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BRIEFLY

Cross-Border narco smuggling racket unearthed in Punjab, Two arrested

CHANDIGARH, Jun 13 (Agencies): Punjab's Anti-Narcotics Task Force unearthed a cross-border narco smuggling racket by arresting two smugglers and recovering 4.5 kg heroin and Rs 11 lakh in drug money.

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An FIR under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act has been registered and investigation is underway to uncover the full extent of the network, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

"In a major breakthrough, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (#ANTF), @BorderRange, #Amritsar busts a cross-border narco-smuggling racket, arrests two smugglers - Gurbhej Singh @ Bheja and Abhijeet Singh @ Happy - and recovers 4.5 kg of heroin and 11 lakh in drug money," Yadav posted on X on Friday.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that Gurbhej is in direct contact with #Pakistan-based smuggler Rana and coordinates the delivery of the consignment. Both accused are caught while attempting to sell the heroin," the DGP said.

"@PunjabPoliceInd remains committed to breaking the backbone of #Pakistan-sponsored narco-terror networks and ensuring a #Drug-FreePunjab," the DGP said in the post.

Ajeet Kumar given additional charge of DC State Taxes enforcement Lakhanpur

JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): Following the transfer of Pardeep Singh, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement (Kathua) Lakhanpur, the Government has assigned the additional charge of the post to Ajeet Kumar, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement (South) Samba. He will handle both responsibilities until a regular appointment is made.

Air India plane mishap: PM Modi visits crash site, assesses ground situation in Ahmedabad

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday visited the Air India plane crash site in Ahmedabad and reviewed the ground situation, a day after the AI-171 flight bound for London Gatwick crashed shortly after taking off from Ahmedabad International Airport here. (Agencies):

The Prime Minister arrived in the city this morning and proceeded to site where the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner - carrying 242 passengers and crew crashed.

He was briefed by officials on the situation.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu, State Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi and other officials accompanied PM Modi during his visit.

PM Modi then proceeded to the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital to meet with those injured in the mishap.

Upon his arrival in the city today, PM Modi was received by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Union Ministers Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu and CR Paatil.

There were 169 Indian nationals, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese nationals, and one Canadian national on board the crashed plane. Miraculously, one person, a British national of Indian origin, survived the crash,



airline authorities said.

The aircraft was piloted by Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, a Line Training Captain with 8,200 hours of flying experience, assisted by First Officer Clive Kunder, who had logged 1,100 flying hours.

According to Air Traffic Control (ATC), the aircraft departed from Ahmedabad at 1339 IST (0809 UTC) from runway 23. It made a Mayday call to ATC, but thereafter, the aircraft did not respond to the calls made by ATC.

Immediately after departing Runway 23, the aircraft crashed outside the airport perimeter. An official said heavy black smoke was coming from the accident site.

Yesterday, Union Home Min

ister Amit Shah met with Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and obtained detailed information about the entire incident.

Shah said that there was no chance of saving anyone in the London-bound Air India plane crash because of the high temperature caused by the burning of almost 125,000 litres of fuel in the aircraft.

Expressing condolences to family members of those killed, Shah said the exact number of deaths will be officially released only after DNA tests. Shah revealed that approximately 1000 DNA tests have been conducted so far.

"The plane carried almost 125,000 litres of fuel, and due to the high temperature, there was

no chance of saving anyone... "I visited the crash site," the Home Minister told mediapersons.

"In just 10 minutes of the incident, we got the information. After that, I informed the Prime Minister, the Gujarat Home Minister, the Control Room of the Home Department, the Civil Aviation Department and the Civil Aviation Minister. "The Prime Minister instantly called back, and the personnel from the Union and state governments jumped in jointly for the relief and rescue operations," he said.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau is a division of the Ministry of Civil Aviation tasked with probing aircraft accidents in India.

A formal investigation has been launched by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) into the deadly crash of Air India flight 171 that killed 241 people onboard, Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu confirmed on Thursday.

"Following the tragic incident in Ahmedabad, a formal investigation has been initiated by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), in line with international protocols set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)," Naidu posted on X.

He informed that the Indian government was also constituting

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Two killed, one injured as Swift car crashes into divider in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, Jun 13 (Agencies): Two persons lost their lives while another sustained injury in a tragic road accident on the National Highway-44 near the Mand area of Udhampur on Friday.

Official sources said the incident occurred at approximately 3:00 am when a Swift car bearing registration number JK21K 9423 hit a road

divider, resulting in the death of two occupants on the spot while one person was injured.

The injured person was initially shifted to a nearby health facility and later referred to Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu for advanced treatment, they said.

Cognizance of the incident has been taken, and further investigation started.

ACB arrests Patwari for accepting bribe of Rs 5000

JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday said to have trapped and arrested a Patwari from Halqa Dhara, tehsil Mandi District Poonch for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5000.

A spokesman said that Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging therein that complainant was in need of revenue record i.e. attested copies of Khasra Girdwari of his

land situated in Village Dhara for which he already applied via online mode on 26.04.2025 but Patwari Mohd. Jameel was demanding a bribe for providing the attested copies of the same.

"Since, the complainant didn't want to pay a bribe and he approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servants under law," the spokesman added.

On receipt of the complaint, a discreet

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LG Sinha chairs high level meet, Reviews Amarnath Yatra preparedness

SRINAGAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): Ahead of 38-day Amarnath Yatra slated to commence on July 3, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday chaired a high-level meeting at Raj Bhawan here to review the preparedness.

The meeting was attended by top officers of Army, paramilitary forces and Police, including Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat, Chief Secretary Atal Duloo, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, V K Bidhuri and other top officers from the administration were also present. Jammu and Kashmir tourism



Sources said that the meeting discussed the security and other preparations that have been put in place to ensure the successful conduct of the Yatra. "LG Sinha asked the top brass of the security agencies to ensure that all the arrangements should be in place well before the annual pilgrimage commences," they said, adding, "Officers briefed

the Lieutenant Governor about the steps that have been taken to facilitate the yatra and the pilgrims."

Earlier this week LG Sinha performed the 'Pratham Puja' at the Amarnath cave shrine, nestled in Himalayas, marking the ceremonial beginning of the annual yatra this year. He assured the pilgrims that foolproof security arrangements have been put in place for the yatra and urged pilgrims to visit the cave shrine in large numbers.

"The Pratham Puja was concluded. I request the devotees to come in large numbers for the

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CM Omar Abdullah requests Centre to ensure safety of



SRINAGAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): In the aftermath of Israeli aerial strikes, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday

requested the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to ensure the well-being and safety of Kashmiri students stuck in Iran. CM Omar Abdullah

said on X, "Requesting @MEAIndia to urgently ensure safety and well being of Kashmiri students stuck in Iran. Their families are deeply worried and we stand with them in this difficult time. Every step must be taken to safeguard our students."

Various Sunni and Shia Muslim organizations of Kashmir have condemned the Israeli strikes in Iran in which two top generals and

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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. Phoola Raina (Sister in law)
Sh. Suraj Prakash Pandita (Brother in law)
Smt. Chuni Ji Pandita (Bua)

Deeply Missed by:

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

Contact: 9419223118, 7006342843



**Mrs. Sohniee Lata
(Kaki)**

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad and untimely demise of **Smt. Dimpy Dhar Bhat**, wife of Sh. Lalit Kumar Bhat. Originally from Fatehpura Anantnag and presently residing at Flat No. 205, Mahagun Apartments, Shalimar Garden Ext-1, opposite Hyundai showroom, Wazirabad Road, Ghaziabad, UP

The **Tenth Day Kriya** for our dearly departed Smt. Dimpy Dhar will be observed on Monday, June 16, 2025, at Murad Nagar Ghat at 9:00 AM.

GRIEF-STRICKEN FAMILY

Sh. Lalit Kumar Bhat - Husband (Mob: 9560697780)

Osheen Bhat - Daughter

Tanishka Bhat - Daughter

Smt. Mohan Rani - Mother-in-law

Sh. Sanjay Bhat & Minakshi Bhat (Mob: 7011998340)

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

Samast Bhat Parivaar



**SMT. DIMPY DHAR
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 Bushan Dhar

Jagier Nath Raina & Sarita 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 Krayal 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 & Shivarchana 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. Bimia & Sh. Manmohan Koul

Smt. Dady & Sh. Raja Ji Munshi

GRAND CHILDREN: Bhaghirati, Ravanti & Tejashri, Samartha

(Samast Kundu Parivar)

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Smt. Dura Mota Kundu

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Somawati (Chanda)** W/o Late Sh. Mahashwar Nath Bhat originally from Fatehpura (Bongam) Anantnag, Kashmir who left for heavenly abode on 11/6/2025.

Address: H.No. 89 B, Lane B, Sector 2, Durga Nagar, Jammu.

Tenth Day shall be performed on 20/6/2025 at Muthi Ghat, Jammu from 7 AM to 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. & Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat - Son

Smt. & Sh. Triloki Nath Bhat - Son

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. & Sh. Hari Krishan Pandit

Smt. & Sh. Maharaj Krishan Raina

Phone No.: 9796265894, 9419200729, 9419216019, 8899453009

Malun Side Mourning will be held at above address.



Smt. Somawati (Chanda)

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, Kalitani Kathua.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mrs. Shub Lata (Wife)

(Son and Daughter-in-law)

Mr. Anil Sharma and Mrs. Vasudha

Daughter & Son in law

Pratika Sharma & Alpy Sharma

Brother & Bhabhi

Mr. OP Sharma and Mrs. Nimel

Mr. Surinder Sharma & Mrs. Meena

Mr. Ashok Sharma & Mrs. Rajani

Mr. B. B. Sharma & Mrs. Manita

Mr. Ran. Prasad Sharma & Mrs. Shobha

Mr. Sham Prasad Sharma and Mrs. Chitra Chhaya

Mother-in-Law

Mrs. Siam 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, Wife of Late Sri Ram Prasad Sharma

Mr. Rajkumar and Mrs. Sunita

Mr. Jagdeep Paul and Mrs. Anju

Mr. Sanjay Sharma & Mrs. Nadam

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

We are heart broken to announce that our beloved **Rakesh Kumar (Ex J&K Bank Sr. Executive)** has left to his heavenly abode on 04.06.2025 but his memories live in our hearts. We request you to join in his prayer meeting/condolences.

10th Day : 13th of June, 2025, Friday at 10:00 AM at H.No. 61, Lane No. 2, Patel Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu-2.

11th Day (Kriya) 14th of June, 2025, Saturday at 10:00 AM at H.No. 61, Lane No. 2, Patel Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu-2.

Uthala : 14th of June, 2025, Saturday at 04 PM to 05 PM at Vishwakarma Sabha Gurha Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

Grief Stricken :

Anita

Kunal and Aarti

Mohit

Renu and Ravinder-

Suresh and Rekha-

Ashwani and Bindu

Ritika, Mridula, Anirudh, Anshita, Agamya, Naksh, Navya

M : 6006975898, 8082383515, 9419120249, 9419138708, 9419123395,

Wife

Son and Daughter-in-law

Son

Sister and Brother-in-law

Brother and Sister-in-law

Brother and Sister-in-law



Sh Rakesh Kumar

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Dimpy Ji D/o Sh Prem Nath Dhar of Zainapora Kashmir & W/o Sh Lalit Kumar Bhat** of Fatehpura Anantnag Kashmir at her residence i.e. Flat No 205 Mahagun 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 untimely sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Santosh Kitroo (Tosha Ji)** w/o Late Sh. Shadi Lal Kitroo originally resident of Rainawari, Srinagar at present H No 18, Sector 1/C, Satyam Vihar Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on 06/06/2025.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 15/06/2025 (Sunday) at Muthi Ghat near Director School of Education Jammu at 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son-in-law and Daughter

Anoop Kachroo & Soney Kachroo

Son & Daughter-in-law

Master Joney Kitroo & Shiveta Pandita/Kitroo

Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law

Late Yoginder Kitroo & Veena Kitroo

Chand Ji Kitroo & Pinky Kitroo

Roop Krishan Kitroo & Renu Kitroo

Late Satish Kitroo & Jyoti Kitroo

Grand Children: Mahi, Daksh, Atharv and Ridhi

Deeply Missed By

Kachroo's, Hali's, Wali's, Koul's, Bhan's, Pandita's

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**Smt. Santosh Kitroo
(Tosha Ji)**

UTHALA

WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF **SH. DARSHAN KUMAR.**

THE UTHALA WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025 AT H.NO. 14-1/111 RAM VIHAR (AMBA THEATRE) OLD JANIPUR JAMMU AT 4 PM TO 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

RAJNI -WIFE

ROHIT BHARDWAJ -SON

DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW

POONAM & SANJEEV BAHAL

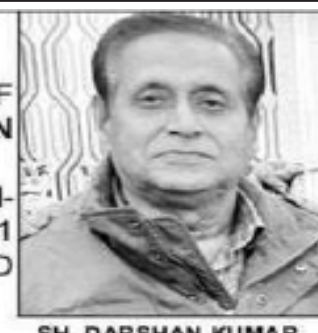
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AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF BHARDWAJ FAMILY

(GOKAL DHABA)

OLD JANIPUR JAMMU

MOB. 7006578303, 7006736526



SH. DARSHAN KUMAR

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SMT TRIPTA DEVI** W/O LATE SH HANS RAJ KHAIJURA/O H.NO. 126 SECTOR 6 VKAS NAGAR PATOLI SARWAL ROAD JAMMU ON 04-06-2025.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025 AT HARI MANDIR REHARI COLONY JAMMU FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE 2025 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 12:00 (NOON).

UTHALA SHALL ALSO BE PERFORMED AT HARI MANDIR REHARI COLONY JAMMU ON SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE 2025 FROM 4.30 PM TO 5.30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

SONS & DAUGHTERS IN LAW

MR DEEPAK KHAIJURA & MRS KRAN KHAIJURA

MR VIJAY KHAIJURA & MRS GIRJA KHAIJURA

DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW

MRS NEELAM SHARMA & MR VIJAY SHARMA

MOB : 7889899258, 8803564691



SMT TRIPTA DEVI

10TH DAY KRIYA

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh. Shadi Lal Dhar and Sushma Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)

Smt. Parna Hangoo and Sh. M.K. Hangoo (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Kiran Pandita and Sh. Navaj Pandita (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Preeti Dhar and Sh. J. Dhar (Sister-in-law)

Sh. Brij Lal Dhar and Veena Ji Dhar (Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law)

Sh. Burhan Lal Dhar and Asha Ji Dhar (Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law)

Smt. Phoola Saproo and Sh. P.K. Saproo (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Sh. Anil Krishan Dhar and Smt. Ashi Ji Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)

Sh. Rajender Dhar (Son)

Sh. Rakesh Dhar and Smt. Reshi Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)

Smt. Renu Pandita and Sh. Rajesh Pandita (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Smt. Sangeeta Dhar and Sh. Sanjay Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-law)

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

Grand Children : Ronit Khosla, Rajat, Satyan, Rohan, Shivi, Aksh, Ayash, Riya, Anshul

Mob. : 9419505615, 9022363909



Smt. Parneshwari Dhar

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal** Originally a resident of Hawanand Chawalgam, presently residing at H. No. 368-A, Sector 3, Gangyal, Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 8th June 2025.

Mourning is being observed at our residence: B3-1303, Puranki Rumah Baki, Bhayandarpada, Thane - 400615.

10th Day Kriya will be held on Tuesday, 17th June 2025 at 8:00 AM

VC, CUJ attends Akhil Bharatiya Prant Pramukh Baithak of BSM at Hyderabad

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain who is also president of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant of Bhartiya Shiksham Mandal attended Akhil Bhartiya Prant Pramukh Baithak held at Hyderabad during 13-15 June 2025 along with other members of Prant committee.

The Governor of Tripura, Shri N Indrasena Reddy, addressed the inaugural session of the Akhil Bharatiya Prant Pramukh Baithak as the Chief Guest who emphasized that for any nation to progress, technology and cultural values are equally important. The fivefold framework adopted by Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal comprising research, awareness, orientation, publication, and organization presents a relevant and holistic educational roadmap suited to Bharat's needs.

Prof Jain and his Karyakarini members who attended the meet are, Prof Vandana Sharma, Dr Rajinder Singh Charak, Prof Bharat Bhushan,



Prof Suram Singh.

The team is working consistently to make Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal emerge as a transformative force that is leading the transition of education in Bharat from the colonial Macaulay model to a Bharat-centric approach.

He expressed confidence that the twenty-first century belongs to Bharat and that the education sector will be central to the nation's emergence as a global leader in the coming decade.

On this occasion, Dr G Sathiesh Reddy, former Chairman of DRDO, who was present as the Guest of Honour, said that

Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal is playing a vital role in reshaping the education system of Bharat during this transformative phase led by science and technology.

He underlined that technology is a key indicator of any nation's development, and the foundation of technology lies in the strength of a nation's education system.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, he stated that India has successfully demonstrated its technological capability on the global stage, and this has now become part of the global narrative.

In his welcome address, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, All-Bharatiya Adhyaksh of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, said that the organisation is actively engaged in mentoring the youth and preparing them as intellectual warriors for the cause of nation-building. He further stated that 70% suggestions of BSM have been duly incorporated in the NEP-2020.

He remarked that without good teachers, the vision of a well-developed society cannot be achieved. Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal is continuously engaged in orienting teachers through its various Anandshalas across the country.

It is noteworthy that the Akhil Bharatiya Prant Pramukh Baithak of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal is being held from 13 to 15 June at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad (Bhagyanagar).

A total of 274 participants from 11 regions of the country are participating in this meeting. The objective of the meeting is to review the activities carried out during the past year and to formulate a roadmap for future initiatives.

AAI hosts Blood Donation Camp at Jammu Airport

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) organized a blood donation camp at Jammu Airport on Friday to mark World Blood Donor Day, observed globally on June 14. The camp was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu (UT).

A medical team led by Dr. Deepshikha from the Postgraduate Department of Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion, GMC Jammu, facilitated the donation process.

Staff from AAI, CISF, Indigo Airlines, Air India, Spice Jet, Air India Express and other stakeholders actively participated by donating blood, demonstrating

strong community spirit and humanitarian commitment. On this occasion, all stakeholders also took a pledge to encourage their family members, relatives, and friends to donate blood and support this noble cause. Airport Director Sanjeev Kumar Garg commended the donors for their selfless contribution and extended thanks to Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, for organizing the camp at short notice. Sunil Kumar Raghuvanshi, Senior Commandant, CISF and B. M. Kaul General Manager (Project), AAI was also present at the event. Commandant, CISF appreciated the CISF personnel for their enthusiastic participation and urged them to continue supporting such life-saving initiatives.

CLUJ inaugurates 7 days Stock Market Training and Financial Literacy Program

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: The Department of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu, in collaboration with Zerodha Varsity, inaugurated the transformative "Stock Market Training and Financial Literacy Program for the Nxt-Gen Investor" on Friday.

Organized under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr.) K. S. Chandrasekar and guidance of Dr. Vishal Sharma, Dean, School of Social Sciences, the program is a major initiative aimed at equipping students with crucial financial knowledge and investment skills essential in today's rapidly evolving economic environment. Offered free of cost to all students of the university, the program emphasizes financial literacy as a vital life skill.

Spanning over 25 hours of live interactive sessions, the program covers comprehensive modules on stock market fundamentals, personal finance, technical analysis, and fundamental analysis. These sessions will be

conducted by industry experts and delivered online.

The inaugural session was graced by faculty members, industry professionals, and over 85 students from various schools and colleges affiliated with the university, demonstrating keen interest in enhancing their financial acumen.

The keynote address, delivered by Salman, Resource person from Zerodha Varsity, focused on the core principles of personal

finance and investment, stressing the importance of early financial planning and informed decision-making.

This initiative showcases the Cluster University of Jammu's commitment to empowering students with real-world, career-oriented skills, and nurturing a generation of financially literate, future-ready investors prepared to navigate the complexities of modern financial markets.

Doda administration gears up for Int'l Day of Yoga 2025 DC chairs meeting to finalise preparations

Top News Report

DODA, Jun 13: A comprehensive preparatory meeting for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 was on Friday held here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh aimed at finalizing arrangements for the grand event scheduled on June 21.

The meeting decided to host the main celebration at famous Gatha Park, Bhaderwah, with parallel events to be organized at all Government Degree Colleges, prominent tourist destinations, vibrant villages and near Amrit Sarovars across the district.

In addition to yoga sessions, the event will feature cultural events, painting competitions and fun



activities for children to make sure wider community engagement. Youth Services & Sports and Education departments were instructed to mobilize maximum student participation.

The DDC highlighted the need to encourage mass participation by involving school children, youth, PRIs, SHGs and civil society members.

In line with the national theme of "Harit Yoga," the

DDC directed departments to incorporate plantation drives and eco-friendly practices into the celebration schedule. The District Ayush Officer presented a detailed overview of activities and informed that 13 yoga instructors—five from the Department of Youth Services & Sports and eight from the Ayush Department—have been nominated for the events. Mega yoga sessions are planned

at picturesque locations like Lal Draman and Nagni, along with marathons and wellness activities.

The Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda was asked to direct BDOs to make adequate arrangements in their respective blocks. The Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bhaderwah was instructed to establish the stage and infrastructure at the main venue on time. The

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah was tasked with coordinating with the Army for participation and ensuring free public entry at the venue. The ARTO was directed to manage traffic flow, while the BDO Bhaderwah was asked to maintain the road stretch leading to the site.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner directed the BDO Bhaderwah and the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Bhaderwah to ensure proper sanitation and hygiene at the main venue before and during the celebration. The Executive Officer was also instructed to arrange a water tanker for supply of clean drinking water for the participants attending the Yoga Day event.

PSI Arun, Raju Jandyal pay obeisance at Tirupati Balaji Temple, Jammu; Special Abhishek ceremony held

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Prominent personalities and devotees gathered today at the Tirupati Balaji Temple, Majeen, Jammu, to participate in the special Abhishek ceremony of Lord Venkateswara. Among the devotees were PSI Shri Arun Sharma (PP Bawe) and Shri Raju Jandyal, Managing Director of Ganesh Enterprises, who paid their obeisance and prayed for the welfare of the nation.

The Abhishek ceremony, which takes place every Friday, was conducted with full devotion, attended by RC Subramaniam (Superintendent, Balaji Temple Jammu), Temple Inspector Sai Krishna, Pandit Amit Shukla, and Ramesh Babu from Sai Krishna Temple.

Speaking to the media,



PSI Arun Sharma expressed his deep reverence for the temple, stating, "It is a matter of pride and joy for the people of Jammu that a replica of the revered Tirupati Balaji Temple has been established here. This temple reflects South Indian architectural grandeur and adds to our spiritual landscape. I urge everyone to visit and seek blessings." Raju Jandyal, sharing his divine experience, said, "This temple nestled amidst the scenic Shivalik for-

ests offers the same spiritual sanctity as the original Tirumala temple. Devotees who are unable to travel to Andhra Pradesh can now experience the divine presence of Lord Venkateswara here in Jammu." Temple Inspector Sai Krishna, in his message, invited the public to the grand Annual Day (Varshikotsav) celebration of the temple on June 15, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The program will feature special havan and puja rituals,

followed by a community langar for all devotees. He assured that the temple management has made all necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the event and encouraged families to attend and receive blessings.

Several other dignitaries and devotees present on the occasion included Neeraj Shukla, Narshimbha, M. Gautam, Ravi Teja Bhattacharya, Anurag Mishra, Surya Prakash Dwivedi, Gautam Pandey, Chanda Tiwari, Ram Gopal Sharma, and Aashu Tripathi, who also participated in the rituals.

The event highlighted the growing spiritual and cultural significance of the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu, drawing devotees from all walks of life and promoting spiritual tourism in the region.

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It is herewith notified for the information to Sh. Sumeet Dubey H/o Late Lakshmi Sharma Ex-teacher, Govt. Primary School Chanas Zone Tikri R/o Jammu under SRO-43 of 1994 who have not submit his requested documents as required for appointment under SRO-43, as such he is once again directed to submit his pending documents within weeks time positively from the date of publication of this notification, failing which it shall be presumed that he is not interested and his claim for compassionate appointment under SRO-43/1994 shall not be considered and no further notice will be served.

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EDITORIAL

Albinism
Awareness Day

Every year on June 13, the world comes together to observe International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD). This day is marked to spread knowledge and awareness about albinism and to show support to people who live with this rare condition. It also reminds us of the importance of dignity, equality, and safety for every person with albinism across the globe. Albinism is a genetic condition that affects people of all races and backgrounds. It happens when the body produces little or no melanin, the pigment that gives color to the skin, hair, and eyes. Due to this, people with albinism usually have pale skin, light-colored hair, and vision problems. Albinism is not a disease or curse, as some wrongly believe in certain parts of the world. It is simply a genetic difference that requires understanding, acceptance, and care. This day is important because many people with albinism continue to face serious challenges in their daily lives. They are often treated unfairly due to false beliefs, myths, and superstitions. In some cultures, they are wrongly seen as magical beings or bringers of bad luck. Such misunderstandings lead to fear, rejection, and even violence against them. Sadly, in some African countries, there have been reports of attacks and killings of people with albinism because of the belief that their body parts can bring fortune. This cruel practice must stop, and International Albinism Awareness Day helps to spread this important message. Each year, IAAD is celebrated with a special theme to bring attention to different issues faced by the albinism community. In recent years, themes like “Strength Beyond All Odds” and “Shining Our Light to the World” have inspired people to recognize the inner strength and achievements of those with albinism. The theme for 2025 is “Empowerment through Education”, which focuses on providing better learning opportunities to children with albinism. Many children with this condition face bullying, teasing, or isolation in schools because of their looks and poor eyesight. Teachers and classmates must be made aware of their needs so these children can learn confidently and succeed in life. People with albinism face many challenges. Their health problems include extreme sensitivity to sunlight, which increases their risk of developing skin cancer. To stay safe, they need to use sunscreen lotions, wear hats and protective clothing, and avoid direct sunlight. Their vision difficulties also make it hard to read normal print or see objects clearly. They often need glasses, magnifiers, or special seats in classrooms to help them learn properly. Apart from health, the biggest struggle they face is social discrimination. Many people stare at them, call them names, or leave them out of social groups. Such behavior hurts their confidence and emotional well-being. Some even lose out on job opportunities because of wrong beliefs about their condition. This unfair treatment shows the urgent need for societies to change their attitude and ensure equal rights and opportunities for people with albinism. There is much that we as individuals can do to help. We can spread true information about albinism to remove harmful myths. We can support children with albinism in schools by being kind and helpful. We can raise our voices when we see unfair treatment or discrimination. Governments should also pass strict laws to protect the rights and safety of people with albinism and provide them access to education and healthcare. International Albinism Awareness Day teaches us an important lesson about humanity. Every person, no matter how they look, deserves respect, love, and acceptance. By celebrating this day, we move closer to building a world where everyone feels safe and valued. Let us choose understanding over fear, and kindness over ignorance, and help make this world a better place for people with albinism and for all.

Ayushman Bharat or helpless India: Looting and helplessness of the scheme in private hospitals

By: Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

The aim of the Ayushman Bharat scheme is to provide free and quality treatment to the poor, but private hospitals have turned it into a means of looting. Patients are asked for cash, negligence is shown in treatment and irregularities in documents have become common. An example of Servesh Hospital exposes the truth of this corrupt system. The government should immediately implement a system of strict monitoring, transparency and accountability, otherwise this scheme will lose the trust of the public.

‘Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana’ launched by the Government of India was promoted as the country’s largest universal health insurance program. Its objective was that the economically weaker sections should get quality medical services free of cost and no person should lose his life due to lack of treatment. But when this scheme becomes a means of profit for private hospitals and a trap for needy citizens, then it becomes a picture of helplessness, not the health of the nation.

Under this scheme, it was claimed that free medical facilities up to Rs 5 lakh per year would be provided to eligible families. The government listed both government and private hospitals so that citizens could get convenient service. But this listing became a door for corruption for many private hospitals.

An ordinary family in Haryana discovered this truth when one of their sons suddenly fell ill and needed to be admitted to a private hospital—Sarvesh

Hospital. The family had an Ayushman card, which led them to believe that treatment would be free of cost. But the hospital initially refused to treat him just by looking at the card. When admission was possible through some acquaintances, the hospital administration demanded ten thousand rupees without any prescription or bill. This amount was demanded directly in cash—without any formalities.

This matter was not limited to the demand for money. During the treatment, gross negligence was seen in the medical system there. The behavior of the nurses, the absence of doctors, the mess of documents and the disappearance of the patient’s file - all these made the situation worse. The patient was kept in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for a day, but the care and facilities there were nominal.

This incident made it clear that the Ayushman card has become just a paper tool. Private hospitals consider this scheme only as a means to extract money from the government. There is no guarantee of actual service. It has been observed in many hospitals that either the beneficiaries of the scheme are not given admission, or money is openly demanded from them. It has also been observed many times that necessary tests and medicines are deliberately shown outside the scheme and money is extracted from the patient separately. Many times the patient does not get treatment, but money is withdrawn by showing treatment in government files.

A health agency has been set up at the state level to monitor this scheme, but in practice this mechanism seems to be almost inactive. The above mentioned

family also lodged a complaint about the scheme on the helpline, but they did not receive any reply for several weeks. When inquiries were made to the hospital administration, instead of a reply, threats and neglect were received.

When a government scheme is so corrupted, it is natural for the public to lose faith in it. The welfare schemes that the government boasts about, on the ground, become synonymous with humiliation, mismanagement and helplessness for the common man. If a poor person has to pay a cash amount of Rs. 10,000 despite having an insurance of Rs. 5 lakh, then this is not only a mockery of the scheme, but is also a direct social injustice.

The problem is not limited to Servesh Hospital alone. There are thousands of such private hospitals in many states of the country which are duping the public by taking advantage of this scheme in a similar manner. This is a type of organized fraud in which hospitals, middlemen, and sometimes even government employees are involved.

To deal with this situation the following measures are necessary:

All listed private hospitals should be regularly and strictly inspected.

An independent public monitoring committee should be formed in every district which should include journalists, advocates and social workers.

If any hospital is found demanding cash in the name of the scheme, its name should be immediately removed from the list.

Payment should not be processed without the consent of the patient or his family.

An effective and prompt grievance redressal platform should be created.

Until this arrangement is made, the objective of the Ayushman Bharat scheme will remain incomplete. Instead of becoming a boon for the poor, this scheme is now becoming a system where neither the doctors are responsible nor the hospitals are transparent. Everyone is busy taking their share of benefits – and in between, the person who reached the hospital with only the hope of life gets crushed.

The soul of schemes like Ayushman Bharat cannot survive unless its backbone is transparency, accountability and service. Examples like Servesh Hospital are not just individual sufferings but the sick reality of the entire system.

Unless it is understood that the objective of the scheme is not just to give money but to provide respectable medical care, the country’s health system will remain a hollow building - where prayer works more than treatment, and relationship with the doctor is more important.

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In lighter Vein, Sinha Promoted ,Omar Demoted

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It is in lighter vein but is full of meaning that our chief minister Omar Abdullah has stated in lighter vein that, “Sinha was promoted and Omar was Demoted”. Omar Abdullah expressed this while the PM Modi’s inauguration of the two Vande Bharat trains from Katra to Baramulla Kashmir for the first time and while laying foundations of many infrastructure projects both in Kashmir and Jammu worth crores of rupees. Omar thought it fit and opportune to raise the question of the restoration of the full statehood to erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, though he has said that Sinha promoted, Omar demoted and he has said so not for nothing but in his satire lies the inherent wisdom and meaning of the demand of the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Such a statement as Sinha promoted, Omar demoted has been expressed because Omar feels and knows that Sinha stands elevated and he demoted because of the down grading and down-sizing of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh on August 5/6 2019 and so Modi government has divested the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir with the consequence that the powers of the democratically elected chief minister have been reduced and curtailed with the result that chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir has been belittled because after the re-organization act of 2019, and under its provisions the balance of powers and authority has been tilted in favour of the representative of the centre government that LG Manoj Sinha is. The real powers of governance including of the transferring of IAS, IPS officers among other important and strategic powers

have been conferred on LG and the chief minister has been reduced to insignificance and he resembles as persona non grata which is the real insult to democracy, elections and federalism. This is against the democracy and established procedures and norms. There are many instances of elevating a union territory into a full-fledged state and in India which is the largest democracy of the world, have not heard about downgrading of a statehood to union territory save Jammu and Kashmir, where the duly and democratically chief executive-the chief minister has been ripped of powers and authority and major powers have been conferred on LG which is in no way in the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir re-organization Act 2019 and later developments have made chief minister of Jammu & Kashmir as of little importance or to be specific, has been made insignificant and the people of this border region have been disempowered and this is really a bane of the J&K reorganization Act and later developments. This disempowerment of the duly and democratically elected chief minister Omar Abdullah and in real sense the robbing of the powers of the elected council of ministers and in fact of the people of Jammu and Kashmir is a big injustice with the erstwhile state, its political executive and at large and ultimately with the real and supreme fountains of power in a democracy that is the people/voters is a insult and injustice with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. There is urgent need to undo these wrongs and empower the people of J & k, so that they will not feel alienated and orphaned. On 6th of June Friday which is in fact a historical day for the people of Jammu and

Kashmir as the first, Vande Bharat train has been flagged from Katra Railway station, Omar Abdulla has mixed humour with plea for statehood for Jammu and Kashmir. Omar has subtly but clearly put forward his governments demand for the granting statehood to Jammu and Kashmir which is its long overdue demand. He in fact drew the attention of the PM Narendra Modi, minister of Railways Ashnavi Vashniv, MoS PMO Dr. Jatindra Singh, LG Manoj Sinha and other high-level dignitaries towards the just and genuine demand of the statehood for Jammu and Kashmir. In a lighter vein, Omar Abdullah said and recalled 1914 when railway station Katra was opened, he pointed towards “coincidence” that four people present at the event on Friday were also on stage that day. Humourously pointing out the differing career trajectories of the persons involved, Abdullah said, “You Narendra Modi became the prime minister for the first time then, you came here right after the election. And by the grace of God, you inaugurated the Katra railway station here.” After that, you won the election twice in a row and remained the prime minister of the country. Your minister of state in the PMO, Jitendra Singh was present. ---- Even our respected Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who was the minister of state for railways at that time was present. Referring to his own position, Abdullah said, “And I, as the chief minister of a full-fledged state then, stands slightly demoted. I was the chief minister of a state then. Now I am the chief minister of a union territory.” “But I believe it will not take long for this to be corrected. And with your help, Jammu and Kashmir will again attain the status of a state.” Abdullah added. The chief minister’s direct plea for

the restoration of statehood was met with applause by the large gathering. Ever since the divesting of the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in August 5, 2019, Jammu and Kashmir’s people, its political parties, and all most all leaders have been demanding the restoration of the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. But the central leadership is paying a deaf hear to the genuine demand of the people as statehood is the right of the people and the centre cannot deny it and has to sooner or later accept this demand and restore its statehood. In principle centre government has accepted this long pending demand of the political parties and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. As, from day one of the downsizing of the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Prime minister Narendra Modi and Home minister Amit Shah has stated that statehood will be restored to People of Jammu and Kashmir at an appropriate time. The central leadership has been saying it ad fin tum that NDA government is committed to restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir but fail short of giving the time frame within which statehood will be restored to people of Jammu and Kashmir. Gullible people of Jammu and Kashmir and its traditional political parties and leaders have been demanding statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and now they and their chief minister are tired and thus Omar Abdullah has put forth the plea of the restoration of statehood to erstwhile state humorously. And the NDA government should now without any further delay announce the restoration of the statehood to the people of J&K.

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JKTF leadership calls on Education Minister Sakeena Itoo



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 13: On the direction of State President Sheikh Mohammed Ashraf A high-level delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum, Affiliated with AISTF, called on the Education Minister, Sakeena Masood Itoo, at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, to discuss a range of critical issues affecting the teaching community and the broader education system in the Union Territory.

The delegation was led by State Vice President Mehraj-ud-Din Zargar and comprised UT General Secretary Mir Bashir Ahmad, UT Chief Spokesperson Tahir Ahmad Sofi, UT Chief Press & Publicity Secretary M. Ashraf Khan, Vice Provincial President Mir Ab Qayoom, District President Srinagar Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Mir, and District President Kupwara Mohammad Altaf Lone.

According to a press

release issued by UT Chief Spokesperson Tahir Ahmad Sofi, the leadership presented a comprehensive set of suggestions aimed at systemic improvement and employee welfare.

The delegation strongly urged the government to ensure effective and equitable staff rationalization across the Union Territory. It was apprised to the Hon'ble Minister that nearly 70% of the total teaching strength in J&K comprises Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) teachers, who are working with utmost dedication, yet remain outside the ambit of rationalization due to policy constraints.

With only 30% of the workforce being actively rationalized, the Forum argued that it is not practically feasible to achieve a balanced or rational rationalization unless a well-defined transfer policy for ReT teachers is framed and implemented. This, they stressed, is essential to ensuring fairness, effi-

ciency, and academic continuity in schools.

Other major concerns highlighted during the meeting included the need to expedite the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with a practical, field-oriented approach, and the establishment of a time-bound and transparent grievance redressal mechanism.

The Forum also emphasized the importance of involving employee representatives in educational policy-making to ensure decisions reflect ground realities.

Further, the delegation raised issues regarding delays in the release of Mid-Day Meal (MDM) funds, including the pending remuneration of cooks and AAYAs, and stressed the urgent need for career progression and timely promotion of teaching staff.

The Forum also demanded the immediate filling of vacant Head of Institution posts, including Headmasters, ZEOs, Principals, and CEOs, to ensure uninterrupted academic and administrative functioning.

The Minister gave a patient and encouraging hearing, appreciated the Forum's vision for reform, and invited the leadership to submit a detailed written policy proposal to facilitate further discussion.

She also assured timely redressal of the pressing issues raised. The JKTF leadership expressed their gratitude for the Minister's responsiveness and reaffirmed their commitment to work collaboratively for the upliftment of the education sector across Jammu and Kashmir.

NSF hails record 22 Sikh MPs in Canada, mourns Giani Mohan Singh's demise

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: The National Sikh Front (NSF) hailed the unprecedented election of 22 Punjabi-origin candidates, predominantly Sikhs, in Canada's April 28, 2025, federal elections, marking a milestone for the diaspora's political clout.

Concurrently, NSF mourns the loss of Giani Mohan Singh, former Head Granthi of Sri Harmandir Sahib, who passed away on May 11, 2025.

The 2025 elections saw a record-breaking

22 Punjabi MPs elected to Canada's House of Commons, surpassing previous highs of 20 in 2019 and 18 in 2021.

The cohort includes six turbaned Sikh men and six women, representing diverse constituencies across Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba.

Standout victors include Liberal MPs Anita Anand (Oakville East), Bardish Chaggar (Waterloo), and Sukh Dhaliwal (Surrey Newton), alongside Conservatives Jasraj Hallan (Calgary East) and Amarjeet Gill

(Brampton West).

"The triumph of these 22 leaders embodies the Sikh ethos of seva and chardi kala," said NSF Chairman S. Varinderjeet Singh.

"From trailblazing entrepreneurs to agricultural and logistics pioneers, Punjabis have earned Canada's trust, and their political ascent amplifies our voice in this vibrant democracy."

The Sikh community's economic contributions—spanning real estate, technology, agriculture, and trucking—have fortified Canada's social and economic fabric, paving the way for this political break-

through.

Amid the celebration, NSF grieves the passing of Giani Mohan Singh Ji, a revered figure whose spiritual guidance shaped the global Sikh Sangat. In a profound act of devotion, Giani Ji donated his entire property to Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar, exemplifying his lifelong commitment to selfless service. "His legacy of devotion will forever inspire us," Singh said, offering condolences and prayers for his eternal peace.

The NSF urges the new MPs to champion justice and equality while fostering Canada-



Sikh diaspora ties. The organization also calls on the community to honor Giani Ji's memory by upholding unity and promoting the values of compassion, humility, and service to humanity as taught by Guru Nanak Dev.

Army conducts written mock test for Agniveer Recruitment Training at Khanetar



Top News Report

POONCH, Jun 13: In a significant initiative to empower and prepare the youth of Jammu & Kashmir for a career in the armed forces, the Indian Army has been conducting a comprehensive Agniveer Recruitment Training programme. As part of this ongoing endeavour, Indian Army organized a Mock Written Test in Khanetar for aspiring candidates from Poonch District.

This initiative, focused on readiness for the upcoming Common Entrance Exam, aims to instill confidence, disci-

pline, and clarity among young aspirants.

The training programme includes structured physical training to assess basic fitness levels, followed by detailed modules covering the recruitment procedure, examination patterns, and physical standards required for selection.

The training also addresses prevalent myths and misconceptions regarding the Agniveer Scheme, ensuring that the youth are well-informed and mentally prepared.

With an enthusiastic response from the local community, this training initiative is proving to be a powerful platform for channelling the energy of the region's youth towards nation-building and a proud future in the Indian Army.

BJP activists express shock over Air India flight crash at Ahmedabad airport, calling incident 'tragic'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Large number of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) activists from Jammu, who met in Surya Vihar, expressed their deep shock and concern over Air India flight crash in Gujarat's Ahmedabad on Thursday, calling the incident 'tragic'.

While offering heartfelt sympathies and condolences, R.L.Kaith and others said that their thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families. They hoped that the families are able to draw strength in this hour of grief.

All present prayed to Gracious God to grant eternal peace to the departed souls in Heaven.

Department of Environmental Science, NSS Unit of GDC Bani celebrates World Environment Week



Top News Report

BANI, Jun 13: Department of Environmental science and NSS Unit of GDC Bani celebrated World Environmental Week and it was dedicated campaign for promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

Environment week commenced from 5th June and culminated on 13 June. During this week series of activities conducted which includes Plantation drive on 5th June 2025, pledge taken ceremony on 9th June 2025 and Rally in vicinity of College on 13th June.

On the concluding day of World Environment Week, Prof Naseeb Kumar Bhagat highlighted the importance

of celebration of world environment week for widespread promotion of awareness about environment and solution to various environmental issues.

Principal of the College, Dr Manohar Lal stressed upon greater participation of students in various extracurricular activities for all round personality development.

Dr Lal also ensured the students that in coming days mega activity in collaboration with Art of Living organization shall be conducted and urged upon students to Participate in Large number.

NSS program officer Dr Nisha Devi executed and managed all the three activities effectively. On the concluding days 60 students of BA

Sem 2nd participated in Rally to give message in society in clear and loud manner with slogan "Plant tree, Save environment". A pivotal moment of the week was the pledge ceremony, where students of GDC Bani, led by Dr. Nisha Devi, the Program Officer of the NSS unit, solemnly vowed to protect and preserve the environment.

The pledge underscored their commitment to adopting sustainable habits and encouraging others to do the same.

The event was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members, including Dr. J S Soodan, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Narinder Kumar, and Prof. Vishab Thappa.

GDC Darhal organizes awareness program under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan

Top News Report

DARHAL, Jun 13: The NSS Unit in collaboration with IQAC of the GDC Darhal organized awareness program on "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan" as part of the Viksit Bharat @2047 here on Friday.

In a significant move towards eliminating drug abuse completely from the Indian society, the Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal, a renowned educational institution, took the Nasha Mukh Bharat pledge today. The pledge ceremony was attended by students of all the semesters and teachers, which marked an important step in the ongoing fight against drug addiction.

Nasha Mukh Bharat is a nationwide initiative launched by the Government of India to create a drug-free nation. The pledge serves as a collective commitment from individuals, organizations, and communities to eradicate substance abuse and contribute to a healthier and happier society.



The Pledge Ceremony commenced with the Principal of GDC Darhal, Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza, delivering a captivating speech on the detrimental effects of substance abuse, emphasizing the need for collective action to address this grave issue. He motivated the attendees, especially the students, to become responsible citizens and encouraged others to abstain from drugs. Students, who are the backbone of shaping the future of the nation, enthusiastically took the pledge during the ceremony. The pledge highlighted the importance of creating awareness about the

harmful consequences of substance abuse, supporting individuals struggling with addiction, and participating in community-driven initiatives that foster a drug-free environment. GDC Darhal aims to drive this initiative forward by organizing awareness programs, workshops, and seminars to educate students and the local community about the consequences of drug addiction. Collaboration with local authorities, NGOs, and other educational institutions will be sought to create a cohesive strategy for breaking the cycle of drug abuse and improving rehabilitation services.

The pledge ceremony concluded with students and faculty members expressing their commitment to Nasha Mukh Bharat. Their enthusiasm and determination have set a remarkable precedent for other institutions and communities, inspiring them to actively contribute to the mission of eradicating drug abuse.

The event was coordinated by Dr Mohd Akhlaq NSS PO whereas Dr. Ghulam Abass, HoD Persian, Dr M Saleem Wani Head Dept of English, Dr. Taseem Ahmed, HoD Geography and Prof Anzar Ahmed HoD Arabic gave enlightening speeches on the occasion.

Jaswinder Kuku judged as Outstanding Rtn Club President

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Rotary International the Largest NGO in the world held Annual District Awards for its District comprising of Punjab, J&K and Himachal Pradesh.

Jaswinder Singh Kuku was judged as the Outstanding Club President among 121 Presidents.

Jaswinder Kuku is President of Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hand. Rtn Kuku was also awarded for promoting Sports in Jammu Kashmir.

Rotarian Kuku held numerous camps for the needy people by supporting them with clothing, providing food for the underprivileged from time to time in J&K.

He has been very active in providing medical facilities to the needy by organising medical



camps.

Rtn Kuku who himself is a renowned hockey player of the JK state as well as in international Circuit.

He was instrumental in organising a Rotary Hockey Championship thereby trying to attract youth to sporting activity with a sole aim of "No to Drugs".

For his such philanthropy activities, he was awarded by District Governor Dr. PS Grover.

On asking about the awards, he said that he is thankful to his club members who stood with him in conducting such humanitarian works and the Distt Governor who recognised his works.

Dharmendra, Arbaaz Khan to reunite after 27 years for film 'Maine Pyaar Kiya Phir Se'

Duo last appeared together in 1998 hit "Pyaar Kiya To Darna Kya", which also starred Salman Khan and Kajol

In a heartwarming reunion that has delighted Bollywood fans, legendary actor Dharmendra and star Arbaaz Khan will be sharing the screen together after 27 years for their upcoming film "Maine Pyaar Kiya Phir Se".

The duo last appeared together in the 1998 hit "Pyaar Kiya To Darna Kya", which also starred Salman Khan and Kajol in the lead roles.

"Maine Pyaar Kiya Phir Se" is produced by Ronnie Rodrigues, CMD of Pearl Group of Companies and owner of Cinebuster Magazine Pvt. Ltd. The story of the movie and the lyrics of the songs in the film are written by Ronnie Rodrigues.

According to a press note shared by the makers, the film's muburat ceremony was recently held in Mumbai in the presence of several stars.

The launch was graced by renowned actors and personalities, including Rajpal Yadav, Vidya Malavade, Ganesh Acha-



rya, Kangana Sharma, Sudhakar Sharma, Vijay Madaye, Cheetah Yajnesh Shetty, Udit Narayan, Yogesh Lakhani of Bright Outdoor Media Ltd and Sonu Bagdad.

As per the press note, veteran singer Udit Narayan performed an unreleased song from the film at the event.

Dharmendra praised the film, saying, "Maine Pyaar Kiya Phir Se" is like a 'mix veg'-full of fla-

vors and entertainment. My best wishes to Ronnie Rodrigues and his entire team. I had a great time working with Arbaaz Khan earlier in 'Pyaar Kiya To Darna Kya', and I'm excited about this new journey together," as quoted in the press note.

Arbaaz Khan also shared his happiness about working with Dharmendra, saying that working with the legendary actor again feels like his film journey

has now come "full circle".

"It's an honour to be back on set with Dharam ji. He is an institution in himself, and our journey now feels like it has come full circle. I wish Ronnie Rodrigues and the entire cast and crew all the very best. Ronnie's sons are also part of the film, and I'm excited about the story, characters, and script," said Arbaaz as per the press note.

Under the banner of PBC Motion Pictures Pvt. Ltd., the film is directed by Sabir Sheikh, with Keerti Kadam as Associate Producer, Nisar Akhtar as Writer, Dilip Sen- Sameer Sen as Music Director, Naushad Parkar as DOP, Mohan Bagdad as Action Director, Himanshu Jhunjhunwala as Executive Producer, and Ekta Jain as Casting Director.

The film is set to begin its shooting schedule soon and is expected to hit theatres in November 2025, as noted in the press note.

'I was afraid about my height': Aamir Khan recalls his initial struggle in film industry



Film actor Aamir Khan, known for his versatility and perfectionism, recently revealed how insecure he was about his height at the start of his career.

Khan's new film, 'Sitare Zameen Par', is set for its release, and in

its trailer Aamir is called "Tingu" by his onscreen mother. During the promotion of the film, the actor sat down for an interview with 'Just Too Filmy', where the interviewer asked him about his reaction on being called "Tingu".

Replying to this, Aamir revealed that he was actually insecure about his height, and wasn't sure if he stood a chance in films.

Aamir, who is 5'5, also compared himself with Amitabh Bachchan.

"At the beginning of my career, I was very afraid. Amitji was number one, and he was over six feet tall. Vinodji and Shatrughan Sinha, all were very tall. So I was nervous, thinking 'chhoti height ke actor ki daal galegi ki nahin (whether an actor with a short height would survive). I was really concerned. But as it turned out, it was fine," he says.

'Sitare Zameen Par' features a basketball coach who trains neuro-divergent adults. Also starring Genelia D'Souza, the film is set to hit the cinemas on June 20.

Badshah becomes first Punjabi rapper to attend Paris Men's Fashion Week 2025

Indian rapper Badshah is set to break new ground beyond the world of music as he gears up for his debut at Paris Men's Fashion Week 2025. He will become the first Punjabi rapper to attend as a celebrity guest at one of the high-profile designer showcases this June. This marks a significant moment for South Asian representation on the global fashion stage.

Known for his chart-topping tracks, Badshah will represent India at the prestigious event, which has seen a growing interest in South Asian talent. This milestone follows the international fashion appearances of fellow Indian artists like Diljit Dosanjh at the Met Gala and AP Dhillon at Paris Fashion Week.

The 2025 edition of Paris Men's Fashion Week is scheduled to take place from June 24 to June 29. This year,



the event will showcase 70 brands, with 40 of them presenting runway shows, including some of the world's most renowned designers.

Badshah is one of the biggest names in Indian hip-hop. In his 20-year career, his songs have been played over 10 billion times across platforms. He has also appeared in many TV shows and films, and his music has been used to

promote some of Bollywood's biggest movies in recent years. Known for his cool and bold fashion style, Badshah has 15 million followers on Instagram.

The popular singer, rapper, and composer is also getting ready for his much-awaited 'Unfinished Tour' in the US. Starting in September 2025, he will perform in six different cities across the country.

Sunjay Kapur posted about Air India crash hours before dying of heart attack

Businessman Sunjay Kapur, who was previously married to actor Karisma Kapoor, passed away on Thursday night at the age of 53. According to a report by India Today, he suffered a heart attack while playing polo in the UK. It has also been discovered that just hours before his death, Sunjay had shared a condolence message for the victims of the Air India plane crash that claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

Sunjay Kapur's last post on Twitter "Terrible news of the tragic Air India crash in Ahmedabad. My



thoughts and prayers are with all the families affected. May they find strength in this difficult hour. #plane crash," Sunjay wrote in a tweet. People on the internet

were heartbroken at the irony of the situation. "Very very unfortunate day. Om shanti to your soul as well," read a comment. "Little did Sunjay know when he

was posting the above message as well as this below just three days back that his own time has come. Om Shanti," read another post.

Mere three days ago, Sunjay had also posted a message on the uncertainty of life. "Your time on Earth is limited. Leave the "what ifs" to the philosophers and instead dive headfirst into the "why nots.""

Who was Sunjay Kapur?

Sunjay Kapur was an Indian businessman and the Chairman of Sona Comstar, a leading automotive technology company known

for manufacturing precision-forged gears and driveline components. He was the son of industrialist Dr. Surinder Kapur and has played a key role in expanding the company's global footprint. Sunjay was also the President of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) of India. He was previously married to Karisma Kapoor, with whom he had two children. After their divorce, he married Priya Sachdev, a model and entrepreneur.

Priya has released a statement about Sunjay's demise so far.

Kajol admits saying no to many successful films, including Aamir Khan's 3 idiots



Actor Kajol said she was offered '3 Idiots' and does not regret saying no to it. She expressed that she has declined many films that later became huge hits. The 50-year-old actor was responding to a question about how she handles turning down certain projects. Kajol further discussed her destiny and how she has achieved great success despite turning down certain films.

In an interview with agency, the actor said, "Lots of times. A prime

example is 3 Idiots. I feel that those films were theirs, you know, jaise bolte hain na jiska likha hua hai usko hi milta hai tho (What is written will happen, it was destined to star those very actors only), I think that I have done very well for myself without them."

Kajol also opened up about the possibility of doing a romantic film with actor Shah Rukh Khan. The actor said that she would love to see a film like that, and one could also suggest it to him.

The duo is one of the most loved pairings on-screen. They have shared the screen space in 'Baazigar', 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', 'Kabhie Khushi Kabhie Gham' and 'My Name Is Khan'.

Kajol will next be seen in the upcoming film 'Maa.' The film will mark her debut in the horror film genre. In the film, she will be seen saving her daughter from supernatural demons. Actors Ronit Roy, Indraneil Sengupta, Jitin Gulati, Gopal Singh, Suryasikha Das, Yaani Bharadwaj, Rupakatha Chakraborty and Kherin Sharma will also be seen in the film.

'Maa' is directed by Vishal Furia and produced by Ajay Devgn, Jyoti Deshpande, Jio Studios. The film is co-produced by Kumar Mangat Pathak. It is scheduled to release on June 27, 2025.

Mountain of sadness: Anupam Kher, Priyanka Chopra saddened over Air India crash

Actor Anupam Kher expressed sadness over the Air India flight crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday afternoon. Kher shared a video in Hindi on his Instagram account, saying the plane crash is not just news but a mountain of sadness that has broken so many homes. Actor Priyanka Chopra also shared her condolences on Instagram.

The veteran actor expressed that the plane was "not just a machine but a moving hope in which our loved ones were sitting." "Someone was from India, someone from abroad. Someone was someone's mother. Someone was returning to their son. Someone was on the way to work. Someone was going home after a holiday. But no one knew that this journey



would become their last journey," Anupam said in the video.

Extending his condolences to the affected families, the actor said neither the language nor the logic is of any use at this time. He added that the whole of humanity is with them and the

country salutes every family that has been affected.

"So so sad. Praying for everyone affected and the families facing unimaginable loss in the Air India tragedy (sic)," Priyanka earlier said on her Instagram story. Several celebrities have

shared their condolences on social media in the aftermath of the tragic accident.

The ill-fated flight was bound for London and crashed moments after taking off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport. The aircraft crashed into a government hospital hostel in Meghani-nagar. The crash claimed 265 lives, including former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani.

Only one passenger managed to survive out of the 242 people on the plane. He was later identified as Vishwaskumar Ramesh, seated in a passenger seat 11A. The passenger is currently receiving treatment in Ahmedabad. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the crash site on Thursday.

Nagarjuna lauds Rashmika Mandanna's recent box office performances



Superstar Nagarjuna lauded Rashmika Mandanna for her recent box office performances at the audio launch of Kuberaa's third single Pippi Pippi Dum Dum Dum in Mumbai.

The film, Kuberaa, is directed by Sekhar Kammula and it stars Dhanush, Nagarjuna, Rashmika Mandanna and Jim Sarabh in the lead roles.

While interacting with the media at the launch, Nagarjuna called Rashmika a 'powerhouse' of talent.

He lauded the box office performances of the Rashmika-starrer films and said, "This girl is one powerhouse of talent. Just see her filmography in the last three years, it is just outstanding. None of us have Rs 2000-3000 crore films. She is the one who has beaten

all of us." In the last two years, Rashmika Mandanna has starred in three blockbuster movies, which include Animal, Pushpa 2 and Chhaava. She was last seen in Salman Khan-starrer Sikandar, which also performed well at the box office.

The actress humbly said that she feels she has 'only just begun' and doesn't quite understand the 'race' to be number one.

"I feel like I honestly have just started because I don't know what this whole number one situation is, because we're doing films in the South, we're doing films in Bollywood. I don't know what this race is about, but I know for sure that I'm just starting," said Rashmika while interacting with the media in Mumbai.

Kuberaa is set to release in theatres on June 20.

Can't believe he's no more: PM Modi on Vijay Rupani after meeting family

Rupani was among the 241 people on board the Air India flight who died following the crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met the family of former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani and said he could not believe that the BJP leader was no more. Rupani was among the 241 people on board the Air India flight who died following the crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday. "It is unimaginable that Vijaybhai is not in our midst. I've known him for decades. We worked together, shoulder to shoulder, including during some of the most challenging times. Vijaybhai was humble and hardworking, firmly committed to the party's



ideology. Rising up the ranks, he held various responsibilities in the organisation and went on to serve diligently as Gujarat's chief minister," Modi said after

meeting Rupani's wife, Anjali, and his son and daughter. The PM said that in every role assigned, Rupani distinguished himself, be it in the

Rajkot Municipal Corporation, Rajya Sabha MP, Gujarat BJP president or as minister in the state government. "Vijaybhai and I also worked extensively

when he was Gujarat CM. He ushered in many measures that enhanced Gujarat's growth trajectory, particularly in boosting 'Ease of Living'. Will always cherish the interactions we had. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this hour of grief. Om Shanti," the PM posted on X. Rupani, BJP Punjab incharge, was travelling to London to join his family. His daughter is settled in London. While the rest of his family had flown to London earlier, Rupani had stayed back to oversee the Ludhiana West bypoll campaign in Punjab.

Trump repeats his India-Pak claims for 'nth time', PM Modi silent: Cong

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): With US President Donald Trump repeating his claim that he "stopped a war between India and Pakistan", the Congress on Friday said Trump continues to make his claims for the "nth time" and Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to be silent on them. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared a video clip of Trump's remarks on X in which he repeated his claim that he "stopped a war between India and Pakistan" and stopped it "with trade". Ramesh said that as India is engulfed in grief over the Ahmedabad aircraft tragedy, President Trump continues to make his claims on India and Pakistan for the "nth time". "This was at the Kennedy Centre in Washington DC yesterday. And the Prime Minister continues to be silent on these claims," the Congress leader said. Asserting that he "can solve anything", Trump on Thursday said India and Pakistan have had a long time rivalry over Kashmir and he will bring the two nations

together. India has been maintaining its stance that Kashmir is a bilateral issue not open to third-party mediation. "We are going to get those two (India and Pakistan) getting together," Trump said in response to a question during a bill signing ceremony in the White House. "I told them, India and Pakistan, they have had a long time rivalry over Kashmir and I said I can solve anything", he said. Trump said he asked the countries how long has this rivalry been going on and they said 2,000 years, to which he replied, smiling, oh, that's a problem. The US president repeated his claim that he stopped a war between India and Pakistan with phone calls and trade. "I stopped a war between India and Pakistan, and I stopped it with trade. I don't think I've ever seen a story written about it, but it was pretty, pretty cool. They were getting ready," he said. He said it was "Pakistan's turn to hit, and eventually they're going to go nuclear. And I stopped it. I called each, I respect each



leader greatly. I know them, and I spoke to them, and I talked about trade." Trump said he told the leaders of India and Pakistan that they are not "trading with the US if you're going to go to war, if you're going to start throwing nuclear weapons around". Jammu and Kashmir tourism "And I said it to both of them, and they were both unbelievable. Actually, they understood it exactly. They stopped. I stopped that war with phone calls and trade. "And India is here right now, negotiating a trade deal, and Pakistan is coming, I think, next week. And I'm very proud of that," Trump said. Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, with India carry-

ing out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in the early hours of May 7. Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9, and 10. The Indian side responded strongly to the Pakistani actions. The on-ground hostilities ended with an understanding of stopping the military actions following talks between the directors general of military operations of both sides on May 10. Trump has repeatedly been claiming that the US has stopped India and Pakistan from fighting. However, India has been consistently maintaining that the understanding on cessation of hostilities with Pakistan was reached following direct talks between the Directors General of Military Operations

(DGMOs) of the two militaries. The Congress on Thursday claimed India has suffered three "huge diplomatic setbacks" from the US which is constantly hyphenating India and Pakistan and that the Modi government's foreign policy has "failed" as it is driven by domestic political considerations. Congress general secretary Ramesh had said the US' recent statements were both a "challenge and a warning" and required serious thinking "when the PM is only interested in playing divisive politics". He had also said Prime Minister Modi should leave aside his "stubbornness" to call an all-party meeting and a special session of Parliament. Ramesh had said US Army General Michael Kurilla calling Pakistan a "phenomenal partner" in the counterterrorism world, Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir's reported visit to Washington DC for the US Army Day celebrations later this week and the recent remarks by a Trump administration spokesperson were "three huge setbacks" to India.

SC rejects plea against security cover to Ambanis, says no arm twisting of court's process allowed



NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday pulled up a litigant for filing repeated pleas and rejected his petition seeking revocation of the 'Z' plus

security cover provided to industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his family members, saying arm-twisting of the court's process cannot be allowed. A partial working

day bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Manmohan, which warned petitioner Bikash Saha for filing "frivolous" and "vexatious" pleas one after the other on the issue, said the court will be constrained to impose cost on him if he indulges in filing such petitions in future. Saha moved an application in a disposed of petition seeking clarification of a February 2023 order rejecting his plea for revoking the security cover of the Reliance Industries chairman and his family members on the ground that he had no locus standi in the matter.

IIT Kharagpur student held for raping 13-year-old girl in Thane

THANE, Jun 13 (Agencies): A student from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has been arrested for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl in Maharashtra's Thane city, police said on Friday. The police on Thursday arrested the 23-year-old accused based on a complaint lodged by the girl's mother and registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against him, an official said. The accused, who lives in the Kalwa area,



allegedly lured the differently abled girl with new clothes and sexually assaulted her, he said. The official said, "The probe team has recovered a video of the sexual assault from the accused's mobile

phone, which also contained objectionable videos and photos of other girls." It is suspected that the accused may have targeted more women in the past, he said, adding that further probe is underway.

Kerala official suspended over offensive post on plane crash victim

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Jun 13 (Agencies): A government employee in Kerala has been suspended for making an offensive comment on Facebook about a Kerala nurse who died in the Ahmedabad plane crash. A Pavithran, a junior superintendent at the Vellarikundu taluk office in Kasaragod district, was suspended on Friday after he mocked Ranjitha, a nurse from Pathanamthitta, who was among the victims of the crash. In a Facebook post, State Revenue Minister K Rajan described Pavithran's remarks as

"disgraceful", and said the suspension order was issued immediately after the post came to his attention. Ranjitha, a mother of two, was working as a nurse in the UK. She had travelled to Kerala for a four-day visit to complete formalities related to her government job, with plans to rejoin the service after a stint abroad. She died when she boarded the ill-fated flight on her return. Meanwhile, State Health Minister Veena George visited Ranjitha's residence in Pullad in Pathanamthitta district and consoled

her two sobbing children and grief-stricken family members. The crash occurred on Thursday afternoon when a Boeing 787 Dreamliner (AI 171), carrying 242 people—including former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani—crashed into a medical college complex in Ahmedabad shortly after take-off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. Only one person survived the crash. A total of 241 people, including 168 Indians, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese and one Canadian, lost their lives.

Odisha: 2 Naxal commanders caught by BSF, state police

NEW DELHI/BHUBANESWAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): The Border Security Force (BSF) and Odisha Police have arrested two Maoist commanders on Friday following an exchange of fire in the jungles of Malkangiri district, officials said. Kesa Kawasi (32), an area committee member (ACM) of Kangerghati area, and Rakesh alias Sanu Kunjam (30), ACM of Andhra-Odisha border Maoist military platoon, were apprehended by the security forces from the area near Sodiuguda and Tentuliguda villages of the said district, they said. The forces recovered a pistol, ten electric detonators, a walkie-talkie and a radio, six rounds of bullets, two machetes and some other items from the two Maoists who were apprehended after a brief exchange of fire, the officials said. Commandant of BSF's 2nd battalion Varunendra Pratap Singh and Malkangiri Superintendent of



Police Vinod Patil addressed the press at the district headquarters and informed that the two were caught by the joint forces who were operating in the area based on "credible" intelligence inputs. Both the Maoists hail from Chhattisgarh with Kawasi belonging to the Bastar district and Rakesh from the Bijapur district, they said. The two Naxalite commanders were involved in multiple cases

of attacks, improvised explosive device (IED) blasts against security forces in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and have multiple FIRs registered against them, officials said. Security forces have stepped up their action against Left Wing Extremists in various states following the Union government's declaration of ending the Naxal menace by March, 2026.

Safety, mission integrity top priority, says ISRO amid Axiom-4 delay

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): ISRO on Friday said safety and mission integrity were its top priority as NASA and Axiom Space said they were working to address an issue related to a leak at the International Space Station. India's Shubhanshu Shukla along with three other astronauts are scheduled to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom-4 commercial mission that has now been put on indefinite delay, as space agencies address various issues that have cropped up ahead of the launch. "Safety and mission integrity remain our top priorities," ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said in a post on X. He said ISRO is work-



ing closely with Axiom Space, NASA and SpaceX, as they responsibly address the ISS Zvezda module observation causing the delay. India's return to spaceflight as part of the Axiom-4 private mission has run into further delay as NASA announced on Thursday that it was examining a leak onboard the ISS' Russian module. "NASA and Axiom Space are postponing

the launch of Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station," a NASA statement said. The astronauts were originally scheduled for lift-off on May 29, which was put off to June 8, June 10 and June 11, when SpaceX, the providers of the launch rocket and the space capsule, detected a liquid oxygen leak in the Falcon-9 rocket. Former NASA astronaut and director of

human spaceflight at Axiom Space, Peggy Whitson, will command the commercial mission, while Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla will serve as pilot. The two mission specialists are European Space Agency (ESA) project astronaut Sławosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary. The 14-day mission will "realise the return" to human spaceflight for India, Poland and Hungary. "Setbacks and delays are a normal part of spaceflight. Our Ax-4 crew remains upbeat and looking forward to a safe and successful flight to the Space Station," Whitson said in a post on X.

Israeli PM Netanyahu says ‘there are no free wars,’ warns of prolonged conflict after successful strikes

TEL AVIV, Jun 13 (Agencies): Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday announced a “very successful opening strike” carried out by Israeli forces, expressing confidence in further achievements with divine support.

He stated, “After a very successful opening strike, we hit the senior command, we hit the select scientists who are advancing the development of atomic bombs, we hit the nuclear facilities. We are making great achievements, but I also know, and you know, there are no free wars. Therefore, I ask you again to listen carefully to the orders of the senior command, and it is very likely that you will be required to spend a long time, much longer than we have been used to so far, in the protected areas.”

Netanyahu urged the public to remain vigilant, saying, “Of course, you will patrol, and I am sure you will do so, in uniforms, suits, clothes and so on, but the most important thing is to patrol with a clear mind, with faith in the righteousness of our path, in the security of our victory.”

The Israeli Prime Minister announced the launch of a large-scale military campaign, Operation Rising Lion, aimed at dismantling what he described as an existential threat posed by Iran’s nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.

“Moments ago, Israel launched Operation Rising Lion, a targeted military operation to roll back the Iranian threat to Israel’s very survival,” Netanyahu said, adding that the mission would continue “for as many days as it takes to remove this threat.”

He accused Iran of pursuing a nuclear weapons programme despite global warnings, noting that Tehran has stockpiles of enriched uranium capable of producing multiple nuclear bombs. “In recent years, Iran has produced enough highly enriched uranium for nine atom bombs. Nine,” he said, warning that Iran could develop a nuclear weapon within months.

Netanyahu likened the situation to the prelude to World War II and referenced the Holocaust, stating, “Eighty years ago, the Jewish people were the victims of a holocaust perpetrated by the Nazi regime. Today, the Jewish state refuses to be a victim of a



nuclear holocaust perpetrated by the Iranian regime.”

Reaffirming Israel’s red lines, he said, “Israel will never allow those who call for our annihilation to develop the means to achieve that goal. Tonight, Israel backs those words with action.”

He detailed the targets of the strike, saying, “We struck at the heart of Iran’s nuclear enrichment programme. We struck at the heart of Iran’s nuclear weaponization programme. We targeted Iran’s main enrichment facility in Natanz. We targeted Iran’s leading nuclear scientists working on the Iranian bomb. We also struck at the heart of Iran’s ballistic missile programme.”

Netanyahu highlighted the growing threat posed by Iran’s ballistic missiles, recalling that last year, Iran fired 300 ballistic missiles at Israel. “Each of these missiles carries a tonne of explosives and threatens the lives of hundreds of people. Soon, those missiles could carry a nuclear payload, threatening the lives not of hundreds, but of millions. Iran is gearing up to produce 10,000 of those ballistic missiles within three years. Now just imagine, imagine 10,000 tonnes of TNT landing on a country the size of New Jersey. This is an intolerable threat. It must be stopped.”

He accused Iran of surrounding Israel with regional proxies and launching direct attacks, including the October 7 incident. “But the people of Israel, the soldiers of Israel rose like lions to defend our country. We crushed Hamas. We devastated Hezbollah. We hit Iranian proxies in Syria and Yemen. And when Iran directly attacked us twice last year, we struck back inside Iran itself. Yet in defending ourselves, we also defend

others.”

Netanyahu said Israel’s actions extended beyond its borders. “We defend our Arab neighbours. They too have suffered from Iran’s campaign of chaos and carnage. Our actions against Iran’s proxy Hezbollah led to the establishment of a new government in Lebanon and the collapse of Assad’s murderous regime in Syria. The peoples of those two countries now have a chance for a different future, a better future.”

Addressing the Iranian people, he said, “Our fight is not with you. Our fight is with the brutal dictatorship that has oppressed you for 46 years. I believe that the day of your liberation is near. And when that happens, the great friendship between our two ancient peoples will flourish once again.”

Netanyahu warned of Iran’s broader global threat, saying, “We will not let the world’s most dangerous regime get the world’s most dangerous weapons. And Iran plans to give those weapons, nuclear weapons, to its terrorist proxies. That would make the nightmare of nuclear terrorism all too real. The increasing range of Iran’s ballistic missiles would bring that nuclear nightmare to the cities of Europe and eventually to America.”

He reminded the world of Iran’s hostile rhetoric, saying, “Remember, Iran calls Israel the small Satan. It calls America the great Satan. And this is why for decades, it’s led millions in the chants of Death to Israel and Death to America. Today, Israel is responding to those genocidal calls with action and with a call of our own. Long live Israel and long live America. Our action will help make the world a much safer place.”

Thanking US President Donald Trump, Netanyahu said, “I want to thank President Trump for his leadership in confronting Iran’s nuclear weapons programme. He has made clear time and again that Iran cannot have a nuclear enrichment programme. Today, it is clear that Iran is just buying for time. It refuses to agree to this basic requirement of peaceful nations. That is why we have no choice but to act. And act now.”

He reflected on the difficult decision to act preemptively, saying, “The hardest decision any leader has to make is to thwart a danger before it is fully materialised. Nearly a century ago, facing the Nazis, a generation of leaders failed to act in time. They were paralysed by the horrors of World War I. They were determined to avoid war at all costs. And they got the worst war ever. They adopted a policy of appeasement. They closed their eyes and ears to all the warning signs.”

“That failure to act resulted in World War II, the deadliest war in history. It claimed the lives of 60 million, including 6 million Jews, a third of my people. After that war, the Jewish people and the Jewish state vowed, never again. Well, never again is now.”

Defending Israel’s military actions, he said, “Today, Israel has shown that we have learned the lessons of history. When enemies vow to destroy you, believe them. When enemies build weapons of mass death, stop them. As the Bible teaches us, when someone comes to kill you, rise and act first. This is exactly what Israel has done today.”

He called for national unity and strength, saying, “Be strong and courageous,” and expressed confidence in Israel’s resolve. “Today, our strong and courageous soldiers and people stand together to defend ourselves against those who seek our destruction. And by defending ourselves, we defend many others and we roll back a murderous tyranny.”

“Generations from now, history will record that our generation stood its ground, acted in time, and secured our common future. May God bless Israel. May God bless the forces of civilisation everywhere.”

Elon Musk raises concerns over ISS safety, urges de-orbiting within 2 years



WASHINGTON, Jun 13 (Agencies): Elon Musk has voiced serious concerns over the long-term safety of the International Space Station (ISS), citing the ageing condition of its components, and called for its de-orbiting within two years despite SpaceX’s ongoing involvement.

“There are potentially serious concerns about the long-term safety of the @Space_Station. Some parts of it are simply getting too old, and that risk grows over time.

“Even though @SpaceX earns billions of dollars from transporting astronauts & cargo to the ISS, I nonetheless would like to go on record recommending that it be de-orbited within 2 years,” Musk posted on X.

Meanwhile, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is working closely with Axiom Space, NASA, and SpaceX to responsibly address the ISS Zvezda module observation causing the Ax-4 delay, reflecting growing collaboration between India and leading global space agencies, including Musk’s companies.

V Narayanan, the Secretary DOS/ Chairman ISRO and Chairman Space Commission, said that safety and mission integrity were their priorities.

In a post on X, ISRO stated, “ISRO is working closely with Axiom Space, NASA, SpaceX as they responsibly address the ISS Zvezda module observation causing the Ax-4 delay. Safety and mission integrity remain our top priorities.”

On June 11, SpaceX announced the postponement of the Falcon 9 launch of the Ax-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS), citing the need for additional time to repair a liquid oxygen (LOx) leak.

“Standing down from tomorrow’s Falcon 9 launch of Ax-4 to the @Space_Station to allow additional time for SpaceX teams to repair the LOx leak identified

during post static fire booster inspections. Once complete - and pending Range availability - we will share a new launch date,” the company said in a post on X.

Following the announcement, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) also confirmed the delay of the Axiom-4 mission, which was scheduled for launch on June 11, 2025, and was set to carry the first Indian Gaganyatri to the ISS.

Despite the delay, the Axiom-4 mission remains significant. The Ax-4 crew includes members from India, Poland, and Hungary, marking each nation’s first mission to the space station in history and the second government-sponsored human spaceflight mission in over 40 years, according to Axiom Space. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will be India’s second national astronaut to go to space since 1984.

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is part of Axiom Space’s fourth private astronaut mission (Ax-4), marking a historic moment for India’s space collaboration with NASA.

According to Axiom Space, the Ax-4 mission will “realise the return” to human spaceflight for India, Poland, and Hungary, marking each nation’s first government-sponsored flight in more than 40 years.

Trump was aware of Israel’s strikes on Iran in advance, says no surprises: Report

WASHINGTON, Jun 13 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump, in an interview with Fox News said that he had prior information regarding Israel’s strikes on Iran that killed several people, including Revolutionary Guards Commander Hossein Salami.

Trump also said that he hopes that Iran will return to the negotiating table.

“Iran cannot have a nuclear bomb and we are hoping to get back to the negotiating table. We will see. There are several people in lead-

ership that will not be coming back,” Trump told Fox News.

According to the Fox News report, the Trump administration reached out to at least one key Middle Eastern ally to acknowledge that the strike was going to happen, but that the US was not involved in the strikes.

Meanwhile, Iran has vowed retaliation against the strikes. An Iranian security source told news agency that Tehran is planning to give a response to Israel that will be “harsh and



decisive”. The official added that retaliation is being discussed at the highest levels.

Trump in the interview also said that he is watching for any retali-

ation, and US Central Command (CENTCOM) is on high alert. He also said that the US is ready to defend itself and Israel in case of any retaliation from Iran.

Israel, meanwhile, is fully on alert, with Military Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir saying that tens of thousands of soldiers have been called up and that they are “prepared across all borders”. “I warn anyone who will try to challenge us will pay a heavy price,” he told agency.

Israel has also issued a national emergency, with Defence Minister Israel Katz asking citizens to obey instructions of the Home Front command and the authorities, and remain in the protected areas.

ISIS reactivating fighters, eyeing Syria, Iraq return

DAMASCUS, Jun 13 (Agencies): West Asia leaders and their Western allies have been warning that Islamic State could exploit the fall of the Assad regime to stage a comeback in Syria and neighbouring Iraq, where the extremist group once imposed a reign of terror over millions.

Islamic State (IS) has been attempting just that, according to more than 20 sources, including security and political officials from Syria, Iraq, the US and Europe, as well as diplomats in the region.

Security operatives in Syria and Iraq, who have been monitoring IS for years, said they

foiled at least a dozen major plots this year. A case in point came in December, the month Syria’s Bashar Assad was toppled.

As rebels were advancing on Damascus, IS commanders holed up near Raqqa, former capital of their self-declared caliphate, dispatched two envoys



to Iraq. The envoys carried verbal instructions

to the group’s followers to launch attacks.

China’s transnational crackdown targets activists abroad: Article 19 Report

LONDON, Jun 13 (Agencies): The Chinese government’s expanding campaign of transnational repression against demonstrators and activists residing abroad has been made public in a new report by the UK-based human rights organisation Article 19. The research, titled “Going Global: China’s Transnational Repression of Protesters Worldwide,” describes how Beijing routinely uses digital manipulation, intimidation, monitoring, and threats against family members within China to silence dissenting voices outside of its boundaries.

The research describes cases from 2011 to 2024 in 12 countries, based on comprehensive desk research and in-depth interviews with 29 exiled activists from Uyghur, Tibetan, Hong Kong, and Chinese dissident communities. These are democracies with legal protections for free speech in Asia, North America, and Europe. Citing Freedom House data that links Chinese state entities to roughly 30% of worldwide transnational repression instances since 2014, the research highlights the scope and extent of Beijing’s repression.

The results show a trend of intimidation and physical violence, especially during high-profile

diplomatic gatherings. At least 35 counter-protest organisations, purportedly affiliated with the Chinese United Front, were given travel and material support before facing pro-democracy protesters from Tibet, Hong Kong, and Uyghur communities during the 2023 APEC conference in San Francisco. Another concerning instance occurred in Manchester in 2022, when a demonstrator from Hong Kong was attacked on the grounds of the Chinese embassy, which prompted a response from the UK government.

Activists said that in addition to physical violence, their relatives in China frequently faced surveillance, police visits, and threats as a result of their overseas rallies. According to one Tibetan environmentalist working in India, officials regularly harassed his relatives in China as a result of his advocacy activity.

The paper also details how protests have been impeded by the usage of digital platforms. In one instance, Zoom terminated a premium account following a sizable online gathering honouring the crackdown in Tiananmen Square.

Several activists also reported experiencing hacks, smear operations, and attempts to delete their social media accounts.

According to the report, state security services, Chinese embassies, consulates, and allied student and cultural organisations collaborate to keep an eye on and stifle critics overseas. Because these initiatives are frequently conducted with plausible deniability, it is challenging for host nations to properly respond.

The Chinese government has been urged by Article 19 to halt these abuses and revoke the domestic legislation that supports them. Additionally, it has called on host nations to provide law enforcement officers with training on how to identify transnational repression, protect targeted populations, and assist those impacted with mental health. Technology companies were urged to make their platforms more transparent and to put regulations in place to stop activists from abusing them.

The report concludes that despite the risks, many exiled activists continue their work undeterred, relying on solidarity networks to counter the fear Beijing seeks to instil. It warns, however, that China’s campaign of cross-border repression is expanding and increasingly shaping the global landscape for human rights and freedom of expression.

MHAC School Nagbani students leave for Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Third batch of Tawi Trekkers J&K comprising 90 students including 32 girls of MHAC School, Nagbani, Jammu, left today for Dharamshala to participate in the Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme being organized by Tawi Trekkers under the overall supervision of Shawetika Khajuria, President of the club. Shashi Kant Sharma, a trained mountaineer and a seasoned trekker along with Hari Khajuria and four teachers of the school Sanjay Nayar, Anuradha Sharma and Sarika Billowria escorted the group.

Meanwhile, activists of the club led by Sonam Sidharth, Field Director of the programme, Sourav Deep Singh and others have already made proper boarding, lodging and other necessary arrangements at Chamunda and Macleodganj area for the smooth conduct of the trekking venture.

Earlier, the group was flagged off by Parveen Sharma, Chairman of The Citizens' Co-operative Bank Ltd, Jammu; Rahul Sharma, Patron of the club and Sonia Anand Principal of MHAC School, Nagbani. While interacting with the

students the chief guest advised the students to respect and love nature by keeping the camp site as well as the trekking trail neat and clean by not throwing any wrappers of chocolates, toffees, biscuits etc. which shall be issued to them during the trek.

The programme is being organized in cooperation with J&K Sports Council, Mountaineering Association of J&K, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantab, Jammu, Adventure Holidays India, Jammu and Northernland Hikes, Jammu.

Meanwhile the 1st group of trekkers of MHAC School, Nagbani School, Jammu has reached back Jammu after a memorial experience of trekking in the calm and cool forests of Mcleodganj area. The next group of about 150 trekkers shall leave on 16th June, 2025.

It may be mentioned that Tawi Trekkers J&K is a voluntary, non profit making, social service & sports organisation run by a group of highly dedicated young boys and girls whose only motive is to spread spirit of adventure and love of nature among all strata of society without distinction of colour, caste, creed.

BLSKS concludes 3-day historical Sudhmahadev cultural festival with devotional performance at Mantalai

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Jun 13: In a vibrant display of Duggar heritage, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) concluded its 3-day celebration of the historical Sudhmahadev Mela 2025 with a grand devotional performance at Mantalai. The event, aligned with BLSKS's 497th Friday Series Musical Play titled "Bham Bham Bhole", aimed at preserving and promoting the traditional Duggar culture of Jammu & Kashmir.

The mega event was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Central Bureau of Communication (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting), and J&K Dharmarth Trust. Maharaj Parkash Cheba of Agni Akhara and Pujari of Shiv Parvati Temple, Mantalai, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Other dignitaries present as Guests of Honour included Rajneet Singh Kotwal (SDM Chenani),



Pankaj Singh Pahu (Tehsildar Chenani & Mela Officer), Som Raj (Principal, Govt. Higher Secondary School Sudhmahadev), Rakesh Manhas (Incharge Cultural Activities), and members of the Apaneswar Mantalai Temple Trust.

Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, along with other trustees including Ashok Sharma (IPS Retd.), expressed gratitude to BLSKS and the supporting departments—JK Academy

of Art, Culture and Languages; Department of Information and Public Relations, Udhampur; and Department of Youth Services & Sports, Chenani—for their contributions in making the event a grand success.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest praised the cultural revival efforts and emphasized the importance of Duggar folk traditions, particularly devotional music and dances.

The event witnessed a huge influx of over

50,000 pilgrims, all gathered to seek the blessings of Lord Shiva and to enjoy the spiritually enriching performances.

The cultural program featured powerful performances on themes such as "Koun Kare Teri Aarti Bhole Ji", "Koi Aakhe Ram Koi Allah", "Mera Bhola Na Mane", "Shiv Nath Teri Mahima", and social awareness themes like "Swachh Bharat Ho" and "Savdhan Ae Bharatvasi". The event included skits, nukkad natak, and devotional songs,

presented by renowned singers and performers like Usha Raina, Rajni Gupta, K.K. Joshi, M.C. Kotwal, Kuldeep Raj, Bindia Okheda, Master Deepak Kumar, and others.

The program was also recorded and uploaded online to reach a wider audience.

Welcoming the attendees, Dr. M.L. Dogra, Former Regional Director, Song and Drama Division, Government of India, highlighted the cultural and spiritual significance of the Mantalai Temple, believed to be the birthplace of Goddess Parvati and the site of her marriage to Lord Shiva. He also mentioned the mystical underground Devak stream, considered as sacred as the Ganges, which originates at Sudhmahadev.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Pandit Romesh, Chief Pujari of Apaneswar Mantalai Temple, marking the successful completion of a deeply revered and culturally rich festival.

SMVDU Civil students excel at IIT Guwahati

Top News Report

KATRA Jun 13: Civil Engineering students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) made a remarkable impact at the 5th International Conference on Waste Management held at IIT Guwahati.

Third-year students Rishabh Kumar and Samaira Sinha stood out for their innovative research and confident presentations that received wide appreciation.

Rishabh presented a paper on "Enhancing the Quality of Concrete by Replacing Sand in Different Percentages," offering sustainable alternatives to traditional construction materials through partial sand replacement.

His work was praised for its strong experimental backing and practical application in eco-friendly construction.

Importantly, Rishabh's research contributes to India's long-term vision for sustainable infrastructure and will support effective waste management in the mission of Developed India



@2047. Samaira's paper, "Sludge Management in Microplastics," explored effective treatment methods to reduce microplastic contamination in sewage sludge.

Her detailed analysis and problem-solving approach toward an emerging environmental threat demonstrated great technical maturity and awareness. Both students showcased strong research aptitude and communication skills, reflecting the academic strength of SMVDU.

Their papers were co-authored by final-year students Rohit Kumar, Shaswat Singh, Abhijeet Gupta, and Bhagyapdeep Sahu, and were selected for publication in a reputed journal.

Additionally, Durgesh Kumar of second year presented a paper on

"Eco-Friendly Bricks Constructed from Waste Material," co-authored by Shresth Gupta, Subham, Aniket, Saloni, and Amit, highlighting the potential of waste-based construction materials.

All three papers were guided by Dr. Vaibhav Sapkal, whose mentorship was gratefully acknowledged by the students. Dr. Sapkal and Dr. V.K. Dogra, Head of the Civil Engineering Department, expressed pride in the team's success and called it a moment of happiness and achievement for SMVDU.

He applauded the students for bringing national recognition to the department and showcasing the university's strength in forward-thinking, sustainable engineering research.

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha expresses grief over tragic AI plane crash

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Jammu & Kashmir expressed its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the tragic Air India plane crash that occurred yesterday.

An meeting was convened by Narendra Trehan, President of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha,

J&K with all the executive members to condole the sad demise of precious lives.

Accordingly, Hawan was performed to give peace to the departed souls.

We stand in solemn solidarity with the grieving families and pray for peace to the departed souls. May the Almighty give strength to those who are suffering this irreparable loss.

KSS condoles plane crash losses

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: Kashmiri Sahayak Samiti (KSS) Jammu in its executive body meeting held under the chairmanship of its President, Suriender Munshi condoled the great loss of precious lives travelling in Air India flight from Ahmedabad to London in an unprecedented tragic plane crash yesterday near Ahmedabad Airport.

KSS in its unanimously adopted resolution prayed for the peace of departed souls and

expressed their heartfelt condolences to all bereaved and wished that Almighty give courage to their family members to bear this irreparable loss of their loved ones.

KSS also wished speedy and healthy recovery of the injured persons including lone survivor passenger.

Munshi also thanked Government of India and Gujarat for their swift and timely action on the ground zero to save further loss of life and property caused due to this huge tragedy.

Celebrations of Environment Week conclude at GDC Budhal

Top News Report

BUDHAL, Jun 13: As part of the Environment Week celebrations, Government Degree College (GDC) Budhal organized a series of diverse and impactful activities aimed at promoting environmental awareness, responsibility and sustainability among students and staff.

The celebrations began on World Environment Day, 5th June 2025, and concluded on 13th June 2025, with enthusiastic participation from all quarters of the college.

The week commenced with a Campus Cleanliness Drive on World Environment Day.

NSS volunteers and staff members actively participated in cleaning the college premises, including classrooms, corridors, lawns and surrounding areas. The drive aimed to instill the values of hygiene, collective responsibility and environmental consciousness among students.

In the following days, a Pruning Drive was conducted, wherein overgrown branches were trimmed, bushes were shaped, and unwanted growth was cleared to



improve the overall aesthetics and health of the green spaces.

Alongside this, cutting of grass and other unwanted plants was also undertaken throughout the week to ensure cleanliness and proper maintenance of the college lawns and open spaces.

The activities continued with various awareness initiatives, including student interactions and discussions on environmental issues.

The celebration culminated on 13th June 2025 with a final round of Cleanliness Drive and a thought-provoking Extension Lecture on

the topic "Environmental Ethics".

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Altaf Hussain, Head, Department of Chemistry, who highlighted the ethical dimensions of environmental conservation, the impact of irresponsible human behavior on the planet, and the urgent need to adopt eco-friendly practices in daily life.

Prof. Tahir Nadeem, the NSS Programme Officer of the College, also shared his perspectives on the topic, further enriching the audience's understanding of the importance of environmental conservation.

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Air India plane mishap: PM Modi visits crash site, assesses ground situation in Ahmedabad

a high-level committee of people with expertise in multiple disciplines to examine the crash incident and devise ways to strengthen aviation safety by preventing such incidents in the future.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), a federal agency authorised by Congress to investigate civil aviation accidents in the United States (US), is gearing up to send a team of investigators to India to assist with

probing the deadly Ahmedabad plane crash.

The Tata group-owned airline has set up a dedicated passenger hotline number, 1800 5691 444, to provide more information. Those calling from outside India can call +91 8062779200.

The Tata Group has announced a compensation of Rs 1 crore for the families of each person who lost their lives in the crash.

ACB arrests Patwari for accepting bribe of Rs 5000

verification was conducted, which confirms the demand of bribe by the public servant and accordingly, a case under FIR number 02/2025 under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Rajouri

and investigation taken up, the statement reads.

"During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted. The team laid a successful trap and the accused public servant was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs 5,000 from the complainant in the presence of independent witnesses. The accused person was arrested on the spot by the ACB team after following the due process of law," it added.

Subsequently, the spokesman said that a search was also conducted in the residential house the accused Mohd. Jameel, Patwari situated at Poonch, adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on.

LG Sinha chairs high level meet,

Reviews Amarnath Yatra preparedness

yatra which will start on July 3 and conclude on Raksha Bandhan on August 9," LG Sinha said. "I urge all the devotees of Baba Barfani to visit in large numbers for the Holy Yatra and pray to Mahadev for progress of J&K and the nation."

CM Omar Abdullah requests Centre to ensure safety of Kashmiri students in Iran

nuclear scientists of Iran were killed.

Kashmir Valley has a good number of students studying medicine and other professions in Iran. In addition, a number of local doctors and engineers are working in Iran in various capacities.

The large Shia Muslim community of Jammu and Kashmir has a deep affinity with Iranian Muslims, who are predominantly Shia Muslims.

A number of local religious organizations have organized meetings and gatherings to condemn the Israeli action against Iran. In condemnation of the Israeli action in Iran, both Sunni and Shia Muslims have voiced deep concern and condemned the development with one voice.

It must be mentioned here that almost all the high-ranking scholars of the Shia community belong to Iran, and their interpretation of religion is followed obediently by

the Shia Muslims in India.

Any development happening in Iran is deeply followed by the Shia Muslims in Kashmir.

Israel launched major airstrikes against Iran in the early hours of Friday morning, significantly escalating tensions in the region and raising the specter of a broader conflict between the long-standing rivals. The attacks come amid mounting concerns over Tehran's nuclear programme and its perceived threat to Israeli national security.

In retaliation, Iran has launched more than 100 drones towards Israel.

Several Arab countries issued strong condemnations of Israel's attack on Iran, and the US has called the attack a 'unilateral action', asserting that America had no involvement.

Inter-State sports competitions in Uttar Pradesh *JKPDP leader Narinder celebrates success of Kabaddi, Cricket players in Tanda*

Top News Report

R S PURA, Jun 13: The Kabaddi and Cricket players who participated in the three-day Inter-State Sports Competitions in Uttar Pradesh were welcomed back with great enthusiasm in Tanda in RS Pura constituency. The program was attended by Narinder Sharma, senior JKPDP leader and social activist, as the Chief Guest.

The players were welcomed with sweets and trophies, and their success was celebrated. The players from Jammu and Kashmir performed well in Kabaddi and Cricket, bringing laurels to the region. The players' performance has led to their selection for the



upcoming North Zone Sports Competitions.

Narinder Sharma appreciated the players' performance and congratulated them on their success. Coach Gaurav Kumar was praised for his efforts in promoting sports and organizing

competitions. "The players have brought glory to Jammu and Kashmir with their outstanding performance. Coach Gaurav Kumar's efforts in promoting sports are commendable," said Narinder Sharma.

Narinder Sharma's

appreciation for the coach and players highlights the importance of sports in shaping young minds. By advising youngsters to participate in sports and games, he emphasizes the benefits of physical activity, teamwork, and

discipline. Moreover, he stressed that sports can serve as a positive outlet, keeping youth away from negative influences and substance abuse.

Narinder observed that Sports and games are essential for overall development and can be a viable career option. Participating in sports can help youth avoid bad company and substance abuse.

Coach Gaurav Kumar's efforts in promoting sports and guiding young athletes are commendable. By promoting sports and games, Narinder Sharma aims to inspire youngsters to adopt a healthy lifestyle and make informed choices about their future.

Annual Camp for B.P.Ed & M.P.Ed students 2025-26 commences at JU's Bhaderwah Campus

Top News Report

BHADERWAH, Jun 13: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu (JU), inaugurated the Annual Camp for B.P.Ed & M.P.Ed students 2025-26 at the picturesque Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu.

This 10-day annual camp, aims to foster physical fitness, discipline, leadership, and team spirit among the trainees through a series of structured academic and outdoor activities. The camp includes a wide range of events and activities such as daily morning and evening physical training, trekking expeditions, tent pitching and competitive sports all integral components of the curriculum for professional preparation in Physical Education.

The Chief Guest of the opening ceremony of sports activities was Colonel Yogesh Chauhan (4RR).

In his address, Col. Chauhan emphasized the significance of discipline, physical readiness, and teamwork, and encouraged the students to make the most of the enriching experiences offered by the camp. He also stressed upon the hard work



persistence are the key for success.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU, addressed the gathering and highlighted the critical role such camps play in shaping a vibrant and holistic educational environment.

He reiterated that sports not only enhance physical abilities but also improve mental well-being, stress management, and overall personality development.

Various institutions participated in the inter-institutional sports competitions held during the camp, including PG Department JU, Government Degree College Bhaderwah, Govt. Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Nichla Thara Gatha, GHSS Sartangal, and GHSS Boys Bhaderwah.

Athletics Results
Shot-Put (M&W): PG Dept. JU, gold, PG Dept. JU, silver and GDC Bhaderwah, bronze.

200 (M): GDC Bhaderwah, gold, PG Dept. JU, silver and PG Dept. JU, bronze.

200 (W): PG Dept. JU, gold, GDC Bhaderwah, silver and GDC Bhaderwah, bronze.

100 (M): GDC Bhaderwah, gold, PG Dept. JU, silver and PG Dept. JU, bronze.

100 (W): PG Dept. JU, gold, GDC Bhaderwah, silver and PG Dept. JU, bronze.

4x100 Relay (M): PG Dept. JU, gold, GDC Bhaderwah, silver and GHS Nichal Tharagata, bronze.

4x100 Relay (W): GDC Bhaderwah, gold, and PG Dept. JU,

Sports passion overwhelms Chowgan Ground Kishtwar amid inauguration of Inter-Zonal District Tournament



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 13: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) Kishtwar on Friday declared open the much-anticipated Inter Zonal District Level Tournament for U/14 and U/17 Boys and Girls amid a vibrant inaugural ceremony held here on the historic Chowgan Grounds.

The tournament would feature competitions across multiple sports disciplines. Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal inaugurated the tournament as the Chief Guest amid cheers from hundreds of participating student-athletes, officials and spectators.

The inaugural event was held under the overall supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer

Jaffer Haider Sheikh.

A well-coordinated march past by teams from different zones of the district marked the ceremonial start, followed by National Anthem, oath-taking ceremony led by young athletes, pledging commitment to sportsmanship and fair play.

The atmosphere was charged with patriotic fervor and youthful energy as cultural performances and motivational addresses inspired the gathering.

In his address, ADDC Pawan Kotwal emphasized the role of sports in holistic development of youth stating, "Sports events not only promote physical fitness and discipline but also foster unity and cultural exchange among students from all corners of the district.

Mohammad Alyas Khan takes over as DC Ramban



Top News Report

RAMBAN, Jun 13: Mohammad Alyas Khan on Friday formally took over as the new Deputy Commissioner of Ramban, succeeding Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary (IAS), who handed over responsibilities to the former here at the DC Office Complex.

On his arrival, the new Deputy Commis-

sioner was warmly welcomed by district officers led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak.

Senior officers from line departments were also present.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various sections of the DC Office Complex and interacted with officers and staff.

Randhawa starts blacktopping work in Ward 20



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 13: In a major step toward strengthening road infrastructure in the Bahu constituency, MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa on Friday initiated the blacktopping work in Ward No. 20, Gandhi Nagar. The project is part of ongoing developmental activities aimed at upgrading civic amenities across the region.

The inauguration was held in the presence of senior officials from the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), who are supervising the execution of the work to ensure quality and timely completion.

Prominent local leaders and residents joined the event to show their

support and appreciation. Among those present were Rahul Kumar (Mandal President), Kulveer Charak, Pankaj Bral, Satvir Singh, Bhushan Verma, Daljeet Singh, Lovisha, Varun, Harshmeet Singh, Rajesh Sharma, and other community members.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Randhawa said, "Development of basic infrastructure like roads remains one of my top priorities. This blacktopping work will not only benefit the residents of Ward 20 but also improve connectivity for daily commuters and businesses in the area."

He emphasized that similar road improvement works are being undertaken across other

wards as well, under a structured plan for holistic urban development. He also instructed the concerned departments to maintain high standards in construction and to resolve any public inconvenience during the work.

Local residents expressed their gratitude, stating that the new blacktopping would provide much-needed relief from potholes and damaged roads, especially ahead of the monsoon season.

This initiative is part of the broader vision of Randhawa to bring visible and lasting development to all corners of the Bahu constituency through proactive leadership and coordination with civic bodies.

Andrabi chairs Professionals Meet at Anantnag *India is now technology & innovation power with highest growth rate globally as result of vision of PM Modi: Darakhshan*

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 13: BJP National Executive Member, Minister of State & Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi chaired the meeting with the Community of Professionals at Anantnag in connection with the celebration of "Eleven Years of Excellence of Narendra Modi Led Government". This interactive session was organised by BJP District Anantnag. Senior party leaders were present on the occasion. Dr Andrabi thanked the professionals from different walks of life for their appreciation of the schemes and programmes of Narendra Modi led government which resulted in a huge transformation of our society at the grassroots throughout the



country. In her address, BJP National Executive Member said that now India was recognised globally for many specializations.

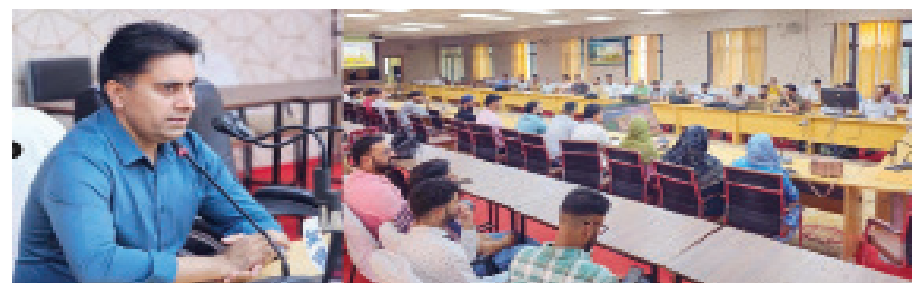
"Boost to innovation and technology reshaped India's destiny. India is the new global hub of start ups, mobile manufacturing, auto industry, defense equipment, pharma industry and many more", said Dr Andrabi.

She said that past eleven years of the gov-

ernment at the Centre has not only established the record of being corruption and scam free but also is known for very bold decisions in the interest of the nation.

"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas has ensured holistic growth and development of the nation. Inclusivity and transparency are the characteristics on which this government made India a global economic and political power", said Darakhshan.

4-day training on digitization of Jamabandis commences at Kishtwar



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 13: A four-day hands-on training on the Digitization of Jamabandis was inaugurated on Friday by Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Idrees Lone.

The training is being imparted to Junior Assistants, Patwaris and Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) of the district by 10 trained Master Trainers through Web-HALRIS Portal.

This initiative is a part of the broad-

er Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) and is expected to significantly enhance efficiency, transparency and accessibility in revenue record management.

The ACR encouraged the participants to take full advantage of the training to improve and update their skills. The training sessions are aimed at ensuring 100% digitization of Jamabandis in a time-bound and efficient manner.

Come out of comfort zone, fight every ball to have memorable England tour: Gambhir

LONDON, Jun 13 (Agencies): India head coach Gautam Gambhir has called on his team to move out of its “comfort zone” and make the upcoming Test series against England a “memorable” one, especially in the absence of retired stars Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and R Ashwin.

India will search for their maiden series victory in England since 2007, when the five-match rubber starts with the first Test at Leeds on June 20.

“There are two ways of looking at this tour. One is we are without our three most experienced players or we got this phenomenal opportunity to do something special for the country,” Gambhir said, referring to the recent retirements of Ashwin, Rohit and Kohli.

The former India opener said he can feel the “passion and the commitment” to achieve



something special flowing through the current bunch, led by Shubman Gill.

“When I look around in this group, I think I see the hunger, the passion and the commitment to do something special. If we make sacrifices, if we come out of our comfort zone, if we start fighting not every day but every session, every hour and every ball, I think we can have a memorable tour,”

he added.

Gambhir welcomed the whole squad to the tour of England, and extended a special tribute to some of the members, starting with B Sai Sudharsan.

“First Test calls are always special, so I want to welcome Sai, who has a fabulous three months with the bat and make sure you have a very very successful red ball career.” Gambhir hoped that pacer Arshdeep

Singh would remain his impactful self in red-ball cricket as well.

“I want to welcome Arshdeep Singh. You have been phenomenal with the white ball and I am sure you will make it count with the red ball in your hand.” The 43-year-old then patted Gill and his deputy Rishabh Pant.

“I want to congratulate Shubman as well, captain for the first time. There is no bigger honour than leading your country’s Test team. Congratulations. Rishabh Pant as well, who is part of the leadership group now,” he noted.

Gambhir was lavish in his praise for Karun Nair, who stitched a stirring comeback to Team India on the back of a wonderful run in domestic cricket.

“Comebacks are never easy, someone who has made a comeback after seven years, had a phenomenal last year.

Bowling coach Morkel expects England wickets to be ‘less spicy’, outlines importance of maintaining “consistency”



LONDON, Jun 13 (Agencies): India bowling coach Morne Morkel expects the wickets to be “less spicy” than the ones they have experienced in England and outlined one “crucial” aspect that a player must maintain to thrive in the testing tour.

Since landing in England, the Indian team has engaged in an intense practice session with a touch of banter between the players. Morkel, known for his past wizardry on English soil, has been closely observing the relentless battle between the bat and the ball along with the rest of the coaching staff.

After a couple of days into the practice session, Morkel identified that the surface suited the quicks, making it a laborious task for the batters to survive at the crease but beneficial in the long-term prospect.

“The two-day practice so far, conditions suited the fast bowlers. Early on in the tour is very exciting. You know, it gets their confidence going. It is testing to the batters, which also, in a way, helps them to prepare for what’s to come,” Morkel said in a video

posted by the BCCI.

“I don’t think the wicket is going to be as spicy as the ones we experience here. There’s been a lot of good banter between the bat and the ball. But I think it’s only because the wickets are a little bit spicy,” he added.

As Morkel continues to foretell the way wickets would behave when an action-packed tour kicks off on June 20 at Headingley, he wants to convey one simple message to his pace squadron. The former lanky seamer doesn’t want the conversations between bowlers to be limited when the conditions are ideal for making the ball move according to their will. He wants them to extend those talks when wickets get flat because that’s when “character” is tested.

“As soon as the wickets go flat, the bowlers tend to back off. So I am gonna tell them to not to only talk when the wickets are nipping around. But when it’s flat, that’s where we are gonna need the character,” he said.

With the passage of every day, India gets closer to beginning a new era in Test cricket. India will line up without

its batting bigwigs Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who bid adieu to the format last month.

Even with a squad that stands short on the experience front, Morkel outlined the importance of staying consistent on and off the field to reap success in England.

“It’s just slowly building towards that first Test match. For me, the main thing I think is crucial in England is consistency. There is consistency when we practice. It’s consistency off the field. You know, finding your process what’s going to work for you as an individual. We have got a great variation variety in our attack of guys with different skill sets,” he said.

“We are all happy with the start so far. I was a little nervous in terms of the lack of red ball (matches) we have played, but seeing how the guys are moving around and training in the last three days, it is a pleasing sight. We have a fantastic group at the moment. There is some quality in this group. You need to get into a Test series confidently. You need to have that team spirit in the group, and I think so far they have done a great job,” he concluded.

India’s squad: Shubman Gill (C), Rishabh Pant (VC & WK), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Karun Nair, Nitish Reddy, Ravindra Jadeja, Dhruv Jurel (WK), Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav.

MLC 2025: Finn Allen breazes past West Indies legend Chris Gayle’s record with swashbuckling 151

OAKLAND, Jun 13 (Agencies): New Zealand’s destructive opener Finn Allen shattered ‘Universal Boss’ Chris Gayle’s record for most sixes hit in a T20 match during his swashbuckling exploits with San Francisco Unicorns’ 123-run triumph over Washington Freedom in the opening game of Major League Cricket (MLC) 2025.

Allen dazzled with his enchanting 151-run blitzkrieg from 51 deliveries, which was laced with a rollicking 19 towering maximums, bettering the joint-record held by Gayle (vs Dhaka Dynamites in 2017) and Sahil Chauhan (vs Cyprus in 2024), who tonked 18 sixes each.

He took 49 deliver-

ies to blaze past the 150-run mark in Oakland, the fastest in the format, surpassing the record previously held by Dewald Brevis, who got off to 150 in 52 deliveries against the Knights in 2022 in South Africa’s domestic tournament.

Out of his tally of 151, Allen garnered 134 runs from boundaries, including 114 coming off 19 sixes. Only Gayle, Hazratullah Zazai and Graham Napier have managed more runs through boundaries in a T20 innings. His 151 is the highest individual score in the history of MLC. Nicholas Pooran previously occupied the spot at the summit with his explosive 137* against Seattle Orcas in the 2023 final.

Allen required just 34 deliveries to reach the three digits, which is the second-fastest in a T20 franchise league behind Gayle’s 30-ball effort against Pune Warriors in the cash-rich Indian Premier League (IPL) 2013.

Overall, the Unicorns hammered 28 maximums, the second-highest by a team in a T20 match. They are behind Baroda, which tallied 37 sixes against Sikkim last December in India’s domestic T20 tournament. The Unicorns struck at least one six in 16 of the 20 overs of their innings.

Unicorns’ total of 269/5 is the highest a team has managed to pile up on the board in the tournament’s history.



Unicorns also became the first team to cross the 200-run mark in the United States. The previous highest was 245/6 posted by the West Indies against India in 2016 in Lauderhill.

Tottenham appoint Thomas Frank as new head coach and Ange Postecoglou’s successor

LONDON, Jun 13 (Agencies): Tottenham Hotspur have identified Ange Postecoglou’s successor and appointed Thomas Frank as their new head coach on a contract until 2028.

Thomas has left Brentford after spending seven impressive years in charge and leading the club to new heights. Tottenham sacked Postecoglou despite ending their 17-year trophy drought by steering them to a historic Europa League triumph.

“In Thomas we are appointing one of the most progressive and innovative head coaches within the game. He has a proven track record in player and squad development, and we look forward to him leading the team as we prepare for the season ahead,” Tottenham said in a statement.

Thomas will be joined from Brentford by assistant coach Justin Cochrane, head of performance and first team assistant coach Chris Haslam and first team coach analyst Joe Newton, with first team assistant coach Andreas Georgsson arriving from Manchester United.

The Dane manager has a major challenge ahead of him as he



takes over a side that endured its worst-ever Premier League campaign after finishing 17th, barely above the relegation zone with 22 defeats and just 38 points.

The 51-year-old can bag his first silverware with Tottenham just a couple of months after his appointment. Tottenham will square off against the Champions League winners Paris Saint-Germain in the UEFA Super Cup on August 13 in Udine, Italy.

After the Dane’s departure, Brentford director of football Phil Giles paid tribute to Thomas and said in a statement, “It has been a pleasure working alongside Thomas. From the moment he replaced Dean Smith, he understood what we were trying to build and

his wisdom, coaching ability and emotional intelligence have helped transform the club.”

“There have been so many special moments with Thomas and nobody will ever forget the day at Wembley for the play-off final or that emotional first Premier League game against Arsenal. We will never forget Thomas, but now it is time to thank him and take the next steps in our journey with a new leader who we believe can be just as successful and influential,” he added.

With the switch confirmed, Thomas will reunite with Tottenham technical director Johan Lange after their stint in Denmark at Lyngby. In his last season with Brentford, he helped the Bees finish 10th with 56 points.

Australia captain Pat Cummins shatters numerous records with pace magic during WTC final

LONDON, Jun 13 (Agencies): Australia captain Pat Cummins reigned supreme and toppled records with his sizzling six-wicket haul on the second day of the World Test Championship final at the famed Lord’s against South Africa as the fate of the prized title hangs in balance.

Cummins ripped South Africa’s batting unit apart with his scorching six-wicket haul to hand a slender advantage to the defending champions in the first innings. He returned with figures of 6/28 in 18.1 overs. He became the eighth



player for Australia and overall the 40th to breach the 300-wicket milestone in Test format.

The 32-year-old is the fifth-fastest to reach

deliveries. The experienced seamer’s bowling strike rate of 45.75 balls per wicket is the best for an Australian seamer.

Cummins also levelled with Pakistan icon Imran Khan to become the joint 10th fastest to complete 300 wickets, arriving at the milestone in 68 Test matches. Cummins has snaffled 136 wickets as the captain of the Baggy Greens. Only Imran has a better record with 187 wickets among the pace bowling skippers.

The Australian captain is only the second player from his nation to clinch 200 wickets in WTC history; he is the only pacer

in the list with 206 wickets at 22.11 runs apiece.

Cummins also boasts the best average by an Australian pacer in a calendar year, with more than 50 wickets. In 2019, he averaged 20.13 for his 59 wickets, bettering Dennis Lillee’s feat in 1981. Lille scythed a whopping 85 wickets at 20.95 runs apiece.

Australia would need its skipper to deliver yet again after being reduced to 144/8 at the end of the second day. Australia were reeling at 73/7 but found solace in Alex Carey and Mitchell Starc’s resilient 61-run stand.

Nepal and West Indies set to play first bilateral T20I series in September

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): Nepal and the West Indies are set to square off against each other in a three-match T20I series in September in Sharjah, marking the first bilateral series between the two sides.

Despite the games being played at a neutral venue, Nepal has been assigned as the series’ official host. A statement from Cricket West Indies (CWI) called the series historic and stated that the board’s “engagement reflects its strong commitment to supporting the development of cricket in emerging nations and fostering meaningful partnerships with fellow cricketing boards worldwide.”

“This series is more than just a set of international matches—it’s a celebration of the game’s expanding global footprint and a testament to what cricket represents: pride,



purpose, and the power of unity. As a full-member nation, we see it as part of our responsibility to contribute to the development of cricket beyond our borders,” CWI CEO Chris Dehring said in a statement by the CWI.

“Supporting Nepal in this key phase of their cricketing journey not only builds the sport at

the grassroots and international levels but also reminds us of the deep pride and honour associated with representing our nation and wearing our national colours. We are proud to stand with Nepal at this moment in their history and look forward to exciting and competitive cricket in Sharjah,” Dehring added.

The series will kick off on September 27, followed by the second T20I on the next day, and the three-match affair will conclude on September 30. All matches will be played at the same venue in Sharjah.

CWI extended “its sincere thanks to the Cricket Association of Nepal and the Emirates Cricket Board for their collaboration in organising the series and looks forward to continuing to work together towards advancing the global growth and accessibility of the game of cricket.”

JKSA writes to EAM Jaishankar, seeks urgent evacuation of Kashmiri students amid Iran-Israel escalation

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JAMMU, Jun 13: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association has written to the Union Minister for External Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar, seeking urgent intervention for the evacuation of hundreds of Kashmiri students stranded in Iran amid the escalating conflict between Iran and Israel.

In a detailed letter, the Association expressed grave concern over the rapidly deteriorating security situation following Israeli airstrikes on Iran's nuclear infrastructure and the subsequent retaliatory missile and drone attacks by Iran. It stated that the region now stands on the brink of a full-scale war, leaving students from Jammu and Kashmir terrified and vulnerable.

The volatile environment has left thousands of Indian students, the majority from the Kashmir Valley, exposed to immediate and serious danger.

These students had traveled to Iran to pursue professional education, particularly MBBS degrees, attracted by the country's affordable academic infrastructure. Now, they find themselves caught in the midst of a conflict zone, fearing for their lives.

National Convenor of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, said that several students are enrolled in universities located near military installations and strategic sites, placing them at heightened risk. Many have reported hearing airstrike sirens, experiencing tremors, and observing increased military activity in their vicinity. Some are even based in cities where airstrikes have already occurred.

The situation, he added, has deteriorated rapidly since last night, leaving students frightened and helpless.

Despite repeated attempts to reach out to the Indian Embassy in Tehran, students have received little clarity or reassurance.

Families back home, especially in Kashmir, are extremely distressed and have been making desperate appeals for their children's safety, he said.

"Many students have told us, 'We are very scared. Our parents back home are extremely worried.'"

We are receiving a growing number of distress calls from families who are in tears, pleading for their children to be brought back safely. Every passing minute without information is unbearable for them," Khuehami said.

He urged the External Affairs Minister to take swift and proactive action.

The Association called for the immediate establishment of direct communication channels between the Indian Embassy in Tehran and the students, along with the regular dissemination of verified safety advisories and emergency protocols.

The Association also stressed

the need for a comprehensive evacuation plan to be prepared and kept ready. If the situation continues to escalate or critical infrastructure is targeted, timely evacuation could mean the difference between life and death. The government must remain prepared to act swiftly and decisively to ensure the safe return of Indian citizens.

The Association appealed to the Ministry to coordinate closely with the Iranian government and relevant international agencies to ensure the protection and, if needed, the safe passage of Indian students. Describing the situation as a humanitarian emergency, the Association emphasized that any delay in action could put lives further at risk and deepen the anguish of thousands of families.

"The students from Jammu and Kashmir currently in Iran are our collective responsibility. Their safety and timely return must be treated as a national priority," Khuehami added.

J&K Bank branch Toph Sherkhanian holds customer meet



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JAMMU, Jun 13: A customer meet was organised by J&K Bank branch office Toph Sherkhanian. Arjun Singh Rathore Cluster Head Jammu chaired the meet, along with Sanjeev Singh AGM, which was attended by the customers of the bank driven from the different sections of the society.

The meeting started with a welcome note by Sunil Kumar, Branch Manager. The participating customers were apprised with the products being offered by the bank.

A special emphasis was placed on the 888 days term deposit plan of the bank which is paying the highest rate of interest in the whole banking industry.

Customers were

apprised about the benefits of this deposit scheme which is being paid at 7.30% rate of interest for individuals with an additional 0.50% for senior citizens and 0.75% for super senior citizens.

Customers showed a keen interest in this product along with another product called Smart Saver. Customers were also apprised about other loan products and lot of interest was shown in Car loan and housing loan facilities of the bank.

Some queries were also raised by the customers and Cluster Head addressed to all the concerns expressed by customers to the best of their satisfaction.

Digital products were also discussed in detail and customers were advised to use the facilities being offered by the

bank on its digital platform.

Overall the customers expressed their satisfaction on the products and services being offered by the bank and branch. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks presented by AGM branches department zonal office Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Branch Head emphasized the bank's commitment to transparency, customer satisfaction, and financial literacy.

Customers were encouraged to share their feedback and suggestions to help improve service delivery.

Such initiatives reflect J&K Bank's continuous efforts to strengthen its relationship with the community and provide accessible, customer-friendly banking services.

15-day 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' reaches its final phase in Samba

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SAMBA, Jun 13: The fifteen days Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan successfully reaches its final phase in the District Samba, continuing its active participation in the nationwide agricultural outreach initiative Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan Kharif 2025, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Samba organising a vibrant programmes on thirteen day of VKSA in Block Purmandal, Bari Brahmana and Vijaypur



of District Samba. The campaign is being implemented under the

visionary leadership of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-

Jammu, and the proactive guidance of Dr. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension.

It has witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers, women, and rural youth, who have been actively engaging with field teams across Samba district. AIIMS Vijaypur team has also joined the campaign on VKSA.

The experts from KVK Samba namely Dr. Neerja Sharma, Dr. Saurav Gupta, Dr. Shalini and Dr. Amit Mahajan are empowering farmers/farm women with updated knowledge about government schemes for sustainable agricultural growth.

At the helm of the campaign in Samba, Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, Nodal Officer VKSA and Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Samba, has taken on-ground monitoring to the next level. Reaffirming his commitment to inclusivity, he stated that the mission is to reach even the remotest corners of the district so that no farmer is left behind.

Dr. Rakesh Khajuria, Joint Nodal Officer and Chief Agriculture Officer Samba, highlighted that VKSA is focused on empowering farm-

ers with contemporary agricultural knowledge, while addressing localised issues to ensure improved productivity and long-term sustainability.

On the thirteen day of the campaign, teams comprising scientists from KVK Samba, SKUAST-Jammu, officials from the Department of Agriculture, and allied departments of the UT administration, intensified their efforts to connect with farmers in the most remote villages of the district.

The outreach has successfully mobilised farm women, self-help groups (SHGs), rural youth, and farmer producer organisations (FPOs)—reflecting the campaign's core ethos of inclusivity and grassroots engagement.

These events focused on promoting modern agricultural practices and creating awareness among farmers about sustainable, climate-resilient, and cost-effective farming methods.

A large number of farmers, agricultural officials, and local stakeholders participated in the awareness session, making it a vibrant and impactful gathering.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is being jointly carried out by the Scientists from KVK Samba, SKUAST Jammu, Agriculture Extension Officers, Junior Agriculture Extension Officers, Agriculture Extension Assistants, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Officers from Fishery Department and officials from allied departments.

MLA Ramgarh Dr. Manyal inspects preparations for Baba Chamliyal Mela 2025



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RAMGARH, Jun 13: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh and former Minister for Health and Medical Education, J&K, on Friday visited the historic Baba Chamliyal Shrine to inspect preparations for the annual Baba Chamliyal Mela, scheduled for 26th June 2025.

Located approximately 40 kilometers from Jammu and 17 kilometers from Samba, the shrine situated along the International Border with Pakistan and stands as

a symbol of secularism and inter-faith harmony. Thousands of devotees from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and other parts of India visit the shrine every year to pay homage to Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, revered as Baba Chamliyal.

Dr. Manyal also highlighted the recent blacktopping of the NABARD-funded road from Ramloo to Chak Salaria, inaugurated on 8th June 2025 at a cost of Rs. 2.56 crore, which will significantly

improve connectivity to the Swankha Mandir and Baba Chamliyal Shrine.

He reiterated his commitment to strengthening infrastructure, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting spiritual tourism in the Ramgarh region.

Dr. Manyal explained that the word 'Cham' translates to 'skin', and people on both sides of the border believe that the 'Shakkar' and 'Sharbat' from the shrine have healing properties for various skin diseases.

He added that devotees from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, and other states also come to seek blessings and carry the sacred 'Shakkar' and 'Sharbat' home.

The 322-year-old Chamliyal Mela, held annually in Village Chamliyal, remains a powerful expression of faith, unity, and tradition near the International Border.

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People are exhausted due to excessive power-water cuts, Public representatives become mute spectator: Shiv Sena



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JAMMU, Jun 13: Despite installing smart meters and paying bills, people have to face hours of power cuts during the scorching heat. People are suffering from severe heat and power and water cuts, while the government and administration including the people's representatives of Jammu division are become mute spectator, stated by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-

Kashmir unit. While briefing the media persons at the party's state central office, Sahni reminded the Lieutenant Governor of the promise of 24-hour power supply of Jammu-Kashmir and said that despite installing smart meters, excessive power cuts are continuing.

Due to which the water supply is also getting affected.

The excessive power cuts happening during the scorching heat have made people miserable.

He said that if this is the condition of electricity supply despite installation of smart meters and payment of bills on time, then the mind is scared thinking what will happen when the promise of free electricity will be fulfilled.

Sahni also questioned on the BJP MLAs who won from Jammu division are sitting silently. Sahni appealed to the public to plant at least one tree. On this occasion Sanjeev Kohli, Raj Singh, Rohan Malwal were present.

Senior BSP leaders join Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party SBSP

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JAMMU, Jun 13: In a significant development, prominent leaders from the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) have joined the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) in the presence of Party President, Vivek Bali.

The joining ceremony was attended by senior SBSP leaders, including Raj Kumar, President, R S Pura, and Rajesh Kumar, Vice President, R S Pura & Rakesh Kumar, General Secretary, R S Pura.

The BSP leaders who joined SBSP include Tilak Raj, Tara Chand, Girdhari Lal, Karma Ram, Karan Chand, Kuldeep Kumar, Sameer Motton, Gulshan Motton, Rashpal, Manjot, Arjun and several



others.

During the ceremony, Vivek Bali warmly welcomed the new members and expressed his confidence in their abilities to contribute to the party's growth and development.

Addressing the gathering, Vivek Bali stated, "We are delighted to welcome these

dedicated leaders to our party. Their experience and commitment will undoubtedly strengthen our organization and help us achieve our goals.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir are looking forward to development and progress, and we are committed to working tirelessly to fulfill their aspi-

ration."

The SBSP chief emphasized that the party's primary objective is to work for the welfare and development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He assured the new members that they would be given due importance and opportunities to contribute to the party's growth and success.

The joining of these senior BSP leaders is a significant boost to SBSP's efforts to strengthen its presence in the region.

The party is committed to working for the rights and development of the marginalized sections of society and is confident that the new members will play a crucial role in achieving this objective.

Dr. Anthony Raju condemns illegal expulsions to Bangladesh

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NEW DELHI, Jun 13: In response to recent disturbing reports concerning the detention and alleged expulsion of individuals from Assam to Bangladesh—despite pending appeals before the Supreme Court—Dr. Anthony Raju, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Chairman of the Indian National Human Rights Protection Council (INHRC), has issued a powerful statement condemning the actions.

"This is highly condemnable and shocking. Pushing individuals across the border while their appeals are sub judice is not only unconstitutional but a direct assault on the fundamental right to life and dignity," said Dr. Anthony



Raju.

The illegal "pushbacks" have been called out by several legal experts, activists, and academics as violations of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution.