing anger over the reservation policy and language mandate.

Suri urged the Chief Minister to take immediate action and issue a revised notification to ensure equal justice for all aspirants, irrespective of linguistic background.

"The government must stop playing with the sentiments and careers of our youth. Equal opportunities must be provided to all, and no one should be disqualified based on language or regional bias," he said.

ABRSM J&K President chairs meeting on Teachers' issues of Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar Districts



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PATNITOP, Jun 11: Rattan Sharma, State President of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), Jammu and Kashmir, convened a crucial meeting of prominent members from the districts of Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar. The meeting focused on discussing the pressing issues faced by the teaching fraternity in the Jammu region. The primary concern raised was the non-implementation of the transfer policy in the ten districts of Jammu Division. While the Annual Transfer Drive (ATD) for Teachers, Masters, and Lecturers is progressing at a large scale in Kashmir Division, Jammu-based teachers

continue to suffer due to administrative delays and lack of transparency.

Another significant issue discussed was the delay in the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings, which is hindering timely promotion of Teachers to Masters and other cadres, causing stagnation and demotivation among deserving officials.

The gathering also highlighted the non-regularization of Laboratory Assistants who were promoted as Teachers in 2018 in different districts and also masters who were promoted as Lecturers in various subjects.

ABRSM State President Rattan Sharma urged the Commissioner

Secretary to Education to promptly resolve the ongoing issue and direct the Director School Education Jammu to expedite the process. He emphasized the urgency of the matter and called for immediate action to ensure timely redressal and smooth functioning of the system.

The other members present in the meeting include Rattan Sharma (State President ABRSM), Neeraj (State Additional Gen. Secretary), Aruna (State Vice-President), Sanjay (State Vice-President), Sanjay Katoch (State Cashier), Manjeet (State Executive member), Ram Prashad, Vipran, Rakeshwar, Arvinder, Rishi, Suraj, Manjeet, Neteash, Jeevan, Ashok, and Pawan.

Javed Rana meets delegations; assesses public welfare issues

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SRINAGAR, Jun 11: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Wednesday met with delegations led by Legislator Javid Beigh and representatives from Tral and Shopian to assess and address various public welfare issues.

The delegation led by Javid Beigh raised concerns regarding the functioning of Sheeri Narawah Irrigation Scheme and Nowpora Water Supply Scheme in Baramulla town under the AMRUT project.

The Minister assured the delegation that their issues would be addressed at the earliest. He directed the concerned field functionar-

ies of the Jal Shakti Department to take immediate action on all the issues concerning them. Rana also interacted with the delegations from Tral and Shopian, who highlighted several public welfare issues affecting their areas. He assured them that their concerns would be taken up with the concerned departments for prompt resolution.



Father's Day Special | Sanjana Sanghi says she is a mirror image of her dad

Actor Sanjana Sanghi started working at the young age of 13, and ever since, there has been no turning back. While Sanjana's mother, Shagun Sanghi, accompanied her to every shoot until she was a minor, it was her father, Sandeep Sanghi, who held the fort at their Delhi home, even looking after her brother, Sumer.

The actor calls her father a "complete girl dad" for his constant presence in her life. Meanwhile, Sandeep (61), an investor by profession, says there is a lot of similarity between him and his daughter: "Sanji and I are very similar temperamentally. Frankness, speaking one's mind, enjoying to be innovative in our thought process and working style, and being sensitive are the similarities between us."

Sanjana agrees as she says, "My friends call me a mini-Sandeep. I am a mirror reflection of my father temperamentally. My dadi was Punjabi and we are very mooh fatt. Whatever is in our heart we say it and we don't know how to curate our



thoughts. I have got that from my dad! Also, my being very emotionally sensitive, I get that from him. If he feels love or hurt he really feels it and I have got it from him."

Having his daughter enter the film industry as a teenager could be daunting for any father, but not for Sandeep. Sanjana says, "He never had apprehensions about me. He always said that as long as I am working hard

and being honest to myself he has always let me fly."

Sandeep adds, "Sanji's been working since Rockstar when she was only 13. So, mostly the worry has been that she'd exhaust herself because of her commitment to both cinema and academia through school and college. But as she went about giving her auditions growing up, we realised that there are a whole lot of good opportunities

and people among whom she'd thrive."

The father-daughter duo also share the same academic background. Like his daughter, Sandeep is an alumnus of Modern School, New Delhi. He later completed his graduation from Kirori Mal College.

Sandeep ventured from running a kebab joint to managing a floriculture business, and is now an investor. But his work never stop him from spending quality time with his daughter. Recalling some of his favourite memories with her, he says, "Sanji are I used to play cricket along with my son on our terrace." Flaunting his daughter's cricket prowess, the proud father adds, "I remember her always wanting to be a part of the game with the boys, bowling right arm pace and batting left handed with a great sense of timing!"

"I remember making her learn how to swim when she was 4-5 years old and carrying her own my shoulders. I would throw her into the water and call her a 'My little mermaid!'" he signs off.

Karan Johar says the biggest issue of Bollywood is 'herd mentality'



Karan Johar thinks several people in the film industry are trying to emulate a success story to capitalise on the audience's interest and make their own films work. However, that is not going to work. In an interview with Bollywood Hungama, when Karan was asked what is currently the biggest issue that is plaguing Bollywood, Karan said it is 'herd mentality' and went on to explain his point.

What Karan said

During the interaction, Karan said, "I think it is everybody grappling to do what others are doing. We see Pushpa running and catering so strongly to the tier-2 and tier-3 audiences, suddenly, we will see 20 others wanting to do the same. You see Chhava working, everybody would want to make historicals. Stree and everybody wants to make horror comedies. Those worked because

they were individually strong, and there was no other option in that genre. It was a unique thought that made those films work."

'My universe is cinema'

He went on to add, "We all need to have individual thoughts that are unique to ourselves. Someone asked me the other day, 'Do you have a universe?' I was like, 'As in?' They were like, 'A spy universe or a cop universe.' I was like, 'My universe is cinema itself.' I am not here to build universes, I am here to tell stories. In that story if there's a universe, then why not?"

Karan was recently at the Cannes Film Festival for the premiere of his film Homebound, a film that was backed by his banner Dharma Productions. Directed by Neeraj Ghaywan, the film stars Ishaan Khatter, Vishal Jethwa and Janhvi Kapoor.

Aamir Khan says he has only seen success when it comes to divorce

Actor Aamir Khan is busy with the promotions of his upcoming release Sitaare Zameen Par. The actor was in conversation with Zoom, where he talked about his career, films and personal life. On a candid note, Aamir noted that he has not been successful when it comes to marriages, but he can say the same when it comes to divorce.

During the conversation, Aamir said, "Humare parivar ke liye bhi ye ek cheez hain jisse hum khush nahi hain. Hum khushi-khushi ye cheez nahi kar rahe hain. Lekin kuch circumstances aise aayein jisme humein lagta hain ki shayad humara rishta badal gaya hain. Toh meri thinking ye hain ki yaa toh main duniya ko jhooth bol sakta hoon aur pretend kar sakta hoon ki Kiran [Rao] aur main bohut khush hain aur hum log shaadi-shuda hain (My family also has to face this, and it is not a happy scenario.



Certain circumstances have made us rethink our relationship. So my thinking is I can either pretend that we are quite happy."

He went on to add on a humorous note, "Shaadi me main kamyab nahi hua hun, lekin divorce me main hua hoon (I wasn't successful in marriage, but I've been successful in divorce)."

On his 60th birthday in March this year, Aamir introduced his girlfriend Gauri Spratt to the media in Mumbai. Since then, he has visited several events with Gauri. Aamir was previously married to Reena Dutta and Kiran

Rao, with whom he has three children- Ira Khan, Junaid Khan, and Azad Rao Khan.

Sitaare Zameen Par is a comedy-drama, which is a spiritual sequel to Aamir's 2007 hit Taare Zameen Par. Helmed by RS Prasanna, best known for directing Shubh Mangal Saavdhan, the film also stars Genelia D'Souza.

The film is a remake of the Spanish film Campeones and tells the story of a basketball coach who is forced to train a team of differently abled children for a tournament. The film is scheduled to hit cinemas on 20 June.

Scarlett Johansson opens up about the challenges of dating outside the industry

Hollywood star Scarlett Johansson has opened up about the complexities that can come with dating someone who isn't part of the entertainment world. In a candid conversation with Stranger Things and Thunderbolts actor David Harbour for Interview magazine, the Avengers star reflected on how being with someone outside the industry can bring unexpected challenges.

"I've had serious relationships with people that were not in the industry, and I found one of the challenges was that the person had no idea of what I needed to do my job," she said. "Obviously, if I was dating an oncologist, I wouldn't know what they needed to do for their job. But it's not so abstract," the 40-year-old actor added.

While Scarlett acknowledged that no profession is completely easy to understand from



the outside, she pointed out that acting often brings unique pressures, especially when it comes to forming emotional connections on set. She suggested that the nature of her job—often requiring close bonds with co-stars—can become a point of friction for partners unfamiliar with the entertainment world.

"I also think it's easy to create a lot of jealousy when a person is not involved in the industry, because actors by nature are very free-spirited and they create very intimate relationships with people at work," she explained. "They can be loyal to a partner and also very engaged in all these other kinds of relationships, and I think it can be a blurry line for some people," she added.

Another source of tension, Scarlett noted, is how public-facing an actor's life can be. "Also,

to have a relationship with the public can be a complicated thing for people outside of the industry to understand," she said.

Scarlett shares her son Cosmo, 3, with current husband Colin Jost and daughter Rose, 10, with ex-husband Romain Dauriac. Her relationship history also includes previous marriages to art dealer Romain, whom she was with from 2014 to 2017, and actor Ryan Reynolds, whom she divorced in 2011.

She and Colin, who exchanged vows in 2020, recently made an appearance at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival to support her directorial debut Eleanor the Great. On the acting front, she was recently seen in Wes Anderson's The Phoenician Scheme and is gearing up for her next release, Jurassic World Rebirth, which will release on July 2.

British musician Passenger to embark on 3-city India debut tour in November



British singer-songwriter Passenger, best known for his hit track "Let Her Go", is set to make his India debut with a three-city tour in November, BookMyShow Live announced on Wednesday.

As part of his Asia Tour, Passenger, whose real name is Michael Rosenberg, will perform in Delhi-NCR on November 19, followed by stops in Mumbai on November 21 and Bengaluru on November 22, 2025.

The shows will be held at DLF CyberHub (Delhi-NCR), Phoenix Marketcity (Mumbai), and Phoenix Marketcity (Bengaluru), respectively.

Passenger, 41, shot to global recognition with "Let Her Go", the breakout single from his 2012 album 'All The Little Lights', which topped charts in 19 countries and became the second-most searched song of all time on Shazam.

He has released 15 studio albums and some of his other popular

tracks include "Simple Song", "Anywhere", "Sword from the Stone" and "Life's For The Living".

"Passenger's music holds a rare emotional weight, one that is quiet, introspective and deeply resonant. For many fans in India, his songs have been the soundtrack to personal moments, quietly weaving their way into everyday life. Bringing him to India for the very first time across three cities is incredibly special for us at BookMyShow Live," said Naman Pugalia, Chief Business Officer – Live Events, BookMyShow.

"We've always believed in curating experiences that are as meaningful as they are memorable, and this tour is exactly that: intimate, honest and led entirely by the music," he added.

Tickets for the India leg of Passenger's tour will go live on June 17 exclusively on BookMyShow.

Kendrick Lamar wins big at BET Awards



Kendrick Lamar was the top winner at the BET Awards, an awards ceremony honouring Black actors, singers and sports stars. The 30 For 30 rapper won the best male hip hop artist award, best album of the year as well as the video of the year award for Not Like Us.

Lamar and filmmaker Dave Free also took home the video director of the year award at the event, which was held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles and broadcast on the BET cable channel. "BET has always made sure they're representing the culture right and always put me in the midst of the cycle of what we represent," Lamar said on stage when accepting his award.

Host comedian Kevin Hart opened the ceremony by recognising the BET Awards' 25th anniversary and all of the "history that has been made" on the stage. The ceremony traversed the evolution of Black music, starting with a performance by R&B artiste Ashanti that featured a compilation of songs, including her 2002 song Foolish. Additional performances included other 2000s songs Ballin' by Mustard, 1 Thing by Amerie and Like You by Bow Wow. Hart led with jokes while also highlighting the BET Ultimate Icon Award winners of the night, including Kirk Franklin, Mariah Carey, Jamie Foxx and Snoop Dogg.

Presented by Stevie Wonder, Foxx accepted his award and reflected on his recovery journey after having a stroke in 2023. Another honor included the best female hip hop artist award for rising rapper Doecheii.

3 new Sidhu Moosewala songs released on his birth anniversary

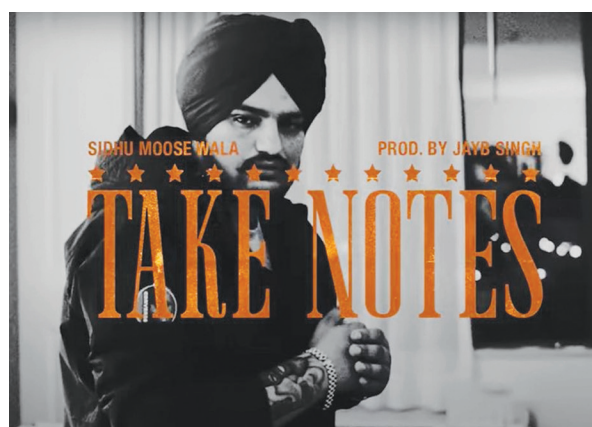
Five hours after BBC World Service aired two episodes of the documentary "The Killing Call" on slain Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, three new songs were released on Wednesday on his official YouTube channel.

June 11 marks the birth anniversary of Moosewala, who was tragically murdered on May 29, 2022, at Jawaharke village in Mansa district.

The newly released tracks — "0008", "Neal", and "Take Notes" — are part of the "Moose Print" extended play (EP). This brings the total number of songs released after Moosewala's death to 11.

Earlier this week, Moosewala's father, Balkaur Singh, had announced that three new songs would drop on June 11.

All three songs crossed the one million view mark each within about an hour of their launch, reflecting



Moosewala's enduring influence in the Punjabi music industry. Some of his most popular tracks include "So High", "295", and "Same Beef."

Meanwhile, the family held a 'paath' (prayer ceremony) and cut a cake at their residence in Moosa village, Mansa, to mark Sidhu Moosewala's birth anniversary. His personal vehicles, including his jeep and tractors, were also displayed.

Iqbal Singh, a follower who visited Moosewala's home, said, "Sidhu lives in our hearts. He may have gone too soon, but he still lives in our hearts. We demand

justice for the family."

Balkaur Singh, Moosewala's father, told reporters, "The BBC was to screen the documentary this evening, but when we approached the court yesterday, it released the documentary on YouTube this morning. The court will give us justice. It hurt us to see some of Sidhu's friends in the documentary."

"Some people used to say that Sidhu was bad. But after his death, they started calling him good. When I die, they will call me good too. My current situation is worse than even Sidhu's," he added.

India’s rapidly expanding infrastructure network boosting ‘Ease of Living’: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said it has been 11 years of infrastructure revolution, and asserted that India's rapidly expanding infrastructure network is boosting 'Ease of Living' and enhancing prosperity.

"It's been #11YearsOfInfra-Revolution, with outstanding infrastructure being added that has enhanced India's growth trajectory," Modi said on X.

From railways to highways, ports to airports, India's rapidly expanding infrastructure network is boosting 'Ease of Living' and enhancing prosperity, he said.

Modi shared a thread from a



government's citizen engagement platform that highlighted new India's infrastructure development over the last 11 years. "Smart Cities. Safer Roads. Smoother Commutes- #NewIn-

dia's Infrastructure Promise. India's infrastructure is racing into the future under PM @narendramodi's leadership," the post on the MyGovIndia read. "It's a journey where steel and

spirit merge, and each milestone carries the hopes of a billion. Highways that shorten distances, bridges that unite communities, and digital networks that spark innovation – India is building more than infrastructure. It's building confidence, connectivity and a beautiful canvas for every Indian dream," it said.

The thread highlighted that the momentum shift isn't just about progress – it's about a promise to uplift every citizen and transform India's future.

In another post, Modi said, "India's push for next-gen infrastructure is powered by sustainability and long term vision." It is laying the foundations of a self-reliant India, he said.

Adityanath hails infrastructure strides in country under PM Modi’s leadership



LUCKNOW, Jun 11 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, calling the past decade a "revolution in infrastructure" that has reshaped the nation and laid the foundation for a developed India. In a post on social media platform X to mark the anniversary of the Modi-led Central government, he said, "Under the successful leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the unprecedented development of India's infrastructure over the last 11 years fills

us with pride and confidence."

He highlighted key achievements such as the creation of world-class roads, railways, airports, and modern smart cities. "In the past decade, we have built global-standard roads, railways, airports, and ultra-modern smart cities," he wrote in Hindi.

Adityanath also cited landmark projects like Bharatmala, the Vande Bharat express trains, the Atal Tunnel, and the Statue of Unity as powerful symbols of a self-reliant and empowered India.

"These formative years, which have witnessed a revolutionary rise in civic amenities, have not only transformed the nation's landscape but have also laid a strong foundation for a 'developed India,'" he noted.

Concluding his message, the UP CM extended his heartfelt greetings to the prime minister, calling him the architect of "11 years of Infra Revolution" and a key force in building a prosperous and empowered India.

Kharge slams 11 years of Modi-led NDA govt, accuses PM of committing 33 mistakes

KALABURAGI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Slamming 11 years of Narendra Modi-led NDA government at the Centre, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday accused the Prime Minister of committing 33 mistakes during this period.

He claimed that he had never seen a PM who lies so much and "traps" people and deceives the youth.

"It has been 11 years and 33 mistakes have been committed. You are aware and I have been saying it in parliament too — I have never seen a Prime Minister who lies so much, who commits so many mistakes, who traps people, who deceives youth, who traps the poor and gets votes. I



have been in power for 55 years, and in politics for 65 years, there has been no one like him," Kharge said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said the PM lies for everything and does not implement anything that he says, and when questioned he does not have any answers for it.

"Whether it is demonetisation or employment generation or MSP, there are many such things. He has never

admitted that he has lied to people and has committed a mistake, and never apologised for it. He keeps on saying things one after the other and it has been 11 years now," he added.

Prime Minister Modi took oath for a third term on June 9, 2024. The Modi government marked its first anniversary in the third term and 11th overall on Monday.

Will PM agree to have full debate in Parliament on country’s post-Pahalgam security, asks Congress

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Congress on Wednesday asked whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi, having met the members of the seven parliamentary delegations that were sent abroad, will now agree to have a full debate in the monsoon session of Parliament on the country's post-Pahalgam security and foreign policy challenges.

The opposition party also asked whether the PM will at least chair a meeting or a set of meetings of leaders of all political parties and take them into confidence on India's future strategy vis-a-vis both China and Pakistan.

PM Modi on Tuesday hosted the members of the multi-party delega-



tions, comprising parliamentarians and former diplomats, who travelled to various world capitals over the past few weeks to convey India's message on the need to eradicate the menace of terrorism following the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said, "Now that the PM has himself met with the members of the seven Parliamentary delegations that had been sent to 32 countries, will he at least now – Chair a meeting or a set of meetings of LEADERS of all politi-

cal parties and take them into confidence on India's future strategy vis-a-vis both China and Pakistan and the strategic implications of the CDS' revelations in Singapore?"

He also asked if the PM will agree to have a full debate in the forthcoming monsoon session of Parliament on the country's post-Pahalgam security and foreign policy challenges, since the request of the INDIA bloc parties for a special session has been most unfortunately rejected.

He further asked whether the PM will redouble efforts to bring the Pahalgam terrorists, who were reportedly involved in three earlier terror attacks in Poonch (December 2023), and

Gangangir and Gulmarg (2024), to justice.

Ramesh also asked whether a group of experts like the Kargil Review Committee, which was chaired by the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's father K Subrahmanyan, will be set up to analyse Operation Sindoor in detail and give its recommendations on the future of warfare, including emerging military platforms and technologies, and building national capacities for strategic communications in crisis.

"Will the report – after suitable redactions – be placed in Parliament like the report of the Kargil Review Committee was in Feb 2000?" Ramesh said.

Eight killed, several injured in separate incidents as wedding parties meet with accidents in Rajasthan

JAIPUR/JAISALMER, Jun 11 (Agencies): Eight people were killed and several others injured, including a newly-wed groom and a bride, in two separate incidents, after vehicles carrying wedding parties met with accidents in Rajasthan.

In the first incident in Jaipur, five people were killed and eight others seriously injured when a multi-utility vehicle carrying a wedding party collided head-on with a truck on the Dausa-Manoharpur highway near Bhatkabas village early Wednesday.

Among the deceased was the bride, 18-year-old Bharati from Man-

doli village in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol. The others who died on the spot were Jeetu (33), Subhash (28), and Ravi Kumar (17). The identity of one more victim is being confirmed. The groom, Vikram Meena (25) from Udaipurwati, was critically injured.

The impact of the collision completely mangled the wedding vehicle, trapping the other occupants. Police and rescue teams carried out an intense operation to extricate the victims. The wedding party was travelling from Shahdol to Udaipurwati in Jhunjhunu when the accident occurred, leading to a major traffic disruption



on the highway.

In another incident, reported from Jaisalmer, three people, including a newly-wed groom and an infant, were killed and four others injured when a vehicle rammed into their car near a village close to Pokaran

late Tuesday night.

The deceased were identified as groom Lila Ram (45), his sister Mooli Devi (35), and nine-month-old Hitesh.

The wedding party, including bride Basanti and other relatives, was returning from Pokaran

city after the couple's marriage earlier that day.

According to Head Constable Jaswant Singh, the driver of the unidentified vehicle fled the scene. The victims were rushed to a hospital where three were declared dead. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

This was the second marriage for both Lila Ram and Basanti, police added.

Both accidents have cast a pall of gloom over the families involved, turning celebrations into mourning within hours.

Bareilly court sentences Jat Regiment signalman to life imprisonment for murder of colleague’s wife

BAREILLY, Jun 11 (Agencies): A court here has sentenced a signalman of the Jat Regiment to life imprisonment for murdering the wife of a fellow soldier, a lawyer said Wednesday.

The court of Sessions Judge Vijendra Tripathi pronounced the verdict on Tuesday after finding Nitesh Pandey guilty of killing fellow personnel Manoj Senapati's wife Sudarshana Senapati (35).

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 22,000 on him.

Additional District Government Counsel (ADGC) Hemendra

Gangwar said the case dates back to March 13, 2023.

Pandey, who was Manoj Senapati's neighbour, suspected his wife was having an affair with Manoj. In a fit of rage, he went to Manoj's house and confronted Sudarshana. An argument broke out between them, and Pandey allegedly slit her throat with a sharp weapon, leading to her death, the lawyer said.

A case was registered at the Cantt police station under IPC sections 452 (house trespass), 302 (murder), and 506 (criminal intimidation).

The prosecution presented nine witnesses during the trial.

On Tuesday, the Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADJ) Court No. 3 convicted Pandey, a native of Ghazipur district (currently posted as a signalman in the UV Area Signal Regiment, Bareilly), and sentenced him under erstwhile IPC's section 302 (murder) and 452 (house trespass), the lawyer said.

In case of failure to pay the fine, Pandey will have to undergo an additional six months of imprisonment, Gangwar added.

Navi Mumbai nursing college student dies by suicide; FIR against principal

THANE, Jun 11 (Agencies): A 19-year-old student of a nursing college in Navi Mumbai allegedly committed suicide after its woman principal passed casteist slurs and humiliated him, police said on Wednesday.

A First Information Report (FIR) on charges of suicide abetment was registered against the principal on Tuesday in connection with the incident which took place on June 3, following a complaint by the victim's mother, they said.

The student, belonging to a Scheduled Caste and resident of Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, was in the first year of the BSc Nursing course at the private college located at Poyange village in Parvel area of Navi Mumbai.

He allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a window grill using a waistband in his hostel room on June 3, an official from Parvel Taluka police station said.

The principal alleg-

edly used casteist slurs against the student, humiliated him in front of others, and made degrading remarks about his masculinity over the last few months, as per the FIR.

Unable to bear the mental harassment and humiliation, the student took the extreme step, it said.

Based on the complaint filed by the deceased's mother on Tuesday, the FIR was registered against the principal under sections 108 (abetment of sui-

cide) and 352(1) (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, the official said.

No arrest has been made so far, the police said.

"We are probing the matter. Statements of witnesses and college staff are being recorded, and all necessary evidence is being collected," the official said.

Kerala HC seeks Priyanka Gandhi’s stand on plea challenging her election from Wayanad

KOCHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Kerala High Court has sought response of the AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on a plea challenging her election from the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in the bypoll held there last year.

Justice K Babu issued a notice to Vadra on a plea by her then rival BJP candidate Navya Haridas who had claimed that the Congress leader had not correctly disclosed her and her family's assets in the nomination papers and provid-



ed "false information" which is against the Model Code of Conduct and amounts to a corrupt practice.

Haridas, who had lost to Vadra by over five lakh votes in the bypoll, confirmed that the plea

was admitted by the court and that a notice had been issued to the Congress leader seeking her response in the matter.

The petition will be heard next in August, she said.

The BJP leader's plea has sought setting aside of Vadra's election for allegedly "suppressing vital information about the various assets owned by her and her family", and "misguiding, misinforming and keeping the voters in the dark with the intention of influencing their choice".

Vadra had scored her maiden electoral victory from the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in the bypoll held there on November 13, 2024 by getting 6,22,338 votes. Her rival, Haridas, came third with 1,09,939 votes.

Russian strike on Ukraine's Kharkiv kills 3, injures 60 amid stalled peace talks

Russia has fired record numbers of drones and missiles at Ukraine over recent weeks, escalating daily bombardments as it outlines hardline demands to halt its invasion.

KHARKIV, Jun 11 (Agencies): Fresh Russian strikes on Ukraine's northeastern city of Kharkiv killed three people and wounded 60 including children early on Wednesday, authorities said, as Moscow pushed ahead with its relentless attacks after rejecting an unconditional ceasefire.

Russia has fired record numbers of drones and missiles at Ukraine over recent weeks, escalating three years of daily bombardments as it outlines hardline demands -- rejected by Kyiv as "ultimatums" -- to halt its invasion.

The northeastern city of Kharkiv, just 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the Russian border, again bore the brunt of the attack.

"Seventeen strikes by enemy UAVs (drones) were carried out in two districts of the city tonight," Kharkiv Mayor Igor Terekhov said on Telegram.

Kharkiv Governor Oleg Synegubov said three people had been killed.

Agency journalists in the city saw damaged apartment blocks, burnt out cars and streets strewn with debris after the attacks.

Olena Khoruzheva had run



into the hallway -- away from the windows -- with her two children when she heard the incoming drones. "The younger one lay on the floor, hands on his head. I was on top of him," the 41-year-old pharmacist told agency.

"We heard it approaching. Silence, and then we were thrown against the wall ... there were more explosions, then we heard people shouting 'Help! Help!' Her 65-year-old neighbour was one of those killed in the attack.

Early on Wednesday morning, an agency reporter saw first responders removing the body of one killed resident from a block of apartments in a black

body bag.

Stalled peace talks
Ukraine's air force said Russia had fired 85 drones overnight -- fewer than in recent days.

US President Donald Trump has been urging the two sides to strike a peace deal Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has in turn called on the West to up the pressure on Russia with hard-hitting economic sanctions that he says would limit its capacity to wage war.

He is expected to press that message with Trump and European leaders at a G7 summit in Canada, which kicks off on Sunday.

Two rounds of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine

have failed to yield a breakthrough in ending the war.

Russia has rejected calls for an unconditional ceasefire and demanded that Ukraine give up its territory and bid to join NATO.

But the two sides agreed to swap more than 1,000 prisoners of war and hand over the bodies of dead soldiers, swapping groups of captured soldiers on Monday and Tuesday.

The attacks came after Russia pummeled Kharkiv on Saturday in what Terekhov had called "the most powerful attack" on the city since the start of the war.

Kyiv has hit back with retaliatory drone strikes on Russia, with Moscow's defence ministry saying 32 Ukrainian drones were intercepted overnight.

Both sides have downplayed any chance of progress at talks in Istanbul.

While not rejecting diplomacy, Zelensky called it "pointless" to hold further talks with the current Russian delegation -- whom he previously dismissed as "empty heads" -- since they could not agree to a ceasefire.

Russian President Vladimir Putin last week called Kyiv a "terrorist" regime and questioned why he should negotiate with them.

Pakistan warns Afghan citizens, illegal foreigners to leave voluntarily



PESHAWAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Pakistan on Wednesday warned Afghan citizens and all illegal foreigners to voluntarily leave the country and issued a stern warning against those obstructing the repatriation process.

"Dignified treatment is being ensured for those returning to their home countries," a statement by the Interior Ministry said, adding that arrangements have been made for their food and healthcare needs, particularly for women, children, and the elderly.

Earlier this year, the interior ministry asked all "illegal foreigners" and Afghan Citizen Card (ACC) holders to leave Pakistan before March 31, warning that they would otherwise be deported from April 1.

ACC is a document launched in 2017 to grant temporary legal status to Afghan refugees. Authorities subsequently started deporting thousands of Afghan nationals from all parts of the country.

A total of 11,02,441 illegal foreigners have been sent back since the launch of the Illegal

Foreigners Repatriation Programme (IFRP) on April 1, 2025, according to the Interior Ministry's statement.

The statement also warns individuals against "employing illegal foreigners, providing them rental accommodations or hotel stays, or engaging in business with them."

"Such violators will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law," the ministry added.

Pakistan has hosted millions of Afghan refugees who crossed the border during 40 years of conflict in their homeland.

Since November 2023, Pakistan has repatriated approximately 1.3 million Afghan refugees in the deportation drive launched.

Around 3 million Afghan refugees were residing in Pakistan. Of these, 8,13,000 hold ACC cards while 1.3 million possess Proof of Registration (PoR) cards, officials have said earlier.

Iran executes man convicted of killing 7 people during protests in 2022

TEHRAN, Jun 11 (Agencies): Iran executed a man on Wednesday after convicting him of killing seven people, including a 10-year-old boy, during nationwide protests in 2022, the judiciary said.

Abbas Kurkuri was sentenced to death over a shooting in the city of Izeh during a protest sparked by the death in custody of Mahsa Amini, an Iranian Kurd detained for an alleged breach of Iran's strict dress code for women.

The judgement handed down by the Revolutionary Court in Ahvaz, capital of the southwestern province of Khuzestan, was upheld by the Supreme Court and the sentence was carried out by hanging, the judiciary's Mizan Online news website said.

The court convicted Kurkuri of the capital offences of "corruption



on earth" and "moharebeh" -- waging war against God.

It found him guilty of "brandishing a weapon with intent to kill and terrorise the public", and "committing crimes by firing a military weapon and forming and joining a rebel group".

He was accused of opening fire with a military weapon in Izeh in an attack that left seven people dead, including 10-year-old Kian Pirfalak. Officials described the shooting as a "terrorist attack".

At trial, Kurkuri confessed to the charges and said he had been "under the influence of

social media", Mizan said.

The report described him as a "notorious offender" with a record of "disrupting public order through shootings, armed assault, destruction of property, and trafficking in drugs and alcohol".

Hundreds of people were killed during the 2022 protests, including members of the security forces. Thousands more were arrested.

Iran has since tried and executed several people detained during the protests.

Kurkuri's execution comes a day after Iran hanged nine men convicted of plotting to carry out attacks in 2018 on behalf of the Islamic State group.

Iran is the world's second most prolific executioner after China, according to human rights groups including Amnesty International.

"Regret some of my posts about President Trump, they went too far": Elon Musk issues clarification

WASHINGTON, Jun 11 (Agencies): Tech billionaire Elon Musk has expressed regret over his recent remarks about US President Donald Trump, stating that some of his posts last week "went too far."

Taking to his official handle on X (formerly Twitter), Musk posted, "I regret some of my posts about President @realDonaldTrump last week. They went too far."

Meanwhile, Trump warned Musk of "serious consequences" if he funds Democratic candidates running against Republicans backing the GOP's budget bill, escalating tensions between the two influential figures.

Speaking to NBC News in a phone interview on Saturday, Trump said, "If he does, he'll have to pay the consequences for that." However, he refused to elaborate on what those consequences might be.

He added, "He'll have to pay very serious consequences if he does that." Trump further clarified he had no desire to repair ties with Musk after their public fallout.

When asked whether he wished to reconnect with Musk, Trump



responded, "No."

When asked if his relationship with Musk was over, Trump replied, "I would assume so, yeah."

Trump made it clear he had no plans to speak with Musk anytime soon, stating, "I'm too busy doing other things," and added, "I have no intention of speaking to him," agency reported.

He accused Musk of being "disrespectful to the office of the President," saying, "I think it's a very bad thing, because he's very disrespectful. You could not disrespect the office of the President."

Musk had targeted Trump in a series of posts shared on X last Thursday, including a now-deleted post, where he referenced Trump's past association with late sex offender Jeffrey

Epstein. On Saturday, Trump responded by saying, "That's called 'old news,' that's been old news, that has been talked about for years." He added, "Even Epstein's lawyer said I had nothing to do with it. It's old news."

Elon Musk had previously served for 130 days as a "special government employee" leading the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Since his exit, he has been critical of Trump's spending bill.

Responding to Musk's criticism, Trump told reporters on Thursday, "I'm very disappointed because Elon knew the inner workings of this bill. I'm very disappointed in Elon. I've helped Elon a lot."

In the days following this, Musk launched

a series of attacks on Trump via X, including a now-deleted post that supported a call for Trump's impeachment. Another post warned that Trump's tariff agenda could trigger a recession later this year.

In retaliation, Trump shared several posts on his social media platform, Truth Social. One post read, "I don't mind Elon turning against me, but he should have done so months ago," implying Musk had been aware of the bill's contents before its passage.

Trump also threatened to cancel government contracts with Musk's companies. In a Truth Social post, he wrote, "The easiest way to save money in our Budget, Billions and Billions of Dollars, is to terminate Elon's Governmental Subsidies and Contracts. I was always surprised that Biden didn't do it."

On Saturday, Trump clarified that he had not yet acted on the suggestion to cancel federal contracts with Musk's companies, saying, "I'd be allowed to do that," but admitted, "I haven't given it any thought."

Musk had been a major financial backer of

Trump during last year's elections, reportedly spending over a quarter of a billion dollars to support him in swing states, NBC News reported.

In the early months of Trump's presidency, Musk led the Department of Government Efficiency, where he oversaw mass layoffs and closures of several federal agencies.

Trump believes the feud with Musk has inadvertently highlighted the benefits of his budget bill. "I think Elon brought out the strengths of the bill because people who weren't as focused started focusing on it, and they see how good it is," he said. "So in that sense, there was a big favour. But I think Elon, I think it's a shame that he's so depressed and so heartbroken."

Musk's recent criticisms come at a crucial time for what Trump calls his "big, beautiful bill", which includes extensive tax cuts and increased military spending. The bill was narrowly passed in the House of Representatives last month, with only three Republicans voting against it, amidst unified Democratic opposition.

Musk says Tesla's robotaxi service to 'tentatively' launch in Austin on June 22

AUSTIN, Jun 11 (Agencies): Elon Musk says Tesla is "tentatively" set to begin providing robotaxi service in Austin, Texas, on June 22.

In a post on his X social media platform, Musk said the date could change because Tesla is "being super paranoid about safety."

Investors, Wall Street analysts and Tesla enthusiasts have been anticipating the rollout of the driverless cabs since Musk said earlier this year that the service would launch in Austin sometime in June.

Last month, Musk told agency that the taxis will be remotely monitored at first and "geofenced" to certain areas of the city deemed the safest to navigate. He said he expected to initially run 10 or so taxis, increase that number rapidly and



start offering the service in Los Angeles, San Antonio, San Francisco and other cities.

Musk has been promising fully autonomous, self-driving vehicles "next year" for a decade, but the pressure is on now as Tesla actually begins to operate a self-driving taxi service. Sales of Tesla's electric vehicles have sagged due to increased competition, the retooling of

its most popular car, the Model Y, and the fallout from Musk's turn to politics.

The Austin rollout also comes after Musk had a public blowup with President Donald Trump over the administration's tax bill. Some analysts have expressed concern that Trump could retaliate by encouraging federal safety regulators to step in at any sign of trouble for the robotaxis.

BLF leader accuses Pakistan of using ISIS-K narrative to undermine Baloch Nationalist Movement

BALUCHISTAN, Jun 11 (Agencies): Allah Nazar Baloch, the leader of the Baloch Liberation Front (BLF), has accused the Pakistani military establishment of creating and promoting the narrative of ISIS-Khorasan (ISIS-F) as a tool to delegitimise nationalist movements by using the name of the religion, according to a report by The Balochistan Post (TBP).

Nazar suggested that ISIS-K's doctrinal foundation is a scripted narrative coordinated by Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the military media branch. According to him, the goal is to manipulate public opinion against national liberation movements by falsely

accusing them of being proxy for foreign powers, TBP stated.

Nazar stated that the Baloch national struggle for independence is a grassroots movement supported exclusively by the Baloch people and not dependent on foreign powers. He referred to the movement as a genuine manifestation of national sovereignty. According to a TBP report, he accused Pakistan of systematically aiming to degrade Baloch society to remove its national identity and transform Balochistan into a permanent colonial outpost.

Nazar also criticised the security structure in Balochistan, claiming that it is directly con-

trolled by the military rather than the civilian government. He accused the army of fostering relations with terrorist groups to perpetuate regional political instability. These statements are consistent with long-standing charges by Baloch leaders and activists that Pakistan's security establishment employs radicalism to oppose nationalist movements, according to the TBP report.

The Baloch people have faced systematic oppression and torture through the misuse of several laws, particularly in regions like Pakistan's Balochistan. Laws such as the Anti-Terrorism Act and special security ordinances have been used to

justify arbitrary arrests, prolonged detention without trial, and denial of basic legal rights.

Under these laws, security forces often operate with broad powers and legal immunity, leading to widespread reports of enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and torture, including physical and psychological abuse. Military courts and special tribunals frequently try Baloch activists without fair trial standards, further denying them justice. Additionally, media censorship laws suppress Baloch voices and conceal these abuses from the public, perpetuating a cycle of violence and impunity against the Baloch people.

Kabir Sahib’s teachings more relevant today than ever: Sadguru Madhuparamhans on Avtaran Divas



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JAMMU, Jun 11: On the auspicious occasion of Kabir Sahib's Avtaran Divas, Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandagi delivered a profound spiritual discourse at Ranjdi, Jammu. Addressing a large congregation of devotees, he emphasized the unmatched relevance of Kabir Sahib's teachings in today's world, calling them "timeless and more crucial now than ever before."

Sadguru Ji began his sermon by reflecting on a key teaching of Kabir Sahib: "If a bad person lives with you, your

glory also diminishes." He illustrated this with a striking example, stating that even a bridge was built across the sea because Ravan once lived in its vicinity—signifying how negative influences often drive transformational efforts. He reminded the audience of the eternal truth that the soul is nirvikar (without defects) and immortal. Despite this, he noted, humans are caught in an endless pursuit of happiness in the external world. "Every living being," he said, "instinctively seeks its own good. Even a mosquito or a fly attempts to protect itself. Animals and birds, too,

have a sense of right and wrong."

Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj shared insights from his personal spiritual practices and research. "We believe we are dependent on food, water, breath, and sleep," he said, "but I have tested these assumptions. I experimented with giving them up—food, breath, water, and sleep—and discovered these are not necessities of the soul, but of the body." He cited Paltu Sahib, affirming that in the state of gyan (spiritual knowledge), one transcends physical needs.

He spoke about the Dharma of the body versus the Dharma of the soul, pointing out that most people follow only bodily urges, not the true path of the soul. "The swan, once strong, was also affected by the diseases of mind and Maya," he said, cautioning against worldly attachments.

Sadguru Ji also warned about health

issues and how modern medicine fails to recognize early spiritual signs of diseases like cancer. "The first signs," he said, "are loss of sleep, loss of hunger, and loss of peace. When these three start to diminish, it is a serious alarm. Doctors may not detect it, but your soul does."

He passionately explained that restlessness and unhappiness are not natural states of the soul. "God never intended to keep us unhappy. Yet, if you observe the world, it often feels like we are all trapped by an evil power. Everyone—from the yogi to the householder, from Brahma to Vishnu—is in distress."

He compared the condition of human beings to that of a child separated from its mother. "The child is given a toy to distract him, but eventually he cries, seeking the mother's lap. In the same way, our soul longs for its source—God. But this evil power distracts us with material

pleasures."

Highlighting the divinity within humans, he raised a vital question: "If man is the image of God, then why does he commit acts like violence and rape?" He answered: "Because an evil force is making us do it. It is binding us all and making us dance to its tune."

Concluding his powerful message, Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj urged everyone to make the most of the human birth, which is the rare opportunity for liberation. "This life is your chance," he said, "but the mind and the evil force are trying to take it away. Recognize this, awaken your soul, and seek inner happiness—the true essence of Kabir Sahib's teachings."

The spiritually enriching discourse left the audience deeply moved, with renewed awareness of their inner journey and the enduring guidance of Kabir Sahib's wisdom.

Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre holds Awareness cum Medical Camp

Rekha acknowledges role of traditional medicine for healthy living

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 11: An Awareness cum Health Check-up Camp was organized by the Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre, Trikuta Nagar, with the active participation of senior doctors from the Department of Ayush. The camp aimed at promoting holistic health awareness among elderly citizens through Ayurveda, Panchkarma, and Yoga therapies.

The event was graced by Advocate Rekha Mahajan, a prominent BJP leader and social activist, who attended as the Chief Guest.

In her address, Rekha Mahajan appreciated the initiative taken by the Centre in promoting the health and well-being of senior citizens. She emphasized the importance of preventive healthcare and acknowledged the role of traditional Indian medicine systems in ensuring a balanced lifestyle.

She noted that such camps play a vital role in spreading awareness about holistic health practices, especially among the elderly who often face age-related challenges.

Rekha Mahajan also encouraged regular organization of similar



events to ensure that senior citizens remain active, informed, and well-cared for, both physically and mentally.

S.C Verma, President of the Trikuta Nagar Development Council, who extended his support to the activities of the Centre.

Welcoming the guests and participants, K.S. Samyal, President of the Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre, highlighted the regular programs and wellness initiatives undertaken by the Centre to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens.

The medical team was led by Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Panchkarma Specialist, who explained the significance of Panchkarma in detoxifying and rejuvenating the body. He encouraged the adoption of Ayurveda-based routines for long-term

health benefits.

Dr. Lotika Bharti, an ENT and Eye Specialist, shared valuable tips and demonstrated simple Yogic Kriyas (techniques) to maintain nasal and eye hygiene—especially relevant for the elderly population.

Neelam Kumar, a certified Yoga Therapist, conducted a live demonstration of therapeutic Yoga practices that can be easily adopted by the elderly to improve mobility and reduce common age-related ailments.

Raghav Kumar, MTS, also contributed to the smooth facilitation of the camp.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by T.C. Taggar, General Secretary of the Centre, who expressed gratitude to the visiting doctors, guests, and participants for making the camp a success.

Sakeena Itoo conducts surprise inspection of GGHS Drugjan Dalgate

Takes on-spot assessment of school's functioning, interacts with students, staff

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 11: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Wednesday conducted the surprise inspection of Government Girls High School (GGHS) Drugjan Dalgate and took on-spot assessment of functioning of the school.

Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. G.N Itoo; CEO Srinagar, ZEO Nishat and other officers also accompanied the Minister.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena took detailed round of the school premises, inspected classrooms, computer lab and other infrastructure.

She also interacted with the students and took feedback from them about the quality of education being imparted at the institute.

She also encouraged students to remain focused on their stud-



ies and urged the school authorities to identify and address any gaps in academic performance and infrastructure.

Later, the Minister held a brief interaction with the staff of the school and assessed the overall functioning of the institution, including teaching methodologies, infrastructure, attendance records and availability of essential resources.

Expressing concern over certain shortcomings, Minister Sakeena emphasized on the need for more robust monitoring mechanism to ensure timely academic delivery and conducive learning environment in the institute.

"Education is the cornerstone of a progressive society. We must ensure our girls receive quality education, adequate support and modern facilities to thrive in every sphere and field of life", Minister Sakeena stated.

She lauded the dedication of the teaching staff and called for renewed efforts to uplift educational outcomes, particularly in government-run educational institutions.

DHS reviews medical facilities to handle heat wave induced ailments

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JAMMU, Jun 11: Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar on Wednesday reviewed preparedness of health institutions to handle heat wave triggered health conditions here at a meeting.

The meeting was attended virtually by Medical Superintendent Gandhinagar, Medical Superintendent Jagti, all CMOs and Medical Superintendents of Jammu Division.

Controller of Stores Dr. Ritesh Khullar and Nodal Officer National Programme

on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) Dr. Rashmi Sharma attended the meeting physically.

Taking stock of the overall situation, the DHS laid stress on conducting aggressive IEC campaigns to enhance awareness on prevention and control of heat related illnesses.

The DHS directed the CMOs and MSs to establish ORS corners, maintain stocks of essential medicines, IV fluid and keep heat stroke rooms ready in all health facilities. Availability of Ambulance services and Fire Safety Protocols in the health institutions was also stressed upon.

LG conducts on-site inspection of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board's Yatri Niwas at Baltal

Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Shri Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and other senior officials.

Massive public response, no seats available for next 10 days": Katra Station Superintendent on Vande Bharat train

the successful operation of the train. Everyone, from officers to ground staff, is working hard to maintain smooth service and ensure passenger satisfaction," he added.

The Katra–Srinagar Vande Bharat Express was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2025, marking a historic milestone in Jammu & Kashmir's transport connectivity. The launch was part of the larger Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, aimed at providing seamless rail connec-

tivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country.

This high-speed train service significantly reduces travel time between Katra and Srinagar, providing a safe, efficient, and comfortable option for both locals and tourists. The initiative is expected to boost regional trade, support the horticulture sector by facilitating faster movement of produce, and strengthen religious tourism linked to the Vaishno Devi shrine and beyond.

Education Minister J&K flags off Aryans 6th Shikara Race in Dal Lake, Srinagar

affected students but also took an active step to conduct special semester exams for JK students, working alongside me."

Dr. Kataria extended his gratitude to the Minister for participating in the race and inspiring students. He appreciated Kashmir's beauty, stating that it is and will always be a heaven on earth, unaffected by negative incidents like the Pehalgam incident. Dr. Kataria also commended the Aryans JK students, who, despite studying outside the state, consistently think about the Valley's well-being. He praised their efforts in successfully organizing the 6th Shikara Race.

On the occasion Dr Parveen Kataria, Director General; Dr Garima Thakur, Deputy Director; Manpreet Mann, Dean, Scholarship; Er Mudassir Ahmed, Er.

Rayees, Er. Jahangir Rashid, Er Shahid Lone, Er Umar Nazir, Danish, Saquib were present.

Tourists visiting J&K through Vande Bharat blessing for tourism, trade: Farooq Abdullah

for yourself tourists are coming. This train is a great blessing. It will not only boost tourism but also enhance business opportunities for our people."

He added, "Our fruit produce can now reach other parts of India faster, and people from Kashmir can travel with ease anywhere across the country. This is a dream I had long cherished, and today, I feel it has been fulfilled in my lifetime."

Dr. Farooq said that he prayed for everyone at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. "We must always remember the divine power that blesses us and be grateful to those who helped make this train a reality."

Restoring constitutional rights in J&K will empower people to fight terrorism: CPI (M)

that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has stated that the situation in Kashmir was normal after abro-

gation of Article 370. "We were in Kashmir for a two-day Parliamentary delegation visit. What we saw with our own eyes was miseries of the residents of border areas affected by cross-border shelling". "It is not fair on the part of the Home Minister to describe the situation as normal," said the CPI (M) veteran leader.

He said the party delegation on a visit to Kashmir comprised of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha members, who visited the shelling affected villages in Uri and besides met family of the slain civilian Syed Adil from Ashmuqam, who was killed in the Pahalgam incident while trying to save tourists. MA Baby underlined the need for a discussion in the Parliament over the Pahalgam attack and the subsequent incidents that followed.

"It is the duty of the Parliament to discuss people-centric issues but the current dispensation at the Centre is not allowing such a discussion to happen. PM Modi should address the Parliament and open up the House for a discussion on the recent happenings in the country such as the Pahalgam attack and aftermath," said MA Baby.

The CPI (M) leader said it was "deplorable" that J&K was "downgraded to a UT with its Chief Minister not even being a part of the important security review meetings." "You have an elected government in J&K but unfortunately the law and order is not under the purview of CM Omar Abdullah. These fissures in the establishment bolsters terrorists who then

strike as per their will and wish," he said.

Among other senior CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami and former General Secretary of the CPI (M) Ghulam Nabi Malik highlighted that the party's central leadership had always extended support to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The senior leaders said this time around the motive of holding a convention in Srinagar was to safeguard rights of people in J&K. "It is heartening to see the veterans of our party visit Kashmir and share our grief," said Malik.

Comrade Amra Ram, Member of Parliament (MP) from Rajasthan's Sikar and a senior CPI (M) leader said the Rs 1.30 lakh compensation to the shelling affected people in border areas was a paltry amount. The Sikar MP, who was recently included in the CPI (M) Politburo said the BJP-led government in the Centre had "failed to fulfill its promise of providing jobs to lakhs of people."

"Instead, the central government has empowered Adani and Ambani," he lamented. He said in the past growth and development of states has been witnessed, adding that it was "shocking that a state such as J&K was downgraded into a UT."

Fire engulfs J&K Legislative Assembly lobby in Jammu; historic photo-

graphs, furniture damaged

and carpets, official said.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel rushed to the scene and managed to contain the fire before it could spread to other sections of the complex. While no casualties or injuries were reported, official added.

Only Aadhar authenticated users can book tatkal tickets from July 1: Railway Ministry

specified that authorized ticketing agents of the Indian Railways will not be permitted to book opening day Tatkal tickets during the first 30 minutes of the Tatkal booking window. Specifically, they will be restricted from booking Tatkal tickets for air-conditioned classes from 10.00 am to 10.30 am and for non-air-conditioned classes from 11.00 am to 11.30 am.

The ministry has directed the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and IRCTC to make the necessary modifications to the system and communicate these changes to all zonal railways. Furthermore, the circular assured that wider publicity will be given to these modifications through all available means to inform the general public.

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Children exploring world of innovations and creativity at Natrang Theatre Camp-2025

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JAMMU, Jun 11: A new world of innovation and creativity is being explored by children in Natrang's Summer theatre Camp-2025. With a team of over six to seven top professionals under the guidance of Padamshiri Balwant Thakur are working with this year's team of young children where out of the world work is being done using the most latest approaches and techniques of personality transformation and human development.

Jammu Children at Natrang's Theatre Camp-2025 are setting new benchmarks by exploring endless possibilities of originality and inventiveness. The most noteworthy feature of this year's camp is that it is being personally devised and monitored by Balwant Thakur himself.

He has worked on children theatre in best of the institutions in England, Germany, South Africa, Mauritius, Italy, China, Singapore, UAE, and USA and this year's participants are extremely lucky to have got the opportunity to share and explore a new world of creativity through the new innovative methods which he acquired having worked globally.

New horizons of creativity are being turned inside out by experimenting alternative ways of self-exploration



through the vibrant devices of theatre. Natrang organises a children theatre camp every year for forty-five days since the year 1990.

This is the only professional platform for children in Jammu where children get an out of world exposure of creativity, art, aesthetics, innovation and culture. They are provided with immense opportunities to explore their immense hidden abilities.

While discussing details of this initiative of Natrang, it's director Balwant Thakur informed that everywhere the work of creativity with children is being done as a fashion. Everywhere one can find some activity being organized in the name of art and theatre but in Natrang, highly experienced and professionally trained people work in a strategically devised manner in infusing creativity amongst participating children. While others after school

hours remain attracted to the idiot box (Television)/smart phones or may be sleeping at home, the Natrang Theatre camp for children have found an amazing space where they are equipping themselves with multiple abilities and qualities.

Theatre is not only making them confident but is also enriching them with intellect and infusing in them the art of self-expression filled with immense social skills.

The curriculum of this year-long theatre programme is conceptualized and designed by Padamshree Balwant Thakur who has provided a new dimension to the Children Theatre of the Country with his highly innovative Children Plays like 'Rang Badalti Duniya' 'Bhag Beta Bhaag', Hum Hain Naa' Udaan' 'Mere Hisse Ki Dhoop Kahan Hai' and 'Aap hamare Hain Kaun'.

In the past the experts to work with children

have been coming from National and International institutions like, National School of Drama New Delhi and London International School of Performing Arts. The regular faculty include, Sumeet Sharma a National Awardee and also Masters in Dramatics, Neeraj Kant- a veteran theatre artist who has an experience of 35years of working with children and Gauri Thakur, a young theatre director who is Master of English literature with specialization in English Drama. Other than this many other experts of different art-fields like Music, Dance, Painting etc come as visiting faculty to impart a vast knowledge and exposure to the participants. Theatre not only trains actors or directors, but it teaches many skills which help its trainees to excel and lead in any field they opt as a career. As Natrang is doing regular Children Theatre in J&K for the last 35 years. In these years

Natrang has trained, inspired and motivated thousands of children till now and most of them have excelled brilliantly in various fields be it acting, management, civil services, medicine, engineering, Judiciary, social work etc.

It clearly establishes that no matter, what you aspire to become in life, the confidence, spontaneity, self-exploration, creativity, reasoning and discipline you imbibe while experiencing theatre, acts as your ultimate strength and the motivational force for you to succeed and excel in every sphere of life.

Natrang takes pride in not only giving a new cultural and intellectual identity to this region but also have produced best of the human resource through these kinds of creative initiatives.

The lucky participants of Theatre Camp-2025 are Supria Gorka, Tanvi Bajgotra, Vamika Verma, Saanchi Dutta, Dwijesh Dutta, Ruhaan Chandan, Dhanak Chandan, Mahira Singh, Advik Sharma, Adhira Gupta, Reyansh Vaid, Adeesha Singh, Aashrita Sharma, Nirvana Shah, Jazz Shah, Akshaj Mehta, Anvay Mehta, Navda Prasher, Vanya Modi, Kayra Mahajan, Tanvi Mahajan, Raaga Sharma, Shravya Sharma, Aaliya Azeem, Kaustubh Sharma, Viyaan Sharma, Reeshak, Araiya Shan and Kamakhya Bali.

JMC cracks down on unregistered Pet, bird shops across Jammu



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JAMMU, Jun 11: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) under the Directions of Commissioner JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav, on Wednesday intensified its drive against unregistered pet and bird sellers operating illegally within the city. Acting under the leadership of Dr. Gaurav Chowdhary, Animal Welfare Officer, JMC teams comprising of Dr Divya & officials of Enforcement wing of JMC conducted surprise inspections at multiple locations including Gandhinagar, Nanak Nagar, Railway Station, and Trikuta Nagar.

During the operation, few shopkeepers were found selling fishes & birds without obtaining the mandatory registration or licenses. Despite multiple notices and warnings previously issued by the Corporation, many traders have continued to flout regulations.

Dr. Gourav Chowdhary informed that a total of 20 shops have been inspected so far and notices have been served to these violators who are operating without proper authorization, putting animal welfare and public health at risk. As part of the ongoing enforcement drive, one shop was sealed today in the Gandhinagar area.

Dr. Chowdhary emphasized that strict action will continue against unregistered shops unless they comply with the licensing norms.

The facility for registration is available at the office of the Animal Welfare Officer, DC North, JMC and all traders involved in the sale of pet animals are advised to get registered at the earliest to avoid legal action.

JMC remains committed to ensuring ethical and lawful practices in the trade of animals and urges public cooperation in reporting any violations.

PDL/TDL workers of PDD suspend agitation for 15 days following assurance from MD JPDCL

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JAMMU, Jun 11: The long-standing protest by PDL/TDL workers of the Power Development Department (PDD), who have been serving across various corporations in Jammu and Kashmir for over 25 years, was temporarily suspended today for 15 days. The decision came following an assurance from the Managing Director (MD) of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (JPDCCL) regarding their long-pending demands, primarily centered around regularization and release of pending wages.

In a press conference held in Jammu, Akhil Sharma, President of the PDL/TDL Workers Union, strongly criticized the JPDCCL management for inviting private contractors to provide manpower on a contractual basis. He stated that this move directly undermines the interests of nearly 10,000 PDL/TDL workers who are yet to be regularized despite the framing of rules for their regularization nearly three years ago.

Sharma emphasized that the workers, who have served with dedication for decades, are being made to feel irrelevant through attempts at privatization. "Instead of acknowledging our contributions and resolving our issues, the



management is attempting to bring in private contractors, which is a blatant sabotage of our demand for regularization," he asserted.

One of the major grievances raised was the non-payment of pending wages of several years. Workers alleged that before clearing their dues, the department is engaging private manpower, which they believe is a strategy to sideline the existing workforce.

This is not the first time that such attempts have been resisted. The PDL/TDL Workers Union had earlier thwarted similar efforts two years ago when there were initial proposals to outsource manpower requirements, thereby delaying the regularization process for the existing employees.

Following intense protests and deliberations, the MD JPDCCL met with union representatives and assured them that their case for regularization and financial

concurrence from the Finance Department will be actively pursued and expedited within a 15-day time frame. Taking note of this assurance, the Union decided to suspend their agitation temporarily.

However, union leaders have made it clear that if the commitments made by the administration are not fulfilled within the agreed time-frame, the protest will resume with greater intensity. They urged the government to honor the services and sacrifices of the PDL/TDL workers and ensure justice through immediate regularization and clearance of all financial dues.

The development marks a temporary pause in the ongoing struggle, but the underlying issues remain unresolved. The coming days will be crucial as all eyes are now on the administration to act decisively and address the legitimate concerns of these essential workers.

General Body meeting of IETE Jammu Sub-Centre held



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JAMMU, Jun 11: Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) conducted its Annual General Body Meeting for the current year, in a hybrid mode, at its Sub-Centre, Chenab College of Education.

IETE is India's leading recognized professional society devoted to the advancement of elec-

tronics and telecommunication in the country.

Dr. Vijay Sharma, Chairman IETE Jammu Sub-Centre welcomed all the members for the meeting and appreciated their contribution in various activities during the current year. With a great satisfaction, he conveyed that this year has been fruitful and many technical and beneficial activities were conducted for the

students.

Dr. Radhika Khanna, Honorary Secretary IETE read out details of the various activities conducted during the current year.

Starting the year with an impressive celebration of its 71st Foundation Day with the scholars of Dept. of Electronics, University of Jammu where in the theme was "India's Leadership in 6G Design and Produce in India for the world".

IETE Students' Day was celebrated with the students of the Dept. of Electronics, MBS College of Engineering and Technology.

Another salient programme was the celebration of Telecom and Information Society Day with the students of Govt. Girls Polytechnic, Jammu where the theme of the event was

Gender Equality in Digital Transformation.

Er. Tinny Sawhney, Honorary Treasurer IETE presented the balance sheet for the complete year 2024-25 which was passed by all unanimously.

During the meeting Maj General SK Sharma, Fellow IETE, suggested for opening up of the Professional Activity Centres at each of the educational institutions like GCET, MBS College of Engineering and Technology and MIET as well as SMVDU which have a good number of IETE professionals.

Prof. Rakesh Vaid and Prof. Praveen Lehana, both former Heads of the Electronics Dept. University of Jammu suggested for enhanced role of its members and conduction of its pro-

grammes at other institutions too. They suggested to have our next event at GCET Jammu. Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, Former Head of Dept. of Computer and IT, University of Jammu suggested to include the current topics of cloud computing and IOT in its programmes.

Dr. Suresh Rao, Vice Chairperson also offered gave a lot of suggestions for growth of the institution. Others who attended the meeting included Prof Sumit Gupta from SMVDU and Col CD Manotra, Fello IETE among others.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Radhika Khanna and an enthusiastic note for serving the cause of spreading awareness of latest electronic trends among the student community.

DC Kathua dedicates two ambulances to people

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KATHUA, Jun 11: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Wednesday dedicated two Ambulances to the people at a simple event held here in the DC office Complex. The Ambulances have been donated by Avaada Foundation under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

While appreciating the contribution, Dr. Rakesh Minhas informed that with the addition of these two ambulances, the district's total ambulance fleet now stands at 41—translating to approximately 6 to 8 ambulances per medical block.

"These ambulances will play a crucial role in timely evacuation and transportation of patients during medical emergencies," the DC emphasized. He informed that the newly inducted ambulances will be stationed at Kathua and Basohli medical blocks, ensuring better outreach and service delivery.

Highlighting the ongoing efforts to enhance health infrastructure, the DC shared that two floors of the CSC (Community Service Centre) at Billawar are now complete and will soon become operational. He also revealed that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for establishing a Trauma Centre at SDH Hiranagar has been

finalized.

"This trauma facility will cater to accident victims along the National Highway corridor and

provide advanced care to residents of the border subdivision," he added.

Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Vijay Raina and representatives from Avaada Foundation were present during the event.

SCJS event celebrating Maharana Pratap Jayanti, World Environment Day

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JAMMU, Jun 11: The Senior Citizens' Joy Society (SCJS), in collaboration with Vichar Kranti Manch International, hosted a spirited and meaningful event in June 2025 that brought together the themes of Maharana Pratap Jayanti and World Environment Day in an inspiring weekly gathering.

The program began with spiritual invocations of OM and the Gayatri Mantra, setting a serene

tone. Ashok Khajuria welcomed attendees, followed by SCJS President Ashok Gupta, who introduced the event's dual significance.

A rich and motivational tribute to Maharana Pratap, the iconic Rajput warrior king, was delivered by Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, highlighting his resistance to the Mughal empire, his legendary horse Chetak, and the enduring values of dharma, patriotism, and sacrifice.

Transitioning to environmental consciousness, Ashok Gupta recited an evocative poem on World Environment Day, and Yash Pal presented a recorded interview with Dr. Jain outlining practical steps toward sustainability.

Insights and reflections were shared by respected speakers like Prof. Viren Gupta, H.C. Vaid, Narinder Wadhwa, C.M. Sharma, B.B. Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Deepak Sethi, Anju Bansal, and



Monika Khajuria. Notably, Bansal's initiative to distribute cloth bags as a plastic alternative received enthusiastic

support. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Khajuria and a rousing National Anthem, leaving

attendees inspired and united in their commitment to patriotism and environmental stewardship.

“Folks-your Test captain”: Shubman Gill poses for official photo ahead of England series

LONDON, Jun 11 (Agencies): India's newly crowned Test captain, Shubman Gill's photoshoot, took centre stage as the modern-day giants continue to bolster their preparations for the five high-stakes Tests in England, marking the commencement of a new dawn.

After batting wizards Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli bid adieu to Test cricket last month, India was left short on experience. With India bereft of its torchbearers, the management turned to youngsters to mark the beginning of a new era. After their decision, the captaincy baton was passed from Rohit to Gill.

“Folks - your Test captain, Shubman Gill,”

BCCI wrote on X while sharing a few pictures of the 25-year-old.

Since arriving in England last week, Gill has been putting in the hard yards. He has faced the searing pace of Mohammed Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah. Arshdeep Singh, one of the members of India's fast bowling quartet, was quick to note that the Test captain appeared to be in “good touch”.

Days after his appointment, Gill revealed that he is “overwhelmed” by the emotions and said in a video posted by the BCCI, “As a young kid, when anyone starts playing cricket, they want to play for India, and not just play for India, but play test cricket for India for a very long time. To be able to get this opportunity is a great honour. And like you said, it is a big responsibility.”

The five-test tour of England, starting June 20 at Leeds and lasting until August 2025. With



India lining up without its batting bigwigs Rohit and Virat following their retirement from the game's longest format, the onus lies on the Shubman-led revamped

side to prove itself away from home in testing and gruelling English conditions.

The series will be held from June to August 2025, with matches scheduled at Headingley in Leeds, Edgbaston in Birmingham, Lord's and The Oval in London, and Old Trafford in Manchester.

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.

SLI is set to be game-changer for sport: India athlete Elavenil Valarivan



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Indian athlete Elavenil Valarivan, who made headlines after securing the bronze medal at the ISSF World Cup in Munich, expressed delight about the inaugural Shooting League of India (SLI).

“It is a game-changing moment because this is something that is happening for the first time in our sport, and I am really looking forward to it. I am sure every athlete out there would be excited about the league,” said Elaveni, who set a new national qualification record, with a score of 635.9 points as quoted from a press release by SLI.

“The level of competition (in the league) is going to be very high, and that would help us when we are unitedly competing against the other nations. This is going to be a really competitive

environment and a good push to all the athletes,” she added.

Talking about the participation of overseas athletes, Elavenil said, “I have always been looking forward to learning from other athletes, and this would be a great chance to incorporate what the other athletes have been doing. Being in one team, you would be able to share those ideologies easier. The younger athletes, the new athletes, would definitely get to learn a lot from the senior athletes. Even I am looking forward to learn from all the other athletes”.

The two-time Olympian feels that SLI will provide a massive boost to the sport and will help shooting get more recognition, adding, “The league is definitely going to give a huge boost to shooting as a sport in the common public. When the league portrays the actual setup of the sport, I think it would be easier for the public to relate to the sport and hopefully, more athletes will be taking up the sport professionally.”

“As it is going to be on such a wide scale and we are going to have foreign athletes in the team, so, I think this will definitely reach more to the young kids who are looking forward to the sport, to learn the sport, to get to know about it,” she concluded.

West Indies announce 16-player squad for home Tests against Australia; Kemar Roach dropped

ST. JOHN'S, Jun 11 (Agencies): West Indies unveiled its 16-player squad that will compete for the coveted Sir Frank Worrell Trophy in the upcoming three home Tests against Australia, which is scheduled to kick off on June 25th at Kensington Oval in Barbados.

The series will be critical for both sides, considering that the three Tests will mark the beginning of their World Test Championship 2025-2027 cycle. West Indies' squad is emitting signs of a fresh start as several changes have been made to the team that last featured in the drawn series against Pakistan earlier this year.

John Campbell has returned to the squad for the first time since 2022, bolstering the options at the top of the order. He earned his call-up after three years courtesy of his prolific domestic season, which included three centuries.

Along with Campbell, Keacy Carty has been recalled to the Test fold after his stint in Pakistan. The decision stems from his prolific form with the bat across all formats. Last month, the 28-year-old hammered two centuries in the ODIs against Ireland and finished as the highest run-getter for the Men in Maroon in the three 50-over fixtures in England.

West Indies white-ball captain Shai Hope has returned to red-ball cricket for the first time since 2021. Brandon King, his deputy in ODI format, earned a maiden call-up along with Kevlon Anderson. CWI Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe expressed that the selections for the challenge against the Baggy Greens were made in line with the team's commitment to establish an execution-driven identity in Test cricket. He affirmed that consistency in batting output and a dynamic bowling attack were key in the overall assessment.

“The start of the Test Championship Cycle is critical to building positive momentum as we strive to work our way up the rankings. Beginning with a strong showing against a team like Australia would be ideal in our quest to bring West Indies back to the helm

of Test Cricket,” Bascombe said in a statement released by CWI.

“It was imperative that we sought to put a squad together that was well equipped, in both the batting and bowling departments, to manage the ebbs and flows of this format of the game, while possessing the ability to apply pressure in key phases, through disciplined, purposeful play,” he added.

Jayden Seales, Alzarri Joseph, and Shamar Joseph will headline the fast-bowling attack for the hosts. Additionally, Johann Layne, a 21-year-old product of the West Indies Academy, who scalped 63 first-class wickets in 17 matches, along with Anderson Phillip, who recently dazzled with a 5-wicket haul for West Indies A against South Africa A, have been called up to provide reinforcement.

Skipper Roston Chase and his deputy Jomel Warrican will handle spin responsibilities. Despite being considered, veteran pacer Kemar Roach has not been included and has been duly informed. Apart from Roach, Gudakesh Motie, Kavem Hodge, Alick Athanaze, Joshua Da Silva, Amir Jangoo, and Kevin Sinclair have been dropped from the series.

While asking for patience from the fans towards the players, head coach Darren Sammy declared they can look forward to an exciting style over the series. “I am truly looking forward to this series because we want to start off strongly and make our home turf a fortress during this cycle while having our passionate and proud fans behind us. The matches will be challenging, but I believe in this core of players, and they are eager to wear the maroon and make our fans happy,” he said.

West Indies Test Squad for Series Against Australia: Roston Chase (Captain), Jomel Warrican (Vice Captain), Kevlon Anderson, Kraigg Brathwaite, John Campbell, Keacy Carty, Justin Greaves, Shai Hope, Tevin Imlach, Alzarri Joseph, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Johann Layne, Mikyle Louis, Anderson Phillip, Jayden Seales.

Ancestry in UK, aim for Proteas glory: Will SA's Bedingham give Tests a tangible symbol of love at Lord's?

LONDON, Jun 11 (Agencies): The ‘Ultimate Test’ has come for David Bedingham. A man amongst the new crop of comparatively inexperienced South African Test cricketers yet to feature in a high-profile red-ball game in the UK, but yet perhaps the most acquainted with the conditions prevailing there in the entire squad.

During the start of last year, when announced as a part of the squad featuring seven uncapped players on a flight to New Zealand for a two-match series, the 31-year-old had uttered, “I have always loved Test cricket....My priority has always been Test cricket.”. Ahead of the tour, the cricketing world heaped plenty of questions and criticism over South African mainstays who were a part of the country's newest cash-cow, the SA20 league.

This WTC 2023-25 cycle could not have been more memorable for Bedingham, who made a name for himself in England's County circuit while representing Durham when a South African international cap looked a distant dream. Having given the ring to Tests in an environment where multi-digit T20 deals are irresistible, Bedingham's love was reciprocated, with a fifty against a world-class Indian line-up at Centurion and a gritty 110 against NZ at Hamilton in February which gave SA a fighting chance to draw the two-match series in New Zealand which shifted perception of the inexperienced squad a bit.

Bedingham, born in George, Cape Province, ended the tour to NZ as Proteas' proudest flag-bearer for Tests, with 268 runs in four innings, including a century and fifty each. While he could



compile only one more half-century during the rest of the cycle, he still ended as Proteas' top run-getter with 645 runs in 12 games, averaging 33.94, including a century and three half-centuries. To top this all off, he also got the central contract with Cricket South Africa (CSA) for the 2025-26 season.

Holding an ancestry visa of UK, Bedingham had played his county cricket as a local player aiming to make it to the England team as a South African call looked distant.

Ahead of that much-talked about series against NZ, which came after his South Africa Test debut in late 2023, Bedingham had said about his county career as quoted by ESPNcricinfo, “I had ambitions of playing as a local in England and that's why I am trying to get the passport. If I had to try and play for England, that will still be another three or four years. So the passport is more just to live and work there, rather than actually playing for England.”

But once Proteas made a call to include Bedingham in their team, his priorities had changed to representing the rainbow nation, saying, “My biggest

dreams are playing Test cricket, scoring runs for South Africa, and maybe being able to score a hundred at Newlands because a lot of my friends and family will be here.”

Now, Bedingham, 12 Tests old, has a chance to wear the South African colours at the grandest stage of them all. The red-ball specialist could make good use of his experience of English conditions, playing half his red-ball cricket in this country. He stands at 12th spot among Durham's all-time run-getters, scoring 4,424 runs in 57 matches and 86 innings, at an average of 56.71, 16 centuries and 12 fifties. His best individual score is 279. Though he is yet to play at Lord's, he still has navigated through plenty of venues in the country while piling up runs.

Bedingham has had two stand-out seasons with Durham, the first one being the 2023 season, where they topped the table to earn a promotion to Division One of the County Championship for the first time since 2016 when they were relegated to a tier below. He was the seventh-highest run-getter overall and his team's best batter, with 1,019 runs in 14 matches, 19 innings at an average of 56.61, with five centuries and one fifties.

While Durham finished in fifth spot on their Division One return next year, Bedingham dominated the charts with 1,331 runs at a stunning average of 78.29, having cracked six centuries and three fifties in 18 innings.

Before the WTC final, Bedingham made sure to get some valuable game time under English conditions once again, choosing not to rest on past laurels. He played two games

against Warwickshire (58 and 45 runs) and Somerset (17 and 8) at his team's home venue of Chester-le-Street.

Now, several boxes have been ticked. Game time in the UK before the title clash, Check. Love for Test cricket. Expressed. Gaining “veteran” level experience at the venue of the ‘Ultimate Test’. Done. Getting one's statistics and respect right. Check.

South African team has plenty of stars, a resilient captain in Temba Bavuma, a flashy, classy Aiden Markram, two young stroke-players earmarked for greatness, Ryan Rickelton and Tristan Stubbs. A fiery pace attack of Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and Marco Jansen. A veteran spinner in Keshav Maharaaj, standing on the cusp of history himself, as he is likely to become the first SA spinner to hit 200 Test wickets.

Bedingham is in the squad, more than ready and experienced to provide the stability this match demands. His 114 first-class appearances, 8,348 runs, an average above 50, a strike rate of above 66 and 25 centuries make him a highly-trustworthy name on the team-sheet.

But he exists perhaps with a lesser star power, social media follow count, lucrative T20 deals etc attached to his name. Will a WTC mace lifting knock at the ‘Home of Cricket’ let Bedingham profess his love for Tests in the most remarkable manner possible? Perhaps a century and his name at Lord's honours board would add a tangible gift to his brief love letter uttered out during media proceedings almost one and the half year back.

UTT Season 6: U Mumba TT eye playoffs, Dabang Delhi TTC chase history in final league stage tie

AHMEDABAD, Jun 11 (Agencies): U Mumba TT will have their sights set on a semi-final berth when they take on playoffs-bound Dabang Delhi TTC in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6 on Thursday. There is a lot on the line for Delhi, too, who are aiming to become the first team in history to pass through the league stage unbeaten.

U Mumba sit fifth on the table with 32 points; their playoff chances rest not just on a win, but also on the outcome of the Jaipur Patriots vs PBG Pune Jaguars tie. Five games might be enough, but nothing less than a fight will do for the team from Mumbai.

They come in buoyed by a gritty win over Stanley's Chennai Lions, with Bernadette Szocs, Lilian Bardet, and Yashaswini Ghorpade all in strong form. Szocs and Bardet have each won three of their four matches, while Yashaswini—who beat China's Fan Siqi in her previous outing—has won two



of three.

The Szocs-Akash Pal pairing has been a revelation, winning three straight in mixed doubles. Though Akash is yet to win a singles match, his doubles presence remains key. Bardet and Szocs rank among the league's top forehand shot-makers, while Yashaswini has been a backhand machine.

Dabang Delhi, meanwhile,

have already locked in their playoff berth, but a win here would etch their names in UTT history. They've been consistently clinical: Diya Chitale, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, Maria Xiao, and Izaac Quek have all won at least two matches each, delivering consistent returns.

The Dabang Delhi pairing of Sathiyam and Maria remains undefeated in mixed doubles (4/4), a rare edge in high-stakes ties. With Izaac and Sathiyam both among the top five in backhand winners, Delhi will be looking to bring precision and power to close out the league stage on a high-and carry the momentum into the semis.

Squads:

U Mumba TT: Bernadette Szocs (Romania), Lilian Bardet (France), Yashaswini Ghorpade, Swastika Ghosh, Akash Pal, Abhinandh PB

Dabang Delhi TTC: Diya Chitale, Maria Xiao (Spain), Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, Quek Izaac (Singapore), Suhana Saini, Sourav Saha.

“Clear blueprint”: McCullum hails Brook's captaincy after sweeping West Indies

SOUTHAMPTON, Jun 11 (Agencies): England head coach Brendon McCullum believes the outright domination against the West Indies proves that a “clear blueprint” is in place about the brand of cricket captain Harry Brook wants his side to play.

Brook, the newly established England captain, made it six out of six wins after orchestrating a 37-run victory in Southampton. After a series sweep in the ODIs, the Brook-led troops whitewashed the Caribbean side with a 3-0 T20I series triumph.

For McCullum, the “positive” sign stemming from their sheer supremacy over the Men in Maroon reso-



nates in how Brook has dictated his side and put his style of captaincy on display.

“It's been a really good two weeks. Any time you go through a period of transition and change, you have aspirations and hopes on what you can achieve. Sometimes, they happen quick and sometimes they take a long time to embed,” McCullum told

Sky Sports.

“But in the last couple of weeks, we have seen a clear blueprint of how Harry Brook wants this cricket team to run and his style of captaincy. That's a real positive,” he added.

McCullum went on to reveal that a hands-on approach wasn't required, considering he let the 26-year-old find his way. With Brook

leading the Three Lions into a new era, the England head coach is aware that they haven't conquered the world but have taken the first step.

“I have let him find his way. He doesn't like to make things complicated. He likes to keep it simple. That's a compliment, it's a great skill. His calmness, his poise, his ability to keep it simple rubs off on other guys,” he said.

“He's also captained a lot of sides growing up, so he's got great friendships with guys who understand how he works. We haven't conquered the world, but we have made a nice start over the last couple of weeks. It's good positive signs,” he added.

PM Modi’s 11 years represents a decade of decisive, development-driven Governance: BJP

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JAMMU, Jun 11: The Jammu & Kashmir unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of various programmes being conducted under the nationwide campaign commemorating 11 years of transformative governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The meeting was chaired by J&K BJP General Secretary and Incharge of the ‘Viksit Bharat Ka Amritkaal – Sewa, Sushasan, Gareeb Kalyan Ke 11 Saal’ Abhiyan, Adv. Vibodh Gupta. He was joined by BJP Headquarters Incharge and former Minister Priya Sethi, Abhiyan Co-Incharges Pawan Sharma, Rekha Mahajan, and Raghunandan Singh Bablu, as well as J&K BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep



Mahotra and other senior leaders. While conducting the review, Vibodh Gupta informed that the campaign was formally launched by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda through a press conference, following which all state units, including Jammu & Kashmir BJP, have taken up a series of outreach initiatives. These include press

conferences, exhibitions, professional meets, and public interactions aimed at spreading awareness about the development strides made under the Modi government. Gupta emphasized that the central objective of these programmes is to present before the people a factual and impactful glimpse into the country’s rapid growth across all sectors

over the past 11 years. “Be it roads, railways, airports, healthcare, education, defense, electricity, water supply, or space research, the progress has been truly unprecedented,” he said. He directed party leaders and functionaries to ensure that all achievements under the Modi-led government are effectively communicated to the grassroots.

“This campaign is like a report card of BJP’s governance. It must reach every household, every individual,” he added. Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi presented a detailed report of the activities conducted in five districts of the Jammu region on Tuesday. She expressed satisfaction over the seamless organization and enthusiastic participation in the events. She particularly highlighted the success of professional meets, which she said are proving to be an effective medium in conveying the developmental vision of the Modi government to various segments of society. Priya Sethi asked to intensify the campaign further and ensure that the message of development, good governance, and public welfare under PM Modi reaches every corner of Jammu & Kashmir.

Tamdeh Festival, Ashadha Sankranti on June 15: Shastri

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JAMMU, Jun 11: The revered Tamdeh festival, deeply rooted in the traditions of the Duggar region, will be observed this year on Sunday, June 15. The festival coincides with Ashadha Sankranti, marking a spiritually significant occasion filled with rituals, devotion, and community service.



Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, highlighted the profound cultural and religious importance of both Tamdeh and Ashadha Sankranti in the Duggar belt. He informed that the Sun will transit into Gemini on this day, an event set to occur at 6:44 AM. This celestial movement marks the beginning of the Ashadha month, and the auspicious window (Punya Kaal) for performing religious deeds will last until 1:08 PM. Devotees are encouraged to bathe in sacred rivers or lakes. Those unable to do so may perform the ritual at home using Ganga Jal. Charity and ritualistic offerings to married daughters, Brahmins, and family priests are customary, with gifts including umbrellas, wooden sandals (khadau), amla, mangoes, melons, clothes, earthen water pots, fans, sweets, and monetary offerings (dakshina). A one-meal fast is also traditionally observed. Public service is another highlight of the day, with people setting up sweet water stalls (chhabils) to serve the community. It is believed that acts of charity on this day not only earn divine blessings but also benefit the souls of ancestors, providing them comfort in their afterlife journey, particularly during the harsh summer. According to spiritual beliefs, chari-

table deeds performed on Tamdeh yield ten times the spiritual merit of other auspicious days. Offering help to Brahmins and the underprivileged is considered especially auspicious. From an agricultural perspective, this day signals the ripening of native mango varieties and hints at the upcoming monsoon, marked by rising humidity after the harsh summer. Mahant Shastri also shared important guidelines for devotees to follow during Sankranti. These include avoiding tamasic food, practicing celibacy, refraining from alcohol or any form of intoxication, and abstaining from cutting hair or nails. Leather items and black-colored clothing should also be avoided. Above all, devotees are advised not to hurt anyone emotionally, as emotional harm is considered a severe form of violence. Rituals on this day include offering satvic food to the deities and worshipping Lord Satyanarayan, Lord Surya (Sun God), Kul Devatas (family deities), and one’s Ishta Devata (personal deity). This Ashadha Sankranti is expected to be favorable for individuals belonging to Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Virgo, Libra, and Sagittarius signs. The Sankranti may result in administrative changes, with possible transfers of government officials. There is also a potential for natural calamities such as earthquakes in some regions. On the political front, significant decisions may be taken by the Central Government concerning certain states, and political instability along with mutual accusations may persist. The day promises to be a blend of devotion, discipline, tradition, and community welfare.

Mandatory Urdu in Naib Tehsildar Recruitment reignites separate Statehood Demand in Jammu

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DODA, Jun 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) released a recruitment notification on June 9, 2025, for 75 posts of Naib Tehsildar. While the announcement was welcomed by thousands of aspirants, the requirement of Urdu language proficiency as mandatory has sparked fresh political and social tensions — particularly in the Jammu division — and has once again revived the long-standing “demand for separate statehood for Jammu. The administration’s rationale behind the Urdu language clause is based on the fact that most revenue records are currently maintained in Urdu, and therefore,

candidates handling land and property matters must be proficient in it. However, this argument has been met with sharp criticism across Jammu. Opponents of the policy argue that if the presence of Urdu in official records is used to justify mandatory language criteria, then by that logic, every department in J&K that maintains records in Urdu would require the same clause, which is neither practical nor inclusive. One of the most prominent voices questioning this approach is Manu Khajuria, a London-based social activist originally from Jammu. In her public statement, she said, “To those writing that the revenue records in J&K are in Urdu — thank you for

stating the problem. This is exactly what needs to be corrected. The generation of Hindus in J&K who had no choice but to learn Urdu because that was the sole official language of the state are now in their 80s. Make it fair, remove room for corruption by digitising records and making them accessible in all the official languages of J&K, as promised in 2022.” She was referring to a 2022 statement by the then Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, who had announced that all land and revenue records across the Union Territory would be digitised and made available in three languages— Urdu, Hindi, and English. Residents of Jammu argue that the region

predominantly uses Hindi, Dogri, and English in daily life, education, and local administration. Urdu, they say, is much more prevalent in the Kashmir Valley. Making it a compulsory requirement for a key post such as Naib Tehsildar has been interpreted as a continuation of Kashmir-centric governance, which fails to take the linguistic realities of Jammu into account. This sentiment is widely echoed on social media. Neeraj Singh Dogra posted: “Jammu doesn’t need Urdu imposition. The majority of students in Jammu do not study Urdu and do not wish to. Jammu province wants Dogri, Hindi, and English.” Similarly, Srinik Jain wrote: “Don’t make pressure on the people of Jammu to live and learn according to Kashmir. They have their own identity. I request PM Narendra Modi to grant Jammu a separate state.” The controversy also draws parallels with earlier incidents. During a conversation with Vikram Singh Thakur, ABVP leader Anish Singh from Doda had raised concerns about the recruitment bias in the education department: “Vacancies in subjects like Hindi, San-

skrit, and Dogri were negligible, while Urdu and Arabic received significant representation. This clearly shows the government’s linguistic bias,” he stated. As per the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020, five languages have been recognized as official: Urdu, Hindi, Dogri, English, and Kashmiri. Despite this, critics argue that Urdu continues to receive preferential treatment, particularly in recruitment and administration — thereby excluding thousands of otherwise eligible candidates from regions like Jammu. The growing backlash over the Naib Tehsildar recruitment criteria has once again brought the statehood debate to the forefront. For many in Jammu, the issue is no longer just about one examination or one clause, but about persistent patterns of administrative neglect and linguistic exclusion. Whether the government addresses the growing dissatisfaction or revisits the language policy remains to be seen. But the latest controversy has undoubtedly added momentum to Jammu’s demand for equal representation, autonomy — and in the eyes of many, full-fledged statehood.

Demands official language status to Punjabi Shiv Sena demands to end sole dominance of Urdu, stop its mandatory in Govt jobs

Urdu is not the language of common people and young generation: Sahni

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JAMMU, Jun 11: Urdu is not the language of common people in Jammu and Kashmir, along with ending its forced compulsory use, strict instructions should be issued to curb its sole dominance and stop its mandatory in government jobs, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena UBT Jammu and Kashmir unit. Addressing media persons at the party’s state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that Urdu is one of the five official languages of Jammu and Kashmir, it is not the mother tongue of any important group. In the last few years and after becoming a



Union Territory, there has been a huge decline in the number of people who read and write Urdu. Despite this, the trend of single use of Urdu language in documents and proceedings in government departments, especially the revenue and police departments, continues unabated even today. Due to which the common man is forced to wander from door to door for translation in English and Hindi. Even the higher officials have to depend on the officers who know Urdu for the translation of government records. Sahni has demanded through a written memorandum to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha to end the single dominance of Urdu in government work and to stop the formality of making knowledge of Urdu language mandatory in government jobs in future as well, including the recent recruitment process for the posts of Naib Tehsildar in the Revenue Department. Recently JKSSB has

issued an advertisement for the recruitment of 75 posts of Naib Tehsildar in the Revenue Department, in which practical knowledge of Urdu language is mandatory. There will be an examination to check this. They should know how to read and write Urdu. Sahni also demanded to give official language status to Punjabi in Jammu and Kashmir. Sahni said that Punjabi is the most spoken language along with Dongri in Jammu division. Punjabi was not given a place in the list of five official languages in 2020. During the recent assembly elections, almost all the political parties had promised to give official language status to Punjabi. Sahni said that all the BJP MLAs who won from the Jammu division are mum on the demand to recognize Punjabi as an official language. Sahni has demanded from the Omar government and the Lieutenant Governor to give official language status to Punjabi.

Randhawa slams Urdu language as mandatory for Naib Tehsildar Post

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JAMMU, Jun 11: Senior BJP leader and former MLA from Bahu Assembly Constituency, Vikram Randhawa, has strongly criticized the move to make Urdu as a mandatory paper for the recently advertised post of Naib Tehsildar. Speaking during a Public Darbar held at the BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, Randhawa termed the decision as discriminatory towards the youth of the Jammu region. He asserted that such a move is a clear violation of the equal status to multiple official languages including Dogri, Hindi, Kashmiri, Urdu, and English. “While Urdu is certainly one of the official languages, it is not compulsory for all residents of the Union Territory. Making it a qualifying criterion for government jobs restricts fair opportunities to a large section of youth, particularly from the Jammu region,” Randhawa stated. During the Public Darbar, deputations



from areas including Laxmipuram Chinor, Gangyal, Gorkha Nagar, Trikuta Nagar, Rani Talab, Extension Sanjay Nagar, Ward 46, Exchange Road, Sattari, Udhampur, and others raised various civic and administrative concerns. These included demands for repair of transformers, clearance of deep drains, installation of RCB bins, replacement of faulty PHE pipes, road restoration, blacktopping, canal fencing near cremation grounds, transfer of ration depot licenses, resolution of inflated electricity bills, and irregular water supply.

Randhawa gave a patient hearing to each deputation and took swift action by forwarding the grievances to the concerned departments. He also issued written communications on several issues, urging prompt redressal. The Public Darbar was coordinated by Er. T.K. Sharma, Co-convenor of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, J&K BJP. Randhawa reiterated the BJP’s commitment to equitable development and fair employment opportunities for all youth in the Union Territory and assured continued efforts to address public concerns at the grassroots level.

11 years of Modi Govt’s transformative impact on J&K: Munish

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JAMMU, Jun 11: As the Narendra Modi-led government marks 11 years in power, Jammu and Kashmir stands as a testament to the administration’s unwavering commitment to development and progress. Under PM Modi’s visionary leadership, the region has witnessed a paradigm shift in its growth trajectory. This was stated by senior BJP leader Munish Sharma in a press statement issued here today. Sharma said, “The Modi government has brought about a transformative change in J&K, enhancing connectivity through landmark infrastructure projects like the Jammu-Srinagar train link, which has revolutionized transportation and fostered economic growth. The government’s policies and reforms have significantly improved the lives of J&K’s middle class, addressing

their daily needs and aspirations.” Sharma said, “From infrastructure development to technological advancements, Jammu and Kashmir have made tremendous strides, reflecting the government’s dedication to progress. The collective efforts of the Centre and state governments have yielded tangible results, empowering the people and paving the way for a brighter future.” “As the Modi government completes 11 years, its achievements in J&K serve as a shining example of its commitment to transforming the region. With a focus on holistic development, the Modi government continues to work tirelessly to uplift J&K, driving growth and prosperity. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed a new era of development, and the government’s relentless pursuit of progress promises an even brighter future for the region,” he asserted.