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## BRIEFLY

### Head-on collision in Awantipora left several injured

AWANTIPORA, Jun 14 (Agencies): Several persons sustained injuries, some of them serious, in a road accident that took place at Barsoo Awantipora on the Srinagar-Anantnag highway (NH-44) on Saturday.

According to reports, the accident occurred when a Taveera vehicle (bearing registration number JK01Q-5159) collided head-on with a fruit-laden truck on the busy highway. The impact of the collision was severe, leaving the Taveera badly mangled and resulting in multiple injuries to its occupants. The fruit-laden truck turned turtle due to collision.

Local residents and passersby immediately rushed to the spot and informed the authorities. Police and rescue teams reached the site shortly after the mishap and launched rescue operations to evacuate the injured passengers trapped inside the vehicle. The injured were shifted to nearby hospitals for treatment. While some of the victims received minor injuries, a few are reported to be in critical condition and are undergoing specialized medical care.

The accident led to temporary disruption of traffic on the highway, causing inconvenience to commuters. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation to ascertain the exact cause of the accident. Preliminary reports suggest that overspeeding or loss of control may have contributed to the mishap.

### NEET UG 2025 result declared

SRINAGAR, Jun 14 (Agencies): The National testing Authority has declared the results of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for Undergraduate Medical, Dental and other courses today. In J&K, 24015 candidates have qualified, out of the 49326 that had appeared in the exam. Candidates can check their score online.

Candidates who have qualified the test by scoring more marks than the cut-off can participate in the counseling process of various professional colleges. Overall 48.6 percent of the candidates from J&K qualified the exam. This is a slight drop from the proportion of candidates

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## 270 bodies brought to Ahmedabad Civil hospital from plane crash site so far: Doctors

AHMEDABAD, Jun 14 (Agencies): A total of 270 bodies of the victims of the Air India plane crash have been brought to the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital so far, its doctors said on Saturday.

The authorities had earlier pegged the death toll at 265.

In the last 24 hours, the city fire brigade has recovered one body as well as some body parts from the plane crash site, officials said.

"Around 270 bodies have been brought to the civil hospital so far from the plane crash site," President of Junior Doctors' Association of BJ Medical College, Dr Dhaval Gameti, told agency.

The process of identification of victims by matching the DNA sam-



ples is currently underway, and the bodies will be handed over to their relatives once the process is complete.

The Ahmedabad Fire and Emergency Service (AFES) has recovered some human body parts as well as a corpse in

the last 24 hours from the plane crash site in the Meghaninagar area.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner (AI 171) flight with 242 passengers and crew members on board crashed into a medical hostel and its canteen com-

plex in Meghaninagar moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Thursday afternoon.

Additional Chief Fire Officer Jayesh Khadia said, "Our firemen, who are helping forensic

and aviation experts in their investigation at the crash site, found some body parts from the canteen's rubble on Friday, while a body was found today morning." He said that since the tail fin of the aircraft was stuck on top of the canteen's damaged building, cranes have been roped in to bring it down.

## LG Sinha hands over job letter to Pahalgam attack victim Aadil's wife



PAHALGAM, Jun 14 (Agencies) : Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday handed over a job letter to the Pahalgam terror Attack victim, Syed Aadil Hussain's wife.

According to details available with news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) the LG today visited the residence of Aadil, who was killed along with 25 tourists in April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, in Hapattard area today.

He later handed over a job letter to Aadil's wife, Gulnaz Akhter to honour his sacrifice and support the grieving family.

Speaking to the reporters, the Lt Governor said they had already planned to meet with the grieving family and provide assistance to them.

He said permanent job to the family member of the victim was aimed to assist them as they have lost their sole breadwinner.

## Military Civil liaison conference held in Jammu post Operation Sindoor



JAMMU, Jun 14 (Agencies): More than a month after the launch of Operation Sindoor, a two-day military civil liaison conference was held here to enhance synergy and deliberate on critical

issues, including ongoing efforts to support the local population along the border areas, the Indian Army on Saturday said. Jammu food guide

The conference, held on June 12 and 13 at

Satwari cantonment, was among others attended by General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division, Maj Gen Mukesh Bhanwala, and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, said a defence spokesman.

"Operation Sindoor saw close coordination and integration between Tiger Division, para military forces and civil administration to counter

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## ACB traps HC Police Station Kathua, flees spot, accused at large

KATHUA, Jun 14 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday said to have trapped a Head Constable of Police Station Kathua for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 15,000.

As per a statement, Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging therein that a public servant namely

HC Roshan Din, No. 432/K of Police Station Kathua who is investigating the case FIR No. 193/2025 registered at Police Station Kathua demanded illegal gratification from the complainant on account of deleting/removing his name from the list of accused persons in the said case, even though he provided CCTV footage/attendance in the

factor on the date of occurrence in order to prove his innocence.

"The accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 25,000 from the complainant for deleting his name from case FIR No. 193/2025 registered at Police Station Kathua. After negotiation, the accused agreed to take a bribe amount of Rs 15,000 from the

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## Jammu Youth commissioned as flying Officer in IAF

JAMMU, Jun 14 (Agencies): A youth from a remote village near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu has been commissioned into the Indian Air Force (IAF), a defence spokesperson said.

The commissioning of Flying Officer Pranav Uppal, a native of Jammu's Chamb sector, marks the culmination of a remarkable journey defined by persever-



ance, discipline, and a deep commitment to serve the nation, the spokesperson said. Coming from a humble

background with no family history in the armed forces, he said flying officer Uppal's

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## ANTI MALARIA MONTH : 1<sup>ST</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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### MALARIA

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- ❖ Wear clothes covering full body.
- ❖ Use mosquito repellents (creams/sprays/mats/coils)
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**STATE MALARIOLOGIST/  
PROGRAMME OFFICER NVBDCP, J&K,  
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
JAMMU**



**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, we inform that **Mrs. Jyoti Baloria** W/o Kuldeep Baloria left us for her heavenly abode on 7th June.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on Monday 16th June, 2025 at 10.00 AM. **Kriya** on 19th June, 2025 at 11.00 AM at our residence H.No. 156-B, Ram Vihar, Old Janipur, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Kuldeep Baloria - Husband  
Manik Baloria - Son  
Sonam Baloria - Daughter  
Harnam Baloria - Father-in-law  
Surishta Devi - Mother-in-law  
Anoop Singh - Brother-in-law  
Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law  
Anita & Joginder Jamwal  
**Niece & Nephew**  
Sonal & Omesh Baloria

Ph.No: 9086816250, 9596429607



MRS. JYOTI BALORIA

**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 Kralay 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. Bimla & Sh. Manmohan Koul

Smt. Dady & Sh. Raja Ji Munshi

**GRAND CHILDREN:** Bhaghirathi, Ravanti & Tejashri, Samanths  
(Samast Kundu Parivar)

9419191102, 9419149720, 9419287429



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)

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Laxmi Narayan Koul** S/o Late Sh. Shyam Lal Koul, R/o Dembi Niwas, I - 638, Alpha- 2, Greater Noida on 9-6-2025. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 18-06-2025 (Wednesday) Muradnagar Gang Nehar at 7:00 AM

**Assembly** will be performed at our residence Greater Noida at 11:00 AM

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Smt. Krishna Koul (Sister-in-law)

**Brother**

Sh. Kishen Koul

Sister and Brother-in -Law

Smt. Girja Dhar & Sh. Kewal Krishan Dhar

Son & Daughter-in-law

Dr. Pawan Koul & Ambika Koul

**Daughters & Son-in- Laws**  
Poonam & Rajesh Harker  
Shamita & Rahul Koul ( Dembi)  
Shalini & Dheeraj Malla  
Sheweta & Vishal Raina  
Kanchan & Kshitij Dhar  
Kamakshi & Mayank Wangnoo &  
**Samast Pariwar**  
Koul, Dembi, Malla, Raina,  
Harker, Wangoo & Dhar

Sh. Laxmi Narayan  
Koul**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Late Smt. Ajit Kumari** W/o Lt. Sh. V. K. Majotra, Resident of 313, Shastri Nagar, Jammu who left for her heavenly abode on 6th June 2025.

**10th Day/Satsang:** Sunday, 15th June 2025 at 10:00 AM -12:00 at Durga Mandir Rampura Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

**Kriya:**

Wednesday, 18th June 2025 at 12:30 PM at our home 313 Shastri Nagar Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN :**

**Daughters-in-law & Sons**

Smt. Aruna Majotra & Lt. Sh. Suresh Majotra

Smt. Jyoti Majotra & Sh. Rajeev Majotra

**Daughters & Sons-in-law**

Smt. Anita Kumari & Ch. Kamal Singh Chouhan

Smt. Manju Kotwal & Adv. Rajesh Kotwal

Smt. Sushma Choudhary & Lt. Sh. Anil Choudhary

**Grand Children:**

Taniya, Monica, Akash, Shagun, Rajveer

Contact No.: 9906093736, 9596669555



Late Smt. Ajit Kumari

**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

9654409339, 9596782550, 9811165855

Smt. Santosh Kitroo  
(Tosha Ji)**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Late Smt. Suman** W/o Sh. Meia Dutt Sharma R/o 192 New Plot Sarwal.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 15-06-2025 (Sunday) at 10:30 am at our residence Thalora (Khuga) Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur.

**Kriya** will be performed on 16-06-2025 (Monday) at 12.00 noon at VPO Thalora Tehsil Majalta District Udhampur.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Meia Dutt Sharma- Husband

Manav Pandotra- Son

Mansi Sharma - Daughter

Kush Chadha - Son in law



Late Smt. Suman

**TENTH DAY**

With a heavy heart, profound grief and sorrow it is to inform that **Tenth Day** of our beloved **Late Smt. Bimla Devi** W/o Sh. Behari Lal Diga, Retired Principal R/o Lower Barnai, Jammu will be observed on 15-06-2025 Sunday at Unique Palace Akhnor Road, Barnai, Jammu as per following program :

**Satsang** - 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

**Langar** - 1 PM Onwards

**Grief Stricken**

Behari Lal Diga - Husband

**Sons & Daughters-in-Law :**

Rakesh Diga & Anu Diga

Deepak Diga & Manju

**Daughter & Son-in-law:**

Dr. Madhu Diga & Dr. Ravinder Kumar

**Devar & Devrani :**

Balsikri Ram & Bachno Devi

Tara Chand & Darshana Devi

Bari Ram & Sharada Devi

Late Sh. Amar Nath & Rani Devi

**Grand Children :**

Kanav Chambyal, Namrata Chambyal,

Riddhiman Diga, Ashwarya Diga

Akshita Diga, Himanshi Diga

**DIGA AND CHAMBYAL FAMILIES**



Late Smt. Bimla 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 Bhoji H.N., Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 7-06-2025.

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

**GRIEF STRICKEN :**

Sh. 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 Lt. D.N. 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. Avtar Krishan Dhar and Smt. Aditi Dhar (Son and Daughter-in-law)

Sh. Rajinder 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. Sangola 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, Satyam, Rohan, Shiv, Aksh, Ayush, 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 Chawalgaon, 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

at Garmukh Ghat, Thane.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Smt. Dazee Bhat - Wife | 9716855443

Mr. Vishal Bhat & Mrs. Sapna Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law | 9797814412

Ms. Deepika Bhat - Daughter

**Brothers & Sisters-in-law:**

Late Sh. Bharat Bhushan & Smt. Urmila Bhat

Sh. Maharaj Krishan & Smt. Sanjota Bhat

Sh. P.K. Bhat & Smt. Indu Bala

**Sisters & Brothers-in-law:**

Late Sh. R.L. Kaur & Smt. Raj Dulari

Sh. Bhushan Lal Bhat & Smt. Usha Bhat

Sh. Ratan Lal Bhat & Smt. Gita Bhat

Sh. Chaman Lal  
(JANU BHAIYA)**10TH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our father **Sh. Jamit Ram** S/o Late Sh. Shib Ram who left for his heavenly abode on Friday 06th June 2025.

**10th Day** will take place on Sunday 15th June 2025 at our residence Houja, Kahra 182203.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Nain Singh - Son, Rajinder Singh - Son

Satpal - Son, Ram Prakash - Son

Narender Singh - Grand Son

Vijay Singh - Grand Son

Arun Dev Singh - Grand Son

Ajay Singh - Grand Son & Family



Sh. Jamit Ram

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Raj Rathani Koul (Mohini Thusoo Koul)** W/o Late Sh. T.N. Koul, House No. 11, Sector 2, Pamposh Colony Janipur, Main Stop, who left for heavenly abode on 6-06-2025.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 15/6/2025 Sunday at 8:30 am at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of School education) Jammu

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Son and Daughter in law**

Ashok Koul W/o Lt. Smt. Girja Dhar Koul

Roop Krishan Koul and Rita Koul



# Ujh Multipurpose Project being revived, surplus water not for Pakistan: Dr Jitendra

## Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Jun 14 : In a significant decision by the Central Government, the much delayed Ujh Multipurpose Project in district Kathua of Jammu & Kashmir, which had been pending for last several decades, is being revived and the revised plan of the project shall be prepared by the Ministry of Jal Shakti in close collaboration and inputs from the Ministry of Home Affairs since there are also several security aspects associated with this project. The new DPR and the revived project will make sure that the surplus water emanating from the project is not allowed to flow into the Pakistan territory and a reoriented plan will be evolved to make sure that this water is consumed on the Indian side in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir or the neighbouring States like Punjab, Haryana etc.

This was disclosed here today to the media by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who also happens to be the Member of Parliament representing Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency. Pertinent to mention that the very first investigations on the Ujh Multipurpose project started way back nearly a century ago and after independence, the project was declared a National Project in 2008 by the then UPA government, but after that no



headway was made.

After Dr. Jitendra Singh was elected as the Member of Parliament for the first time in 2014, he took up the issue again and had been constantly following it up on a day-to-day basis. There were several issues involved including escalation of cost with the passage of time and also the issue of utilisation of the surplus water, without allowing it to flow over to Pakistan.

However, in the aftermath of the recent incidents leading to the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, the Ministry of Home Affairs has also taken up the project because it will also ensure strict surveillance of the riverine route being taken by the terrorists for infiltration and further movement to the mountains of Billawar and the surrounding regions.

The development also comes in the wake of intensified security arrangements in Jammu & Kashmir especially to strengthen the anti-infiltration grid and anti-terrorism grid following

April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 25 tourists and a local person got killed. The project has gained further significance following reports that Urj river area is being used by terrorists for infiltration from Pakistan.

Expressing satisfaction over the new development, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the construction of Ujh Multipurpose Project will not only address the issue of irrigation of the entire region but will also supplement strict surveillance of the route to check infiltration attempts.

There is a possibility of a new DPR being prepared, which will not only address the issue of security concerns related to infiltration but will also supplement irrigation of the area which amounts to several thousand hectares and power generation of significant magnitude. The new DPR and the revived project will make sure that the surplus water emanating from the project is not allowed to flow into the Pakistan territory and a reoriented plan will be evolved

to make sure that this water is consumed on the Indian side in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir or the neighbouring States like Punjab, Haryana etc.

Even though the Indus Water Treaty for the time being remains suspended but the matter of fact is that the Indus Water Treaty signed in 1960 had allocated the water of the Eastern rivers that is Ravi, Beas and Satluj to India and Ujh being a tributary of river Ravi was meant for irrigation and other uses on the Indian side. However, substantial flow from these rivers continued to enter Pakistan and remained unutilised by India despite the fact that the issue was taken up several times before the then UPA government.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that besides addressing the security concerns and providing irrigation, the dam would also mitigate the annual flooding possibilities thus sparing the local population from this re-current havoc. He further added that the inherent benefits of the project, which were often understated, are also equally significant. For example, tourism and associated infrastructure will create new livelihood opportunities and unlock the economic potential of the region, he said.

The exact area which will be benefited from the irrigation following the establishment of the project will be worked out once again depending on the new DPR. However, earlier the estimated potential area of irrigation went to the extent of 7,6269 Hectares and was later said to have even increased.

# AIMCCC stages protest, seeks justice and relief for migrant community



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: The All India Migrant Camps Coordination Committee (AIMCCC) today held a strong protest at the Press Club Jammu, drawing attention to the pressing issues faced by the migrant community. Led by AIMCCC Chief Shri Desh Rattan Pandita, the protest focused on long-standing demands for relief, justice, and basic amenities for displaced families.

Addressing the gathering, Desh Rattan Pandita highlighted the decades-long struggles of the migrant population and urged the authorities to acknowledge and act upon their grievances. He demanded a substantial hike in relief assistance to help families cope with rising

costs of living and maintain a life of dignity.

Among the major demands raised during the protest were enhanced relief package in line with current market standards; Reclamation of encroached land and cancellation of property mutations made under duress or deception; One government job per migrant family to ensure economic stability; Installation of borewells in Jagti Township to tackle the ongoing water crisis; Uninterrupted power supply for migrant colonies to provide relief from harsh summer conditions.

Supporting the Chief's demands, Vice Presidents Shri P N Jalali and Shri R L Sharma, along with General Secretary Shri Jawahir Lal Raina, called for urgent intervention from the

administration to restore justice and dignity to the community.

Prominent figures from the migrant community — including C L Koul, Sagar Koul, Sunil Kachroo, R L Reshi, Deep Bhat, and Ashok Tikoo — were also present and voiced their support.

The protest also witnessed strong participation from the AIMCCC's Ladies Wing, represented by Priya Dhar, Anjali Kar, Mela Misri, and Brahmhi Bhat, among others.

The AIMCCC reaffirmed its commitment to peaceful protests and expressed determination to continue the struggle until their demands are fulfilled. The organization urged the government to act swiftly and deliver long-awaited justice to the displaced community.

# Notorious drug peddler booked under PITNDPS



## Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 14: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, District Police Kishtwar has booked a notorious drug peddler under the Public Safety Act (PITNDPS) and lodged him in District Jail Udhampur.

SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh, while divulging details, stated that the

accused Imran Hussain Giri, son of Ghulam Nabi Giri, resident of Machgadi Pochhal, Tehsil and District Kishtwar, was identified as a key supplier of drugs to youth in Kishtwar Town. His repeated involvement in drug peddling cases was revealed through sustained investigations, necessitating his detention under PSA (PITNDPS) to curb his

activities and safeguard the future of the youth.\*

SSP Kishtwar further stressed that J&K Police is actively pursuing a zero-tolerance policy against drugs in the district. Along with strict legal action, awareness drives are being conducted regularly across educational institutions and vulnerable communities to combat drug abuse.

The general public is appealed to share any information related to drug trafficking or substance abuse by reaching out on the helpline numbers 9906154100 and 9103454100, or through the official Facebook and Twitter handles of Kishtwar Police. The identity of informants will be kept strictly confidential.

# CCI delegation meets Dy CM, discusses various issues

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: A delegation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) led by its President Arun Gupta met Dy. Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary at KC Regalia where a function was organized by Trade & Industrial Cell headed by Vikram Puri.

At the outset, the Dy Chief Minister felicitated the newly elected Chamber team.

During interaction, Arun Gupta urged the Dy Chief Minister to expedite the ongoing projects like Beautification of River Tawi Banks, Tawi Artificial Lake, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and more such projects to attract tourists/pilgrims to the city of temples.

He also urged the Dy. Chief Minister that Patnitop Development Authority should be rejuvenated to develop it as a tourist hub by allowing commercial activities and construction of five star hotels over there.

Arun Gupta apprised the Dy. Chief Minister that Gandhi Nagar Housing Colony was developed in 1955. Since then almost 2-3 generation are added who have separated and have individual portions on the same plot. A few have also sold their plots. All these cases are pending for want of NOC or transfer, which is injustice, this should be looked into.

Further Gupta briefed the Dy Chief Minister that since last more than three decade the JDA/ Housing Board have not established any commercial/residential colonies. Steps should be taken to develop more housing/commercial areas.

He also said that LG



Administration has resolved the issue relating to Gair Mumkin Khad by issuing an order in this regard. The said order should be implemented in true letter and spirit.

Arun Gupta reminded that Master Plan is awaiting long pending progressive reforms. The same should be expedited. He also stressed that annual Darbar move process was aimed at maintaining communal harmony between the people of Jammu and Srinagar. We request this process be restarted.

During interaction Arun Gupta briefed the Dy. Chief Minister that in spite of depositing the requisite fee by the allottees of Shiv Market Railway Station, their lease deeds have not been executed since last more than 15 years, the same should be expedited. Further the lease deed in respect of some allottees of Sabzi Mandi/ Fruit Mandi at Narwal which have expired should be renewed without any further delay.

He also pointed out that the allottees of commercial shops at Bahu Plaza have not given possession and no lease deeds have been executed, same to be expedited.

Arun Gupta pleaded for the rehabilitation of shopkeepers of Nai Basti Satwari whose business establishments have come under the ongoing flyover projects being constructed by National Highway Authority of India from Kunjwani to Satwari towards Women College Gandhi Nagar. He requested the Dy. Chief Minister that these shopkeepers should be rehabilitated by providing land for construction of their shops/business establishments so that they can earn their livelihood.

He further said that a number of businessmen have suffered huge losses due to building demolition and subsequent closure of their business by four lane widening of Jammu Akhnor Road and construction of Flyover. We request that steps should be taken to rehabilitate them.

While highlighting the challenges being faced by the Industries here Arun Gupta pointed out that with the implementation of the new Industrial Policy all the incentives including the GST linked incentives were provided to the new Industries only. But after deliberations the LG administration has announced turnover incentives to save the existing industries. We request that these incentives should be provided to the existing industries without any capping.

The delegation also urged the Dy. Chief Minister there should be no negative list for the Industrial Products manufactured by the registered units to support their viability.

Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce & Industry also apprised the Dy. Chief Minister about challenges being faced by the local flour millers due to insufficient wheat production in our region. He pointed out that our millers are charged 6% as mandi fee on wheat being procured from our neighbouring state making their production as more expensive as compared

to other regions. He sought the intervention of the Dy. Chief Minister to resolve the issue or provide visible incentive to the local millers to offset their higher production cost.

While discussing the issue relating to oil manufacturer units Arun Gupta pleaded for removal of oil manufacturing from the negative list so that eligible units can take the benefit of UT's Industrial promotion policies. He also pointed out that J&K is only UT in the country to put edible oil manufacturing in the negative list. This anomaly should be removed.

He also apprised the Dy. Chief Minister that some Industrial plot holders who were allotted land for establishing their units could not fully establish their units due to non availability of basic infrastructure like road connectivity, power availability, drainage system as well as financial constraints, further Covid-19 added to their worries. He requested that government should revoke the cancellation order of their innocent plot holders who have not fully established their units.

He also urged that all the incentives including benefit of SGST should be given to the existing unit holders also.

Arun Gupta also briefed the Dy. Chief Minister that at present the Transport Sector is facing lot of problems/hardships. To overcome these hardships government should provide hand holding support for their survival.

The other Office bearers present in the meeting include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

# 10 officials from J&K clear AKFI Referee Course



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: A proud moment for the sports fraternity of Jammu & Kashmir, as ten officials from the Union Territory have successfully qualified the Referee Course Examination conducted by the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, in May 2025.

The successful candidates are: Arshid Rather, Firdous Rather, Nahida Nabi, Ram Kumar, Gourav Dubai, Mir Alam, Majid Khan, Nuzarat Hussain, Tanveer Iqbal, & Anita Sharma. Their

achievement represents a significant stride toward enhancing the standard of officiating & strengthening technical expertise in Kabaddi across the region.

This accomplishment not only reflects the growing enthusiasm for Kabaddi in Jammu & Kashmir but also underscores the unwavering commitment of local talent to excel on the National Stage.

Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, General Secretary and Anil Kumar President of the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, extended heartfelt congratulations to all the qualified referee for their dedication, hard work, & success.



EDITORIAL

VIKSIT BHARAT

Viksit Bharat – a term that symbolizes a dream, a mission, and a commitment to transform India into a fully developed, self-reliant, and globally influential nation. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this vision has become the cornerstone of national planning and policy-making, aiming to realize a prosperous India by 2047, marking 100 years of independence.

Viksit Bharat envisions an India where every citizen enjoys a high standard of living, access to world-class infrastructure, quality education and healthcare, abundant employment opportunities, and a clean, safe environment. It is not just about economic development, but also about social equality, cultural pride, national security, and technological advancement. The government has outlined this vision across multiple domains, aiming to position India as a global leader in innovation, manufacturing, and sustainability.

India has emerged as the fourth-largest economy in the world, driven by reforms such as GST implementation, Make in India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat. The aim of Viksit Bharat is to achieve a \$5 trillion economy in the coming years. Massive infrastructure projects like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, Dedicated Freight Corridors, Smart Cities Mission, and PM Gati Shakti are laying the foundation for future growth. Rural and urban connectivity has improved significantly through better roadways, railways, airports, and digital infrastructure.

India is undergoing a digital transformation. The Digital India initiative has revolutionized governance, banking, education, and healthcare. From UPI transactions to e-governance, technology has brought transparency, speed, and accessibility. The rise of start-ups and unicorns in India demonstrates the entrepreneurial spirit that Viksit Bharat aims to foster. The focus on AI, robotics, space tech, and cybersecurity positions India as a future-ready digital power.

Education is central to the vision of a developed India. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 focuses on holistic, multilingual, and skill-based learning. Institutions like IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS are being expanded, while vocational training and digital learning platforms like SWAYAM and PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana are preparing the youth for a competitive global economy. Empowering youth through skill development ensures their active contribution to nation-building.

The Ayushman Bharat scheme, the world’s largest health insurance program, has provided health security to over 50 crore citizens. The COVID-19 pandemic saw India’s resilient healthcare response, including vaccinating over a billion people and exporting vaccines globally. Social welfare schemes like PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, and Jal Jeevan Mission are ensuring basic necessities reach every home.

A truly developed nation cannot ignore sustainability. India has made strong commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement and is advancing in renewable energy, especially solar and wind. The International Solar Alliance, championed by India, is a step towards a cleaner, greener planet. Afforestation, river rejuvenation projects, and electric mobility are part of India’s strategy to combat climate change.

Viksit Bharat is incomplete without the empowerment of women. Schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Ujjwala Yojana, MUDRA loans, and reservation for women in Parliament are steps toward gender equality. Women’s participation in politics, entrepreneurship, defence forces, and STEM fields is growing, strengthening the foundation of an inclusive India.

India’s national security has seen major reforms, including modernization of the armed forces and surgical strikes to counter terrorism. Diplomatically, India is a voice for the Global South, a key player in G20, BRICS, and QUAD, and maintains strong strategic ties with major powers. India’s global respect has risen due to its firm stance on national interests and humanitarian contributions.

Despite remarkable progress, challenges such as unemployment, income disparity, climate change, and population pressure remain. The vision of Viksit Bharat requires inclusive growth, policy stability, community participation, and efficient governance. Bridging the rural-urban divide, promoting innovation, strengthening democratic institutions, and ensuring justice for all are essential.

Viksit Bharat is not just a government campaign; it is a national mission that involves every citizen. From farmers to scientists, students to soldiers, entrepreneurs to policymakers – all are stakeholders in this journey. The transformation of India into a fully developed nation is not a distant dream, but a reachable milestone. With collective effort, strong leadership, and unwavering determination, Viksit Bharat by 2047 can become a reality — a legacy for future generations, and a shining example to the world.

By: Omkar Dattatray

The term “sordid story” in the context of an air crash typically refers to a tragic event where the circumstances surrounding the crash are particularly grim or morally questionable, potentially involving negligence or rather factors beyond mechanical failure. While the word itself can imply a sense of darkness or moral failing, the use of sordid in this context is often used to describe the harsh realities of such disasters, highlighting the human cost and the potential for systemic failings. A tragedy struck the passengers, crew and pilots of UK-Bound Air India plane with 242 passengers crashed near Ahmadabad airport. Air India flight to London crashed on Thursday, 12TH Of June 2025 afternoon killing all the ill-fated passengers except one passenger who survived the gruesome air crash. One is reminded of an old doha of sant Kabir which reads as Jakay Rakhai Sakhia Marsaka Na Kyui. fits here as only a young single passenger survived the tragedy. He was lucky enough that he was seated near exit gate and managed to escape from the crashing plane though some minor bruises appeared on his legs which are very insignificant and the lone survivor will be thanking Almighty for saving his life. The flight, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, carried 242 passengers including a former chief minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Roopani who also died in the air crash. Visuals from the area showed thick black smoke in the air. Emergency services rushed to the spot following the crash, including seven fire engines. The air crash occurred shortly after take-off of the plane from Ahmedabad airport. The plane crashed near a medical col-

lege hostel killing some trainee doctors as well. The air crash resulted in a devastating loss of life with only one survivor. The Air India Flight AI 171 was on its way to London Gatwick when the disaster struck. The plane crashed near a medical college hostel just outside the airport perimeter. It is a miracle that a 38-year-old British national Ramesh Vishwash Kumar, seated in 11A, reportedly survived the crash by jumping out of an emergency window. Initial reports indicate a high number of fatalities, with at least 241 deaths confirmed. It is not yet clear what caused the mishap of such a grave gravity resulting in huge deaths which shook the nation on 12th of June. The tragedy is perhaps because of the carelessness and negligence of the ground engineers who may not have checked that the flight is ready for going in the air. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash, and the incident has sparked national outcry and mourning as the whole nation was saddened and is in a state of shock and grief and want such incidents should not happen in future. A “MAYDAY” call was issued shortly after take-off, indicating a critical situation on board. The crash comes nearly close to a similar accident in the same city nearly 37 years ago.. Ahmedabad Air India crash is one of aviation history’s worst disasters. Thursday’s crash of an Air India plane bound for London on the outskirts of Ahmedabad within minutes of take-off is one of the biggest aviation tragedies in Indian history. Flight AI171, with 242 on board, including 169 Indian, 53 British, 1 Canadian, 7 Portuguese, enroute London’s Gatwick, crashed into a residential area in Meghaninagar, Ahmedabad, at 1.38 PM IST, impacting a doctors’ hostel and BJ Medical College. The cause is not still clear and

some say the engine failure may have been the likely cause of the crash. The cause is under investigation by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation -DGCA. Preliminary reports suggest a MAYDAY call was issued, with possible engine failure, bird strike, or mechanical error. The 11-year-old aircraft could be seen from miles away, losing altitude rapidly and combusting into a fiery blaze that sent plumes of thick black smoke spiralling up in the air. The craft climbed just about 600-700 feet before plummeting to the ground almost immediately. Images of the aftermath showed parts of the plane embedded into BJ Medical College, with pieces extremely of its landing gear, fuselage and tail protruding from the building. The pilot of the twin-engine wide-bodied aircraft issued a Mayday distress call, denoting a full emergency, soon after take-off at 1.39 pm, the Air Traffic control at Ahmedabad said. A formal investigation into the incident is under way. The search is also on for the aircraft’s black box—the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder—for clues to understand what happened in the last crucial moments. Former Gujarat chief minister and BJP leader Vijay Rupani was among the passengers on the ill-fated flight. It is possible the cause of the crash was that it was too heavy to take-off. The weather, again, is a factor in this as that dictates how much ground velocity a plane needs to generate enough lift to get airborne. From issues with the wing flaps, a bird strike or pilot error—the possible causes. It is almost impossible to definitively establish what caused the disaster based on videos of the plane’s brief flight. In the coming days, a complex investigation involving the plane’s black box—which records flight data—and examination of debris will com-

mence. But the videos that have emerged show the plane struggling to lift off the ground, seemingly amid a lack of thrust or power. One of the causes that has been speculated on by some experts is the possibility of an extremely rare double engine failure. Footage of the crash circulating in the aftermath may suggest an issue with the plane’s flaps. Ahmad Bunania, a university distinguished professor, says the engine might have been the problem. Determining the potential causes of such a disaster no doubt requires a lengthy investigation. But for Ahmad Bunania and the William Lincon Smith Chair, who studied the design of jet engines, engine failure is—at first glance—among the leading culprits. Whatever may be the possible causes of the air crash, it was the deadliest crash which consumed the lives of 242 passengers and 10 crew personnel and two pilots who are said to be very experienced. The miracle is that one young man has a miraculous escape from the plane which crashed and the Copy of Bhagwad Gita which was safe and these two things are in fact miraculous. It is very shocking that five members of a family were killed in the air crash. The engineers, technologists, scientists and pilots should see that such incidents of plane crash should not happen in future. In fact, the potential passengers are afraid of air travel but there is no way to escape from the air travel if you have to travel abroad. May the souls of all those killed in the air crash rest in peace and this is the prayer to God.

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Meaningful Theatre Training can Transform Personalities

By Mohd Yaseen

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When the world is constantly shifting its focus between innovation and tradition, the need for meaningful and enriching training is more urgent than ever. Training that transcends the boundaries of mechanical instruction and breathes life into the learner’s spirit—that is what defines true enrichment. And in the realm of performing arts, a few have embodied this philosophy as compellingly as Sumeet Sharma, a theatre practitioner whose life’s work has revolved around education, training, personality development, cultural rootedness and instilling a great reverence for Indian Ethos amongst children and youth through theatre.

With over three decades of committed practice in theatre-acting, training, and direction—Sumeet Sharma’s contributions have not only enriched the artistic landscape of the region but also shaped the lives of thousands of students, artists, and enthusiasts. His career exemplifies how training in theatre, when thoughtfully planned and meaningfully executed, can become a powerful tool for personal growth, social understanding, and cultural awareness. Sumeet attributes his understanding of theatre and how to utilize it for the larger benefit of the society to his theatre mentor Padmashri Balwant Thakur. In addition to this, having got trained under the benign guidance of theatre icons during several short/long workshops, he has tried to imbibe the learning into part of this personality, just to name a few Prof. G. Kumara Verma, Padmashri Neelam Man-Singh Chowdhary, Prof. Mahendra Kumar, Dr. Shaveta, his teachers during Masters in Theatre. Sh. Rudra Prasad Sengupta, Padmashri Niranjana Goswami, Ms. Anuradha Kapur Ms. Kirti Jain, Mr. Adil Hussain, Dr. Abhilash Pillai, Mr. Harish Khanna, Mr. Roysten Able and many more visionaries of theatre who have shaped the National Theatre with their incredible work.

Sumeet Sharma is a postgraduate in Indian Theatre with distinction from the prestigious Department of Indian Theatre, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He is also UGC NET qualified in Performing Arts (Theatre), further validating his academic

and professional authority in the field. But beyond his qualification, lies a journey of constant engagement, innovation, and dedication towards the deeper purpose of theatre.

In 2008, Sumeet Sharma was honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi’s Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, a national recognition conferred upon young and promising talents in the field of performing arts. This award, a milestone in any artist’s life, was not just a badge of honour for Sumeet but a reinforcement of his belief in the transformative power of theatre. He is also a recipient of a National Scholarship under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

His journey in theatre began as early as 1993 with Natrang Jammu, and over the years, he has worn many hats—actor, director, trainer, and educator. What sets his work apart is not just the volume of it but the intent, quality and efficacy with which it has been pursued. His theatre is not confined to the proscenium stage or elitist enclaves. Instead, it reaches classrooms, community halls, rural grounds, and auditoriums across the country, where he works with children, young adults, and aspiring artists.

Sumeet Sharma’s core focus has been the use of theatre as an effective tool of education and personality development. In a system often preoccupied with rote learning and examinations, he offers an alternative model where self-expression, empathy, confidence, and communication are given centre stage. His workshops have empowered children and youth to find their voice, confront their fears, and build a sense of self-worth and discipline. His sessions go beyond script and performance; they help participants discover the richness of teamwork, listening, spontaneity, and responsibility.

The impact of his approach is best reflected in the words of those who have directly experienced its magic. Alpna Sharma, mother of two of his students, shares a moving testimony:

“Theatre became a magical catalyst in my children’s lives. It wasn’t just about scripts and stages; it was a journey of self-discovery. My shy one found his voice, blossoming with confidence. The energetic one channelled her liveliness into captivating performances, developing discipline and focus. Through shared laughter and collaborative storytelling, they learned empathy, teamwork, and the sheer joy of creative expression. Theatre didn’t just teach them to act; it taught them to truly live.”

This sentiment echoes across many households, where Sumeet’s training has sparked not just artistic ability, but life skills that shape young minds for years to come.

Sumeet Sharma serves as Drama

Instructor at the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu. Here too, his role is not limited to mere conventional training. He consistently works to kindle a deep reverence for Indian culture and ethos among students in addition to exploring their inner selves and facing the surroundings with self-belief. In an age of growing detachment from roots, his efforts serve as a cultural bridge—connecting the youth with the wisdom, values, and vibrancy of Indian traditions through theatre. He has directed remarkable theatre productions with the students of Design Your Degree like Bhisham Sahni’s ‘Kabira’ and Ramdhari Singh Dinkar’s ‘Rashmirathi’ which received accolades from all quarters. His hilarious yet thought-provoking skits with the University students have been adjudged Best in Zonal and National level Youth Festivals where Universities from all over India come forward with their best talent. He has been the coordinator of the first ever Certificate Course in Theatre initiated by SIIEDC University of Jammu which received encouraging feedback from the participants. He also coordinates the Training Outreach Programme of the Department of Students Welfare in which students from far-flung areas get an opportunity to get training in performing arts by the experts in the field.

His creative work also reflects his cultural commitment. Sumeet has acted in over 40 plays, many of which are Dogri-language productions staged under the banner of the renowned theatre group Natrang. These plays have travelled far and wide, with more than 1100 performances across India and abroad. They are not mere entertainment pieces but carriers of the linguistic and cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. Through these, he has helped preserve and promote the Dogri language, offering it the artistic respect and audience it deserves.

Participation in more than 40 national theatre festivals organised by leading institutions such as the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National School of Drama, and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, among others, has further refined his artistic outlook. These platforms have not only provided national exposure but have also enabled him to engage in rich artistic exchanges, enhancing the depth and scope of his training modules.

Travel, too, has been a powerful teacher in Sumeet’s journey. His extensive tours across the country and abroad, as actor and assistant director, have enabled him to absorb diverse theatrical styles and pedagogical approaches. These experiences have deepened his understanding of theatre’s universal appeal and its adaptability across contexts. What he brings back from

these journeys enriches the students and artists he mentors, offering them a broader perspective on art and life.

Over the years, he has directed around 50 plays involving children and adults alike. Each production under his direction is a carefully constructed educational experience. He is known to nurture even the most hesitant participants, creating a safe and inspiring space for exploration. Many of these plays have gone on to earn acclaim, not just for their aesthetic value but for their ability to raise important questions and set a fertile ground for healthy debate.

What stands out most in Sumeet’s methodology is his human-centric approach. Training, for him, is not about imposing knowledge but about enabling discovery. He encourages introspection, dialogue, and collaborative creativity. His sessions often blend games, voice and movement exercises, improvisations, script readings, and rehearsals in a seamless, organic flow that keeps participants deeply engaged. This holistic model of training builds not just performers but thinkers and doers. Other than games and activities, he relies more on the emotional connect with participants, which when occurs, transformation becomes possible, effortlessly.

At a time when educational and professional systems are re-evaluating their purpose and methods, Sumeet’s work offers a valuable template. He shows that training can be a joyful, liberating, and enlightening process. He proves that performing arts are not peripheral indulgences but central to shaping complete human beings. His theatre is as much about social responsibility as it is about artistic excellence. It is about invoking awareness, instilling sensitivity, and cultivating imagination.

His impact is not just felt in auditoriums or on certificates, but in the lives of individuals who discover their potential through his guidance. From shy schoolchildren to aspiring theatre artists and effective communicators many owe their personal breakthroughs to his compassionate training style.

Sumeet Sharma represents what meaningful and enriching training should look like. Rooted in knowledge, elevated by experience, and driven by a vision to uplift others, his journey in theatre is a testament to the timeless power of learning that touches the soul. As he continues to inspire new generations through his work, one can only hope that more educators, trainers, and institutions take a cue from his path and infuse their efforts with the same passion, depth, and humility.



# GoI should organize official events to commemorate 650th birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas

## BRHF delegation presents demand before Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: A delegation of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation (BRHF), led by its President Om Prakash Bagha, met Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan and urged that the Government of India to officially commemorate the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas.

The delegation included Rajesh Bagha, President of the Indian Chapter, and Balbir Ram Rattan, General Secretary, Indian Chapter, who submitted a memorandum to the Minister.

The memorandum stated that BRHF, a global, non-political, and social organization, works to promote the teachings and legacy of Guru Ravidas at both national and international levels. The memorandum presented several key suggestions and demands to the central government.

The main demand was to form a National Committee under the aegis of the Government of India to coordinate year-long official celebrations as part of the Guru Ravidas 650th Birth Anniversary commemorations. The organiza-



tion also offered its full support and suggested holding events not just in India but abroad as well.

It was further proposed that the Ministry of External Affairs should direct Indian embassies and consulates worldwide to organize events to mark the occasion.

The delegation also put forward the demands which include that the area associated with Guru Ravidas Ji's historical visit to Tughlaqabad be renamed "Begumpura"; Jahapanah Park in Tughlaqabad should be renamed "Guru Ravidas Vatika"; Adampur Airport in Punjab should be named after Guru Ravidas Ji, as promised by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during election campaigning; and a "Guru Ravidas Central University" should be established.

The delegation expressed confidence that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, just as other great saints and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar have been nationally honoured, Guru Ravidas Ji's 650th anniversary will also be commemorated in a historic and dignified manner.

The delegation also extended an invitation to the Minister to attend the Global Conference being organized by BRHF in London later this year.

# Dimple leads protest against PDD over burnt transformers, unscheduled power cuts in Jammu



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: In a protest staged on Janipur High Court Road, Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a massive demonstration against the Power Development Department (PDD), highlighting the deteriorating electricity infrastructure in Jammu city. The protest was sparked by widespread damage to transformers, unscheduled power cuts, and alleged corruption within the department.

Holding burnt transformers and damaged cables, Dimple denounced the PDD for its failure to provide reliable power supply despite the rollout of prepaid smart meters. He claimed over 500 transformers across Jammu are non-functional, leaving more than 50,000 residents in darkness during the scorching summer.

Dimple accused PDD officials of malpractice, stating that "PDD officers ney kundiya dali hai" – alleging they bypass their own electricity from smart meters, while ordinary citizens are burdened with high bills and unreliable service.

"The power infrastructure has completely collapsed," Dimple said. "The Janipur and Mand Grid Stations are outdated and in urgent need of upgradation. The public suffers while the authorities turn a blind eye."

He listed several affected localities including New Plot, Rorian di Chapri, Peer Baba, Jawahar Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Prem Nagar, Sarwal, Subash Nagar, Rehari, Talab Tillo, and Bakshi

Nagar, where residents are reeling without electricity due to burnt transformers and overloaded lines.

Dimple strongly criticized the PDD's cable and smart meter systems, calling them substandard and prone to burning. "Dozens of smart meters on single poles have burnt out. The department continues to loot people with inflated bills, but doesn't replace transformers or cables for days," he said.

Accusing elected representatives of apathy, Dimple added, "All MLAs are enjoying luxuries in AC rooms, while children, patients, and senior citizens are unable to sleep due to prolonged outages and unbearable heat."

He also drew attention to the acute drinking water crisis in the city, demanding urgent steps to improve supply. "Start work on the Chenab Water Project to bring clean water from Akhnor to Jammu city," he urged. He demanded free 200 units of electricity and twice-daily drinking water supply, threatening a mass agitation against the prepaid metering system if demands are not met.

Dimple was joined by several local leaders and supporters, including Kidi Kumar, Ram Kapor, Sudershan Sharma, Dev Raj, Sanjay Sethi, Bramu, Rakesh, Vicky, Babu, Kala Kumar, and others.

He concluded with an appeal to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene immediately and ensure restoration of electricity and water supply, warning that public patience is wearing thin.

# GDC Tangdhar Champions Drug-Free India with NMBA event

### Top News Report

KARNAH, Jun 14: Government Degree College (GDC) Tangdhar organized a comprehensive awareness program today as part of the Government of India's ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA). The event aimed to educate students and the local community on the severe consequences of drug abuse and to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Held in the College Auditorium, the program saw enthusiastic participation from students, staff, and various local dignitaries. Prof. Younas Rasheed Tantray served as the event coordinator and delivered the welcome address, setting an impactful tone for the day. Nuzhat Qayoom anchored the proceedings.



The program was patronized and organized by Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Principal of GDC Tangdhar, with Dr. Bilal Sheikh acting as the convener, ensuring seamless coordination of all activities.

A highlight of the event was the presence

and insightful lectures from key officials. SDM Karnah, Zaffar Ahmad Lone, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the administrative efforts against drugs. Zonal Physical Education Officer, Mushtaq Ahmad, delivered a compelling talk on how physical fit-

ness can be a powerful tool in avoiding drug addiction. Dr. Mukhtyar Parray, Medical Officer at SDH Tangdhar, provided a crucial medical perspective on substance abuse, highlighting its health impacts and the importance of timely intervention.

Dr. Sumreen, Lecturer in Education, also presented an insightful lecture focusing on the psychological and educational dimensions of drug abuse among youth. The SHO Karnah was also present, demonstrating strong community and law enforcement support.

Around 100 students actively engaged in the interactive sessions, showing their commitment by pledging to contribute to a drug-free society. Dr. Yaseen delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all speakers, the Tehsil administration, and attendees for making the program a resounding success.

GDC Tangdhar reiterated its dedication to organizing similar awareness drives for the continued well-being and upliftment of the community.

# GDC Thannamandi celebrates World Blood Donor Day

### Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Jun 14, 2025: The Department of Botany in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council of Govt. Degree College Thannamandi celebrated World Blood Donor Day as part of Viksit Bharat@47 here on Saturday.

On this occasion an impressive awareness program on the theme "Give blood, give hope, together we save lives" organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of College. Dr. Ashaq Malik, Head Department of Botany and IQAC Coordinator in College, Co-ordinated the program.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Ahmed, explained with examples, the biology, composition and importance of blood donation. He emphasized upon the need of voluntary blood donation that not only safeguard lives

of others but gives immense health benefits to donors themselves.

While acknowledging the selfless service of blood donors, he said a blood donation camp shall soon be organized in the college in the upcoming session.

No gift is better than the voluntary blood donation and youth and students should come forward for this noble service to humanity, he added. Earlier, Dr. Ashaq Malik introduced the audience about the history and relevance of World Blood Donor Day in college and conducted the proceedings of the program.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Anuj Bali (Librarian), Paramvir Singh, Raees Ahmed, Sugra Jabeen and Shafqat Shabir, Maqsood Ahmed, Riaz Ahmed, Asif Iqbal Raina, Ajaz Ahmed and Mohd Arif.

# ITI Kishtwar pays condolences to victims of Air India Flight tragedy



### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 14: A solemn atmosphere prevailed at Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Kishtwar as officials and trainees gathered in a heartfelt condolence ceremony to mourn the unimaginable loss of lives in the recent Air India flight crash near Ahmedabad.

Under the leadership of the Principal, the entire staff and student body assembled in front of the principal's

office early this morning to observe a moment of silence and pay homage to the departed souls.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of ITI Kishtwar expressed profound sorrow over the incident, stating, "This is a moment of national mourning. We stand in solidarity with the families of the victims during this extremely difficult time. Let us pray for strength and peace for those who have suffered irreparable loss."

# Blood Donation Day celebrated at GDC Kishtwar



### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 14: The NCC Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar, in collaboration with the District Hospital Kishtwar, organized a Blood Donation Camp at the college premises to mark Blood Donation Day on Saturday.

The event was held under the conernership of Prof. Prithvi Raj, ANO NCC (SD) Kishtwar, and Dr. Tabassum Saleem, CTO NCC (SW), and was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Basharat Iqbal, Principal, GDC Kishtwar. Dr. Yudhir Singh CMO District Hospital Kishtwar also participated in the event.

The camp witnessed

enthusiastic participation from around 20 NCC cadets and faculty members, who came forward to donate blood and contribute to this noble cause.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and to support the healthcare needs of the local community.

The organizing committee, comprising Dr. Yasar Ahmed, Dr. Sehriish Gazal, and Prof. Jaideep, played a pivotal role in the smooth execution of the event.

Medical professionals from District Hospital Kishtwar ensured the safety and proper medical supervision of the entire process.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal applauded the efforts of the NCC units and appreciated the spirit of service and social responsibility shown by the cadets and faculty.

He emphasized the importance of regular blood donation drives in saving lives and building a sense of community welfare.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to all donors, organizers, and medical staff for their valuable contributions.

The success of the Blood Donation Day at GDC Kishtwar highlighted the commitment of the institution towards promoting health awareness and civic responsibility among students.

## Honor Never to be Broken

*If you cannot raise your parents' name,  
Then guard it well from loss or shame.  
Do not seek glory at a selfish cost,  
For in their honor, nothing's lost.*

*Each step you take, each word you say,  
Reflects the love they gave away.  
They toiled for dreams you've yet to see,  
Their pride lives on in who you'll be.*

*And if you fail to lift them high,  
Still don't let them bow or cry.  
Let not your actions bring them pain,  
Or stain their years with silent rain.*

*A life well-lived is not just yours,  
It echoes through your elders' doors.  
So live with grace, and always strive—  
To keep their honor bright, alive.*

**Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain State yoga Commissioner Jammu**



## Father's Day special| Pratibha Ranta: I'm in the film industry because of my papa

*In our Father's Day special series, Pratibha Ranta and her dad Rajesh Ranta talk about their unspoken bond and how he nudged her towards a career in films*

Coming from Shimla and raised in a family of farmers, Pratibha Ranta has had an humble upbringing, and in our Father's Day special series, she says that her father Rajesh Ranta instilled that humility in her in every aspect of life. "My father has been the biggest inspiration in my life. I have seen him work very hard to earn a good living for us. To give us a good lifestyle, my parents sacrificed a lot, including leaving us with our grandparents so that he could earn for us, and I feel so grateful for it," the actor says.

Pratibha Ranta, who got widespread acclaim after her work in Laapataa Ladies, also credits her father for inculcating the love for films in her. "He loves watching movies and today, if I am in this industry, it's all because of my papa. He used to bring CDs for us at home and that inspired me a lot to venture into this world," she says, as her father adds: "I have seen her



passion for performing since she was a child as she was so into dancing since she was two-year-old."

Describing their bond, Rajesh says, "Our relationship is such that main uske bola bina hi uski mann ki baat samajh jata hun." As she agrees to it, Pratibha says, "He has always pampered me. Main bachpan mein bahut zidd karti thi but he would make sure all my wishes were met. My father also loves photography a

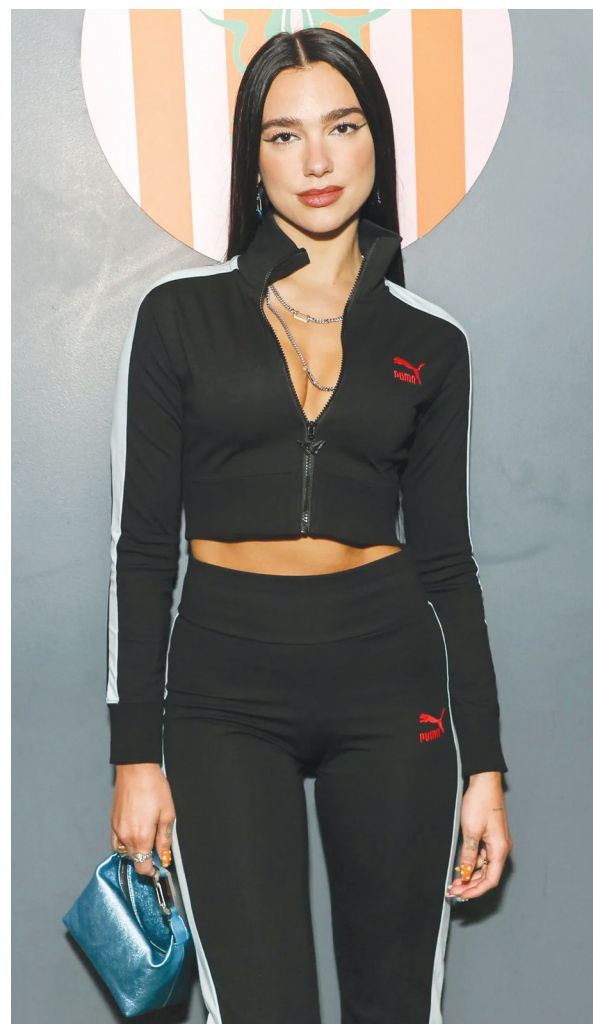
lot and I was always his muse. He has documented my whole childhood. But now, I feel parenthood towards my parents. I want to give them everything, so the roles have somewhat reversed."

The proud father shares that the film industry seemed a far-fetched world in the background they lived in, but Pratibha's success changed his perspective. "While I was worried when she moved to Mumbai to follow her passion, the day she got her

first lead role in a TV show, I felt so proud. The things which we couldn't have even dreamed of, she achieved that," he says, as Pratibha adds that she could follow her passion because he taught her how to be independent from a very young age. "He gave me an independent upbringing, teaching me how to survive on my own. But I have always known that if I am ever in a difficult situation, he will be there to save me."

Proud of her daughter's success, Rajesh says, "Pura Himachal Pratibha ki kamyabi pe garv kar raha hai, aur usse badi mere liye garv ki koi baat nahi hai." However, the actor feels happier being considered her father's daughter. "It feels very nice when people complement me in front of him, but I love that I am known by my father's name. That is my biggest achievement as the people close to me always call me 'Rajesh ki beti'."

## Dua Lipa confirms engagement to Callum Turner



Love is in the air! Singer Dua Lipa has confirmed her engagement to actor Callum Turner. In a recent interview, the Levitating hitmaker shared the good news. "Yeah, we're engaged. It's very exciting," Lipa said. She added that her engagement ring was made after Turner consulted her best friends and her sister.

"I'm obsessed with it. It's so me," Lipa said. "It's nice to know the person that you're going to spend the rest of your life with knows you very well." The couple's relationship began in early 2024 when they were first seen together at an afterparty for the premiere of Apple TV+'s Masters of the Air. Turner, who stars in the Apple TV+ drama series, was captured in a video slow dancing with Lipa.

## Imtiaz Ali's next film with Diljit Dosanjh to release in April 2026

Filmmaker Imtiaz Ali's new film with actor-musician Diljit Dosanjh will be released in theatres in April 2026, coinciding with the festival of Baisakhi.

Billed as a "charming story of love and longing", the untitled movie marks the second collaboration between Ali and Dosanjh after their 2024 widely loved movie, "Amar Singh Chamkila".

Actors Naseeruddin Shah, Vedang Raina and Sharvari will also feature in the film, which has a contemporary and witty narrative that explores the depth of human connection.

Quoting legendary poet Momin Khan

Momin's couplet 'Tum mere paas hote ho goya, Jab koi doosra nahin hota' ('You are with me, however, when there is no one else'), Ali said he aims to offer a "touching cinematic experience" through his movie.

"Can love really be lost? Can home be taken away from someone's heart? This film has a big heart. It has a large canvas, yet is very personal. It is a story of a boy and a girl, but also of a country..."

"Wish us well as we dive into the currents of this dynamic story, we hope to emerge next year with a touching cinematic experience in a theatre near you," the filmmaker said in a

statement.

The film will reunite the legendary trio of Ali, AR Rahman, and Irshad Kamil, who have given some of their most memorable soundtracks in films like "Amar Singh Chamkila", "Tamasha", and "Rockstar", among others.

"As the journey unfolds, expect a film that moves you, music that stays with you, and a love story that becomes a part of you," the statement added.

The movie will go on floors in August this year.

Ali's previous movie with Dosanjh, "Amar Singh Chamkila", was also released on Baisakhi in 2024.

## Dharmendra opens up on kiss with Shabana Azmi in Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani

Bollywood legend Dharmendra recently shared his thoughts on his role and the much-discussed kissing scene with Shabana Azmi in the romantic comedy Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani.

In a candid interview with agency, the actor spoke positively about the film's aesthetic approach to romance, particularly highlighting the emotional depth of the scene.

Dharmendra on his kiss scene with Shabana Azmi

Discussing his experience filming the kissing scene with Shabana Azmi, Dharmendra described it as "aesthetic" and emphasised that "there is no age for romance."

The veteran star humorously recalled a conversation he had with co-star Ranveer Singh, saying, "Maine Ranveer ko



bola, Ranveer, Rocky aur Rani ki Prem Kahaani me, tune to bohut kisses ki hain, or meri ek hi kiss ne hila dala logo ko (I told Ranveer that you have had a lot of kisses on screen, and my one scene turned the world upside down)."

He further added, "In a way,

he (Dharmendra's character in Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani) was like Devdas, the Devdas who wandered in alcohol, with no memory of anything, and then he dies... It's tragic, and it was a good story."

About Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani delves into the complex dynamics between families and cultures. Rocky, a free-spirited young man from a wealthy Punjabi family, and Rani, an ambitious Bengali news anchor, fall in love despite their stark differences.

The 2023 film, directed by Karan Johar, is a delightful blend of comedy and romance, starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt as the lead couple, Rocky and Rani.

To test their commitment and understanding, the couple decides to live with each other's families, leading to moments of both humour and conflict.

The film also features a stellar supporting cast, including Jaya Bachchan, Shabana Azmi, Tota Roy Chowdhury, and Dharmendra.

## Sushant Singh Rajput's sister pens emotional note on his 5th death anniversary

On the fifth death anniversary of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, his sister Shweta Singh Kirti has shared a heartfelt note on Instagram, remembering her brother's legacy and urging fans to uphold the values he stood for.

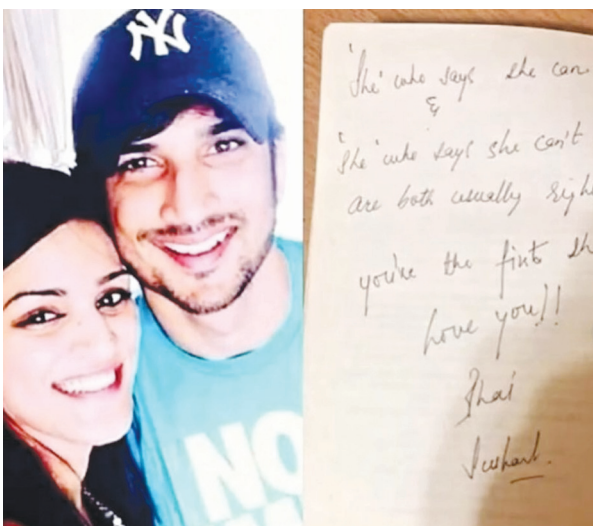
June 14 marks five years since the Chhichhore actor was found dead in his Mumbai apartment, a loss that shook the nation and left both his family and fans devastated.

"Today is Bhai's 5th death anniversary... A

lot has happened since June 14, 2020," Shweta wrote. "CBI has now submitted a report to the court, and we are in the process of retrieving it. But no matter what happens, don't lose heart or faith in God or in goodness."

Describing Sushant's spirit, she added: "Always remember what our Sushant stood for—purity, a thirst for learning, a heart full of love, and child-like innocence."

He hasn't gone anywhere. He is in you, in



me, in all of us." Shweta has consis-

tently maintained that her brother did not die

by suicide, despite the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) concluding otherwise.

The family continues to seek justice, questioning the findings of the probe.

In her post, Shweta also urged fans not to use Sushant's name to spread negativity. "He wouldn't have liked that," she said. "Let his legacy continue."

You are the burning candle that lights up others. Great people influence generations because their essence lives on."

## Madhoo recalls doing a kissing scene without prior information



When I was told, they took me to the side and we had a conversation. They explained to me why it was important, and that's why I did it. But it was the most horrible and non-convincing thing I had to do."

She further added, "The kiss didn't even serve any purpose. I didn't even have a conversation with the director to not include that scene in the film. I let it pass. I was too young in every way, and not just by age. Today, 22-year-olds and 24-year-olds are so clever and exposed. At 22, I was very naïve."

Madhoo will next be seen in the Telugu-language fantasy film Kannappa, directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh and produced by Mohan Babu. Based on the legend of Kannappa, a devotee of Lord Shiva in Hindu mythology, the film stars Vishnu Manchu in the titular role. The cast also includes Mohan Babu, R. Sarathkumar, Arpit Ranka, Kaushal Manda, Rahul Madhav, Devaraj, Mukesh Rishi, and Brahmanandam. The film will feature special appearances by Akshay Kumar, Prabhas, Kajal Aggarwal and Mohanlal. Kannappa is slated for release in theatres on June 27.

Actor Madhoo, who rose to fame with films like Phool Aur Kaante and Roja, recently opened up about why she avoided bold roles early in her career. In a candid interview with agency, Madhoo recalled an unpleasant experience involving a kissing scene that left her feeling uncomfortable and upset.

Raised in a conservative environment, Madhoo shared that her upbringing didn't allow her to feel at ease with onscreen intimacy. She recounted

turning down multiple projects because she didn't want to do explicit scenes. Reflecting on one specific incident, Madhoo revealed she was asked to perform a kissing scene without prior notice.

Without naming the film or the co-star involved, she said, "It wasn't the kind of kiss that we see in films today. It was more like a peck on the lips, but that made me feel really bad. That I was required to kiss wasn't something that was conveyed to me before I began shooting.

## The Traitors Season 4 begins filming with Alan Cumming and star cast

Peacock's popular reality competition series The Traitors is returning for a fourth season, with production now underway in the Scottish Highlands.

Hosted once again by Alan Cumming, the Emmy-winning show brings together celebrities from diverse backgrounds to play a high-stakes game of survival, strategy, and betrayal.

Season 4 promises to be explosive, featuring a star-studded lineup from hit franchises including



RuPaul's Drag Race, The Real Housewives, Survivor, Big Brother, and Dancing With the Stars, among others.

Familiar faces returning include Real Housewives alum Dorinda Medley, who appeared in Season 3. Olympians Johnny Weir and

Tara Lipinski, comedian Ron Funches, and actor Michael Rapaport also join this season.

Fans will spot One Tree Hill and Laguna Beach star Stephen Colletti, singer Eric Nam, and Top Chef winner Kristen Kish.

As reported by Vari-

ety, A-list alumni include Survivor: San Juan del Sur winner Natalie Anderson and Survivor Season 44 winner Yamil "Yam Yam" Arocho. Big Brother 14 winner Ian Terry and Big Brother 23's Tiffany Mitchell are also in the mix.

Bachelor Nation is represented by Colton Underwood, known for coming out in 2021 and starring in Netflix's Coming Out Colton.

Other notable cast members include RuPaul's Drag Race All

Stars 4 winner Mont X Change, Love Island alumni Maura Higgins and Rob Rausch, and Donna Kelce, mother of NFL stars Travis and Jason Kelce, who recently appeared in Hallmark films.

Though Peacock has not officially announced a release date for Season 4, excitement is high. With this all-star cast, fans can expect intense drama, shocking twists, and plenty of betrayal when The Traitors returns.



# PM Modi to depart for tour to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Jun 14 (Agencies): The PM will first stop at Cyprus and Canada will form the second leg of his tour and he will attend the G-7 summit on the invitation of Prime Minister of Canada Mark Carney.

The G7 meeting is on June 16-17 at Kananaskis in Canada. This would be Prime Minister's 6th consecutive participation in the G-7 Summit. At the Summit, the Prime Minister will exchange views with leaders of G-7 countries, other invited outreach countries and heads of international organisations on crucial global issues, including energy security, technology and innovation, particularly the AI-energy nexus and Quantum-related issues. The Prime Minister will also hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the summit,



the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Before arriving in Canada, Modi will be in Cyprus on June 15-16 on the invitation of President of Cyprus Nikos Christodoulides.

This will be the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in over two decades. While in Nicosia, the Prime Minister will hold talks with President Christodoulides and address business leaders in Limassol. The visit will reaffirm the shared com-

mitment of the two countries to deepen bilateral ties and strengthen India's engagement with the Mediterranean region and the European Union.

In the final leg of his tour, Modi will go to Croatia, on June 18. This will be the first ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia. Modi will hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Andrej Plenković and meet the President of Croatia, Zoran Milanović.

# Govt sets up high-level panel to examine causes of Ahmedabad plane crash: Civil Aviation Min



NEW DELHI, Jun 14 (Agencies): A high-level panel has been set up to investigate the causes of the Ahmedabad plane crash and the investigation is progressing smoothly, the government said on Saturday.

The black box of Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane that crashed on Thursday was recovered from the site on Friday evening.

"Decoding of the black box is going to give in-depth insight into what happened moments before the plane crash," Civil Aviation Minister K Ramamohan Naidu said at a briefing in the national capital.

Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, operating a flight from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, crashed soon after the take-off on Thursday afternoon. Out of the 242 people on board the plane, only one person survived.

The minister said the country has very strict aviation safety standards and robust protocols, and everything will be done to further improve safety.

"Any theory going around the plane crash will be analysed," he added.

A high-level multi-disciplinary panel, chaired by the home secretary, will hold a meeting on Monday, and the committee is expected to submit its report in three months.

Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said the investigation

is going on smoothly into the Air India plane crash.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is probing the crash.

Before the press conference, a one-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the victims of the Air India plane crash.

He said that DNA testing is happening to identify victims and hand them over to their families.

"The Gujarat government is coordinating with that. They have been there on the ground since the time of the crash and they have been facilitating all the efforts and measures that are required from their side, so once the DNA testing is confirmed, the bodies will be given to the respective families," the minister said.

"We are hoping that the process also gets (completed) as soon as possible," Naidu added.

"We have very strict safety standards in the country also, and many, including the ICAO, international organisations have also time and again established that we do have a very strict protocol, robust protocol which we follow every time."

But even after that, when the incident happened, we also felt that there is a need to do an extended surveillance into the Boeing 787 series, Naidu said, adding, "So, through the DGCA, we have also

given the order to do the extended surveillance for the 787 planes".

There are 34 (before the crash) Boeing 787-8 in the Indian aircraft fleet today and "I believe that eight have already been inspected," the minister said.

He said that whatever necessary steps are needed will be taken to improve the (aviation) safety.

On the formation of the high-level committee, the minister said its composition involves three persons from various backgrounds, and people, who the government feels, can bring a lot of expertise and value to it, will investigate in a holistic way into the incident.

"We have put a time limit of three months for them to sit down, talk to various stakeholders, and involve and discuss with any other important expert that is necessary as part of their investigation," he noted.

He said the AAIB team believes that "the decoding of the black box is going to give in-depth insight into what would have actually happened during the process of the crash or moments before the crash itself".

"So, we are also eagerly waiting for the report's results," Naidu said.

We are also eagerly waiting for the report's results, he added.

Expressing his deepest condolences to all the families who have lost their loved ones in the plane crash in Ahmedabad, Naidu said, "...to a certain extent, I can understand the pain and anguish that the family members are feeling".

"I would like to reiterate that this was a very tragic incident, a very horrific incident for everyone," he said.

No questions were taken from the media at the briefing.

# 'Op Sindoor' stands as shining testament to unparalleled prowess of the Indian Air Force: IAF chief

HYDERABAD, Jun 14 (Agencies): IAF Chief, Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, on Saturday said that 'Operation Sindoor', launched after the Pahalgam terror attack, stands as a shining testament to the unparalleled prowess of the Indian Air Force.

He also said that this operation demonstrated IAF's capability to deliver swift, precise and decisive blows to the enemy.

Addressing the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal near here, Singh also said the Operation Sindoor has showcased exceptional coordina-



tion, synergy and integration within the armed forces.

He called upon the newly commissioned officers to keep furthering the spirit of jointness as they grow in service.

He said the graduating officers, as the future of the IAF, must

understand that the Air Force has been and will always remain the first responder.

"It is our collective responsibility to live up to the trust placed in the Indian Air Force by every citizen of India, and we must be ready and prepared for this,"

# Ram Darbar at Ayodhya temple thrown open for devotees

AYODHYA (UP), Jun 14 (Agencies): The Ram Darbar installed on the first floor of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya was thrown open for devotees on Saturday, officials said.

Beginning Saturday, devotees visiting the Ram Mandir can access the Ram Darbar, after a decision to this effect was taken by the temple trust late on Friday evening.

Anil Mishra, a member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, said that since the decision was made

late in the evening, only a limited number of passes for two slots – from 5 pm to 7 pm and from 7 pm to 9 pm – have been arranged for the visits on Saturday.

After a meeting with the local administration, Champat Rai, the general secretary of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, granted approval for devotees to visit the Ram Darbar, Mishra said.

Similar to the passes issued for Ram Lalla's darshan, passes will be made available for those wishing to visit the Ram

Darbar, he said.

The consecration of Ram Darbar – Lord Rama in his royal form – along with the installation of idols in eight newly-built temples inside the Ram Janmabhoomi complex was held on June 5, marking a major step towards the completion of the grand temple that has been at the intersection of political and religious discourse for decades. Mishra said 300 passes will be available for each of the two-hour time slots — from 7 to 9 am, 9 am to 11 am, 1 pm to

3 pm, 3 pm to 5 pm, 5 to 7 pm, and 7 pm to 9 pm.

The district administration and the temple trust have both been assigned 150 passes each. Among these, 100 passes are for 'special darshan', and 50 for 'easy access darshan', Mishra said.

Alongside the idol of Lord Ram, the Ram Darbar also features the idols of Sita, Lakshman, Bharat, Shatrughan and Hanuman.

According to the temple trust, among the deities consecrated were Lord Shiva in the

northeast corner, Lord Ganesha in the southeast corner, Lord Hanuman in the southern wing, Surya in the southwest corner, Bhagwati in the northwest corner and Annapurna in the northern wing.

The temple built in the traditional Nagara style spans 360 feet in length, 235 feet in width, and rises 161 feet high. Spread across 2.77 acres, the three-storey structure features 392 carved pillars, 44 doors and richly-sculpted depictions of Hindu deities.

# 38 arrested in Assam's Dhubri after communal flare-up; shoot-at-sight orders issued at night

GUWAHATI, Jun 14 (Agencies): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said 38 people were arrested in Dhubri, where shoot-at-sight was ordered at night following communal tensions.

The state government has also transferred the district's Senior Superintendent of Police Navin Singh, and appointed Hailakandi SSP Leena Doley in his place,

according to a notification.

In a post on X in the morning, Sarma said, "38 arrested overnight in the Dhubri beef head incident."

A cow's head was found in front of a Hanuman temple in Dhubri town on Eid on June 7, according to the chief minister.

The next day, a cow's head was again kept in front of the temple, fol-



lowing which clashes were reported, he said on Friday after visiting the affected areas.

The district admin-

istration had on June 9 imposed prohibitory orders in the town, but lifted them the next day after the law and order

situation improved.

During his visit to the town, Sarma said that shoot-at-sight was ordered at night as an outfit was trying to create disturbances in the district bordering Bangladesh.

He said the outfit, called 'Nabin Bangla', had put up posters in the district, seeking to merge Dhubri with Bangladesh.

# World with India in its fight against terror: Ravi Shankar Prasad



PATNA, Jun 14 (Agencies): BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad on Saturday said the European nations he visited as part of the multi-party delegation following Operation Sindoor expressed full support to India in the war against terror.

Prasad, who led the delegation, said terrorism is like a cancer that is affecting the entire world.

"Our delegation visited European countries to convey India's message of zero tolerance towards terrorism. The entire world spoke in one voice and con-

demned the barbaric terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, in which 26 lives were lost. The entire world expressed solidarity with India in the war against terrorism," he told reporters in Patna.

The countries the delegation visited were the UK, France, Italy, Denmark and Germany.

"We met leaders of the House of Commons, and they categorically said — terrorism is not acceptable, and we condemn it. We also told them that we are not against citizens of Pakistan, but the issue with Pakistan is that

army generals run the country. These generals use terrorists to fulfil their nefarious acts," the former minister said.

"These Pakistani generals are neither elected by the public nor are they accountable to the people of their country. We told the world that whether it was the London metro attack, the 9/11 attack, or attacks in Belgium, Germany and France — all have connections with Pakistan-trained militants. Now, such destructive forces must be dealt sternly," he said.

Prasad said that when the delegation was asked why India carried out strikes inside Pakistan, they said that if the US forces could go 12,000 km to hunt Osama Bin Laden in the mountains of Afghanistan, then "PM Narendra Modi's forces" can also go 400 km in search of those who perpetrated the Pahalgam attack.

# Paramilitary jawan killed in IED blast in Odisha's Rourkela

ROURKELA, Jun 14 (Agencies): A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel was martyred in an IED blast during an anti-Naxal operation in the dense Saranda forests of West Singhbhum on Saturday morning.

The explosion occurred around 5:50 am in the K Baalang area near Rourkela, Odisha, along the Jharkhand-Odisha border. Troops of the 134 Battalion CRPF and Odisha's Special Operations Group (SOG) were conducting a joint operation when the blast was triggered by Naxals.

Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Satyaban Kumar Singh (34), a native of Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh, sustained critical injuries to his left leg in the blast. He was immediately evacuated to Apollo Hospital in Rourkela for treatment. However, despite efforts, Singh

succumbed to his injuries and was declared dead.

The operation was part of a heightened combining exercise by security agencies following the recent looting of explosive materials by Naxals in the region. Security forces, including units from both Odisha and Jharkhand police, have intensified search operations to track down the insurgents.

As per sources, after the incident, the entire region has been put on high alert, and additional forces have been deployed to strengthen the search operation.

Officials also indicated that "Naxals are closely monitoring the movement of security personnel and are actively plotting attacks." In response, combining operations have been ramped up in the forest areas to identify and dismantle Naxal hide-outs and prevent further attacks.



## ‘Tehran will burn’ if Iran continues missile strikes, Israeli defence minister warns

*Several dead, injured as Israel and Iran exchange unprecedented missile strikes amid escalating nuclear tensions*

TEL AVIV, Jun 14 (Agencies): Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz warned Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that "Tehran will burn" if it keeps firing missiles at Israeli civilians.

"The Iranian dictator is taking the citizens of Iran hostage, bringing about a reality in which they, and especially Tehran's residents, will pay a heavy price for the flagrant harm inflicted upon Israel's citizens. If Khamenei continues to fire missiles at the Israeli home front, Tehran will burn," Katz said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Iran strikes against Israel will continue, with targets set to expand to include US bases in the region in the coming days, Iran's Fars news agency reported on Saturday, citing senior Iranian military officials.

"This confrontation will not end with last night's limited actions and Iran's strikes will continue, and this action will be very painful and regrettable for the aggressors," Fars reported, citing senior military officials.

They were quoted saying that the war would "spread in the coming days to all areas occupied by this (Israeli) regime and American bases in the region".

The threat of a wider war comes as Iran and Israel continue targeting each other on Saturday after Israel launched its biggest-ever air offensive against its longtime foe in a bid to prevent it from developing a nuclear weapon.

Iran has also warned the United States, United Kingdom and France that their bases and ships in the region will be targeted if they help stop Tehran's strikes on Israel, Iran state media reported.

Meanwhile, Iran's state TV reported that around 60 people, including 20 children, were killed in an Israeli attack on a housing complex in Iranian capital Tehran.

Air raid sirens sounded across Israel, including in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, sending residents rushing into shelters as successive waves of Iranian missiles streaked across the skies and



Israeli interceptors rose up to meet them.

A man and a woman were killed in Israel and dozens wounded by a missile that landed near their homes, Israel's ambulance service said.

Rescue teams were searching the rubble of apartment buildings that were destroyed in Rishon Lezion, a city outside of Tel Aviv.

Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Saturday the Iranian leadership had crossed a red line by firing at civilians and will "pay a heavy price for it".

A missile fired from Yemen by the Iran-backed Houthi militia, killed five Palestinians including three children in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, according to the Palestinian Red Crescent.

In Iran, several explosions were heard overnight in the capital Tehran, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

Two deputy commanders at the Iranian armed forces' general staff were killed in Israeli attacks, Iranian state media reported. It was unclear when the two commanders were killed but their deaths were announced on Saturday.

The Fars news agency said two projectiles hit Tehran's Mehrabad airport, and Iranian media said flames were reported there. Close to key Iranian leadership sites, the airport hosts an air force base with fighter jets and transport aircraft.

Iran's UN envoy Amir Saeid Iravani said 78 people, including senior military officials, have

been killed in Israel's strikes on Iran and more than 320 wounded, most of them civilians.

Tehran launched waves of airstrikes on Saturday after two salvos on Friday night, Fars reported. One of the waves targeted Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial hub, before dawn on Saturday, with explosions heard as far as Jerusalem, witnesses said.

Those were in response to Israel's attacks on Iran early on Friday against commanders, nuclear scientists, military targets and nuclear sites. Iran denies that its uranium enrichment activities are part of a secret weapons programme.

The US military helped shoot down Iranian missiles headed to Israel on Friday, two US officials said. Israel's military said Iran fired fewer than 100 missiles on Friday and that most were intercepted or fell short.

The Israeli strikes on Iran throughout the day and the Iranian retaliation raised fears of a broader regional conflagration, although Iran's allies Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon have been decimated by Israel.

TRUMP SAYS: NOT TOO LATE

Iran's state news agency IRNA said Tehran launched hundreds of ballistic missiles at Israel after Israel blasted Iran's huge Natanz underground nuclear site and killed its top military commanders.

Israeli officials said Natanz was significantly hurt but that it may be some time before the

extent of damage was clear.

Western countries have long accused Iran of refining uranium there to levels suitable for a bomb rather than civilian use.

The above-ground pilot enrichment plant at Natanz has been destroyed, UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi told the Security Council on Friday. He said the UN was still gathering information about Israeli attacks on two other facilities, the Fordow fuel enrichment plant and at Isfahan.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused Israel of starting a war. A senior Iranian official said nowhere in Israel would be safe and revenge would be painful.

Iran has accused the US of being complicit in the attacks and said it shared full responsibility for the consequences.

Israel's UN envoy Danny Danon said intelligence had confirmed that within days Iran would have produced enough fissile material for multiple bombs. He called Israel's operation "an act of national preservation."

Iran has long insisted its nuclear programme is for civilian purposes only. The UN nuclear watchdog concluded this week that it was in violation of its obligations under the global non-proliferation treaty.

US President Donald Trump said it was not too late for Tehran to halt the Israeli bombing campaign by reaching a deal on its nuclear programme.

Tehran had been engaged in talks with the Trump administration on a deal to curb its nuclear programme to replace one that Trump abandoned in 2018. Tehran rejected the last US offer.

The talks are due to resume in Oman on Sunday but Iran signalled it might not join.

"The other side (the US) acted in a way that makes dialogue meaningless," Iran's foreign ministry spokesperson said on Friday. "You cannot claim to negotiate and at the same time divide work by allowing the Zionist regime (Israel) to target Iran's territory."

## Trump tells immigration officials to pause raids, arrests in farms, restaurants



WASHINGTON, Jun 14 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump's administration has told

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials to largely pause raids and arrests in the

agricultural industry, hotels and restaurants, agency reported.

The report cited an internal email and three US officials with knowledge of the guidance.

Trump said that he would issue an order soon to address the effects of his immigration crackdown on the country's farm and hotel industries, which rely heavily on migrant labour.

## Modi-Carney talks could unlock India-Canada trade potential says Canadian strategist Lubimov

VANCOUVER, Jun 14 (Agencies): Lubimov Kirk, a Canadian-based Financial Strategist, stated in an exclusive interview with agency that the entrance of incoming Prime Minister Mark Carney presents an opportunity for Ottawa and New Delhi to begin stalled trade discussions and increase collaboration on energy, technology, and essential minerals. "Canada's invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for next week's G7 summit might restart a relationship with 'enormous, mainly untapped economic upside,'" according to Vancouver-based financial analyst Kirk Lubimov.

Lubimov emphasised that, notwithstanding recent tensions, India's attendance at the G7 summit demonstrates acceptance of its growing global status. India is presently the world's fourth-largest economy. Ignoring that reality would be both stupid and counterproductive for Canada," he said. "Canada-India commerce potential is huge," Lubimov said, citing

Canadian liquefied natural gas, battery-grade nickel, and rare earth reserves that align with India's clean tech goals.

He projected that Modi and Carney would hold a separate bilateral discussion on the G7 sidelines to restart the Early Progress Trade Agreement, which has been inactive since diplomatic ties worsened last year.

Lubimov praised Carney for having a "more level-headed approach" than his predecessor, Justin Trudeau. Trudeau's tenure was marred by claims of Indian involvement in the 2023 assassination of separatist activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and increased Khalistani activism in Canada. "Carney doesn't appear beholden to those pressure groups, and that alone signals a reset," he said.

Lubimov called Khalistani separatism "a national security threat that's damaged Canada's international image," citing rallies where effigies of Indian leaders were burned and protesters openly

threatened violence.

Viral photos from a recent Vancouver demonstration showing Pakistani flags, he added, "confirm what our intelligence service said a year ago that Islamabad is working hand in glove with these activists."

He urged Ottawa to move on India's pending extradition requests for 26 fugitives and to address gaps in student visa screening. "Millions have arrived on study permits with virtually no background checks."

The analyst also condemned last month's incident in which independent journalist Mocha Bezirgan was surrounded and had his phone seized while covering a Khalistan rally, saying it underscored "the climate of intimidation" surrounding the movement.

Despite the hurdles, Lubimov remains optimistic. "If both governments quarantine extremist politics and focus on trade, energy and innovation, ties could turn the corner faster than many expect," he said.

## Relationship between India-Bangladesh people cordial: BGMEA president Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu

DHAKA, Jun 14 (Agencies): Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu, President of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), termed the relationship between India and Bangladesh people as "cordial".

Babu highlighted the similarities between the culture of West Bengal and Bangladesh, due to which the relationship between both countries is "good".

Mahmud Hasan Khan asserted that due to the regime change in both countries, the situation also changes. He said that sometimes the relationship of countries is cordial, sometimes one-sided love and sometimes it is a resentful situation.

Weighing on the "huge" business between India and Bangladesh, Mahmud Hasan Khan said the people of both countries will benefit if relationship is cordial.

"The relationship between Indian and Bangladeshi people is cordial. Especially in West Bengal and Bangladesh, we have some common cultural things,



so the relationship is good. But the problem is that when the government changes on both sides, the situation also changes. Sometimes cordial, sometimes one-sided love and sometimes it is a resentful situation. It depends on the government in India or the government in Bangladesh...If the relations between the governments are cordial, it would be the best because both countries will benefit. Business between India and Bangladesh is huge", he told agency.

Meanwhile, addressing the issue of investment situation in the country, Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu praised the current government and said that it has taken some good initiatives in terms of banking reforms, especially,

control of looting and mismanagement of the banking sector.

However, Babu asserted that the investors are waiting for the elected government in Bangladesh for investment and said that the business people of the country also want a "permanent" government.

"By definition, this government is interim. Everybody knows, for the time being, they have come after the situation of the July uprising and revolution (last year)...This government has taken some good initiatives in terms of banking reforms, especially, control of looting and mismanagement of the banking sector. But in terms of investment, investors or businesses are waiting for the elected government. We, business people, would like to have a permanent government. We would like to see who is coming in the future. Based on their policy and activities, investment will depend. In an interim government, investors do not want to invest", Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu added.

## Israel's military apologises for incorrect depiction of India's map

JERUSALEM, Jun 14 (Agencies): The Israeli military on Saturday apologised for posting a map that incorrectly depicted Jammu and Kashmir as part of Pakistan after objections from Indian social media users, clarifying that the image "fails to precisely depict borders". Jammu food guide

The map was posted by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) on their X handle on Friday to show the range of Ira-



nian missiles. The post quickly drew criticism from social media users in India.

"Now you understand why India remains neutral. In diplomacy, no

one's really your friend," one user commented on X.

In response, the IDF admitted that the map "fails to precisely depict borders".

## China's shadow war on Taiwan intensifies, DPP launches defensive measures

TAIPEI, Jun 14 (Agencies): Amid growing concerns over Chinese espionage and political infiltration, Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) held a mandatory internal seminar at its headquarters to bolster party members' understanding of Chinese "united front" tactics and infiltration strategies, Taipei Times reported.

The party invited Foundation on Asia-Pacific Peace Studies executive director Tung Li-wen to deliver the first lecture in a new series aimed at

strengthening political defences.

The session, titled "Be alert on Chinese infiltration and 'united front' tactics," analysed Beijing's espionage operations and long-term objectives toward Taiwan.

According to Tung, China utilises six primary "conduits" to carry out espionage in Taiwan, including relatives of targets, criminal syndicates, financial sectors, commercial enterprises, religious institutions, and grassroots organisations.

These channels, he said, are exploited through coercion and bribery to destabilise the nation from within.

"Beijing's infiltration is not simply about making friends over dinner. It is designed to divide and conquer, to sow internal discord, and to weaken Taiwan's democratic resilience," Tung said.

DPP China Affairs Director Wu Chun-chih called on all political parties to resist foreign influence, stating, "We urge the KMT and Taiwan People's Party not to collude with China

or remain passive. This is about national survival."

DPP Deputy Secretary-General Ho Po-wen acknowledged that four DPP personnel are under judicial investigation over espionage-related allegations. He affirmed the party's "zero tolerance" stance, stating that the individuals' memberships have been revoked, and internal counter-infiltration measures are being strengthened.

In contrast, Ho criticised the Chinese

Nationalist Party (KMT) for failing to address similar infiltration allegations within its ranks and for obstructing national security legislation.

Going forward, the DPP plans to expand its national security awareness campaign with local-level education, public seminars, and community outreach to improve societal resilience.

"The public must be informed and alert, China's tactics are evolving, and so must our defences," Ho said.



## DBPS hails 11 years of Modi government as era of Transformation, National Pride



### Top News Report

JAMMU, June 14: As the BJP-led NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi completes 11 years in office and marks the first year of its third consecutive term, Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) President Ved Parkash Sharma termed the period as one of "transformative governance, national pride, and unprecedented development."

Speaking to media persons, Sharma praised the government for its outstanding performance across all sectors. "In the past 11 years, the nation has seen significant improvement in law and order. Bomb blasts within the country have come to a halt, insurgency in the Northeast has been curbed, and terrorist threats have been met with strong counter-responses — including surgical strikes and precision missile operations that sent a clear message to the world," he stated.

Reflecting on the achievements since 2014, Sharma credited Prime Minister Modi's leadership for strengthening national security and ensuring internal peace.

Joining the press interaction, former Deputy Commissioner B.S. Jamwal, NMC President Subash Shastri, DBPS Chairman Advocate P.C. Sharma, and Bawa Bhair Devsthan Trust General Secretary Ramesh Sharma echoed similar sentiments. They highlighted the government's commitment to clean and effective governance, emphasizing that the third term of Modi's government is characterized by "integrity, faith, and justice."

"The Modi government's third term continues the successful journey of good governance. India has earned global respect — foreign leaders now speak to PM Modi with admiration. Pakistan's silence is a reflection of India's rising influence and strong leadership. The world recognizes

Pakistan as a terror hub, and the Prime Minister's zero-tolerance stance against terrorism has reshaped global perceptions," they added.

Lauding the economic progress, the speakers noted that India has emerged as the fourth-largest economy in the world under Modi's leadership. They called this 11-year tenure "historic and unmatched" in post-Independence India.

They also pointed out that recent acts of aggression from Pakistan were dealt with a "strong and fitting" response by India, showcasing its assertive and capable defence posture.

In conclusion, they described the Modi era as one defined by national resurgence, economic growth, and diplomatic strength, adding that leaders across the political spectrum acknowledge the transformation India has undergone, rooted in the spirit of service and dedication.

N.C Sharma, M.L Sharma, Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, M.L Padha, Barita Ram Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, K.L Sharma, Ritiz Khajuria, Davinder Sharma, Sanjiv Kerni, Kuldeep Shukla, Shiv Ram Sharma, Prem Balotra, Satpal Sharma, Satyañand Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, Mahesh Sharma, Yash Paul Khajuria and others were also present in the conference

## Omar-led Govt committed for revival, boosting Industrial Growth in J&K: Dy CM

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: A mega industrial convention was organised today by Vikram Puri, Chairman of the Trade and Industries Wing, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), to highlight the concerns of the business and industrial community of Jammu region.

The event saw participation from a wide cross-section of industrialists and business leaders from across Jammu region, including Digiana, Bari Brahmana, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Ghatti.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, who also holds the portfolios of Industries & Commerce, Roads and Buildings, Labour & Employment, Skilled

Development, was the chief guest.

During the event, members of various industrial associations namely Ajit Bawa President Kathua Association, Varinder Jain President Gangyal Association, Lalit Mahajan President Bari Brahmana Association, TS Reen Ex President Gangyal Association, Anil Suri Ex President Bari Brahmana, Sunil Verma Industrialist Udhampur, Sanjay Puri, P Mark Industry, Abhi Bansal Saraswati Agro, Anshal Gulati Gulati Oil Mills and Rohit Sehora Association of Industries Samba raised long-standing issues confronting them and also suggested measures overcome the issues.

In his address, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary gave a patient hearing to the

concerns raised by the stakeholders. He assured the gathering that the Omar Abdullah-led government is fully committed to the growth and protection of local industries in Jammu and Kashmir.

He acknowledged the dismal state of industrial development in the region and said the government would ensure that all due benefits and incentives under their control as UT are released promptly.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated the government's resolve to develop a business-friendly environment and take immediate steps to restore investor confidence, create jobs, and promote both industrial and tourism sectors in a holistic manner. He further assured that more

and more local youths will be absorbed in new Industries established on wards.

Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu expressed concern over the lack of commercial infrastructure in Jammu, noting that no new commercial market has been developed in the last 28 years except for Bahu Plaza.

He criticised the Smart City initiative, alleging that its funds are being wasted on renovation of already developed areas instead of creating new commercial hubs that could help boost trade and employment. He also urged the Govt to develop the pilgrimage sites falling in Jammu division.

Prominent among those who were present in the mega event included: Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Sec-

retary, Bimla Luthra former MLA, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, D.S Chouhan President Legal Cell, S. Tejinder Singh Provincial President YNC Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Vijay Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Dilshad Malik, Rita Gupta Vice Presidents Central Zone, Ashwani Abrol, Arun Deep Singh Senior Vice President Trade and Industry Cell, Rajesh Chaddha Vice President Trade and Industry Cell, Gurdip Singh Wazir Secretary Trade and Industry Cell, Karan Mahajan Joint Secretary Trade and Industry cell, Ashish Sharma Treasurer Trade and Industry Cell and others.

## Millet Awareness Campaign held in Gulabgarh Padder under NFSM

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 14: A one-day road show and awareness campaign on millets was successfully organized in Gulabgarh Padder on Saturday, under the National Food Security Mission - Nutri Cereals (NFSM) initiative. The event aimed to promote the cultivation and consumption of millets as a nutritious and climate-resilient food source.

More than 500 local farmers and students from across the region enthusiastically participated in the event, making it a vibrant and impactful awareness drive. A massive rally was also conducted across the Padder area, where students, farmers and agricultural officials marched together to spread the message of millet nutrition and sustainable agriculture holding placards on the theme.

The event was organized under the guidance of Chief Agricultural Officer, Kushal Chandel, whose leadership and coordination ensured the program's success. The campaign received an overwhelming response from the local community, with strong support from educational institutions and agricultural stakeholders fisher department sheep departments horticultural departments

The initiative aligns with the government's

efforts to promote millets as "Shree Anna" and to integrate them into regular diets for better health and improved livelihoods for farmers. The road-show concluded with informative sessions, demonstrations, and the distribution of educational materials on millet benefits and cultivation practices. Dr Narinder Paul Head KVK Kishtwar was present on the occasion who during the technical session deliberated on the scientific package of practices of major potential millets of the area. Dheeraj Singh, SDAO Paddar also spoke on the occasion. Raj Kumar, Manoj Sharma, Lourine Kouser, Barinder Singh, Ajay Sharma, Arun Sharma and other officers of the Agriculture Department were also present.

Operation Sindoor saw close coordination and integration between Tiger Division, para military forces and Civil Administration to counter the nefarious design of the adversary. To further enhance this synergy, a Military Civil Liaison Conference (MCLC) was held on 12 -13 June 2025 at Satwari Cantt, Jammu. The high-level meeting brought together senior Army officials and representatives from key government departments of Jammu Division to discuss matters of strategic and civic importance.

The conference served as a platform to deliberate on critical issues such as infrastructure development, civic-military synergy in remote areas and the ongoing efforts to support local populations along border areas.

Addressing the gathering Maj Gen Mukesh Bhanwala, General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division emphasised the importance of seamless collaboration between civil and military agencies. Mr Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu during his address, acknowledged the Indian Army's sustained efforts in humanitarian assistance and infrastructure support across the region. Discussions during the conference also covered the issues of road connectivity in



border villages, border area tourism and welfare measures for ex-servicemen and their families. The conference con-

cluded with a reaffirmed commitment as a 'Whole of Nation Approach' towards peace, development and resilience in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Civil Defence Jammu concludes five days CD training programme

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: Five days Civil Defence training programme conducted at NCC Training Academy Nagrota, concluded on Saturday.

The training programme was under the supervision of Dy. SP. Zia -Ul- Haq, Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Jammu in which 250 NCC CADETS attended the workshop.

The participants were acquainted with the knowledge as to how to enhance public preparedness and response capabilities during emergencies.

This included educating participants on basic first aid, fire-fighting techniques, CPR, and other vital emergency response methods, with



a focus on safety measures during events like airstrikes and natural/manmade disaster.

The program also aimed to foster a more resilient and informed community by training individuals to effectively respond during any calamity. On the occasion, a demonstration on first aid fire fighting including improvised emergency rescue methods during disaster was presented by the Civil Defence team.

Col. Munish Jasrotia, Commanding Officer 2JK Girls NNC appreciated and thanked to Civil Defence team for organizing such important training programme.

Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Professor Suman Bala ANO NCC Training camp and other staff of the NCC, Camp Nagrota also present on the occasion.

## Military Civil liaison conference held in Jammu post Operation Sindoor

the nefarious design of the adversary. The conference was organised to further enhance this synergy," he added.

Under Operation Sindoor, the Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) during the intervening night of May 6 and 7 in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 persons, mostly tourists, dead on April 22. Jammu food guide

The spokesman said that the high-level meeting brought together senior army officials and representatives from key government departments of Jammu division to discuss matters of strategic and civic importance.

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form to deliberate on critical issues such as infrastructure development, civic-military synergy in the remote areas and the ongoing efforts to support the local populations along the border areas, he added.

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## ACB traps HC Police Station Kathua, flees spot, accused at large

complainant," the statement reads.

Since, the complainant didn't want to pay the bribe and he approached the Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law, it reads.

"On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirms the demand of bribe by the public servant concerned and accordingly, a case FIR No. 12/2025 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation taken up," the statement added.

During the course of investigation, a trap team headed by Gazetted rank officer was consti-

tuted. The team laid a successful trap and accused public servant after accepting bribe amount of Rs 15000 from the complainant, sensing the presence of ACB on spot, fled away from the spot and threw the tainted bribe money in the bushes on the NHW near Palli, it added.

"The tainted bribe money was recovered from the bushes by independent witnesses and seized in the instant case," it reads, adding that the search was also conducted in the residential house of the accused in the presence of magistrate and independent witnesses. However, the accused person is still at large and investigation of the case is in progress.

## Jammu Youth commissioned as flying Officer in IAF

interest in the military was sparked during visits to his elder brother at Sainik School. Jammu

food guide

Inspired by the military environment and values he witnessed there, he joined Sainik School in Class 6, overcoming significant financial and logistical challenges, the spokesperson said.

He cleared the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) examination on his first attempt.

At NDA, he stood out for his academic excellence and all-round performance, which continued during his training at the Air Force Academy (AFA).

He was awarded 'Best in Aerobatics' during Stage-I flying and had the rare honour of flying with the Commanding Officer of the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), the spokesperson said, adding he also held the distinguished appointment of Squadron Cadet Captain, reflecting his leadership potential and respect among peers.

Flying Officer Uppal's journey from a border village to the skies is a testament to what grit, focus, and patriotism can achieve.

"His success story is expected to inspire countless young aspirants, especially from rural and underrepresented regions of the country," the spokesperson said.

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## Vibodh calls for united effort toward Viksit Bharat by 2047

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, while addressing a gathering at the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha in Chohala Mandal, Suchetgarh reaffirmed the collective national commitment to building a Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047.

Calling upon the people to contribute actively to this transformative journey, Vibodh said, "The vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not merely a dream—it is a historic mission. We are not just witnesses to change; we are participants in shaping a new India.

Let us unite with renewed resolve and dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation with mission of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Highlighting the transformation India has undergone over the past 11 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Gupta said, "India has witnessed an era of decisive, transparent, and inclusive governance since 2014. The Modi government has brought economic discipline, encouraged public participation, and



replaced the politics of division and corruption with a politics of development and unity."

Vibodh further highlighted key historic reforms and initiatives that have redefined India's development trajectory. These included the abrogation of Article 370, which fully integrated Jammu and Kashmir into the constitutional framework of India, and the conduct of democratic elections in the UT with unprecedented voter turnout. He highlighted the abolition of triple talaq, which ensured justice and dignity for Muslim women, the enactment of the Women's Reservation Act, and the Digital India revolution, which has empowered citizens across the

socio-economic spectrum.

Vibodh also lauded India's technological achievements, citing the success of the Gaganyaan mission as a symbol of the country's scientific and strategic advancement. He praised infrastructure development initiatives such as the rollout of Vande Bharat trains, which have improved connectivity. He stressed that under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership, these historic steps are not isolated achievements—they are part of a clear roadmap toward a strong, self-reliant, and developed India.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Professor Garu Ram credited Prime Minister Modi

for transforming India's political culture and ushering in a governance model rooted in accountability, performance, and national pride. He noted that the post-2014 period has seen a decisive shift from a mindset of helplessness to one of hope. "Today, the youth of India dream bigger because they believe in a government that delivers, empowers, and inspires confidence on the global stage," he said.

District President Rinku Choudhary, in his address, highlighted the visible impact of central government schemes at the grassroots level. He said that development has reached the doorstep of every household in the form of roads, electricity, clean water, and digital services. Rinku reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to bringing the message of Viksit Bharat to every citizen.

On this occasion, Prabhari Rajinder Singh read aloud the Viksit Bharat Sankalp, a solemn pledge committing all present to work tirelessly toward building a strong, modern, and developed India.

Mandal President Suraj Singh, Mandal President Devi Datta and Event Coordinator Natha Ram also spoke on the occasion.

## Army conducts Pre Training for Agniveer Aspirants at Banihal

### Top News Report

RAMBAN, Jun 14: The Indian Army Conducting pre-training classes for Agniveer, aspirants under the Agnipath scheme commenced today with a solemn and inspiring opening ceremony held at Karawa Camp Banihal.

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, training staff, and a large number of enthusiastic candidates who are preparing to serve the nation through this prestigious program.

The ceremony began with the warm welcome of the chief guest, Rubina Ahmed Bhat, ZEPO, Banihal whose presence greatly encouraged the candidates. In her address, she emphasized the importance of discipline, integrity and commitment in shaping the future of the youth and building a strong nation.

Delivering the opening address, Officer of Indian Army said, "This



training is not just a physical or academic preparation; it is the beginning of a transformation where each one of you will learn what it truly means to wear the identity of an Agniveer. This journey will not only demand your best, but it will also prepare you to serve the country with honor and pride."

The pre-training classes aim to prepare aspiring candidates holistically focusing on physical fitness, mental toughness, academic readiness and values-based orientation. Trainers and coordinators will mentor the candidates

in alignment with the Indian Armed Forces' expectations, building a strong foundation for their upcoming selection processes. The ceremony was concluded with a collective pledge by all aspirants to uphold the values of patriotism, dedication and discipline throughout their journey. The Indian Army continues to remain at the forefront of initiatives aimed at empowering the youth for contribution to the youth of nation and as part of its unwavering commitment to public welfare and holistic community development.

## Circuit sitting of CAT Jammu Bench held at Leh



### Top News Report

LEH, Jun 14: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench, held a circuit sitting at the Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centre, Melongthang, Leh, with the objective of ensuring accessible and efficient justice delivery for the residents of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The session was graced by the presence of esteemed Members of the Tribunal, along with the (A) Secretary, Department of Law and Justice, UT Ladakh, Shri

Shashi Kant Bhagat, and members of the legal fraternity.

The Member (Judicial), Rajender Singh Dogra, and Member (Administrative), Ram Mohan Johri, were warmly welcomed (A) Secretary, Department of Law and Justice, UT Ladakh, along with other senior officials from the legal and administrative departments.

The Secretary expressed heartfelt gratitude to the CAT Members for holding the sitting in Leh, noting that it reinforced the faith of the populace in the judicial system.

During the sitting, the circuit bench heard 18 cases at the ADR Centre. The proceedings were conducted with diligence, fairness, and efficiency by the Members, ensuring timely attention to service-related matters.

Law Officers and officials from various departments were also present to extend necessary support to the Senior Central Government Counsel. Their participation reflected the administration's commitment to prompt and effective resolution of service-related grievances in the region.

## Army conducts medical and veterinary camp at Gei



### Top News Report

DODA, Jun 14: In a noble gesture under Operation Sadbhavana, the Indian Army conducted a comprehensive Medical and Veterinary Camp at Gei, Doda on 14 Jun 2025.

The initiative was aimed at addressing the pressing healthcare and veterinary needs of the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities residing in the remote and rugged terrains of Dessa area at Gotul, which is hours away from the nearest road link and, where access to medical infrastructure remains limited due to poor road connectivity, water scarcity and developmental constraints.

The camp was spearheaded by dedicated Army Medical Officers along with esteemed doctors and Veterinary professionals from the Government hospitals.

A range of medical services including general health screening, pediatric care, women's health consultations and medicine distribution were rendered to the locals. Special attention was given to mothers

and children, with free medical aid provided to ensure their well-being.

Simultaneously, a veterinary drive was conducted to cater to the livestock of the nomadic Gujjars and Bakkarwals—an integral part of their livelihood. Numerous animals including cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, and buffaloes were examined and treated by skilled veterinary personnel.

A total of 192 patients including 140 males, 38 females and 14 children were provided medical care by the doctors. Total 88 animals including cows, sheep, mules & goats were screened and provided free medical treatment. 02 x Doctors from Govt Medical College and 05 x staff including Veterinary Doctors from District Sheep and Animal Husbandry department, Doda also took part in the said event.

The heartfelt gratitude expressed by the local populace stood as a testament to the Indian Army's unwavering dedication to serving those in the farthest corners of the nation.

## Yudhvir starts blacktopping of road work from Amar Singh Club to Bhagwati Nagar

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, on Saturday started the much-awaited road development work from Amar Singh Club to Bhagwati Nagar, in the vicinity of the Amarnath Yatra Base Camp.

The blacktopping work with an estimated costs of Rs 50 lakhs, launched in the presence of Chief Engineer Rajesh Gupta, Executive Engineer Atul Gupta, and AEE Naveen Kumar, marks a significant step towards improving civic infrastructure in this crucial stretch of the city.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi said that the Amarnath Yatra holds immense religious and cultural

significance, attracting lakhs of devotees from across the country every year. "Ensuring smooth and safe access to the Yatra Base Camp is our utmost priority. This road development project not only fulfills the long-pending demands of the local residents but also guarantees better connectivity and infrastructure for the devotees of Baba Barfani," he said, adding that the Modi Government is working tirelessly to improve facilities linked with religious tourism and overall public convenience.

The MLA further emphasized that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Government has ensured that development reaches every corner of Jammu and

Kashmir, especially in areas connected to religious tourism. He added that the Modi Government is committed to the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', and this road development project is a testimony to the Centre's focus on providing top-notch facilities to both residents and yatrists alike.

Prominent BJP leaders who were present on the occasion included Parmod Kapahi, Raman Sharma, Suresh Salgotra, Rajnath Bhat, Kumar Kant Sharma, Satish Nargotra, Janak Raj Verma, Subash Sharma, Rakesh Mahajan, Sanjay Gupta, Kuldeep Kapoor, Prasful Dhar, Anita Sharma, Tek Chand Thakur, Ramesh Saini, and Rajinder Tikku.

## Sr Vice Chairman JKTF Mohd Mahroof meets with CEO Rajouri

### Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jun 14: On the direction of State President Mohammed Ashraf Sheikh of the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum, State Senior Vice Chairman Mohd Mahroof Choud-

hary met with the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Rajouri to resolve various issues affecting teachers.

During the meeting, Mahroof Choudhary raised several key issues. Firstly, regarding the Annual Trans-

fer Drive (ATD), he requested the CEO to lift the 8-year stay bar, emphasizing that genuine cases should be considered. Additionally, Choudhary advocated for the inclusion of hard zone teachers in the ongoing transfer drive.

## GHS Mangit holds awareness program on "Importance of Education and Role of Parents"

### Top News Report

RAMBAN, Jun 14: A thought-provoking awareness programme was organized today at Government High School Mangit on the theme "Importance of Education and the Role of Parents." The event witnessed the active participation of students, parents, and teachers, reflecting a shared commitment towards strengthening the academic environment of the region.

The Principal of HSS Banihal, Abdul Rashid Girri, who also holds the additional charge of Cluster Head and ZEO Khari, graced the occasion as the



Chief Guest.

In his address to the gathering, Mr. Girri emphasized the need for regularity and punctuality among students, urging parents to actively participate in monthly Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) to bridge the communication gap between home and school. He rightly remarked

that education is a three-tiered system involving Teachers, Parents, and Students, and each pillar plays an indispensable role in shaping the future of the children.

Mehmood ur Rayaz Bhat, In-charge Headmaster and Vice Chairman of J&K Teachers Forum (JKTF), also spoke

during the session. He reiterated the importance of community engagement in education and stressed that parents' involvement is not just beneficial but essential for the holistic development of students.

The programme was further enriched by the presence and contributions of several dignitaries and educationists, including Mohammad Akhter, Shakeel ur Rehman, Muzaffer Iqbal (Teacher), Mushtaq Ahmad Wani (Master), Raiz Ahmad Dar, Mr. Refaat Hussain Katoch, Ms. Mahreen Bano, and The entire team of ZEO Office Khari.

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: In a moment of immense pride for the region and the nation, Flying Officer Pranav Uppal, a native of a remote village near the Line of Control in Chamb, Jammu & Kashmir, has been commissioned into the Indian Air Force.

His commissioning marks the culmination of a remarkable journey defined by perseverance, discipline, and a deep commitment to serve the nation.

Coming from a humble background with no family history in the armed forces, Flying Officer Uppal's inter-

est in the military was sparked during visits to his elder brother at Sainik School. Inspired by the military environment and values he witnessed there, he joined Sainik School in Class 6, overcoming significant financial and logistical challenges.

Driven by an unwavering determination, he cleared the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) examination on his first attempt. At NDA, he stood out for his academic excellence and all-round performance, which continued during his training at the Air Force Academy (AFA). He was awarded 'Best in Aerobatics'

during Stage-I flying and had the rare honour of flying with the Commanding Officer of the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT). He also held the distinguished appointment of Squadron Cadet Captain, reflecting his leadership potential and respect among peers.

Flying Officer Uppal's journey from a border village to the skies of the Indian Air Force is a testament to what grit, focus, and patriotism can achieve. His success story is expected to inspire countless young aspirants, especially from rural and under-represented regions of the country.





# WTC Final: Markram’s historic ton, partnership with Bavuma rattles Australia, pushes Proteas closer to glory

LONDON, Jun 14 (Agencies): A historic century by Aiden Markram and an unbeaten century with skipper Temba Bavuma pushed South Africa closer to their maiden world title glory, ending the day three of their ICC World Test Championship final against Australia at Lord’s.

At the end of day three, SA was 213/2, with Markram (102\*) and Bavuma (65\*) unbeaten. They need 69 runs to win in their run-chase of 282 runs. This is the first-ever century by a Proteas player in an ICC tournament final.

South Africa started the third and final session at 94/2, with skipper Temba Bavuma (11\*) and Markram (49\*) unbeaten.

Markram reached his half-century in 69 balls, his first in an ICC knockout match, with four boundaries.

Bavuma showcased his positive intent, striking a boundary in the second over of the session against Josh Hazlewood, helping Proteas reach the 100-run mark in 25.3 overs.

The duo continued rotating strike really well, bringing up their 50-run stand in 81 balls.

Markram collected boundaries against Starc, while Bavuma took the anchor role. SA reached the 150-run mark in 37.3 overs.

A fine aerial sweep in the 42nd over against Lyon by Bavuma marked a century stand between these two in 143 balls.

Bringing his A game for the biggest game of his career, Bavuma reached a half-century in 83 balls, with four boundaries, while a shot wide off gully by Markram in the 45th over reduced the target to less than 100 runs.

The partnership between Bavuma and Markram continued to be a gift that kept on giving, helping SA reach the



200-run mark in 51.4 overs.

Markram reached his eighth century in 156 balls, with 11 fours. They helped Proteas end the day without any loss of wickets, having stitched an unbeaten stand of 143 runs.

Earlier, a fine half-century partnership between Aiden Markram and Wiaan Mulder put South Africa in a solid spot at the end of the second session during day three.

At the end of the session, SA was 94/2, with skipper Temba Bavuma (11\*) and Markram (49\*) unbeaten.

During the run-chase of 282 runs, South Africa was off to a nightmarish start as the ‘first over Starc’ struck, removing Ryan Rickelton (6), caught behind by wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey. SA was 9/1 in 2.1 overs.

Aiden Markram and Wiaan Mulder then stitched a partnership for the Proteas. The two displayed positive intent with the bat. They got some fine boundaries against the pace trio of skipper Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc.

Proteas reached the 50-run mark in 12.2 overs.

The 61-run stand between the duo was ended by Starc, as Mulder launched the ball

straight to Marnus Labuschagne at covers for 27 in 50 balls (with five fours). SA was 70/2.

During the remainder of the session, not much took place, except skipper Temba Bavuma seemed to have problems with his left hamstring, and Steve Smith walked off the field in pain after a dropped catch. Bavuma and Markram ended the session without further loss of wickets.

Earlier, Starc played one of the finest innings of his life, which powered Australia to 207/10, leading by 281 at lunch. Starc remained not out on 58, leaving Proteas to chasing 282 to end their ICC title drought. On the other hand, Australia will be looking to bowl out SA to retain their WTC title.

Australia started their Day 3 on 144/8 in 40 overs, leading by 218 runs, with Starc 16 (52) and Nathan Lyon 2 (5) unbeaten. Kagiso Rabada continued his brilliance with the ball, as he removed Lyon in the third over of the day, for 2. Hazlewood joined Starc in the middle.

Australia crossed 150 runs in the following 43rd over, after Starc pushed the ball towards mid-wicket for a quick single off Wiaan Mulder. Australia’s lead crossed 250 in the 52nd over.

Starc went past Australia’s

wicketkeeper batter, Carey, who was dismissed on 43 by Rabada in the second last over of Day 2, to become the top scorer for Australia in the second innings after he crossed fifty in the 64th over.

With this fifty, Starc became the first batter ever batting at number 9 or below to smash a half-century in an ICC knockout match across all formats. Starc now has eight half-centuries batting from number nine or below in Tests, which is also the most by any batter. After him is England’s legendary seamer Stuart Broad, with six.

The duo of Starc and Hazlewood completed a 50-run partnership for the 10 wicket in the 64th over. Aiden Markram removed Josh Hazlewood for 17 off 53 balls, breaking the partnership of 59 runs for the tenth wicket. Aussies were bundled out for 207 runs, leading by 281 runs. Rabada (4/59) and Lungi Ngidi (3/38) were the top bowlers for the Proteas.

Earlier on Day 2, after an impactful innings from wicketkeeper batter Carey (46 in 50 balls, with five fours), Australia fought back and ended Day 2 on 144/8, extending their lead to 218. After South Africa was bundled out for 138 runs in reply to Australia’s first innings total of 212 runs, Rabada and Ngidi placed South Africa on top with a brilliant exhibition of pace bowling, reducing Aussies to 73/7, before Carey’s stand with Starc of 61 runs helped Aussies put up a fight. At the end of day two, Lyon (1\*) and Starc (16\*) had remained unbeaten.

Brief Scores: Australia: 212 and 207 (Mitchell Starc 58\*, Alex Carey 43, Kagiso Rabada 4/59) against SA: 138 and 213/2 (Aiden Markram 102\*, Temba Bavuma 65\*, Mitchell Starc 2/53).

# “It’s important for all of us to get this game time”: Prasidh Krishna on playing intra-squad game



BECKENHAM, Jun 14 (Agencies): Ahead of India’s Test series against England, right-arm seamer Prasidh Krishna featured in the intra-squad game between India and India A and explained the importance of the game for the players.

Indian Test skipper Shubman Gill and KL Rahul were among the runs while Shardul Thakur delivered a solid performance with the ball on Day 1 of the intra-squad match between the Indian senior side and India A at Beckenham.

Speaking about the intra-squad game between India and India A in a video posted by BCCI, Prasidh Krishna said, “I think it’s really important for all of us to get this game time, because some of them are coming from the A game. Getting some time on feet is really important. That’s what’s

going about today as well. Looks like a good, nice hard pitch.

“Bowlers have been in the game all throughout, have been bowling some really good spells. Batters are also showing some character. So it’s always good when you’re competing against each other as well. All of us are excited and enjoying what’s happening. All of us are getting together after a while. So a lot of memories, a lot of cricket,” the fast bowler added.

KL Rahul had also slammed scores of 116 and 51 during the second unofficial Test against England Lions at Northampton.

Gill, who has a poor average of 14.66 in England and has scored just 88 runs in six innings across three matches here with a best score of 28, will take plenty of confidence from his knock.

Thakur, who scored

knocks of 27 (in first unofficial Test) and 19 and 34 (in the second unofficial Test) against England Lions and also took two wickets against them, also got some valuable game time as he battles a young Nitish Kumar Reddy for the spot of a pace-bowling all-rounder in the team.

India’s first Test against England at Leeds from June 20 will mark the start of a new era under newly-appointed captain Shubman Gill, as he aims to lead a new-look team to glory following the retirements of stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli from Tests and Ravichandran Ashwin from international cricket.

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

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

# T20 Mumbai League: MSC Maratha Royals beat SoBo Mumbai Falcons to clinch trophy

MUMBAI, Jun 14 (Agencies): SoBo Mumbai Falcons finished its batting essay on a high. The bowling unit then stretched the match right till the end. Still, the Falcons unfortunately had to settle with the runners-up trophy, with MSC Maratha Royals winning the T20 Mumbai league’s final by six wickets and four balls to spare at the Wankhede Stadium.

After being asked to bat first, thanks to Mayuresh Tandel and Harsh Aghav’s scintillating unbroken partnership of 85 runs off 49 balls, SoBo Mumbai Falcons put on a respectable total of 157 for four. Chinmay Sutar and Awais Khan rode their luck to steer the Royals home.

After being inserted into bat, Falcons had to bat first. The team got off to a sombre start, placed at 60 for three at the halfway stage. Captain Shreyas Iyer’s reverse sweep in the 12th over proved costly,



as Irfan caught him.

In came Harsh Aghav (45\*, 28b, 1x4, 4x6) - the find of the tournament - and changed the complexion of the match along with Mayuresh Tandel (50\*, 32b, 3x4, 3x6).

While the unbroken partnership was of 85 runs off 49 balls, Aghav, who was later adjudged as the Emerging Player of the Tournament, and Tandel plundered 53 runs off the last five overs.

The Falcons’ spin army had then kept the spinners in check for most of the innings. Akash Parkar - the specialist death over specialist was introduced into the

16th over and bowled two accurate overs. The 67-run partnership between Awais Khan and Mayuresh Tandel was finally broken in the penultimate over, with left-arm spinner Kartik Mishra accounting for both of them.

With seven runs required from six balls, veteran allrounder Rohan Rajee finished the game off.

Brief scores: SoBo Mumbai Falcons 157/4, 20 overs (Mayuresh Tandel 50\*, Harsh Aghav 45\*, Vaibhav Mali 2/32) vs MSC Maratha Royals 158 /5, 19.2 overs (Chinmay Sutar 53, Awais Khan 38) by six wickets.

# Scott Curry, Pol Pla Vegue named co-captains for Bengaluru Bravehearts in upcoming Rugby Premier League

MUMBAI, Jun 14 (Agencies): Kiwi Legend, Scott Curry and Spanish Captain, Pol Pla Vegue have been named co-captains for the Bengaluru Bravehearts in the upcoming Rugby Premier League starting on June 15 at the Andheri Sports Complex, Mumbai. The Rugby Premier League is the world’s first franchise-based international league where stalwarts of international rugby will play alongside the best talent homegrown in India, said an official statement by Bengaluru Bravehearts.

“We are extremely excited for the upcoming Rugby Premier League and to captain the Bengaluru Bravehearts in the inaugural season is a responsibility that we are really looking forward to. Our squad consists of some of the biggest names from both international rugby and from a pool of fantastic Indian players and we cannot wait to get our campaign started.” Said both Scott Curry and Pol Pla Vegue on being appointed co-captains of the Bengaluru Bravehearts, as per the release.

Scott Curry and Pol Pla Vegue will each bring their own experience to the franchise, each having captained the best sides in the world with the hope of leading Bengaluru Bravehearts into a successful inaugural season at the Rugby Premier League.

Scott Curry has established himself as one of the best open field runners in the rugby sevens game has also captained the iconic New Zealand side, widely also known as the All Blacks Seven. He led the team to an Olympic Silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the first ever medal for the New Zealand in rugby 7s at the Olympics. Pol Pla



Vegue, captain of Spain’s Rugby 7s team and the Spanish player with the most number of tries in the world rugby seven series in history, has led Spain to a number of accolades.

“Ranjan, Bhupinder and Me are amazed at the camaraderie that has been created between international legends from New Zealand, Fiji, Spain, Uganda, Hong Kong, Canada, and legends from the Indian Rugby, led by the most celebrated and accomplished coach Paco Hernandez supported by the best Indian coach.

Different languages, different accents, different cultures but bound by a smile, bound

by their love for rugby and their desire for the Bravehearts to lift the first edition cup for Bengaluru with their enthusiastic cheer NAMDU (which means ITS OURS in Kannada). Thanks to GMR and Indian Rugby Football Union for coming together and giving huge hope to lakhs of youth playing this sport in the future in India,” said co-owner Sanjith Shetty, Bengaluru Bravehearts, as per the release

Co-owned by the Ranjan Pai led, Manipal Group, Bhupinder Singh led, InCred and Sanjith Shetty led, Soham, the Bengaluru Bravehearts boasts of names like Tone Ng Shiu, Mohit Khatri, Iowane Teba, Liam Poulton, Arpan Chettri amongst others in their final squad.

The complete squad is Scott Curry, Pol Pla Vegue, Tone Ng Shiu, Suresh Kumar, Iowane Teba, Mak Chung, Akila Rokolisoa, Liam Poulton, Mohit Khatri, Arpan Chettri, Karan Rajbhar, and Prashant Singh. The team is coached by the legendary, Francisco ‘Paco’ Hernandez.

The Bengaluru Bravehearts begin their campaign against Delhi Redz in the first match of the league on June 15.

Complete fixtures: (Bengaluru Bravehearts)

June 15: vs Delhi Redz

June 16: vs Kalinga Black Tigers

June 17: vs Hyderabad Heroes

June 19: vs Mumbai Dreamers

June 20: vs Chennai Bulls

June 21: vs Chennai Bulls

June 22: vs Hyderabad Heroes

June 23: vs Delhi Redz

June 25: vs Kalinga Black Tigers

June 27: vs Mumbai Dreamers.

# “Not make him bowl more than 12-13 overs a day”: Ganguly on utilizing Bumrah on England tour

NEW DELHI, Jun 14 (Agencies): Former India skipper and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president, Sourav Ganguly, shared his thoughts on how to use right-arm seamer Jasprit Bumrah in the five-match Test series against the Three Lions.

A new era beckons for India in the Test format as the modern-day

giants gear up for their first assignment without the prized batting bigwigs Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Shubman Gill, India’s youngest Test captain, has taken the baton from Rohit to guide the nation to success and challenge for the World Test Championship mace.

Speaking to Boria Majumdar on Revs-

portz about how to use Bumrah in the England Test series, Sourav Ganguly said, “You’ve got to look out for him and not make him bowl more than 12-13 overs a day. Use him as a wicket-taker, and that’s the key. That’s how Gill should use him. I believe four fast bowlers are important. Here, others will have to be the war-



horses like Siraj, Arshdeep. Not sure about

a Nitish or a Shardul Thakur. Maybe they

can get some runs with the bat, but I think India need to back the seven batters and have specialist bowlers, because we need 20 wickets to win Test matches.”

Bumrah’s utilisation will remain limited throughout the five Tests in England. During the announcement of India’s squad for the upcoming Test tour of

England, chief selector Ajit Agarkar confirmed Bumrah was advised not to contest in consecutive Tests as part of his workload management. The precaution around Bumrah’s usage stems from a stress reaction in the back during the fifth Test against Australia in Sydney in January.

He missed India’s victory campaign in the

Champions Trophy and returned to action for the Mumbai Indians in the recently concluded Indian Premier League (IPL). Before leaving for England, head coach Gautam Gambhir revealed that they have yet to take a call on which Tests India will field Bumrah in the playing XI.



## JPBM slams Govt over power crisis, crime surge, controversial Urdu mandate

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: The Jammu Province Bachao Manch (JPBM) voiced deep concern over the worsening public issues in the region, particularly highlighting the intensifying power crisis, growing criminal activities, and the imposition of Urdu as a mandatory subject in the Naib Tehsildar recruitment examination.

Addressing the media, Senior Advocate and Former Legislator Ashok Sharma, Chairman of JBM, flanked by Chief Spokesperson Dr. Kuldeep Sharma and Vice President Satish Poonchi, said the people of Jammu are being forced to suffer under the scorching heat, where temperatures have touched a searing 46°C, due to escalating and unscheduled power curtailments.

"The public is battling extreme heat, and yet there is no stable power supply.

The administration seems to have no road-map or accountability. It is the elderly, the patients, and especially students preparing for competitive and final exams, who are suffering the most," said Sharma.

He lamented the failure of the government to utilize Jammu & Kashmir's rich hydroelectric potential, calling the situation a reflection of administrative inefficiency and poor governance.

J&K has over 20,000 MW Hydro Power potential but unfortunately, the government could identify 16,475 MW, 49.5 MW Private Hydro Power potential and harvest about 3,549 MW only, despite high claims of the government.

It is an awakening alarm to notice the ground achievements when we find the only Mohalla Micro Hydral project (2 MW) in J&K, established in 1905 and



governance is waiting to take steps further for the last 20 years.

Dr. Kuldeep further expressed grave concern over the alarming rise in criminal activities in Jammu city, which he said had created an atmosphere of fear among the law-abiding citizens.

"Incidents of drug peddling, particularly the open circulation of synthetic drugs like Chittia, have become rampant. It is shocking that no serious efforts are being made to trace the supply chain or root out this menace," he remarked, urging urgent and coordinated action from law enforcement.

Former Principal District and Session Judge, KYS Manhas, while briefing the press, impressed upon the government to inspect bunkers within or adjoining to the houses, provide shelters, schooling and medical facilities to the border people at safe places.

The compensation amount announced by the Government of India required adequate enhancement.

Adding to the chorus of criticism, Vice President Satish Poonchi condemned the recent decision to make Urdu a mandatory subject in the written examination for the post of Naib Tehsildar.

He termed the move as "arbitrary and draconian," questioning its logic and fairness in a multilingual society like

Jammu. "The government must immediately revoke this discriminatory

provision and issue a fresh order without any

language compulsion" he demanded.

The Jammu Province Bachao Manch concluded the press interaction by warning that if the government continues to ignore public grievances, the Manch will be left with no choice but to launch a mass public movement to safeguard the interests and dignity of Jammu's people.

Capt. L.K. Sharma, IFS, Former Addl. PCCF, DS Jamwal Gen.Sec., Baljeet Singh Manhas, Er. Mahesh Sharma, Priyanka Sharma, Nishu Rajput were present in the Press Conference.

## Congress workers donate blood on World Blood Donation Day



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 14: Several young workers of the Congress Party on Saturday participated in the blood donation on the occasion of World Blood Donation Day.

Several young turks of the Congress Party donated blood in the blood donations camp organised by Amar Ujala Newspaper at GMC Hospital, Jammu.

Accompanied by a team of Congress leaders under the leadership of JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma Ex-MLC donated blood to create awareness and contribute to the cause of saving humanity.

Those who accompa-

nied Sanjeev Panda, Virinder Singh Manhas, Vijay Shastri, Latish Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Sohni Sharma, Janak Mehra, Shakti Singh, Dinesh Kumar & Sohan Bhagat.

Amar Ujala Bureau Chief Rolly Khanna and the staff of Amar Ujala News Paper were present on the occasion.

Speaking to reporters, Ravinder Sharma said that blood donation is the biggest cause of the society and service of humanity. Youth & every healthy person within age limit should be aware and educated about donation of blood which is good for own health also.

He said such camps create awareness

among General Masses but more awareness campaigns should be launched to educate people especially younger generation.

Large number of people from far flung villages and victims of accidents need blood in emergency, so such blood donations help them, urging young people to donate blood quite often as per norms.

## Day-long workshop on 'User Experience, Design System, and Digi Locker' held in Leh



### Top News Report

LEH, Jun 14: A one-day awareness and sensitisation workshop on User Experience & Design System and Digi Locker was conducted on Saturday at the District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC) Leh.

The workshop was organised by IT Department, in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

Rigzin Gurmet, IT Consultant, speaking during the inaugural session, highlighted the objectives of the UX4G (User experience for Governance) project, achievements of the NeGD, and the relevance of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA) 2023 in the context of digital governance and citizen rights.

He said that the workshop aims to strengthen the User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX) of government websites and mobile applications, and focuses on

identifying critical areas for improvement and proposing a structured framework and practical guidelines to assist departments in adopting user-centric digital services.

Amit Jain, Sr. VP of Digi Locker, delivered a comprehensive presentation on Digi Locker and Entity Locker, elaborating on their pivotal role in promoting paperless governance. He emphasised Digi Locker's mission to empower citizens through secure, seamless, and convenient digital access to important documents. His session included insights into Digi Locker's key achievements, its integration with government services, and how it supports the vision of Digital India by reducing paperwork and streamlining service delivery.

As part of the broader UX4G initiative, the workshop also imparted information about the creation of a library of ready-to-use, reusable digital components. Highlighting the ongoing efforts to provide technical support to departments to leverage these resour-

ces, Amit Jain asserted that the ultimate goal is to ensure accessible, efficient, inclusive, and citizen-friendly digital platforms.

Technical sessions were led by Surabhi Katiyar and Shashank Agarwal, UX Engineers from NeGD, who conducted interactive and informative sessions covering a wide range of topics, including, Introduction to User Experience (UX) and the UX4G initiative, Demonstration and implementation of the Reusable Digital Library Repository, UX Design Thinking Process and UX Audit for government platforms, Overview of Digi Locker and Entity Locker, emphasizing the role of paperless governance, Benefits of authenticated, anytime-anywhere access to digital records for citizens.

The workshop was attended by the Under Secretary, IT Department, along with officers and officials from the IT Department and various other concerned departments, who actively participated throughout the sessions.)

## 4 J&K Bn NCC of GDC Kathua celebrates World Blood Donor Day

### Top News Report

KATHUA, Jun 14: To commemorate World Blood Donors Day, NCC cadets of 4 J&K Bn NCC of GDC Kathua organized a series of activities to promote voluntary blood donation and raise awareness about its significance.

The events included blood donation drive, poster making activity and online pledge activity.

Under the Poster Making Activity, various NCC cadets created thought-provoking posters highlighting the importance of blood donation, showcasing their creativity and commitment to the cause.

In this various cadet namely Cadet Diksha Sharma, Cadet Palika Jasrotia, Cadet Nitika Sharma, Cadet Sania Badyal, Cadet Deyya, Cadet Annu Sharma, Cadet Dimple Sharma, Cadet Anamika Devi, Cadet Mehakdeep Kour.



Under the Online Pledge Activity, around one hundred cadets took an online pledge to promote blood donation and encourage others to do the same, demonstrating their solidarity with the cause.

For setting an exemplary model for others to follow under the Blood Donation Drive, various NCC Volunteers namely Cadets Daljeet Singh, Shivam Sharma, Bharat and Ayush Khatri donated blood at Government Medical College (GMC),

Kathua.

This noble initiative not only promoted awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation but also reflected the true spirit of NCC's motto — "Unity and Discipline". Events like these continue to inspire youth to step forward in service of humanity.

The cadets were further motivated and encouraged by Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Head of the Department of Urdu, and Sandeep

Sharma, Physical Training Instructor (PTI), who accompanied them during the drive.

The whole event was held under the patronage of the college Principal, Dr. Savi Bahl and appreciated the cadets' proactive role in community service.

All these activities were coordinated by Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram, Associate NCC Officer (ANO) and Dr. Pinkey, CTO of 4 J&K Bn NCC of GDC Kathua.

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