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Explosion in Kupwara, Three injured

SRINAGAR, Jun 16 (Agencies): Three persons, including a 10-year-old boy, were injured on Monday in an explosion in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here.

The explosion took place during demolition of an old mosque at Kachri in Langate area of the district, they said. The mosque management committee was demolishing the old mosque to make a new one.

The reason behind the explosion was not immediately known.

The injured were identified as Mudasir Ahmad Mir (26), Ghulam Ahmad Tantray (65) and D A Lone (10).

The injured persons were rushed to sub district hospital Langate where from Mir was referred to the Government Medical College hospital at Handwara.

Ten injured as Tempo Traveller overturns in Ramban

SRINAGAR, Jun 16 (Agencies): At least ten persons sustained injuries after a tempo traveller met with an accident in the Gool area of Ramban district on Monday while travelling from Tatta Pani Sangaldan towards Reasi.

"The vehicle skidded off the road and overturned, triggering panic among the passengers on board. Rescue teams, along with local volunteers, rushed to the spot and shifted all the injured to a nearby hospital for treatment. The condition of all the injured is reported to be stable," officials said.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated further investigation.

Former J&K cadre IAS officers P K Pole, Rashmi Singh get key postings in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): The Delhi Government has assigned key responsibilities to several IAS officers, including two from the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir cadre.

While Pandurang K Pole, a 2004 batch, ■ Turn to page 9

Army pays tribute to soldiers who died in Galwan Valley clash with China

LADAKH, Jun 16 (Agencies): The Fire and fury corps of the Indian Army paid a "heartfelt tribute to the valour and sacrifice" of soldiers on Monday, remembering the ones who died five years ago (in 2020) during the Galwan valley clashes at the India-China border.

"On Galwan Day, Fire and Fury Corps paid heartfelt tribute to the valour and supreme sacrifice of our bravehearts who stood resolute in the face of adversity. The indomitable courage in Galwan Valley



forever resonates in the hearts of every Indian.

The nation honours their families with deep

respect. Their sacrifice

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Centre issues census notification, To start in Ladakh, J&K, 2 States in 2026

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): The Census – the recording of India's population, including of critical details such as caste – will begin in the union territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, as well as Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand from midnight on October 1, 2026, the government said Monday afternoon.

Counting for the rest of the country will begin from midnight on March 1, 2027.

Earlier today Union Home Minister Amit

Shah reviewed the census prep with the Home secretary, the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India and other senior officials.

In each state the census will be conducted in two phases, officials have said.

In the first, i.e., the House Listing Operation, or HLO, information about the housing conditions, assets, and amenities of each household will be collected.

In the second, i.e., Population Enumera-

tion, or PE, demographic, socio-economic, and cultural details of every person in each household will be collected. Information about an individual's caste will be collected in this phase.

The government had, on April 30, confirmed that an enumeration of the various castes and sub-castes in the country, and the number of people in each, will be part of the next census.

The decision to include caste enumeration in the census – a demand

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Lieutenant Governor attends Passing-out Parade of the Probationers DySsP and PSIs at SKPA, Udhampur

Complete eradication of terrorism from the soil of Jammu Kashmir is our top priority: LG Sinha



Rajiv

UDHAMPUR, Jun 16: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the Passing-out Parade of the Probationers Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySsP) 17th Batch and Probationers Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) 26th Batch at SKPA, Udhampur.

A total of 49 Deputy Superintendents of Police and 1112 Probationers

Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) completed their rigorous training today at the Police Academy.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated all the passing out police officials and called upon them to uphold the values, traditions and ethos of J&K Police.

"For thousands of years, an important part of our society, a group of warriors have been making supreme

sacrifices to establish the victory of Dharma over Adharma. Those warriors have creative power of Lord Brahma, the nurturing power of Lord Vishnu and the absolute power of Lord Shiva. The same invincible power is being imparted to 49 Probationer DySsP and 1112 Probationer Sub-Inspectors at the Parade," the Lieutenant Governor said.

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Akshay Labroo takes charge as new DC Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jun 16 (Agencies): Akshay Labroo on Monday took charge as the new Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Srinagar district.

As per details available with the news agency, Akshay Labroo served various important administrative roles in Jammu and Kashmir, and was also the deputy commis-



sioner of Budgam.

His appointment as DC Srinagar is part of a routine administrative reshuffle aimed at streamlining governance in the Union Territory.

Officials welcomed the new Deputy Commissioner and assured full cooperation to ensure smooth functioning of the administration.

Adequate medical facilities in place for Amarnath Yatra pilgrims: Sakina Itoo

GANDERBAL, Jun 16 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Health Minister, Sakina Itoo Monday said that adequate health related arrangements will be put in place for the well-being of devotees during the upcoming Amarnath Yatra. The annual yatra will commence from July 03.

The Health Minister, per news agency, visited Sonamarg to assess the preparedness of medical facilities for the pilgrims. She was accompanied by MLA Kangan, Main Mehar Ali and several top officials.

Speaking with reporters, she said that the



government is committed to ensure adequate medical facilities for the

devotees to ensure the smooth conduct of the yatra.

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10TH Day Kriya - 21st June 2025

With heartfelt gratitude & sorrow we inform sad demise of our Karamyogi & Beloved father **Sh. Gopi Nath Pandita** S/o. Late Tika Lal Pandita Originally from New Colony, Sopore, Kashmir current resident of 569, Pocket #2, Sec 19, Dwarka, New Delhi who left heavenly abode on 13th June 25 at 1:30 AM.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at "KASHMIRI GHAT", GANGA CANAL, MURADNAGAR, U.P" on 21st June 25 (Saturday) between 7.00 - 8:30 AM.

Grief Stricken:

Sh. Pran Nath & Smt. Asha Ji Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi
Somesh & Seema Pandita - Son & Daughter in law
Anita & Ashok Kumar Kaul - Daughter & Son in law
Kamni & Sanjay Kaul - Daughter & Son in law
Amit & Neha Kaul - Grand Son & Grand Daughter in Law
Amish, Sanchita, Shiv, Krish, Syon - Grand Children

SAMAST PANDITA PARIVAR

Mob - 9810497741, 9419191489, 9811458399



Sh. Gopi Nath Pandita

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Gouri Shorie** W/o Late Sh. Shamboo Nath Bhat originally from Fatehpura Anantnag Kashmir who left for heavenly abode on 14.06.2025.

Address H.No. 17 B Roshaan Vihar Phase I Najafgarh New Delhi.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Gouri Shankar Mandir Palam Vihar Gurgaon on 23rd June at 8 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Bharat Bushan Bhat (Son)
Smt. Rajni Bhat (Daughter in law)
Smt. Jaya Ji Bhat (Daughter)
Smt. Santosha Koul (Daughter)
Smt. Girga Bhat (Daughter)
Sh. Roshan Lal Koul (Son in law)
Sh. Bushan Lal Bhat (Son in law)

Contact Nos. 9818973702, 9321354651



Smt. Gouri Shorie

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 Karyal Rainawan Srinagar, at present H.No. 240, Sector-2 Upper Roop Nagar Jammu. The Mourning will be held at H.No. 240, Sector-2 Upper Roop Nagar Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Muthi Ghat on 18-06-2025 at 9:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SONS & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW:

Er. Lenin Kundu & Shivarchana Kundu

Er. Ravinder Kundu & Sandhya Kundu

DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW:

Smt. Superna & Sh. Sanjay Pandita

BROTHER-IN-LAWS & SISTER-IN-LAWS

Sh. S.P. Kundu & Smt. Asha Ji Kundu

Sh. Kamlesh Kundu

Sh. Vijay Kundu & Usha Ji Kundu

Smt. Asha Kundu

SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER-IN-LAW:

Smt. Raj Dulari Wali

Smt. Bimia & Sh. Manmohan Koul

Smt. Dady & Sh. Raja Ji Munshi

GRAND CHILDREN: Bhaghirathi, Ravanti & Tejashri, Samanths

(Samast Kundu Pariwar)

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 inform you that **Sh. Radha Krishna Bhat** S/o Late Sh. Darshan Bhat, originally from Batagund, Varinag, Kashmir presently residing at H.No 441, Harmilap Nagar, Ph-1 Baltana, Zirakpur attained Sadgathi and merged with Divine Parmatma on 10th June 2025.

The **10th Day Kriya** will be observed on Thursday 19th June 2025 at Shani Mandir, Ghagger, Sector 21 Panchkula at 8:00 am

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Chander Kanta Bhat (Wife)

Manoj Bhat & Nihar Bhat (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Anita Raina (Daughter)

Oma Devi (Sister)

Raghav, Manayata, Madhav (Grand Children)

All Family & Friends



Sh. Radha Krishna Bhat

10TH DAY (KRIYA)/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Late Shri. Umesh Parihar (Retd. Superintending Engineer P.D.D.)**

10th Day Kriya will be performed on Tuesday 17-6-25 at 12 noon Channi Himmat Jammu at 9.30 a.m.

13th Day Kriya will be performed on Saturday 21-6-25 at our residence (House no. 101/1A Channi Himmat) at 12.30 p.m. and **Uthala** will be performed on Saturday 21-6-25 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Panch Mandir, Sec 2, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Ambika Parihar (Wife)

Er Kritika Parihar (Daughter)

Er Akshay Parihar (Son)

Smt Bhisham Devi (Mother-in-law)

Bhabhi and Brother

Smt Asha & Late Sh. Nagesh Parihar

Sisters and Brothers in law

Smt. Jai Shree & Er V.P. Kotwal (Retd Chief Engineer P.D.D.)

Smt Rajni Wazir & Late Sh. A.S. Wazir (Retd Chief Engineer P.W.D.)

Smt Aika & Sh Ashok Misri

Sisters in law & Brothers in law

Smt Anita & Sh Shivdeep Singh Pathania

Smt Vandana & Sh Sukhdeep Singh Pathania



Late Shri. Umesh Parihar (Retd. Superintending Engineer P.D.D.)

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Late Sh. Gian Chand Bargaotra** Ji.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 17 June 2025 (Tuesday) at 11:00 am at Karyal Khurd (Arnia).

GRIEF STRICKEN

Late Smt. Ratno Devi (Wife)

Son & Daughter in laws

Shamsher & Chanchla Devi

Dev Raj & Surishta Devi

Pyara Lal & Archana

Daughter & Son in laws

Soma & Late. Madan Lal

Bimbila & Tarsem

Kamlesh & Rajesh

Grand Daughter & Son in laws

Neelam & Tarsem

Jyoti & Ganesh

Dr. Neeraj & Sonu

Minakshi & Deepak

Ruhi & Karun

Dr. Rodhi

Grand Son & Daughter in laws

Narender & Nishu

Pankaj, Rohit, Sushant

Great Grand Son & Daughter

Gujan, Pratik, Manya, Aavika, Jaivika, Javik

With Deep Sorrow from Bargaotra family

Contact no. 7051283628, 7051833890



Late Sh. Gian Chand Bargaotra

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you about the sad and untimely demise of **Sh. Ravi Ji Koul** S/o Late Sh. Radha Krishan Koul presently residing at C1-801, Summer Palms, Sector-86, Faridabad and originally from Dregam, Budgam Kashmir. **Tenth Day Kriya** shall be performed at Chola Handwar, Murad Nagar, at 7:00 AM (Sunday) 22 June, 2025.

Assembly will take place at our residence C1-801, Summer Palms, Faridabad at 12:30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Jyoti Koul (Wife) - 7780865960

Sahil Koul (Son) - 6005951197

(Brother & Bhabhi)

Sh. Bhushan Lal Koul & Smt Swam Lata Koul - 9958553189

Sh. Raj Nath Koul (Brother) - 8803140138

Sh. Ashok Ji Koul & Smt Sunila Koul (Brother & Bhabhi) - 97960 11428

Smt. Rahni Bhan (Sister) - 9910253637



Sh. Ravi Ji Koul

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother/Grandmother **Smt. Darshana Devi** W/o Late Sh. Ram Chand R/o H.No: 933 Janipur Colony Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 17 June 2025, (Tuesday) at our residence at 10AM to 11 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 20th June 2025, (Friday) at our residence at 12 noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(Son & Daughter-in-laws)

Smt. Darshana Kumari (Seema) W/o Late Sh. Bharat Bhushan

Sh. Rakesh Gupta & Smt. Monika Gupta

(Grandsons)

Sumeet Gupta & Vikrant Gupta

(Daughters and Son-in-laws)

Smt. Suman Gupta & Sh. Satish Gupta

Smt. Renu Gupta & Sh. Parveen Gupta

Smt. Kusum Gupta & Sh. Karan Gupta

(Grand daughters and Grandson-in-laws)

Neha Gupta & Sugam Gupta

Riya Jolly & Amit Jolly

Ph.No: 9787545595, 9906072346, 8082841459, 9622264666



Smt. Darshana Devi

10TH DAY KRIYA

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

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

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

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

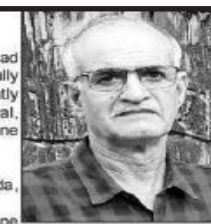
Sh. P.K. Bhat & Smt. Indu Bala

Sisters & Brothers-in-law:

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

Sh. Bhushan Lal Bhat & Smt. Usha Bhat

Sh. Ratan Lal Bhat & Smt. Gita Bhat



Sh. Chaman Lal (JANU BHAIYA)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we wish to inform you of the sad demise of **Sh. Mahesh Kumar Raina** who left for his heavenly abode on Saturday, 7th June 2025.

TENTH DAY 16 Jun, 2025 (Monday) at Panch Mandir Trikuta Nagar, Sec-5 at 10 AM.

Capacity Building Programme of FPOs in J&K commences at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU. Jun 16: A five days "Capacity Building Programme for Chief Executive Officers and Chairman/Board of Directors of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPO's) across J&K" commenced at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu on Monday.

The programme is jointly organized by SKUAST, Jammu and Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu in collaboration with MANAGE-Hyderabad in the Division of Agricultural Extension Education, Faculty of Agriculture, Chatha from 16-20, June 2025. The capacity building programme has been organized under HADP-20 project entitled "Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalizing Agriculture in Jammu & Kashmir".

Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST, Jammu and Dr. K. C. Gummagolmath, Director Monitoring & Evaluation, MANAGE, Hyderabad were guest of honour on the occasion. Dr. A. S. Reen, Director Agriculture, Jammu was guest of honour and Mrs. Urmil Lata, Deputy General



Manager, NABARD, Jammu was special guest on the occasion.

Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST, Jammu stressed upon evaluation of capacity building programmes of FPO's for identifying the potential strengths and weakness for planning futuristic training programmes. He also emphasized on establishing synergy among members of FPO's, development departments, agricultural universities and other stakeholders for the

achievement of objectives of FPO's. Dr. K. C. Gummagolmath, Director Monitoring & Evaluation, MANAGE, Hyderabad said that the capacity building programme has been meticulously planned to strengthen the organizational, financial and managerial capabilities of CEO's and BOD's in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure sustainable agriculture growth, increased farmers' income and effective functioning of FPO's. Dr. A. S. Reen, Director

Agriculture, Jammu in his address highlighted the role of FPO's in building socio-economic resilience of farmers in agriculture eco-system. He further said that FPO's are instrumental in creating enhanced market access and bargaining power of the farmers. He reiterated that FPO's are playing a crucial role in improving input supply, reduced cost, value addition, diversification as well as access to finance and technology.

At the outset, Prof.

Vinod Gupta, Professor & Head Division of Agricultural Extension Education and PI of the project formally welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. He highlighted the importance of this training programme with reforms to farming community. He also stated that capacity building of CEO's and BOD's will definitely help the FPO members to focus on their business activities.

Urmil Lata, Deputy General Manager, NABARD, Jammu stressed upon the active participation of the farmers in FPO's for their socio-economic development. She also emphasized the farmers to take advantages of demand driven welfare schemes of the government. During the training programme, experienced faculty and resource persons from MANAGE, Hyderabad will provide training to the participants.

The training programme was attended by 35 CEO's and BOD's of FPO's across J&K.

The inaugural function was attended by Prof. P. S. Slatia, Prof. Poonam Parihar, staff members and project staff. Vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Jasbir Singh Manhas.

Forest Deptt seizes two vehicles transporting illegal khair billets, tunu wood in Bhalwal



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JAMMU, Jun 16: In a decisive crackdown on illegal timber trade, the Forest Department successfully seized two vehicles found transporting illicit Khair billets and tunu wood in Tehsil Bhalwal.

The operation was conducted in Block Manawar during night hours on June 15, based on specific intelligence inputs.

Under the close supervision of the Range Officer Jammu and overall guidance of the Divisional Forest Officer Jammu, the team intercepted a Maruti SX4 (Registration No.

JK02AM-5101) and a truck (Registration No. PB06BH-2502).

Upon inspection, both vehicles were found to be carrying Khair billets and tunu wood without any valid documentation, in clear violation of the Indian Forest Act (IFA).

The operation was led by Block Officer Manawar, Vikram Charak, with support from Beat Guard Vipin Jamwal, Rajeshwar Singh, Tarun Khajuria, and staff members from Nagrota-I – Raiz Ahmed, Ashok Kumar, and Mohd Akbar.

As per legal procedures, the forest produce and the vehicles

involved in the illegal transportation have been seized and taken into official custody. Confiscation proceedings against the offenders have already been initiated.

The Forest Department reiterated its firm commitment to the protection of forest resources and the enforcement of environmental laws.

Authorities have urged the public to report any suspicious activity related to timber smuggling or unauthorized extraction of forest produce. These vigilant actions are vital for preserving ecological balance and curbing environmental degradation.

BJP has brought social justice to the forefront of national policy: Sat Sharma



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JAMMU, Jun 16: Vaibhav Ruckwal, National Secretary of All India Backward Classes Union and former spokesperson of the Indian Youth Congress from Reasi, formally joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) along with hundreds of his supporters. He was accompanied by Nitin Mukesh, State Vice-President of the All India Backward Classes Union, and social activists Sparsh Sawhney and Sunil Dogra.

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, and General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, accompanied by MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, BJP All Cells Incharge Rakesh Mahajan, former JMC Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Incharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal welcomed the new entrants in a joining programme held at the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The joining was facilitated by District Reasi BJP President Rohit Dubey.

Welcoming the new entrants, Sat Sharma said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is the most trusted political party who truly serves the nation and the society. "We welcome Vaibhav

Ruckwal and his entire team into our family with open arms. His commitment to the welfare of the backward classes and his deep connect with the grassroots will immensely benefit our organization", said Sat Sharma.

Sharma said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP has brought social justice to the forefront of national policy. Whether it is through reservations, economic upliftment, or focused schemes for OBCs and marginalized communities, the party has consistently delivered on its promises.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the gathering, remarked that BJP welcomes Vaibhav and all his associates into the BJP family. Their experience in social and political spheres will add value to our ongoing efforts to reach the grassroots and uplift the underrepresented communities. The BJP remains dedicated to working for the last person in the queue.

Rohit Dubey, on the occasion, said that the significant expansion of the BJP's support base in the Reasi region, particularly among backward classes and youth circles, reaffirms the party's mass connect and inclusive approach.

Expressing his views after joining the BJP,

Vaibhav Ruckwal said that the BJP is the only party that has taken concrete steps for the upliftment of the backward classes and deprived sections of society. I have full faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the working of the BJP in Jammu & Kashmir. We are committed to working shoulder to shoulder with the party to ensure inclusive development in Jammu & Kashmir.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Mohan Lal Bhagat, Rakesh Mahajan, and Baldev Singh Billawaria.

Shakti Vijay Brigade organizes Ex-Servicemen Rally at Tangdhar

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KUPWARA, Jun 16 :The Shakti Vijay Brigade conducted a large-scale Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Rally at Tangdhar today, which drew the participation of over 400 military veterans, their families, and officials from the Army and various civil departments.

The rally aimed at addressing the concerns and welfare needs of the veteran community in the Karnah region. Multiple grievances were registered during the event, many of which were resolved on the spot by concerned authorities. Unresolved matters were documented and will be forwarded to higher authorities for appropriate redressal.

A key highlight of the rally was a virtual meeting through video conference with JAKRIF Record, where numerous service-related record issues were settled instantly, providing much-needed relief to the veterans.

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha J&K delegation meets LG Sinha

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JAMMU, Jun 16: Under the aegis of President Narinder Trehan and with the participation of all executive members of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, J&K, a delegation met the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan, Jammu. During the meeting, the delegation formally extended an invitation to His Excellency to inaugurate a two-day Samelan being organized by Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, J&K, at Baba Jitto Auditorium, SKUAST, Chatha, Jammu, on 19th and 20th July 2025.

The event is part of a series of commemorative programs celebrating the life and teachings of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, a pioneering reformer, philosopher, and founder of the Arya

Samaj, whose contributions profoundly influenced Indian society and spiritual thought.

The Lieutenant Governor will inaugurate the Samelan, which will witness the presence of esteemed dignitaries, spiritual leaders, scholars, students, and citizens from across the nation. The two-day event will begin with a Vedic Hawan, followed by a lamp-lighting ceremony, flag hoisting, and an inaugural address.

The Samelan will also include cultural performances, thematic exhibitions, and discourses on Maharishi Dayanand's philosophy.

Several interactive sessions and programs have been planned to promote his enduring message of truth, knowledge, and social reform.

NADCP Round VI flagged off in Jammu to combat foot & mouth disease

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 16: In a significant move towards livestock health security, Dr. Parvinder Singh, Director of Animal Husbandry Department Jammu, flagged off Round VI of the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) today. The launch event was held in the presence of several senior veterinary officers and stakeholders from the dairy sector. The event was attended by Dr. Adris Malik, Deputy Director Central Jammu; Dr. Zaffar Iqbal, Livestock Development Officer Jammu; Dr. Mudassar Nzar, LDO RS Pura; Dr. Vinay Vishal Sharma, LDO Akhnoor; Dr. Jyoti Gupta, Disease Investigation Officer Jammu; Dr. Mohd. Sajjad, Extension Officer Jammu; and Sh. Sandeep Singh Chib, President, Dairy Association J&K.

The NADCP, a flagship scheme launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2019, aims to vaccinate 100% of the cattle, buffalo, and pig population against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). The programme targets control of FMD by 2025 through mass vaccination and its eradication by 2030, thereby boosting domestic productivity and facilitating livestock exports.

During the launch, Dr. Parvinder Singh emphasized the critical importance of the program, stating that no animal should be left unvaccinated. He urged officers, paravets, and field workers to ensure 100% coverage across Jammu division. He also acknowledged the substantial financial support provided by the Government of India to eliminate FMD from the region.

Highlighting the economic

and productive losses caused by FMD—including reduced milk yield, infertility, and diminished working ability in bullocks—Dr. Singh underscored the necessity of mass, repeated vaccinations at regular intervals to achieve long-term control and eradication.

Sandeep Singh Chib, President of the Dairy Association J&K, appreciated the initiative and requested special focus on Bovine Male Fertility (BMF) units. He also assured full support in raising awareness among dairy farmers about the benefits of free FMD vaccination under NADCP Round VI.

The Director also called upon the media to extend full cooperation in spreading awareness about the programme so that maximum farmers avail the benefits of this critical intervention.

Veterinary Assistant Sur-



geons Dr. Rajesh Kalha, Dr. Anjan Kour, Dr. Ishpal Singh, Dr. Raghov Sharma, Dr. Shivani Devi, Dr. Nayeem Shahzad, along with paraveterinary staff, were also present at the event, demonstrating a unified commitment toward

eradicating FMD from Jammu & Kashmir. The Animal Husbandry Department Jammu reaffirmed its pledge to ensure healthier livestock and a stronger dairy sector through consistent implementation of NADCP.

EDITORIAL

Maintaining Peace in World

Peace is the foundation of prosperity, development, and human dignity. In a world that is increasingly interconnected through technology, trade, and shared challenges, maintaining peace is not just a moral obligation but a global necessity. Yet, conflicts, wars, and violence continue to affect millions of lives across nations. Achieving and maintaining peace requires collective action, diplomacy, education, and a commitment to justice and equality.

Peace is not merely the absence of war; it is a condition in which people live in harmony, with mutual respect, cooperation, and the opportunity to pursue happiness and development. It includes political stability, economic fairness, human rights protection, and social justice. A peaceful world ensures that basic human needs are met, and people are free from fear, discrimination, and oppression.

Several factors disrupt global peace, including political instability, religious intolerance, poverty, economic inequality, and competition over natural resources. In some regions, deep-rooted historical animosities, ethnic tensions, and ideological extremism have led to protracted conflicts. Furthermore, the rise of terrorism, cyber warfare, and nuclear threats adds to global insecurity. Miscommunication, misinformation, and lack of diplomatic dialogue often escalate small issues into major crises.

Organizations like the United Nations (UN), European Union (EU), African Union (AU), and others play a critical role in peacekeeping and conflict resolution. The UN, through its peacekeeping missions and diplomatic efforts, has mediated several conflicts and continues to promote global peace through its agencies like UNICEF, WHO, and UNHCR. These organizations also work towards disarmament, humanitarian aid, and development programs aimed at addressing the root causes of conflict.

One of the most effective tools to maintain peace is diplomacy. Constructive dialogue between nations, communities, and individuals helps in resolving disputes without violence. Diplomatic negotiations, peace treaties, and international summits are essential to prevent misunderstandings and foster cooperation. Dialogue must also include marginalized voices and ensure that all parties have a fair platform to express their concerns and needs.

Education is a powerful weapon for promoting peace. Teaching values of tolerance, empathy, and non-violence from an early age fosters a culture of peace. Schools should include peace education in their curriculum to help students understand different cultures, respect diversity, and learn peaceful conflict resolution techniques. Educated individuals are more likely to engage in constructive dialogues and less likely to resort to violence.

Poverty and inequality often lead to frustration and social unrest. A peaceful world can only be achieved when resources are distributed fairly, and every individual has access to basic services like food, shelter, education, and healthcare. Creating job opportunities, improving living standards, and empowering marginalized communities are crucial steps in building a stable society. Economic cooperation between countries also strengthens global peace.

Young people and civil society organizations are key drivers of peace. Youth possess the energy and creativity needed to challenge injustices and bring about positive change. Engaging them in peacebuilding initiatives, leadership programs, and community service projects fosters a sense of responsibility and active citizenship. NGOs and community groups can also mediate conflicts, spread awareness, and support rehabilitation of conflict-affected populations.

While technology can spread hate, it also has the power to build peace. Social media platforms and digital tools can be used to promote peace campaigns, connect communities, and raise awareness about peacebuilding initiatives. Responsible journalism and unbiased reporting help in preventing misinformation and promoting truth and transparency.

Maintaining peace in the world is a shared responsibility that requires the cooperation of governments, international organizations, communities, and individuals. It is not a one-time achievement but a continuous effort to ensure justice, equality, and mutual respect among all human beings. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." If every individual takes a step towards peace, the world will move closer to becoming a truly peaceful and harmonious place for future generations.

Flying Coffin, Passengers' safety whose Responsibility in air travel

By: Omkar Dattatray

The shocking air crash of the Indian Airlines plane at Ahmedabad killed 256 innocent and precious lives makes one to ask the question as to whose responsibility is the safety of the passengers in the air transport? Does paying of Rupees 1 crore to each killed hirers enough to show the responsibility for the safety of passengers? No doubt the centre and state government of Gujarat will also pay the ex gratia relief to the next of kin of all killed in the tragic mishap. But the pertinent question arises is can the killed life be compensated with the money? The answer of this important question is that human life cannot be compensated by any amount of money. This tragic air crash which consumed-thelives of more than 250 passengers should be thoroughly investigated and responsibility for the air crash should be found out. Responsibility for safety should not be compromised by paying higher amounts of money and the Tata company whose aircraft it was which crashed cannot abdicate its responsibility for the safety of the air passenger by paying of hefty amounts as compensation to all next of kin of those killed in the tragic air crash of the plane. The safety of air passengers is a multi-facted responsibility shared by various stakeholders ,including the airlines ,cabin crew, ground staff ,airport authorities and even passengers themselves. Airlines have the primary responsibility and duty to ensure the aircrafts airworthiness and to implement safety protocols. Cabin crew members are trained to handle emergencies ,assist passengers ,and conduct safety briefings. Ground staff mange aircraft movement and ensure safety of passengers on the ground. While airlines have the primary responsibility for ensuring passenger safety through rigorous maintenance ,training and adherence to regulations ,other parties play crucial roles in maintaining a safe and secure environment. The safety of air passengers is a shared responsibility involving airlines,, crew, passengers, and various

regulatory bodies. Airlines are primarily responsible for ensuring the aircraft is airworthy ,implementing safety procedures ,and training their staff. Cabin crew are on the front lines, conducting safety briefings ,assisting passengers, and handling emergencies. Passengers also play a crucial role by paying attention to safety instructions ,following crew member guidance ,and reporting any potential safety hazards. Regulatory bodies like the FAA and ICAO set standards and oversee safety practices. Responsibilities of various stakeholders can be outlined as below---Airlines Responsibilities---A---Aircraft Airworthiness---Airlines must ensure their aircraft are properly maintained and meet safety standards before each flight. B---Safety Procedures---Airlines are responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive safety procedures ,including pre-flight briefings, emergency procedures ,and the use of safety equipment. C---Crew training---Airlines must provide thorough training to their flight and cabin crews, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to handle various safety situations. D---Security Measures-----Airlines are responsible for implementing security measures to protect passengers and crew from potential threats. E---Baggage Handling---Airlines must ensure baggage is handled safely and securely throughout the journey. F---Emergency Response---Airlines must have well defined procedures for handling emergencies ,including medical incidents ,turbulence ,and potential security threats. Cabin Crew's Responsibilities---A---Pre-flight Safety checks---Cabin crew are responsible for conducting pre-flight checks to ensure all emergency equipment is in working order and the cabin is prepared for departure. B---Safety Demonstration---Cabin crew must conduct safety briefings ,informing passengers about emergency exits, safety equipment ,and procedures. C---Passenger Assistance---Cabin crew assist passengers with boarding ,seating ,and any other needs they may have. D---In-flight safety Monitoring ---Cabin crew monitor passenger behaviour ,air quality ,and

overall cabin environment for any potential safety hazards. E---Emergency Responses---In case of any emergency ,cabin crew are trained to respond quickly and efficiently ,providing first aid, evacuating passengers, and communicating with the flight deck. Passengers Responsibilities---A---Pay Attention to Safety Briefings---Passengers should listen carefully to the safety briefings and review safety information card. B---Follow Crew Instructions---Passengers must follow the instructions of the cabin crew ,especially during emergencies. C---Report Safety Hazards---Passengers should report any potential safety hazards they observe to the cabin crew. D---Use Seatbelts---Passengers should keep their seatbelts fastened at all times while seated. E---Follow Airline Regulations---Passengers should adhere to all online regulations, including those related to carry-on luggage and electronic devices. Regulatory Bodies Responsibilities---A---Setting Safety Standards---Regulatory bodies like the FAA and ICAO set safety standards for aircraft, operations, and crew training. B---Oversight and Enforcement---These bodies oversee airlines and other aviation stakeholders to ensure they comply with safety regulations. C---Accident Investigation---Regulatory bodies investigate aviation accidents to identify the causes and prevent future occurrences. In fact ,air passenger safety is a collaborative effort .Every one involved ,from the airlines and crew to the passengers and regulatory bodies ,play a crucial role in ensuring a safe and enjoyable journey on board the flight. Aviation safety isn't just the responsibility and job of Indian Aviation Authority-IAA but is the collaborative job of all stakeholders. Passenger safety is also not the job of the pilot's or flight crew, it takes all of us to collaborate. Here are some tips to follow to keep you and your fellow travellers safe when they fly .Most importantly ,pay attention to your flight and cabin crews .They are there to keep you as safe as possible. You can make your flight even safe by following t these guidelines---1---Pay attention to the flight attendant safety

briefings of your at the beginning of your flight and read the safety briefing card.2---Buckle up .Keep you and your family safe by wearing a seatbelt at all times seated.3---Seatbelts on airplanes restrain and help keep you safe while you are seated during critical phases of flight and during turbulence .The seatbelt is intended to be worn low and tight on hips ,not the abdomen ,to prevent injuries and effectively limit the body's forward motion. Use an approved child safety seat or device if your child weighs less than 40 pounds. Prevent in-flight injuries by following your airlines carry-on restrictions. The flight crew's job is to get you to your destination safely. The flight attendant's job is to create and maintain a safe environment and quickly evacuate the aircraft if necessary. Obey all instructions from the crew .It is the law and it is essential for your safety. Safety is everyone's responsibility .If you are concerned about a situation that could affect the safety of your flight ,report it to a crew member. In short aviation safety is a collaborative effort. Everyone involved ,from those directly involved in flight operations to the passengers themselves, has a role to play in ensuring a safe and secure travel experience. At the conclusion one can opine that airlines, air operators cannot abdicate the responsibility of the security and safety of passengers by providing hefty amounts as compensation to the kin of those killed and that is true in Ahmadabad air crash. Responsibility should be fixed and all those whose lapse has caused this tragedy should be punished and efforts should be made and steps taken that such incidents will not occur in future.

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The rules of life are like the game of Kabaddi - as soon as we touch the line of success, people start pulling our legs

By: Kishan Bhawnani

The sayings of our elders of India at the global level are from the ancient times, but if we look at today's era and our next generations, then it fits perfectly. Every word of the elders is like a diamond and a pearl, you just need the eye of a jeweler to recognize them. If we go deep and mold the meanings of those sayings and words in our life, then friends, there is no courage of sorrows, no strength of failures, which can turn the tide towards us, we just need courage, passion, determination. Success will bow its head before you. Today we will discuss a part of those ideologies, the sayings of elders. Though there are many sayings like begging for every grain, three leaves of the same tree, one with evil eye will ruin your face, the one who betrays the family will destroy it, a closed fist worth a lakh will open up and then it will be worth nothing including thousands of such sayings but today we will discuss, "Find your qualities, there are people to point out your shortcomings". "If you have to take a step then take it forward, there are people to pull you back".

Friends, if we talk about a few people who discourage and nitpick, then this saying absolutely rings true that the rules of life are also like the game of Kabaddi. As soon as you touch the line of success, people start pulling your leg, the main reason for which is hatred, lack of confidence in the opposition, negativity, lack of hard work, desire to certify oneself, unconscious intention, maintaining one's status, evil eye and fear of losing one's reputation in the society etc. Such people either do not let their counterpart or rival succeed or after reaching the ladder of success, they use their strength to pull his leg, this has been happening for centuries. In every field, whether it is politics, education, government, non-government, social, cooperative, etc., in every field, we have seen the practice of pulling legs between two persons, many persons, groups, two factions. This practice of pulling the leg of success is not

only at the national level but also at the international level. These days we are seeing this scene at the international level also that, one country has its eyes on the desire to wear the crown of the world. After being accused of spreading COVID-19 internationally, the world is now shocked at his conspiracy. The plan was to starve America to death through fungus. The plan was to destroy grains, food items and crops.

Friends, if we talk about India, then in recent days too, big cases have been reported in many fields including politics and sports, the result of which is that we are seeing murders in many fields to maintain one's prestige, position and position, and serious allegations in the political world. Those who fear losing their position, honour and prestige due to others reaching the ladder of success, are the ones who do this against successful people. A person's habits decide how successful he will be in his life and how far he will go. Every person wants to be successful but not everyone gets success. A person's bad habits drown him in the darkness of failure and at the same place, good habits take him to the heights of success.

Friends, if we talk about the people who find faults and criticize, then people speak ill because, firstly, the juice of criticism is very tasty, once you taste it, you want to taste it again and again. Its taste is given to us in childhood itself by the family and society! The ego has to be satisfied that look how bad he is and how good we are! The bigger the ego of someone, the more dose of criticism he needs. I believe that the people who find faults or criticize need an excuse to find a victim to criticize. They get a strange good feeling in hitting the victim with the arrow of criticism! Incidentally, one day I heard in a satsang: A critic is like the washerman of the person criticized. Just like a washerman washes away the dirt from the clothes, similarly a critic washes away the bad deeds of the person being criticised. Moreover, the bad deeds of the critic increase by criticising. Now Satsang is the company of truth, I cannot consider anything mentioned there to be

false. Still, people are not so great that they become almost zero in criticising, but the matter of deeds is so scary that before criticising someone, one should think a thousand times that why should I make myself more dirty with the dirt of the deeds of the other, are my deeds of a high order already? Knowingly or unknowingly, everyone commits some wrong deeds. Those who always criticise others, please pay attention to this fact and remember this couplet of Kabir Das ji, really this couplet is the ultimate truth of everyone's life, no one is as innocent as milk here.

When I went to look for bad people, I did not find anyone bad. When I searched my heart, there was no one worse than me.

Therefore, only he who has never done any condemnable deed should throw a stone of criticism, otherwise the critic's own conscience will call him a washerman!

Friends, if we talk about the address, then we should stand shoulder to shoulder with those who have achieved success. We should muster the courage to take inspiration from them. We should make them our source of inspiration, and not pull their legs. Even the elders have said that those who dig a pit for others fall in the same pit themselves, this is absolutely true.

Friends, if we talk about inspiration and getting encouragement from a successful person, then my personal opinion is that there should be 10 qualities of success. (1)- Setting a goal- To become a successful person or to achieve success in life, the most important thing is to set a goal. Until you set a goal, it seems as if you are standing far away from success. (2)- Strong willpower- If our willpower to do a work is strong and firm, then nothing is impossible and we can make every work possible. (3) Negativity-: This is one such thing that can ruin our every dream. Whenever we want to do something, the first thing we think is 'No, we will not be able to do it, we do not have the ability to do this work'. This negative thought can spoil the work that is to be done. That is why as far as possible, negativity should be

avoided. (4) Always stay on the path of truth. (5) Be patient. (6) Hard work- Hard work, if you want to achieve success in any work in life, then it is very important to work hard for it. It is almost impossible to achieve success without hard work. Work done with hard work and dedication can take you ahead in life. (7) Identify your strengths and weaknesses- Success in life always comes to the person who works hard after identifying his strengths and weaknesses. (8) Do not compare with others- Every person has his own ability and capacity. Even good students succeed on the basis of their ability and not by copying others. You too should work hard in your own way to succeed in life. (9) Courage- You have set your goals to achieve success in life and have also made full preparations for it. But only courage can reach the goal of success in life, that is why courage is extremely necessary. (10)-Self-confidence- This is the base of the ladder of success.

So if we study and analyze the above description, we will see that there are people to find your strengths and find your shortcomings. If you have to take a step, then take it forward, there are people to pull you back. The rules of life are also like the game of Kabaddi. As soon as you touch the line of success, people start following you. That is, the best success is a crown of thorns. For this, it is very important to use the mantra of courage, passion and enthusiasm and the criticizing opposition can make their life the best by following the above 10 mantras, due to which their life will also improve and they will also come out in the afterlife.

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High-level delegation of JKTF meets with DEPO Rajouri



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jun 16: A high-level delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), District Rajouri, led by District President Mr. Gulshan Sharma, met with District Education Planning Officer (DEPO) Rajouri, Sh Sardari Lal Dutta. The meeting aimed to discuss key concerns of the teaching community, and a memorandum was submitted highlighting several pressing issues.

The delegation emphasized the need for conducting the Annual Transfer Drive for Teachers, Masters, and Lecturers, ensuring transparency and fairness in the process. Departmental promotions of teachers to masters and other cadres were also discussed, focusing on career advancement opportunities and recognizing teachers' hard work and

dedication.

Concerns were raised about schools facing acute staff shortages, and the delegation advocated for staff rationalization to ensure quality education for students. A one-time exemption in all subjects was requested to address regularization and promotion issues.

This meeting marked the first interaction between District President Gulshan Sharma and DEPO Rajouri since Sharma assumed charge.

The DEPO congratulated Sharma on his election and appreciated JKTF's work culture, prioritizing employee and student welfare.

State Senior Vice Chairman Mohd Mahroof Choudhary highlighted JKTF's role as a bridge between bureaucrats and employees, focusing on child-centric priorities. He emphasized JKTF's under the leadership of State

President Sheikh Mohd Ashraf representation from multi-tasking staff to principals and its affiliation with All India Secondary Teachers Federation (AISTF) and Educational International (EI), working for student and employee betterment.

The DEPO assured the delegation of timely action on the raised issues. District President Gulshan Sharma thanked the DEPO for the positive assurance, hoping that pending issues would be resolved on a priority basis.

The delegation included prominent members such as Mohd Mahroof Choudhary, Sardar Satnam Singh, Ranjit Singh, Lokesh Sharma, Sadiq poswal, Mohammad Sharif, Mohammad Farooq, Arun Ishar, Shafiq Mirza, Ashraf Choudhary, Mohd latief, and other dedicated JKTF members.

YSCC Doda congratulates Saurabh Bhagat on his new appointment



Top News Report

DODA, Jun 16: The Young Star Cricket Club (YSCC) Doda, a registered NGO and a leading sports organization from the Doda district, has extended a heartfelt welcome to Saurabh Bhagat on his new appointment as Commissioner Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, J&K Government.

In a statement issued to the media, the Patron of the organization, Manzoor Ahmed Batt, conveyed his warm congratulations and best wishes to Shri Bhagat. He lauded the officer's commendable administrative track record and expressed confidence that under his leadership, the department will continue to serve the public interest with dedication and efficiency.

Pertinent to mention, Saurabh Bhagat previously served as Com-

missioner Secretary to the Government, Science and Technology Department, while also holding the additional charge of Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Department, J&K. His vast experience in governance and technology-driven development has earned him respect across various administrative circles.

Other members of the organization, including Naseer Ahmed Khora (Chairman), Prof. Z.A. Hashmi (Chief Advisor), Ishtiaq Ahmed Dev (Advisor), and active members such as Faizan A. Trambo, Moosa Azad, Irfan Ali Butt, Waseem Raja, Kessar Shenali, Rajid Wani, Noushair Batt, Syed Nasir, Tanzeel Malik, Yasir Dar, Nehan Ahmed Batt, Javed Ahmed Butt, and Ilyas Butt, have also extended their best wishes to Shri Bhagat on his new assignment.

SKJVS Trust to offer internship opportunities to Sanskrit students of MAM College under NEP 2020

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 16: In a notable step towards the practical implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes experiential learning and the integration of traditional Indian knowledge systems, Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur (Tathar), Jammu & Kashmir, is set to launch a unique internship program for Sanskrit students of Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) College, Cluster University of Jammu.

This academic collaboration aims to enhance students' understanding of Sanskrit language and literature while also providing practical exposure to ancient Indian knowledge systems. The internship will begin in the first week of July, following an official invitation from MAM College Principal, Dr. Archana Kaul, to the Trust.

Announcing the program, Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Trust and recipient of the 2024 State Award, emphasized the significance of combining traditional wisdom with modern education models. The internship will include immersive training in Jyotish Shastra (Vedic Astrology), the Vedas, Samhitas, Panchang preparation, planetary analysis, and manuscriptology, along with insights into contemporary research trends in Sanskrit.

Dr. Purushottam Dass, Assistant Professor and Head of the Sanskrit Depart-



ment, MAM College, lauded the initiative, stating, "The efforts of Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust in rejuvenating Sanskrit in Jammu & Kashmir are truly commendable. Under the visionary leadership of Mahant Rohit Shastri ji, this initiative connects students with the cultural roots of Bharat and is an inspiring step forward."

The program is expected to equip participants with both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience in Vedic sciences, thus preparing them for future academic and research opportunities.

With this internship, Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust continues to uphold its mission of preserving Devavani Sanskrit and nurturing the next generation of scholars and practitioners in Vedic disciplines—strongly aligned with the vision of NEP 2020.

Sportspersons serve as ambassadors; messengers of peace: Anuradha Flags off J&K contingent for 78th Sr National Aquatic C'ship



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 16: Sportspersons are the messengers of peace prosperity & harmony and the sports personalities often serve as brand ambassadors due to their influence, popularity, and ability to connect with a wide audiences.

This was stated by Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K, Anuradha Gupta while flagging off J&K contingent for 78th Senior National Aquatic Championship in an impressive, colourful and we'll attended function at MA Stadium, here today.

A contingent of 10 swimmers with 5 men and 5 women, selected on merit will be proceed-

ing for the event to be organised by Swimming Federation of India at Bhubneshwar in Odisha from June 22 to June 26, 2025.

While congratulating J&K Swimming Association for its endeavours in providing playing opportunities to J&K youth and promoting sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory, Anuradha said that J&K possessed immense sporting talent and the dire need is to hone it at the grass-root level.

Wishing the swimmers best of luck, she advised them to play the game with sporting spirit and preserve sanctity of the same.

Hoping for a good show from these swimmers at the National scene, Anuradha advised them to

give their best and bring laurels for themselves, their parents, coaches, mentors and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir as well.

She advised the athletes to leave no stone unturned in blossoming at the national scene and give message to the society that sports and games serve as the best tool to empower the nation.

Organised by Jammu & Kashmir Swimming Association, the flag off ceremony was held under the overall supervision of President J&K Swimming Association, Ramandeep Singh Soodan, General Secretary Bharat Kumar Sharma, Joint Secretary Cum Coach Babita Rani and Treasurer Vikas Mahajan.

Pankaj Sharma assumes charge as DC Kishtwar



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jun 16: Pankaj Kumar Sharma, JKAS, has officially assumed the charge as Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Kishtwar today.

Upon his arrival, he was warmly received by district and Sectoral officers and staff of DC office. Pankaj Kumar Sharma brings with him a wealth of administrative experience and a commitment to public service. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve

the people of Kishtwar and emphasized his focus on transparency, responsive governance, and development-oriented administration.

The New DC Kishtwar assured full cooperation with all stakeholders to ensure smooth governance and accelerated progress in the district.

The District administration welcomes Sh. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, JKAS and looks forward to his leadership in taking Kishtwar to new heights of growth and good governance.

Kaith, others pay tributes to Ashok Kumar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 16: A Shradhunjali Samaroh was organised at Krishna Nagar on today, wherein a large number of people hailing from different corners, paid tributes to an eminent person Ashok Kumar.

While speaking on the occasion, social and political activist R L. Kaith, who was very close to Ashok Kumar said, he was polite, respectful and well-mannered.

He would speak honestly without taking sides and hurting others'



feelings. He did not hold grudges, and let go of anger that might lead him to hurt others. He would think positively and focused his thoughts on things that improved his relationships. He would avoid thinking about past mis-

takes or wrongs done by others. Instead, he would think of how he could forgive and move on.

Others who spoke on him included Anchal Singh, Sat Pal Lakhotra, Madan Lal and Chaman Lal.

Rauf Rehman takes charge as CEO of Kokernag Development Authority, promises renewed focus on Tourism

Top News Report

KOKERNAG, Jun 16: In a significant administrative development aimed at revitalizing tourism in South Kashmir, Muhammad Rauf Rehman (JKAS) officially assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kokernag Development Authority (KDA) on Monday.

Known for his vast administrative experience and a forward-looking approach, Rauf Rehman's appointment is being seen as a strategic move to transform Kokernag into a premier tourist destination. Stakeholders and locals alike have welcomed his arrival with high hopes, expecting a renewed push for sustainable tourism, infrastructure upgrades, and preservation of the

region's rich cultural and natural heritage.

Speaking on the occasion, Rauf Rehman emphasized his commitment to balanced development. "Kokernag is a jewel of South Kashmir, known for its natural beauty, freshwater springs, botanical gardens, and vibrant culture. Our vision is to blend growth with sustainability, ensuring that development goes hand in hand with ecological protection," he said.

The new CEO also laid out plans to enhance tourist facilities, improve road connectivity, and promote eco-tourism activities that will benefit both visitors and the local population. He stressed on community involvement in decision-making and vowed to protect the ecological sanctity of the region while unlocking its economic potential.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor announces special early-festive offer packed with exciting customer benefits

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 16: Adding festive cheer early to the car buying journey, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has announced an exciting limited-period campaign — 'Buy Now, Pay in Navratri', applicable on its popular models, the Toyota Glanza and Urban Cruiser Hyryder.

This specially curated scheme is designed in association with Toyota Financial Services (TFS)

to offer customers unmatched flexibility and convenience in car ownership.

Speaking about the festive offer, Sabari Manohar, Vice President, Chief Representative – North Region - Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "At Toyota Kirloskar Motor, we believe that owning a car should be a joyful and stress-free experience, especially during moments that matter most to our customers. We remain committed to deliv-

ering best-in-class experiences to our valued customers, ensuring our vehicles are easy to purchase, effortless to maintain and a pleasure to drive."

Through this limited-period festive offer, TKM aims to provide greater flexibility and choices in car buying experience.

Customers are encouraged to visit their nearest authorized Toyota dealership to learn more about the scheme and take advantage of the exclusive ben-

efits available during this festive season.

As the name suggests, the scheme offers a 3-month EMI* Holiday, enabling customers to drive home their Toyota vehicle today and begin their EMI payments around this year's festive season of Navratri. T

he festive offer will be available across all authorized Toyota dealerships in Northern Parts of India and is valid till June 30, 2025.

Aamir Khan breaks silence on backlash over late response to Pahalgam terror attack

Actor Aamir Khan has addressed the criticism surrounding his late response to the Pahalgam terror attack, which he condemned nearly a week after the incident. The timing of his statement sparked backlash on social media. It was just hours before the trailer release of his upcoming film 'Sitaare Zameen Par'. Aamir clarified that his late response had nothing to do with promoting his film and stressed that his religion, Islam, never supports violence.

In an interview with agency, Aamir explained that his absence from social media led to the delayed reaction. "I'm not on social media. People react instantly to these events there," he said. Condemning the attack as "cruel," he expressed his outrage at the terrorists who targetted people based on their religion. "They asked their religion and then fired bullets. What does that mean? You or I could've also been there," he stated.

Responding to allegations



that he spoke up to align with the release of his film's trailer, Aamir called it a coincidence. "If I speak about our forces delivering a befitting response, then am I doing something wrong? Should I think about the film or about our forces at that time? If I keep quiet just because my film is about to release, I feel that's wrong. "So I spoke about it openly," he said. He also shared that the trailer was origi-

nally scheduled for an earlier release but was postponed due to the attack. "I even cancelled the 'Andaz Apna Apna' premiere that day," he added. The 1994 classic was re-released in theatres on April 25.

Aamir also used the opportunity to defend his faith, stating that terrorists who commit such acts cannot be considered Muslims. "No religion asks you to kill people. I don't consider these

terrorists Muslims because it's written in Islam that you can't kill any innocent human, can't strike a woman or a child. They're going against the religion by doing what they are doing," he asserted.

The actor further highlighted that his patriotism is reflected in his film choices. He recalled how veteran actor Manoj Kumar once praised him for carrying forward the legacy of patriotic cinema. "My patriotism reflects in my work. Watch 'Rang De Basanti', 'Lagaan', 'Sarfarosh'. I don't think any other actor has done more patriotic films than I have," Aamir said.

Meanwhile, Aamir Khan's next film, 'Sitaare Zameen Par', is scheduled to hit theatres on June 20, 2025. The film features Genelia D'Souza alongside him and is a spiritual sequel to his iconic 'Taare Zameen Par'. It is also a remake of the Spanish film 'Campeones'. According to reports, Aamir will also make a cameo appearance in Rajinikanth's 'Coolie'.

Keerthy Suresh's action-comedy Revolver Rita to release in August



Actress Keerthy Suresh is all set to showcase her action avatar in the upcoming film Revolver Rita.

The Baby John star has finally announced the movie's release date and shared a promo video of the film. Taking to her X handle, Keerthy

announced that her upcoming film Revolver Rita will debut in theatres worldwide on August 27. She wrote, "Rita is ready to roll baby #Revolver-Rita from 27th August."

The film is written and directed by JK Chandru. It is produced by Sudhan Sundaram and Jagadish Palanisamy under the banner of Passion Studios & The Route. The music is composed by Sean Roldan.

Along with Keerthy Suresh, the film also stars Radhika Sarathkumar, Sunil, Ajay Ghosh, Redin Kingsley, John Vijay, Suresh Chakravarthy and others in prominent roles.

The announcement video hints at an action-packed story in which Keerthy plays a powerful, possibly eccentric character with Suresh.

Meanwhile, Keerthy was last seen in the Varun Dhawan-starrer Baby John.

The film, directed by Kalees, was a remake of Thalapathy Vijay's Theri. Baby John was produced by Murad Khetani, Priya Atlee, and Jyoti Deshpande.

The story of the film revolved around a DCP (played by Varun Dhawan) who transforms and travels to a different place to safeguard his family.

Directed by Kalees and presented by Atlee, the film was released in theatres on December 25 last year.

'Sardaar Ji 3' teaser out: Diljit Dosanjh to lock horns with unknown, powerful spirit in this horror comedy

Fans of Diljit Dosanjh are in for a treat as their favourite star has released a teaser for his upcoming film "Sardaar Ji 3".

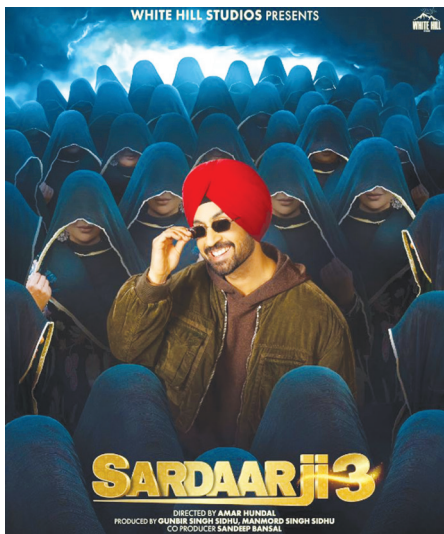
The film also stars Neeru Bajwa, Manav Vij, Gulshan Grover, Jasmin Bajwa, Sapna Pabbi and others in prominent roles. It offers a hilarious take on ghostbusting with a blend of action scenes.

Directed by Amar Hundal, the movie is slated to hit the screens on June 27.

The teaser of "Sardaar Ji 3", released, marks Dosanjh's return as a ghost hunter who has been tasked with removing a ghost from a mansion in the United Kingdom.

The teaser begins with a team approaching the most haunted castle in the UK with a group of armed soldiers. After an unknown spirit defeats them in the blink of an eye, the owner decides to call Dosanjh's character for the task.

What follows is a hilarious interaction with his in-home witches, who demand a medical kit, a make-up box, and other items. In the end, Dosanjh is seen fighting a ghost in the UK mansion, saying he intends to fight with him because he didn't add "Jii" after "Sardaar" while addressing him.



Dosanjh shared the teaser of the movie on his Instagram handle.

"Sardaar Ji" is one of the most popular horror-comedy franchises of the Punjabi film industry. The first instalment of the series was directed by Rohit Jugraj and also starred Mandy Takhar and Neeru Bajwa. The film had a record opening in Punjabi cinema in 2015.

"Sardaar Ji 2" was also directed by Jugraj. It came out eight years ago, in 2016.

Fatima Sana Shaikh clarifies remarks on casting couch

Actor Fatima Sana Shaikh has addressed the controversy surrounding her earlier comments about a casting couch experience in South film industry. She clarified that it was a single incident and not a reflection of the entire South Indian film industry. She said her words were misunderstood and blown out of proportion, stressing that she had moved on from the experience.

In an interview with agency, Fatima said, "I want to clear the air. All of this is a misconception. It's not like the entire South film industry is like that. It was just one particular incident that happened. I was talking about it in passing and suddenly, it became like this huge thing. It was not necessary."

Fatima added that such experiences are



unfortunately common across many industries. "Every woman goes through this. A woman may walk down the street and have a man hit on her or catcall her. It exists everywhere and in every industry. I don't know why my words were taken out of context and blown up. It's nonsense! It's something that happened. I dealt with it and moved on," she stated.

She concluded by saying that the person in question was a small-time producer or casting director, and should not be seen as a representative of the entire South industry.

Earlier this year, Fatima spoke about a casting agent from the South film industry who made her uncomfortable with inappropriate suggestions. Recalling the moment, she had said, "He asked me,

'You will be ready to do everything, right?' I told him that I will be working hard and will do what is required for the role, but he kept saying that." Fatima said she pretended to play along just to see "how low he could get."

She also mentioned a separate incident in Hyderabad where producers would make indirect but clear remarks. "They'd say things like, 'You have to meet people', or 'You have to do this and that', making their intentions obvious without saying anything directly," she shared.

On the work front, Fatima will soon be seen in 'Gustaakh Ishq' alongside Vijay Varma, Naseeruddin Shah, and Sharib Hashmi. She also stars in Anurag Basu's 'Metro... In Dino', set to release in theatres on July 4.

Soundarya Sharma on changing landscape in Bollywood: Old stereotypes are fading

Soundarya Sharma, who was recently seen in 'Housefull 5' alongside Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, and others, opened up about the reception to her character Lucy, breaking stereotypes, her screen time, the objectification of women in films, and finding her footing in Bollywood in an exclusive interview with agency.

For Soundarya, being cast in 'Housefull 5' with senior actors is a moment of gratitude. She said, "For me, and I think for any newcomer, getting such a big platform is a blessing. I'm genuinely grateful to God and to my makers for trusting me. There are so many talented people out there trying to find their place in the industry. To be noticed and appreciated by the audience, and to receive recognition, especially when sharing screen space with senior actors, is significant. Even a few impactful scenes can make a lasting impression."

Even if it's a smaller role, she believes that impact matters more than on-screen minutes.

"I truly believe less is more. If your character is strong, no one can take that away from you," she said, adding, "Also, when it comes to screen time, I don't think like that. For me, work is work. If you're good, better opportunities will follow. In a film with multiple actors, balancing screen space is always a challenge for directors, producers, and everyone involved. You might have limited screen time, but if you leave an impression, that's what matters. I don't think stardom comes overnight - you have to learn everything from scratch: how to stand, how lighting works, and what angle suits you. Every small thing matters. So the first step is to be grateful for the opportunities you get. Eventually, if the right people are watching, good things will come your way."

When asked if it was difficult to break away from the label of being just a pretty face, she said, "I haven't done a lot of work yet to say I've seen it all, but from what I've experienced, things are changing. The kind of work being made is



evolving, and actors don't get stuck or boxed into stereotypes."

She pointed out how earlier, female actors were often told not to do dance numbers if they wanted to be taken seriously. "Earlier, there used to be this notion - 'don't do dance numbers if you want to be seen as a lead actor.' But now, look at the biggest actresses today - they're doing great songs and

also leading films. They're the face of the film. So that mindset is fading. Those old shackles and stereotypes are breaking. People are more open to seeing an actor as someone who can dance, act, perform, do comedy - everything. Versatility is the key today. At the end of the day, you're playing a character on screen - you're not that person in real life."

She further stated, "Honestly, I haven't reached that stage in my career where I can say, 'I won't do this or that.' I'm not talking about compromising on values, but in terms of work, I'm here to learn, grow, and perform. As actors, we're handed a script and told, 'This is the scene, this is your outfit,' and it's our job to deliver, keeping the director's vision in mind. After all, we're part of someone else's project - if we all had our own vision, we'd be the directors or creators ourselves."

She added, "That said, there are moments when you can suggest tweaks or share your thoughts. For instance, with my character in the film, we'd have discussions like, 'It's coming across this way, can we try doing it that way instead?' And the director was always open. He even asked me once if I was comfortable doing a particular scene. So those conversations do happen. Like I said, everyone has their own journey, and I personally haven't faced anything uncomfortable so far."

'Housefull 5' is having a great run in theatres.

From street food to nightlife, Chinese rapper Jackson Wang soaks in all things India



Popular singer-rapper Jackson Wang, who is on his second trip to India, says he is in the country to "observe, absorb and be inspired" by everyday lives, whether it is sampling Mumbai's street food or playing cricket on the beach with locals.

Wang is in Mumbai to promote his upcoming album "Magic Man 2". He previously visited the country for a performance at Lollapalooza India in 2023.

During his week-long trip, the singer said he has picked up words like 'namaste', and 'shukriya'. He hopes to spend the rest of his time "with-

out a direction and destination."

"(Where) I can just go out and experience it myself, and not someone trying to show me around the town. So, whatever the locals are doing, I want to just follow, observe, absorb, learn and also be inspired," Wang told agency.

The 31-year-old singer is a part of the popular K-pop group "Got7", and is credited for hits such as "Blow" and "100 Ways".

The singer's video of eating spicy street food like vada pav and meeting Hrithik Roshan has already gone viral

on social media. His meeting with Roshan also sparked rumours of a possible collaboration on "Krrish 4". But Wang said these reports are fake. "When we're together, especially Hrithik and I, we don't talk about work", he said.

When asked what all he has experienced during his short trip, Wang said, "I forgot the name, but I liked the yoghurt and the crispy ball with beans in it (dahi sev puri). I've also had a sandwich on the street with mayonnaise and cheese, and the potato ball inside the bun (vada pav), I like that too. I am allergic to chilis, but I am okay with spices. I had a great time."

"When I was recharging, I started writing my personal diaries, which turned into music. The way the entire 'Magic Man 2' looks is what I felt internally, it's not based on one thing, it's everything in general. Every single song is about what and how I feel about reality, society, and humanity."

Amit Shah calls for district disaster management plan within 90 days

Mentions need to make inter-state mock drill an annual programme for natural disasters like cyclones

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that the disaster management plans for districts would be made within 90 days.

Addressing an annual conference of Relief Commissioners of States, Union Territories and Disaster Response Forces, Shah urged for a state-level action plan against lightning and thunderstorms and called upon states to share it with the Centre within a period of 90 days.

"We will complete the work of making district disaster management plans for each district in their respective states within 90 days. Unless there is a district disaster management plan, it is not possible to fight disaster management with speed... I request everyone to make a state-level action plan against lightning and thunderstorms. All the states and UTs should share it with the Centre within 90 days," Shah said.



He further mentioned that there was a need to make inter-state mock drill an annual programme for natural disasters like cyclones.

"We want to make interstate mock drill an annual programme. I believe it is not possible without the help of states. There are many cyclones, many disasters that require interstate mock drills, and we cannot do this without the help of the states. We want to move forward on this in the coming days," Shah further said.

The union Home Minister also stated that there was a need to link Start-up India with development of disaster relief technology, and asserted that states should start brainstorming on the concept.

"We want to move forward on this in the coming days. We also want to link Start-up India with the development of disaster relief technology. I am tell-

ing you in advance that states should also start brainstorming for this..." he added.

Shah applauded the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), National Disaster Response Forces (NDRF) and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) for bringing India closer to becoming a global leader in disaster management.

Addressing the conference, Shah said, "It is a matter of joy for all of us that within 10 years, these three institutions, NDMA, NDRF and CDRI, have brought India closer to becoming a global leader in the field of disaster management. NDMA has done a great job in structuring policy matters, doing research work, delivering articles of various types of studies to the people, making many apps and overall coordination of policy matters...NDRF has created its image in the entire country, has also earned fame and respect."

BJP labelling Bengali-speaking Indians in BJP-ruled states as Bangladeshi: CM Mamata in Assembly



KOLKATA, Jun 16 (Agencies): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday accused the BJP of targeting Bengali-speaking citizens in states ruled by the saffron party by labelling even valid document holders as illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

Trouble started during the question hour in the Assembly when the CM accused the saffron party of carrying out a witch-hunt against Bengali-speaking people in BJP-ruled states.

"You must be ashamed that you are labelling bona fide Indian citizens as Bangladeshis just because of the language they speak. One should feel proud to speak in Bengali, as well as Gujarati, Marathi, Hindi. If you ask me, I can speak in all these languages," Banerjee said.

"On one hand, you are branding Indians as Bangladeshis for their spoken word, and on the other, you are depriving these people, who hold voter ID, PAN, and Aadhaar cards, of the right to earn their livelihood in your states," she added.

Her remarks triggered an uproar from BJP legislators, who stood up in protest and shouted slogans.

However, the Chief Minister continued her speech undeterred.

Accusing the Centre of blocking central funds due to the state, the CM said despite the BJP's step-motherly treatment, the state has laid 69,000 km of roads under Pathashree and initiated Awas Yojana with Rs 11,000 crore.

"Bengal has topped road and rural housing project rankings five times in a row," she added.

She claimed that despite the financial crunch, people in the state were getting 50 days of employment on average, and that her government had created 1.5 crore mandays under various schemes.

"While on one hand you deprive the poor people of Bengal, on the other, the procession of deaths in various mishaps continues in your states," she said.

Banerjee asserted that her government was working to safeguard the interests of Scheduled Castes (26 per cent), Scheduled Tribes (6 per cent), backward castes, and Muslims (30 per cent), in line with the Supreme Court and High Court directives on social welfare.

"None can derail our path or stop us from realising our dreams," she asserted.

Meanwhile, the BJP MLAs staged a walk-out after the Speaker, Biman Banerjee refused to admit an adjournment motion over the "crisis in the education sector" linked to the SSC scam, citing that the matter is sub-judice.

During the uproar, the Speaker suspended BJP MLA Manoj Orao for the day for breach of discipline and cautioned BJP chief whip Shankar Ghosh for his conduct.

All 40 BJP MLAs exited the House carrying potted tulsi plants in a symbolic protest.

As the opposition benches fell empty, Banerjee said, "They only want to use bad words and hurl baseless accusations. Will they now decide what one should wear, eat, or even which footwear to use? Will they impose diktats?" she asked.

Referring to BJP slogans branding her government as corrupt, Banerjee said, "I don't accept the Rs 1.5 lakh pension allotted to me as a former MP. Will they teach me ethics and honesty?"

"Mark my words, BJP will be reduced to zero in the next Assembly elections. People have rejected your politics," she added.

In a veiled dig at state BJP president Sukanta Majumdar, Banerjee referred to a recent controversy where a Sikh police officer was allegedly attacked.

"There is a half-central minister who is in love with chappals (slipper). Why don't they (BJP) open chappal shops?," she said.

BJP showcases 'double-engine' governance at exhibition on 11 years of Modi govt, 100 days of Delhi govt

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Monday jointly inaugurated an exhibition marking "11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government" and "100 days of the Delhi government".

The exhibition at the Delhi BJP headquarters here highlights the key milestones and achievements of the NDA government at the Centre over the past eleven years.

It also draws attention to the progress made by the newly formed BJP government in Delhi over the last 100 days.

Speaking on the occasion, Puri congratulated the Delhi chief minister and her Cabinet "not just for what they have accomplished in these 100 days, but also for the milestones they have planned for the upcoming days".

"The Yamuna, the garbage mountains and the atmospheric pollution in Delhi are being addressed effectively and great results are expected soon," he said.

Gupta on her part expressed confidence in the "double-engine" synergy between the Centre and the Delhi government. "I am very happy that the Centre has completed 11 years and the Delhi government 100 days. The way the double-engine government has started working in Delhi is commendable," she said.

Taking a swipe at the previous Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led government, Gupta said, "The Centre had always worked for Delhi, but unfortunately the previous government neither recognized their efforts nor gave them credit." "But today when we look



at Delhi, we can see that we have received significant support from the Centre in developing excellent infrastructure. All issues, including water and pollution, will be dealt with unity. More and more reforms will be brought by the triple engine government," she added.

The exhibition, attended by the senior leaders and party workers, underscored the BJP's vision of coordinated governance across national, state and local levels.

Making cuts in implementation of MGNREGA 'crime against Constitution': Kharage

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharage on Monday alleged that the Modi Government is trying to destroy MGNREGA and said making cuts in the implementation of this scheme is a "crime against the Constitution".

The Congress president shared on X a media report which claimed that for the first time, the government has capped spending under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) at 60 per cent of its annual allocation for the first half of the financial year 2025-26.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharage said, "The Modi Government is trying to destroy MGNREGA, the lifeline of the poor. The Modi government has now fixed the limit of MGNREGA expenditure at 60% for the first 6 months of the year".

Making cuts in the implementation of MGNREGA, which ensures the Right to Work under the Constitution, is a "crime against the Constitution", he said.

Posing questions from the Congress' side, Kharage asked whether the Modi government is doing this only because



it wants to snatch about Rs 25,000 crore from the pockets of the poor, which it has to spend separately in the next financial year when the demand is high at the end of the year.

"Since MGNREGA is a demand-driven scheme, what happens if there is a surge in demand during the first half in case of disasters or adverse weather conditions? Will not imposing such a cap hurt the poor who depend on MGNREGA for their livelihood?" Kharage said.

What happens if the limit is crossed and will states be forced to deny employment despite demand, or will workers have to work without payment, he asked.

Is it not true that according to a recent report, only 7 per cent of families have received the promised 100 days of work, Kharage further

Haryana model's throat-slit body found, sister claims abuse by ex-boyfriend

SONIPAT, Jun 16 (Agencies): A young model's body, with her throat slit, was fished out of a canal in Haryana's Sonapat, officials said on Monday.

Sheetal used to work in the Haryanvi music industry.

The reason for the murder is not yet known.

The police have launched a search for the killers.

Officials said that Sheetal was living with her sister, Neha, in Panipat. On June 14, the model went for a shoot in the Ahar village. According to the victim's sister, Sheetal had called her from the work-



place claiming that her former boyfriend, Sunil, was abusing her physically and was trying to forcibly take her away.

Shortly after, Neha could not reach out to her sister - and when she did not return home, the former filed a missing persons complaint at the Old Industrial Police

told the police. The two grew closer, and within a few months, Sunil asked the victim to marry him. However, she got to know that he was already married and had two children.

Following this, Sheetal turned down his marriage proposal, stopped staying at the hotel, and left the shoot.

However, Sunil kept trying to persuade her, officials said.

Last week, the body of a social media influencer, Kamal Kaur, was found in a car in the parking lot of a Punjab-based university - the Adesh Medical University on Bathinda-Chan-

digarh National Highway. The body, which was discovered on the back seat of a vehicle bearing Ludhiana registration plates, was initially unidentifiable. A foul smell emanating from the car prompted a complaint, following which officers reached the scene.

According to the police, Ms Kaur had left home on June 9, informing her family she was heading to Bathinda to attend a promotional event. There had been no contact since.

A CCTV footage shows a man driving the car in which Ms Kaur's body was found.

Father, son die of suffocation in dry well in Jharkhand

Both bodies were recovered from the well with the help of locals and sent to Hussainabad Sub-Divisional Hospital for post-mortem examination, police official said.

MEDININAGAR, Jun 16 (Agencies): A man and his 32-year-old son allegedly died of suffocation in a dry well in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Monday, police said.

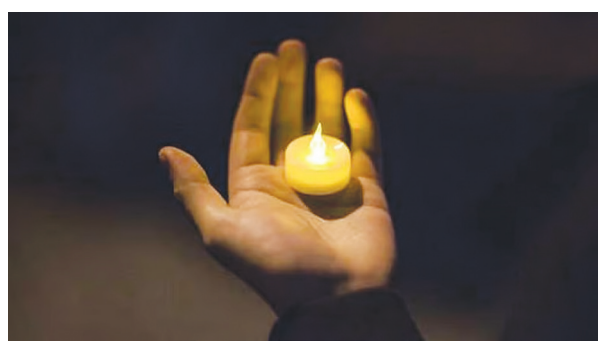
According to the police, the duo went into the well one after another to bring out a pot that accidentally fell into it.

"The well was dry, and

a pot accidentally fell into it.

To retrieve it, the son and followed by his father entered it, where both died due to suffocation," the in-charge of Hussainabad Police Station, Sonu Kumar Chaudhary, said.

The deceased were identified as Jagat Rajwar (65) and his son Munna Rajwar (32).



Both bodies were recovered from the well with the help of locals and sent to Hussainabad

Sub-Divisional Hospital for post-mortem examination, he said.

According to locals, Munna was working near the well with a pot, which fell into it. He then entered it to retrieve the pot.

When he did not return for a long time, his father followed him and did not return also, they said.

Israel-Iran conflict escalates, over 240 reported dead; Tehran rejects truce talks, launches fresh airstrikes

Trump vetoes plan to target Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, says official

TEL AVIV, Jun 16 (Agencies): Iran launched a new wave of missile attacks on Israel early Monday, triggering air raid sirens across the country as emergency services reported at least three killed and dozens more wounded in the fourth day of open warfare between the regional foes.

Iran announced it had launched some 100 missiles and vowed further retaliation for the surprise attack on its nuclear programme and military leadership that Israel began last Friday.

Powerful explosions, likely from Israel's defence systems intercepting Iranian missiles, rocked Tel Aviv shortly before dawn on Monday, sending plumes of black smoke into the sky over the coastal city.

Authorities in the central Israeli city of Petah Tikva near Tel Aviv said that Iranian missiles had hit a residential building there, charring concrete walls, blowing out windows and heavily damaging multiple apartments.

The Israeli Magen David Adom emergency service reported that two women and one man — all in their 70s — were killed in the wave of missile attacks that struck four sites in central Israel. That brought the total death toll in Israel to at least 17 since Iran began launching missiles at the country in response to Israel's sweeping attacks on its military and nuclear infrastructure last Friday.

The MDA added that paramedics had evacuated another 74



wounded people to hospitals, including a 30-year-old woman in serious condition, while rescuers were still searching for residents trapped beneath the rubble of their homes.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Sunday that if Israeli strikes on Iran stop, "our responses will also stop."

But after a day of intensive Israeli aerial attacks that extended targets beyond military installations to hit oil refineries and government buildings, Iran's Revolutionary Guard struck a hard line, vowing that further rounds of strikes would be "more forceful, severe, precise and destructive than previous ones."

The day before Israel's military struck dozens of sites across Iran, expanding its targets beyond military installations to hit oil refineries and government buildings.

Iran on Sunday said Israel had killed the Revolutionary

Guard's intelligence chief and pummelled population centres in intensive aerial attacks that raised the death toll from Israel's campaign to 224 people since Friday.

Health authorities also reported that 1,277 were wounded in Iran, without distinguishing between military officials and civilians. Rights groups putting together their own casualty reports in the country have suggested that the Iranian government's death toll is a significant undercount.

Trump vetoes plan to target Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei

In an indication of how far Israel was seemingly prepared to go, a US official said that President Donald Trump nixed an Israeli plan to kill Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on all major policies, serves as commander-in-chief of the armed forces and controls the

powerful Revolutionary Guard.

Israel, the sole though undeclared nuclear-armed state in the Middle East, has said this attack—its most powerful ever against Iran—was to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

The latest round of talks between the US and Iran on the future of Tehran's nuclear programme had been scheduled on Sunday in Oman but were cancelled after Israel's attack.

Meanwhile, Iran told mediators Qatar and Oman that it was not open to negotiating a ceasefire while it was under Israeli attack. Iran turns metro stations, mosques into bomb shelters

Claiming to operate almost freely in the skies over Iran, Israel said its attacks on Sunday hit Iran's Defence Ministry, missile-launch sites and factories producing air-defence components. Iran also acknowledged Israel had killed more of its top generals, including the Revolutionary Guard intelligence chief, Gen. Mohammad Kazemi.

But Israeli strikes have also extended beyond Iranian military installations to hit government buildings, including the Foreign Ministry and several energy facilities, Iranian authorities said, most recently sparking fires on Sunday at the Shahr oil depot north of Tehran and a fuel tank south of the city.

The strikes raised the prospect of a broader assault on Iran's heavily-sanctioned energy industry that is vital to the global economy and markets.

“Get the job done”: Trump says expand efforts to deport illegal immigrants



WASHINGTON, Jun 16 (Agencies): President Donald Trump said that efforts to deport people who are illegally in the United States must be expanded, including from cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, which have seen protests since immigration raids were ramped up. "I have directed my

entire Administration to put every resource possible behind this effort," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social social media site.

Trump did not elaborate on how specifically he intended to ramp up efforts.

The comments come after a week of tension in Los Angeles, where Trump called in National

Guard troops and US Marines to help keep the peace, over the objections of the state's Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom.

Trump is carrying out a campaign promise to deport immigrants, employing forceful tactics consistent with the norm-breaking political style that got him elected twice.

Trump said troops were necessary to quell the protests - a contention that state and local officials dispute.

Trump's administration has directed immigration officials to largely pause raids on farms, hotels, restaurants and meatpacking plants, agency reported, citing an internal email, a senior Trump official, and a person familiar with the matter.

Vietnam death toll from Typhoon Wutip rises to seven

HANOI, Jun 16 (Agencies): The death toll in Vietnam from heavy rains and flooding caused by Typhoon Wutip has risen to seven, authorities said on Monday.

Wutip made landfall in southern China at the weekend with winds gusting up to 128 kilometres per hour (80 miles per hour) before downgrading to a tropical storm.

Seven people have been killed, 100 houses damaged and almost 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres) of crops submerged in central Vietnam, according an update on Monday from the disaster and dyke management authority.

Vietnam is hit by roughly a dozen tropical storms every year,



but in June they normally affect the north of the country and move southwards later in the year.

Late last week, central Vietnam, including the world heritage town of Hoi An, suffered serious flooding, which caused deaths, disrupted traffic and damaged crops.

Experts say human-driven climate change is causing more intense

weather patterns that can make destructive floods more likely.

Last year, natural disasters claimed 514 lives in Vietnam, three times more than in 2023.

In September 2024, northern Vietnam was devastated by Typhoon Yagi, which killed 345 people and caused an estimated economic loss of \$3.3 billion.

“Discussed expanding bilateral relations and synergy in various areas”: Cyprus President after delegation-level talks with PM Modi

NICOSIA, Jun 16 (Agencies): Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides said he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed expanding bilateral ties and synergy in various sectors, and agreed to work on defence cooperation, innovation, and tourism.

While addressing a joint press briefing with PM Modi in Nicosia on Monday, Christodoulides said, "We discussed expanding our bilateral relations and synergy in various areas. We want to work on defence cooperation, crisis management, tourism, innovation and Artificial Intelligence. We agreed to work together so that we can produce concrete results."

He emphasised that Cyprus can serve as a gateway to European Union markets due to its geo-strategic location. He stated that the two nations agreed to advance trade and business relations.

"If I speak about our bilateral relations, we have discussed further expanding it beyond our political closeness and the good relations between our people,

expand it to a strategic partnership in several areas. Yesterday, we participated in a business forum where several industrialists took part. The business persons of both countries expressed great interest. Announcements have also been made in this regard. Today, we discussed how we can take our trade and business relations forward, which would be beneficial for Cyprus as well. We have a geo-strategic location due to which we can work as the gateway to EU markets," he said.

Christodoulides and PM Modi also discussed the regional situation and the India-Middle-East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). "During the PM's visit, we received the opportunity to discuss several issues like bilateral relations and India-EU relations. We also discussed the regional situation and our cooperation under IMEC," Christodoulides said.

Highlighting the bilateral ties between the two nations, he said, "We share a historic friendship and we trust each other. We are

united...The relationship between Cyprus and India is rooted in our shared history and common values...We both believe in peace, dialogue, cooperation, democracy, and respect for international law. The two nations share a clear strategic vision, which is grounded in a commitment to the rule of law, including the law of the sea, and to upholding international norms without exception."

The Cyprus President expressed solidarity with India over the recent Air India plane crash in Gujarat, saying, "We stand with you in this difficult time."

Earlier in the day, PM Modi and the Cyprus President held delegation-level talks in Nicosia. PM Modi was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III, the highest merit honour awarded in Cyprus by President Nikos Christodoulides at the Presidential Palace in Nicosia.

The Order of Makarios III, named after Makarios III -- the first president of the Republic of Cyprus -- is conferred



upon heads of state and other people of significant status in recognition of meritorious service to the nation.

After receiving the honour, PM Modi said, "President, for the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III, I express heartfelt gratitude to you, the Government of Cyprus and the people of Cyprus. This honour is not just mine, it is the honour of 140 crore Indians. It is the honour of their capabilities and aspirations. It is the honour of our country's cultural brotherhood and the ideology of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.' I dedicate this honour to the friendly relations between India and Cyprus and

our shared values and mutual understanding. On behalf of all Indians, I accept this honour with utmost humility and gratitude."

He further said, "This honour symbolises our unwavering commitment to peace, security, sovereignty, territorial integrity and prosperity of our people. I understand the significance of this honour and accept it as a responsibility towards the relations between India and Cyprus."

PM Modi arrived in Cyprus on Sunday afternoon (local time) and was received by the Cypriot President at Larnaca International Airport. His visit marks the first visit by an Indian PM to the island nation in over two decades.

Traffic suspended after blast damages important railway link in Pakistan's Balochistan

KARACHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): A railway employee was injured and traffic suspended at one of the most important links following a bomb blast in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Monday, an official said.

The blast targeted the railway track linking Mach and Ab-e-Gum area in the northwestern province, disrupting the traffic, the official said.

A spokesperson for the Pakistan Railways said the blast appeared to be an act of terrorism aimed at causing damage to national trans-



port infrastructure.

"This railway line is critical as it links southern and central Pakistan," the official said.

He said the injured was moved to a local hospital, where his condition is stable.

The spokesperson said security forces were combing the area to

ensure public safety, and the bomb disposal squad also arrived at the site to clear any additional threats.

The explosion comes amid rising concerns over critical infrastructure, security and the increasing vulnerability of transport networks in the region.

Earlier this year, Balochistan Liberation Army militants hijacked the Peshawar bound Jaffar Express train, holding 250 people hostage.

The standoff between Pakistani security forces and the separatist group left 21 civilians and four soldiers dead.

One dead, 36 injured after 6.1-magnitude earthquake in Peru

PERU, Jun 16 (Agencies): A 6.1-magnitude earthquake struck Peru on Sunday, leaving one person dead and 36 injured as the tremor triggered landslides, officials said today.

The quake hit shortly before noon and was centered around 30 kilometers (20 miles) from Callao, a port city next to the capital Lima, the National Seismological Center said. The US Geological Survey put the magnitude at 5.6.

Peru said the tremor had not generated a tsunami warning.

A man died in Lima when a wall

fell on the car he was driving, the National Police said.

In addition, the Emergency Operations Center reported 36 injuries in Lima.

President Dina Boluarte called for "calm" from citizens, noting that there was no tsunami warning for the South American country's Pacific coastline.

The TV channel Latina showed footage of landslides in several areas of the capital city.

The quake also prompted a suspension of a major football game being played in Lima. The city's

subway service was also halted.

Peru is home to 34 million people and lies on the so-called Ring of Fire, a stretch of intense seismic and volcanic activity around the Pacific basin.

Peru averages at least 100 detectable earthquakes every year.

The last big one, in 2021 in the Amazon region, had a magnitude of 7.5, left 12 people injured and destroyed more than 70 homes.

A devastating quake in 1970 in the northern Ancash region of Peru killed around 67,000 people.

Apni Party’s District President Abhay Bakaya chairs meeting over controversial Urdu Exam directive



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JAMMU, Jun 16: In a significant political development, Abhay Bakaya, District President of Apni Party Jammu Urban, chaired an important meeting to discuss the controversial decision by the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (SSB) to conduct the upcoming Naib Tehsildar examination exclusively in Urdu. The meeting was held to address growing public concern and party response to what has been widely viewed as a discriminatory move. During the meeting, the party leadership strongly condemned the directive, calling it unfair and exclusionary. Members urged the administration to immediately revoke the order, stressing that public recruitment examinations must be inclusive and accessible to all candidates, regardless of their linguistic background. The speakers

emphasized that such decisions undermine the principles of equality and transparency in the selection process. Abhay Bakaya also used the occasion to instruct party workers to increase their outreach and connect with the people at the grassroots level. He emphasized the importance of spreading awareness about Apni Party’s policies, developmental agenda, and commitment to justice and inclusion. Additionally, he called upon the cadre to begin preparations for the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) and Panchayat elections, urging robust public engagement and participation in the democratic process. The meeting was attended by several senior leaders, including Senior Vice President Neelam Gupta, Vice President Joginder Singh, and District Secretary Sheekha Dogra. Senior leader G.L. Pandita also shared his views, expressing strong disapproval of the SSB’s language policy and voicing support for inclusive governance. Other notable attendees included Shakti Devi, Secretary District Jammu Urban; Shanker Singh Chib, Senior Leader; Dalbir Singh, District President Minority Wing; Chand Ji Bhat, District President KP Wing; and Onkar Singh, District President Trade Wing. From the media and communication front, District Media Secretary Divansh Sharma, along with Rajat Kumar, Pankaj Gupta, and Shamsher Singh, participated and assured complete media support for the party’s stand. The gathering reflected Apni Party’s proactive approach to addressing local concerns and highlighted its readiness to challenge policies that are perceived as unjust. It also reaffirmed the party’s commitment to inclusive development.

J&K Prepares for SSG-2025: Directorate of Rural Sanitation holds division level workshop in Srinagar

DG Anoo Malhotra stresses clean data, cleaner villages

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SRINAGAR, Jun 16: The Directorate of Rural Sanitation, Jammu & Kashmir, on Monday organised a workshop on Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2025 (SSG-2025) at the meeting hall of Directorate of Rural Development, Kashmir. The workshop witnessed active participation from Assistant Commissioners Development (ACDs), Assistant Commissioners Panchayat (ACPs), Block Development Officers (BDOs), and other Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) officials from across all districts of the Kashmir division. The workshop aimed to sensitize field functionaries on the framework, methodology, and key deliverables of the upcoming SSG 2025 survey. The survey marks a crucial step toward strengthening J&K’s preparedness and accelerating efforts under the SBM-G. The Director General, Rural Sanitation, J&K, Ms. Anoo Malhotra (JKAS), underscored the significance of community participation, visible cleanliness, and strong data validation for achieving result oriented rankings in the national survey. The event featured interactive sessions and technical presentations on survey parameters, IEC (Information, Education & Communication) strategies, and protocols for evidence uploading. Launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2025, is a nationwide rural sanitation survey aimed at evaluating the impact of SBM-G, promoting hygiene, and sustaining the achievements of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. In Jammu & Kashmir, the survey will be conducted in a phased manner by the Academy of Management Studies (AMS), covering all districts of the Union Territory.



The SSG 2025 is a comprehensive survey that evaluates, ODF sustainability, Solid and liquid waste management, Citizen feedback on cleanliness and sanitation infrastructure. Importantly, SSG 2025 will generate a national ranking of states and districts based on these sanitation parameters, encouraging healthy competition and fostering innovation in rural sanitation practices. Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2025 is a vital step in India’s journey towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable rural environment, ensuring consistent monitoring, identification of gaps, and implementation of best practices across the country.

Mohan Lal holds public Darbar at BJP headquarters

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JAMMU, Jun 16: Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA from Akhnoor, held a Public Darbar at the Jammu & Kashmir BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, where over 20 deputations from different areas presented their concerns and grievances. Deputations from Pargwal Akhnoor, Sungal Thathi Akhnoor, Wazir Lane Talab Tillo, Muthi, Nagrota, Domana, Mishriwala, Ustad Mohalla, Rajouri, Jawala Raipur, Reasi, Gandhi Nagar, Trikuta Nagar, Channi, Marble Market and other areas visited BJP headquarters to share their issues. Concerns raised included land disputes, road improvement and widening from Pakiwala to Pangari, GREF-related works, construction of a playground at Bela, repair and installation of street lights, electric pole replacements, irregular water supply in Jagti, repair of Domana Link



Road, lanes and drains restoration, installation of new handpumps (Mark 2), replacement of draining gratings, repair of tree guards at Park No. 64, transformer replacement, retention of SPOs, and issues of illegal mining, among others. Responding with urgency and commitment, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat personally interacted with officials of the concerned departments during the Darbar and urged them to take prompt action to resolve the issues, especially those concerning public utilities, basic infrastructure, and social welfare. Speaking on the occasion, Mohan Lal Bhagat termed the Public Darbar as a platform to bring governance to

Dr Abhijeet Jasrotia addresses Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha in Gurez

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BANDIPORA, Jun 16: BJP J&K successfully conducted the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha at the Conference Hall in Bandipora. At the heart of this Sabha was a solemn oath to strengthen the party, serve the people with honesty, and remain committed to development, unity, and good governance. On the occasion Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, State Spokesperson, BJP was the chief guest. Among other who were part of the event were Arif Raja, Prabhari Bandipora BJP, Mudassir Jan District President, BJP Bandipora, Constituency President BJP Gurez, DDC Tulail Aajaz Raja, Aadil Naseer District Media Incharge, BJP. Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, in his address, reaffirmed the workers’ faith in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and lauded

the ongoing struggle to transform India into a Viksit Bharat. He assured party workers that their concerns would be addressed in a time-bound manner and praised their commitment despite the region’s tough terrain and harsh weather. The event began with a collective pledge by the BJP cadre to uphold honesty, strengthen the party at the grassroots, and remain committed to unity, good governance, and people-centric development. Senior leaders from the district and constituency levels also addressed the gathering, calling upon the workers to spread the message of progress and selfless service. The programme concluded with high enthusiasm, with workers resolved to carry forward the mission of Seva, Sankalp aur Vikas to every village in the Gurez valley.

“Nothing of My Own”

Why be proud of worldly things,
Of fleeting gold and diamond rings?
These clothes, this name, this borrowed fame,
Are but the spark of someone else’s flame.

The house I live, the air I breathe,
The ground beneath, the sky beneath —
Not mine to own, nor mine to hold,
Just passing shadows, stories told.

The body fades, the mirror lies,
The years will melt like morning skies.
And all I boast, and all I claim,
Will turn to dust, without a name.

Then why this pride? This loud parade?
When all shall sink, and all shall fade.
Better to walk with humble grace,
Than wear false crowns in time’s embrace.

For what is mine? Not land, not stone —
In truth, I have nothing of my own.
Except a soul, a silent spark,
That walks with Light, through life and dark.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar
Jain Vice President
Retired Officers
Forum



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Army pays tribute to soldiers who died in Galwan Valley clash with China

continues to inspire generations,” the Fire and Fury corps posted on X. More recently, in October 2024, India and China reached an agreement on patrolling arrangements in the Depsang Plains and Demchok, two friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The understanding was reached after earlier disengagement in other friction points in eastern Ladakh following meetings at diplomatic and military levels. The top leaders of both countries have met each other, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping met in Kazan in October last year on the sidelines of the 16th BRICS Summit.

Centre issues census notification, To start in Ladakh, J&K, 2 States in 2026

pressed fiercely by the opposition — was announced months before a critical election in Bihar, over 63 per cent of the population of which comes from Extremely Backward or Backward classes. The government has clarified that caste, and not class, will be taken into consideration during the Census. Therefore, each person will have to mention their caste and religion. Explaining the need to specify caste rather than class, sources said there is no single list for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), unlike Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). The OBC list varies from state to state and also from the central government, sources said. The latter is maintained by the National Commission for Backward Classes and used for reference in providing reservations in central government jobs and educational institutions. State-managed lists are often longer and more extensive. In India the census is normally conducted every decade. The last national population count was in 2011. The 2021 census had to be abandoned because of the pandemic. The 2027 census, when it is held, will therefore be the first in 16 years. The opposition has been pushing for a census to be held, arguing it

is necessary to have an accurate, up-to-date count of population and socio-economic data for effective policy-making. This will be the first ‘digital Census’, i.e., giving citizens an opportunity to self-enumerate. Lieutenant Governor attends Passing-out Parade of the Probationers DySsP and PSIs at SKPA, Udhampur He paid tributes to the brave-hearts of J&K Police who have laid down their lives for the nation. “I am proud of our valiant personnel and officers of Jammu Kashmir Police. Entire nation looks at our police force with admiration and respect for professional competence, for successful handling of security challenges on multiple fronts and ruthlessly combating terrorism,” the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor observed that the brave personnel must protect the whole society in every possible way to ensure peace, development and stability. “Our ancient values focus on truth, justice, morality, law and good governance- and these values need to be protected and nurtured in the society by J&K

Police,” he said. The Lieutenant Governor called upon J&K Police Force to utilise the modern technology like Artificial Intelligence to enhance its capability of data collection and analysis to counter security threats, prevent radicalisation and triumph over adverse situations. “Complete eradication of terrorism from the soil of Jammu Kashmir is our top priority. Our mighty warriors of J&K Police must adopt a multi-pronged approach and harness the power of intelligence, community engagement, technology, and inter-agency collaboration. Despite remarkable changes in technology, there is no alternative to beat policing and area policing. Therefore, we have to bring beat policing to the centre of the security apparatus. We must strike a fine balance between Techint and Humint to strengthen overall counter-terrorism efforts,” the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor further asked the police personnel to focus on fostering collective vigilance in the communities. He said this collective vigilance will not only enable the police force to ensure a coordinated response against terrorists but will also strengthen the trust with all sections of society. The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, emphasised on Intelligence-Driven Anti-Terror Opera-

tions. “I have given a free hand to the Jammu and Kashmir Police Force and security forces to deal with the terrorists and terror eco-system within J&K. I want the mighty police force, the most powerful Indian Army and the valiant CAPF to work together to wipe out the terrorists and their support system. We must intensify targeted strike on the OGWs network and the elements providing logistical and financial support to the terrorists should be brought to justice,” the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor also extended his felicitations to all the trainers and officials of Police Academy Udhampur and the family members of the passing out DySsP and PSIs. Shri Garib Dass, Director, Udhampur Police Academy briefed about the program and various activities conducted during the Training course. The training program equipped recruits with high proficiency in New Criminal Laws, Artificial Intelligence, cybercrime, narc-terror, general warfare, field craft and tactics, counter-terrorism, counter-insurgency, human rights, and law & order. The Lieutenant Governor took the ceremonial Salute and inspected the parade. He also felicitated the new recruits who excelled during their training.

An oath was administered to the passing out DySsP and PSIs for performing their duties with dedication and honesty. Shri Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Ms Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; senior officials of Police, Security Forces and civil administration and family members of the passing out DySsP and PSIs were present. Shri Lal Chand, Chairman, District Development Council, Udhampur; Shri Pawan Gupta, Shri Balwant Singh Mankotia, Shri RS Pathania and Shri Sunil Bhardwaj- Members of Legislative Assembly, and prominent citizens in large number were also present on the occasion. Former J&K cadre IAS officers P K Pole, Rashmi Singh get key postings in Delhi officer who recently joined GNCTD, has been posted as Secretary (Higher Education & TTE), Rashmi Singh, a 2007 batch officer, has been appointed as Secretary (WCD) with additional charges of Chairperson (DCW) and Secretary (A&CL).

“Shiksha Ke Champions” Award Ceremony & Career Counseling Mela held in Doda

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DODA, Jun 16: In a significant step towards promoting academic excellence and guiding youth towards promising career paths, Viksit Bharat Welfare Society organized the “Shiksha Ke Champions Award Ceremony & Career Counseling Mela” at the Community Hall, Doda.

The event was held in the presence of Anil Thakur (JKAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Doda, who served as the Chief Guest. In his address, he lauded the efforts of the organization in recognizing meritorious students and underlined the importance of education as a transformative force in nation-building.

Yasir Hussain Wani, Executive Officer, Doda, attended the event as the Guest of Honor and motivated students to pursue their goals with dedication and clarity, stressing the value of



early career planning and perseverance.

The ceremony was further enriched by the presence of distinguished educationists Retired Principal Tanveer Wani and Hafizullah Khurwani, who attended as Special Guests and delivered motivational messages focused on discipline, self-confidence, and educational

commitment.

The major highlight of the event was the felicitation of Class 12th toppers from across Doda district, who were awarded trophies and certificates in recognition of their outstanding academic performance. Their parents and teachers were also acknowledged for their vital role in the students' success.

The event also featured a vibrant Career Counseling Mela, where reputed institutions such as Baba Farid Group of Institutions (Bathinda), SVIET College (Chandigarh), Arni University (Himachal Pradesh), and University Guru (MBBS Counseling Services) participated. Students were provided with free personal guidance, insights into higher education options, scholarship opportunities, and assistance in planning their academic futures.

Speaking on the occasion, the organizing team stated that the initiative aimed to bridge the gap between talent and opportunity by empowering students with both recognition and resources.

The program was efficiently managed by Atul Sudan, Rumit Gupta, Kulveer Singh, Kunal Koul, along with media partners Rayees Ahmed Gattu (Fair Voice News), Yawar Khurwani (Today News Line), and Mateen Iqbal (Enquirer Today).

Mission Director JJM J&K urges Chief Engineers to expedite Har Ghar Jal certification of reported villages

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SRINAGAR, Jun 16: Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), J&K Khurshid Ahmad Shah, on Monday convened a review meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission of J&K through virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Kashmir, Mohammad Taj Chowdhary, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Jammu, Vikas Sharma Superintending Engineers Hydraulic circles Jammu, Udhampur-Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch, Kathua, Doda/Kistwar/Ramban, Srinagar/Ganderbal, Anantnag-Kulgam, Budgam, Baramulla-Bandipora and Kupwara-Handwara, Executive Engineers of all civil and Mechanical divisions and the officers



in Mission Directorate.

At the onset, MD enquired about the status of scheme completion under the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K.

The chair was informed by both Chief Engineers that the 3200 odd schemes being executed under JJM 1486 Schemes stand completed, the details of which can be

accessed by the public on JJM portal. The rest of the schemes are in advanced stages of completion, the chair was informed..

The MD enjoined upon the Chief Engineers to expedite the process of scheme completion within set timelines so that the mission of providing “Har Ghar Nal Sey Jal” becomes a reality in J&K soon.

The chair took a detailed review of mapping of pipelines laid under PM Gati Shakti. The Mission Director was informed that 42000 KM's of pipeline laid has been mapped & uploaded so far under PM Gati Shakti.

The MD directed the officers to complete the targets within the set timelines and upload the same on the portal

so that the information is put in public domain.

The MD also took a division wise review of Har Ghar Jal certification of reported villages. He directed the Executive Engineers to remove the discrepancies in schemes completed and Villages certified evident in the Power Point presentation.

The chair also directed Superintending Engineers of respective circles to take a detailed review of their respective districts regarding Har Ghar Jal Certification. He was assured that in the coming week a fresh impetus will be given to Har Ghar Jal certification of reported villages.

The chair also discussed expenditure reconciliation and variations in State and central share under JJM.

Army organizes Operation Pehla Kadam for aspiring Agniveers at Mendhar

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POONCH, Jun 16: In a significant initiative to empower the local youth and guide them towards a career in the Indian Armed Forces, the Ace of Spades Gunner unit organised Operation ‘Pehla Kadam’ a rigorous pre-recruitment training programme for aspiring Agniveers in Mendhar.

This transformative programme aims to bridge the gap between aspiration and achievement by preparing young men physically and mentally for the challenges of the Indian Army's recruitment process under the Agnipath Scheme. The initiative focuses on enhancing physical fitness, fostering discipline, and instilling self-confidence core values essential for military service.

Under the mentorship of experienced Army instructors, participants



underwent structured training sessions, including endurance runs, obstacle courses, drill practices, and motivational interactions.

The programme received an overwhelming response from the local youth, reflecting their enthusiasm and patriotism. Operation ‘Pehla Kadam’ is part of the Indian Army's

broader outreach strategy to build trust, develop capabilities, and channel the potential of border youth towards nation-building.

The Indian Army remains committed to guiding and uplifting the youth of remote areas like Mendhar, ensuring they get equal opportunities to serve the nation with pride and purpose.

Fifth FPV ‘Achal’ built by Goa Shipyard Ltd launched for ICG

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GOA, Jun 16: ‘Achal’, the fifth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of eight being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), was ceremoniously launched on Monday in Goa by Kavita Harbola in the presence of Coast Guard Commander (Western Seaboard), Additional Director General Anil Kumar Harbola.

Designed and constructed under stringent dual-class certification from the American Bureau of Shipping and Indian Register of Ship-

ping, the FPV features over 60% indigenous content. The vessel measures 52 meters in length and 8 meters in breadth, with a displacement of 320 tons. Powered by a CPP-based propulsion system, the vessel can reach a top speed of 27 knots.

With its primary roles of protection, monitoring, control, and surveillance, ‘Achal’ is equipped to safeguard offshore assets and island territories. Its launch marks another milestone in the long-standing partnership between the Indian Coast Guard and GSL,

further reinforcing the collective march towards Aatmanirbharta in defence manufacturing.

Built at a total cost of Rs 473 crore, the project has also provided a significant boost to local industry by generating substantial employment and supporting MSMEs engaged in production activities at various factories and within GSL.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman & Managing Director, GSL, Shri Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, along with senior officials from the Indian Navy, ICG, shipyard and others

Sankranti celebrations: Shabeel & Bhandara organized at Channi Himmat



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JAMMU, Jun 16: On the eve of Sankranti and Pitru Paksh day, a Shabeel and Bhandara was organized at Channi Himmat, showcasing the spirit of community and togetherness. The event was made possible by the efforts of Harsimar Singh, Arnab Seth, Neeraj Kumar, and the Young Blood Association volunteers. The event demonstrated the power of community service and volunteerism, as the organizers and volunteers came together to serve the community.

The Shabeel and Bhandara celebration highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage and traditions. The Young Blood Association volunteers

played a crucial role in making the event a success, showcasing their commitment to social service. The Shabeel and Bhandara event was a testament to the community's spirit and the organizers' dedication to serving others.

Young Blood Association volunteers speaking on the occasion said that Langar is an important tradition of community eating in India that has its roots in the country's rich cultural ethos and religious diversity. The Langar is a tradition of communal eating in Hinduism and Sikhism. The practice of Langar was formalized by the third Sikh Guru, Guru Amar Das, who established the tradition of serving free meals to all who visited the Sikh temples, regardless of

their caste, gender, or religion.

The tradition of Langar became an important part of Sikhism and has been used as a way of promoting social harmony and equality in India. Big community kitchens are organized across India on religious occasions in which vegetarian food is served to people. Langar has played an important role in promoting social and communal harmony in India, and continues to be celebrated and cherished by people of all faiths. They are powerful symbols of the shared values of compassion and service and their continued practice demonstrates the enduring importance of these values in today's world.

Tribute paid to Dalit icon Babu Milkhi Ram

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JAMMU, Jun 16: The All J&K Shri Guru Ravidas Satsang Society (Regd.), Head Office Sikanderpur, Jammu, paid rich floral tributes to the revered Dalit leader and social reformer Babu Milkhi Ram Ji (Ex-MLA) in a dignified ceremony held at the Society's premises.

The tribute event was held under the chairmanship of Paras Ram Angral, Retired MD and Convener of the Satsang Society. In his address, he highlighted the life and extraordinary contributions of Babu Milkhi Ram Ji towards the empowerment and upliftment of the oppressed and marginalized communities.

Prof. C.L. Shivgotra, District Secretary, also spoke on the occasion and shed light on Babu Milkhi Ram Ji's unwavering dedication to social justice, equality, and empowerment.

The event was graced by several prominent personalities including Dr. D.D. Shivgotra and Er. B.R. Chadgal (Advisors to the Society), and Sh. Prashotam Thapa, Organising Secretary.

Floral tributes were offered by a large number of followers and community members, including Dr. Buti Ram, Dr. Ravi Kumar, Kaka Ram (Retd. Dy SP), Hans Raj, Rangesh Chander, Jagattar Ram, Bhajan Lal, Suraj Pal, Capt. Gopal Dass, Sham Lal Legeh, Master Seva Ram, Mulkh Raj, Ravi Kumar Thapa, Sardar Rampal, Sunil Kumar, and others.

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SRINAGAR, Jun 16: As excitement mounts for the much-anticipated Alson Motors Kashmir Cup, the Dalgate Sports Club has officially unveiled brand-new uniforms for the top ten competing cricket teams in a vibrant and celebratory ceremony.

This year's tournament promises to be a spectacular showcase of cricketing talent, with some of the finest teams

from across Kashmir gearing up for fierce yet spirited competition. The participating teams include: Valley Fresh Produce, JK 11 Shopian, Royal Goodwill, Sultan Warriors Baramulla, Sultan Warriors Sumbugh, JK Warriors, Elegant Strikers, Sky Star Budgam, Hamdan Hurricanes Cricket Club, and Sopore Stallions.

The new jerseys unveiled are a blend of style, performance, and comfort, each uniquely

designed to reflect the spirit, determination, and identity of the respective teams. Vibrant colors, modern patterns, and team insignias on the uniforms encapsulate the passion for cricket that runs deep in the Valley.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by esteemed dignitaries including Chairman of Alson Motors, Syed Niaz Ahmed Shah Dawood Shahshah Khair Ull Nissa Shah,

along with Chief Patron Hilal Ahmed Bhat, President Javed Shah, Chief Organizer Imran Bhat, and Mentor & Patron Dr. Touseef Ahmed of Dalgate Sports Club.

Expressing his thoughts on the occasion, Dr. Touseef Ahmed stated, “The Alson Motors Kashmir Cup is not just a cricket tournament; it is a celebration of Kashmir's youth, talent, unity, and passion for the game. These new uniforms are a testa-



ment to the pride each team carries, and we anticipate an unforgettable tournament filled with sportsmanship and enthusiasm.”

With the Alson Motors Kashmir Cup just around

the corner, cricket lovers across the region are eagerly awaiting the thrilling contests and standout performances that promise to make this tournament a memorable sporting event.

Wadekar’s resilience, Chandrasekhar’s storm: How India conquered England shores for first time in 1971

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): A new-look Indian side will kickstart their five-match series against England from June 20 onwards at Leeds, aiming to seal the side’s first series win on English shores in 18 years under captaincy of newly-appointed captain Shubman Gill, following retirements of superstars Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli from the format.

As Team India practices and sweats it hard, they will have three captains and their teams to take inspiration from: Ajit Wadekar, who won India their first series in England back in 1971, Kapil Dev, who repeated the feat in 1986 and Rahul Dravid, who brought the Pataudi Trophy back home in 2007. Ahead of the series, let us look back at India’s hard-fought 1-0 win in England 44 years back.

1st Test: After a series of solid performances against several counties in tour matches, the first Test took place at Lord’s. England opted to bat first, putting on 304 on the board, with half-centuries from Alan Knott (67) and John Snow (73)

after India reduced them to 183/7. Bishan Bedi (4/70), Bhagwath Chandrasekhar (3/110) and S Venkataraghavan (2/44) shone for India with their bamboozling spin.

India secured a slender nine-run lead despite the early loss of openers Ashok Mankad and Sunil Gavaskar, with fifties coming from Ajit Wadekar (85), Gundappa Viswanath (68) and Eknath Solkar (67), who powered India to 313. In the second England innings, spin was once again dominant as other than a fifty from John Edrich (62), none of the batters could make an impact. Venkataraghavan took 4/52, reducing England to 191, and India had 183 runs to chase.

India started off shaky with scoreline at 21/2, with a 66-run stand between Gavaskar (53) and Farokh Engineer (35) putting India at the front before England struck a comeback courtesy a Norman Gifford (4/48) spell. The match ended in a draw, with India at 145/8.

2nd Test: In the second Test at Lord’s, England once again opted to bat



first. Skipper Ray Illingworth (107) along with Peter Lever (88*) and Brian Luckhurst (78) proved England right as they put up 386 on the board. Syed Abid Ali (4/64) and Venkataraghavan (3/89) were the top bowlers for India. In their first innings, India were made to suffer by Lever (5/70) as no one clicked with the bat except for fifties from Gavaskar (57) and Solkar (50). India was skittled out for 212, trailing by 174 runs.

Luckhurst (101) and Edrich (59) scored big for England, who declared on 245/3 in the second innings, setting a massive 420 to chase for India. The match ended in a stalemate,

with India at 65/3.

3rd Test: The Oval Test was Indian cricket at its finest in England. A hat-trick of toss wins put England to bat first, and fifties from John Jameson (82), Knott (90) and Richard Hutton (81) took England to 355. Solkar shined with spell of 3/28, while spin trio of Bedi, Chandrasekhar and Venkataraghavan managed two each.

Resilient fifties from Dilip Sardesai (54) and Engineer (54), and skipper Wadekar’s (48) took India to 284, though they trailed by 71 runs. Skipper Illingworth (5/70) shone with a five-wicket haul.

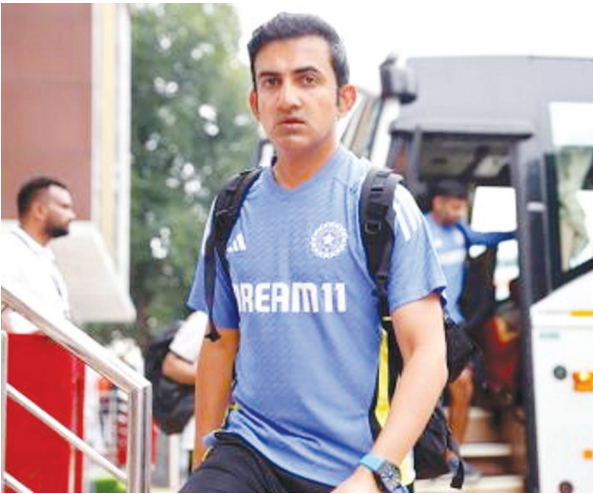
In England’s second innings, Chandrasekhar (6/38) hit the hosts like

a storm, bundling them out for 101 runs, setting an easy 172 to chase for India. India chased down this total with four wickets left, with Wadekar (45) and Sardesai (40) playing solid knocks in the face of hiccups endured during the chase. India registered their first-ever Test win in England and first-ever series win there as well.

Skipper Wadekar was India’s top run-getter (204 runs in three matches with a fifty in six innings), followed by Engineer (172 runs in three Tests with a fifty in five innings) and Solkar (168 runs in three Tests with two fifties in five innings).

The spin trio of Venkataraghavan (13 scalps in three matches at an average of 26.92, best figures of 4/52), Chandrasekhar (13 scalps in three matches at an average of 29.15, best figures of 6/38), and Bedi (11 wickets at an average of 29.54, with best figures of 4/29) dominated the top-three spots in the bowling charts. Solkar also took six wickets, making this series a solid all-round show for himself.

Team India coach Gambhir to leave for England today after attending to family emergency: Sources



NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir is set to leave for England on Monday night to reunite with the team after a family emergency compelled him to leave the group for a while, sources have said.

Gambhir travelled to England last week with the squad to bolster their preparations for their upcoming five-match Test series assignment in England, which begins on June 20 at Headingley.

Last Friday, when India

was set to play an intra-squad match for the series, sources had said that Gambhir was rushing back to India due to a family emergency.

In the upcoming series, India faces a massive challenge in the testing conditions of England. After batting wizards Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli bid adieu to Test cricket last month, India was left short on experience. With India bereft of its torchbearers, the management turned to youngsters to mark the beginning of a new era.

The five-test tour of

England starts June 20 at Leeds and lasts until August 2025. With India lining up without its batting bigwigs Rohit and Virat following their retirement from the game’s longest format, the onus lies on the Shubman-led revamped side to prove itself away from home in testing and gruelling English conditions.

The series will be held from June to August, 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, Prasadh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav.

India set to face Pakistan in high-stakes clash at Women’s ODI World Cup on October 5 in Colombo

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): India’s pulsating clash against arch-rival Pakistan is slated to be held on October 5 at the neutral venue of R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, according to ESPNcricinfo.

The Women’s ODI World Cup is scheduled to kick off on September 30 with a mouth-watering battle between the two hosts, India and Sri Lanka, at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. India’s fixture against its Asian rival Bangladesh will be held on October 26 in Bengaluru.

Defending champions Australia will begin its campaign on October 1 at Indore’s Holkar Stadium against New Zealand. The seven-time record champions will then travel to Colombo for their contest against Pakistan. Indore will play host to the rematch of the previous edition’s final, Australia against its bitter rival England, which will be played on October 22.

Pakistan, following the agreement for a hybrid model between the BCCI and PCB, will play all of its fixtures in Colombo. It will take on Bangladesh (October 2), England (October 15), New Zealand (October 18), South Africa (October 21), and Sri Lanka (October 24).

England’s other enticing fixtures include a league-stage match against South Africa in Bengaluru (October 3), against Sri Lanka (October 11), and New Zealand (October 26) at Guwahati’s ACA Stadium.

Bangladesh, who will kick off their campaign against Pakistan, will play three more fixtures at Visakhapatnam’s ACA-VDCA Stadium. They will also feature against Sri Lanka in Colombo (October 20). Meanwhile, South Africa will look to trounce New Zealand (Octo-

ber 6) and Australia (October 25) in Indore.

The 13th edition of the tournament will run from September 30 until November 2, with five venues across India and Sri Lanka selected for the eight-team marquee event. The venues include M Chinnaswamy Stadium (Bengaluru), ACA Stadium (Guwahati), Holkar Stadium (Indore), ACA-VDCA Stadium (Visakhapatnam), and R. Premadasa Stadium (Colombo).

Eight teams will compete for the coveted title in the Women’s World Cup: India, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

The first semi-final will be held in either Guwahati or Colombo on October 29, with the second semi-final to be played the following day, October 30, in Bengaluru. The two finalists will have at least two days to prepare for the title decider, with the competition’s final will be held in Bengaluru or Colombo on November 2. Considering the two venues selected for the knockouts, Pakistan’s qualification will determine the first semi-final and final venues. Pakistan’s women’s team booked its berth in the marquee event by staying unbeaten in April in the ICC Women’s ODI World Cup Qualifiers.

Pakistan will play all of its matches at a neutral venue instead of India due to strained political relations between the two nations. India has not toured Pakistan since 2008. Earlier this year, India played all its Champions Trophy matches in Dubai instead of travelling to Pakistan. PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi confirmed that Pakistan will play its matches at a neutral venue and won’t travel to India for the foreseeable future.

From KL Rahul to Jadeja, milestones lined up for several Indian stars ahead of England Tests

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): India’s tour to England is all set to be a special one for the fans. While getting over the Test retirements of stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli will no doubt be a massive emotional task, there is still plenty to watch out for as milestones are lined up for several Indian stars to complete and the only way to get to them is to: Play out of their skins and make history.

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.

Starting with skipper Shubman Gill, the newly-appointed leader of Indian cricket’s next generation, he needs 107 runs for 2,000 Test runs. In 32 Tests so far, Gill has made 1,893 runs at an average of 35.05, with five centuries and seven fifties. His best score is 128. While he would most likely get there, Gill has a poor record in England, with just 88 runs made in

six innings across three matches.

Another youngster, 23-year-old Yashasvi Jaiswal, is 202 runs away from 2,000 Test runs as well, having made 1,798 runs in 19 Tests at an average of 52.88, with a healthy strike rate of above 65. He has scored four centuries and 10 fifties, with a best score of 214*.

Despite mixed outings in practice matches for India A so far, with just one fifty in four innings, fans would expect Jaiswal to take on the new-look England pace attack led by Chris Woakes, as he has a fine record against them.

Having scored a whopping 712 runs with two double centuries and three fifties in the home series against England last year and taking legendary James Anderson to the cleaners, the young and inexperienced English attack of Josh Tongue, Brydon Carse, Sam Cook, and Jamie Overton could be a cakewalk for Jaiswal. The youngster is high on confidence after a 391-run outing in Australia, which included a century and two fifties.

He is also 464 runs away from 3,000 international runs, having a fine run in Tests and T20s. In 43 international matches and 59 innings, Jaiswal has scored 2,536 runs at an average of 46.10, with five centuries and 15 fifties.

Also, KL Rahul, now the senior-most batter in the squad, is 435 runs away from 9,000 international runs. Having displayed fine form across all formats and seemingly re-gaining the confidence and intent that made him a fan favourite, KL would aim to have a career-defining series in England. KL losing form as the series progresses is a real thing, but he would like to have consistent runs this time. He has already given promising signs with scores of 116 and 51 against England Lions in his sole practice match appearance, displaying his trademark technical brilliance and assured presence on the crease.

In 215 international appearances and 248 innings, KL has scored 8,565 runs at an average of 39.10. He has

scored a total of 17 centuries and 57 fifties, with the best score of 199. Though numbers are nowhere bad, these do not truly do justice to his silky-smooth strokeplay, undeniable talent and technical correctness.

Wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, who had a disastrous Indian Premier League (IPL) except for a century in the final league stage match and just a decent Border-Gavaskar Trophy with 255 runs and a fifty in nine innings, would be aiming to deliver his counter-attacking game to the fullest against England. He is just 52 runs away from 3,000 Test runs.

In 43 Tests so far, Pant has made 2,948 runs in 75 innings at an average of 42.11, with an astonishing strike rate of 73.62. He has scored six centuries, with two of them in England and 15 fifties, with a best score of 159*. Having emerged as one of India’s most trusted names in overseas conditions, Pant would be raring to play his natural game, though with some caution as he is the vice-

captain of the team.

The Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, is just 309 runs away from 7,000 international runs. In the absence of Rohit and Virat, he, along with Rahul and Pant, will be the spine of this young batting line-up. In 358 international matches, he has made 6,691 runs in 296 innings at an average of 32.32, with four centuries and 35 fifties. His best score is 175*. Having delivered a century in England before on the last tour, the 36-year-old has it in him to touch the milestone if given a chance to bat consistently.

Lastly, India’s pace workhorse, Mohammed Siraj, an underrated contributor to team’s overseas success, is 15 scalps away from 200 international wickets, having taken 185 scalps in 96 matches at an average of 28.28 and best figures of 6/15. Having 27 wickets in 11 matches in England, Siraj could get to these numbers within this series.

The first Test of the series will kickstart from Leeds at June 20.

Sport will get the recognition it deserves: Olympian Arjun Babuta on Shooting League of India

NEW DELHI, Jun 16 (Agencies): With the inaugural edition of the Shooting League of India just a few months away, Indian athletes eagerly look forward to the unique concept introduced by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) to build on the sport’s rising popularity and recent success.

Indian shooters brought home three medals from the 2024 Paris Olympics, a testament to the country’s growing depth in the sport. This momentum was further bolstered recently when Arjun Babuta and Arya Borse clinched the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event at the ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol)—a significant achievement reflecting India’s consistent excellence on the global stage.

Olympian Arjun Babuta believes the league will add more momentum to the sport’s upward trajectory and explained the athletes’ enthusiasm for this format.

“Everyone has a lot of expectations, and all of our imaginations are working. In my

opinion, we have not been as excited for any international tournament as we are for this league. I think an event like this will further facilitate the growth of the sport across various levels. The game will get the recognition it deserves. Now we are just waiting for the next steps, and how this moves forward,” the 26-year-old said, as quoted from a press release by SLI.

Babuta, known for his composed mindset and work ethic, added, “Definitely, if such a mindset can help motivate you to channelise your skills more positively, then it’s good. But I am someone who believes in focusing on the task at hand, on my karma, so that whatever happens takes place because of my hard work. I don’t approach anything with the expectation of a result. I enjoy shooting, so I stay focused on that; other variables do not affect my mindset, but if it helps someone else perform better, then why not?”

While shooting is predominantly an individual sport, the franchise-based format

will offer athletes the experience of competing in a team environment—an exciting challenge for many. Babuta, however, is no stranger to team-based competition, having represented SV Pfeil e.V. Vohringen in Germany’s prestigious Bundesliga.

“I have participated in a team in Germany’s Bundesliga league for shooting, and I am familiar with how that system operates. It is very exciting, and there are a lot of different and interesting challenges. It will be a very good experience, in my opinion, and everyone would also gain a new perspective. There is not a lot of pressure, and you can enjoy the game as well. You can make it entertaining for the viewers. So, a lot of growth is evident from this initiative led by NRAI,” the Punjab athlete said.

The ISSF has allocated the window between 20 November and 2 December for the first season of the Shooting League of India. As approved by the NRAI Technical Committee, the tournament will feature mixed team events across pistol (10m,

25m), rifle (10m, 50m, 3 positions), and shotgun (Trap and Skeet).

Babuta believes the league will help sharpen competitive skills and allow the public to connect more deeply with athletes as individuals.

“It would be nice if the public gets to understand better how the athletes work, beyond what they have seen in the movies. They could get a better grasp of their process, their struggles, and what motivates them. Once that takes place, people would also gain a perspective on how they can grow in their personal lives, how they can move past their own struggles. Everyone has their own individual challenges, but it’s all about finding your own way to your preferred destination. So I think the league would help people, as all these different journeys are presented honestly,” he said.

Athletes will be classified into four tiers—Elite Champions, World Elite, National Champions, and Junior & Youth Cham-

pions. Babuta feels the chance to share a dressing room with international stars will elevate the mindset and preparation of Indian athletes even further.

“Previously, I felt training with international shooters and seeing their mental tuning would help us better understand how we Indians can take the edge, as I felt we were always there technically, but we could do better in terms of our mental aspects. Now we are one of the best in the world, and now if we play on the same team as them, more ideas will be exchanged among us, and we could all evaluate where we can improve,” he said.

“For those who are not avid watchers of shooting as a sport, it would also help them gain a better understanding of the game. They would get a better perspective of who athletes are, what their thought processes and philosophies are. It would be a great vantage point for the viewers,” Babuta signed off.

Multinational Joint Military Exercise ‘Khaan Quest 2025’ Commences at Ulaanbaatar



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NEW DELHI, Jun 16: The multinational peacekeeping exercise Khaan Quest 2025 commenced at the Five Hills Training Area in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Hosted by the Mongolian Armed Forces in partnership with the US Indo-Pacific Command, the exercise brings together military contingents from 24 countries to enhance interoperability and refine peacekeeping skills under the United Nations mandate.

The opening ceremony was attended by key dignitaries, including India’s Defence Sec-

retary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, and Ambassador of India to Mongolia, Atul Malhari Gotsurve. Also present were senior Mongolian military officials and representatives from various participating nations.

Khaan Quest 2025, scheduled to run until 28 June 2025, aims to promote military-to-military cooperation, mutual learning, and multinational coordination in peacekeeping operations. The exercise includes a range of training activities focused on UN peacekeeping operations in conflict-prone zones and civil-military coordination in humanitarian

operations.

India’s participation highlights its rich experience in UN peacekeeping operations and reflects its growing strategic partnership with Mongolia. This engagement also builds upon the recent successful conduct of Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2025, which reinforced bilateral military ties.

As the exercise progresses, the Indian contingent will work alongside global partners in real-world simulation environments, strengthening not only tactical coordination but also the bonds of trust, friendship, and shared purpose.

Eye Operation Theatre, Ramp, New Equipment inaugurated at RMMC Jammu



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JAMMU, Jun 16: The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Udheywala, Jammu, celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration of its newly established Eye Operation Theatre, Ramp, and additional equipment in the Physiotherapy Unit.

The event marked a step forward in the Centre’s continued mission of providing accessible, compassionate, and high-quality healthcare, inspired by the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi, and Swami Vivekananda.

The upgraded facilities have been made possible through the generous support of NHPC Limited under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, along with contributions from KMECT and the Avanti Foundation, USA. These enhancements include a modern Eye Care Unit, a remodelled Operation Theatre, and improved infrastructure such as ramp and canopy construction, making the medical centre more accessible and patient-friendly.

The event was graced by several dignitaries and spiritual leaders, including Swami Bodhasarananda, Assistant

General Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters (Belur Math); Ram Swaroop, Executive Director of NHPC; Swami Sarvalokananda of Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi; Swami Jaynadarhananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Jammu; Swami Bhitharananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Chandigarh; and Sunil K Thusu, Chairman of KMECT.

During the ceremony, Swami Bodhasarananda expressed that the Eye Operation Theatre embodies the Mission’s philosophy of selfless service: “This Eye Operation Theatre reflects our mission to serve humanity with love and care, bringing light to those in need.” Shri Ram Swaroop, representing NHPC, emphasized the role of healthcare in social development, saying, “We are honored to partner in this noble cause through our CSR. Health is the foundation of a strong and peaceful society.” Swami Sarvalokananda praised the dedication of the Mission, stating,

“The medical services by Ramakrishna Mission are a model of selfless service and medical excellence.” Swami Jaynadarhananda

reaffirmed the Mission’s guiding principle of service to humanity: “With this facility, we reaffirm our mission of ‘Shiva Jnane Jiva Seva’ – serving the Divine in all beings.”

The inaugural program commenced with Vedic chanting and lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a guided tour of the new and improved medical units.

The gathering also featured a felicitation ceremony for the donors and contributors, along with a heartwarming interaction session between medical professionals, devotees, and community members.

The event witnessed the participation of over 150 attendees, including healthcare professionals, volunteers, devotees, and well-wishers. The program concluded with the serving of sumptuous prasad, leaving the attendees with a sense of spiritual upliftment and community bonding.

This development is yet another chapter in the ongoing efforts of Ramakrishna Mission to combine spiritual values with tangible service, ensuring that compassionate healthcare remains accessible to all.

Joint Coordination Committee of Engineers urges swift filling of vacant posts in PWD, Jal Shakti Departments

SRINAGAR, Jun 16: The Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of Engineers, representing the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Engineers’ and Mechanical Engineers’ associations (JK CEGA and JK MEGA), has issued a strong appeal to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Omar Abdullah, urging immediate action to fill vacant key positions across the Public Works Department (R&B) and the Jal Shakti Department (JSD).

In a press statement released today, the JCC expressed deep concern over the large number of critical engineering posts lying vacant—ranging from Chief Engineers to Assistant Engineers in both Civil and Mechan-

ical streams. These vacancies, they stated, are severely affecting the pace and efficiency of essential developmental projects throughout the region.

The Committee emphasized that the current summer season marks a crucial window for infrastructure development in the Kashmir Valley. With the working season at its peak, several priority projects—such as road macadamization, expansion of irrigation systems, improvements in drinking water supply, and hospital infrastructure upgrades—are underway.

he lack of administrative and technical leadership due to these unfilled positions is hindering smooth execu-

tion and progress.

Of particular concern are the vacant posts of Executive Engineer (Mechanical) in the Jal Shakti Department and MHED, along with multiple openings for Chief Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers (AEE), Assistant Engineers (AE), and Junior Engineers (JE) in the Mechanical Wing. The

JCC stressed that eligible engineers are already available for promotion and posting, and that delays in appointments not only affect governance and service delivery but also stall long-overdue career progression for deserving officers.

The JCC urged the Chief Minister, along with the concerned Min-

isters and Administrative Secretaries, to treat this issue with utmost urgency and resolve it on a priority basis. The Committee appealed for swift action in the interest of public welfare and to ensure uninterrupted and efficient delivery of engineering and civic services across Jammu and Kashmir.

MLA Slathia, Keshav release musical tribute ‘Gurha Slathia’ in Samba



Top News Report

SAMBA, Jun 16: In a vibrant celebration of local culture and talent, former Minister and MLA Samba, Surjit Singh Slathia, along with prominent social activist and Samvedna Society Chairman, Keshav Chopra, officially released a new musical track titled ‘Gurha Slathia’. The launch event was held in Samba amidst enthusiastic participation from music lovers and community members.

The song, which pays homage to the cultural richness and spirit of the Gurha Slathia region, was released under the Dev Rajput Music YouTube channel. Dev Rajput, a local talent, has penned the lyrics, composed the music, and provided the vocals for the track. The music video has been co-directed by Rahul Dutta and Tarun Sharma,

well-known figures in Jammu’s entertainment circuit. The cinematography was handled by Raj Kumar, while KD took charge of editing and production.

In his address during the event, Surjit Singh Slathia said, “It is with immense pride and joy that we witness the release of ‘Gurha Slathia’ today. This song is more than just a melody; it is an ode to our beloved place, its rich culture, and the indomitable spirit of its people.

As someone deeply rooted in Samba, I believe it’s vital to promote our local talent and heritage. Dev Rajput has done a commendable job in capturing the essence of Gurha Slathia through his music and lyrics. I am confident that this song will resonate with everyone, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and community pride.”

Adding to the occasion, Keshav Chopra remarked, “The launch of ‘Gurha Slathia’ is a heartwarming occasion. As Chairman of the Samvedna Society, our mission is to uplift and empower communities in various ways, and promoting local art and culture is a crucial part of that. This song is a testament to the creative talent that exists right here in Jammu. I commend Dev Rajput for his dedication and the entire production team for bringing this wonderful song to life. Samvedna is always there to support every artist of Jammu and Kashmir, and if they need any help, they can approach us anytime.”

‘Gurha Slathia’ is now available for streaming on YouTube and is expected to strike a strong chord with audiences for its heartfelt tribute to regional pride, culture, and unity.

Thousands attend Bassa Biradari Mail at Kothay Chohala



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R S PURA, Jun 16: The Mail of Bassa Biradari was held with great religious fervour at Datta Uttam Devthan in Kothay Chohala here today. The spiritual gathering witnessed the participation of around two thousand devotees from Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab, who came to seek the blessings of their tutelary deity.

The event began early in the morning with a Haven ceremony and concluded at 10 a.m., followed by Preeti Bhaj served to all present.

The District Development Council Member

Vidya Motan graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Key office-bearers of Datta Uttam Devthan Committee: Hony Captain Ram Chand, Subedar Karam Chand (Retd), Sub Inspector Darshan Kumar (Retd), Rajinder Kumar, Lect. Ghara Ram, Deputy Kumar, Rashpal Chand, Tilak Raj, Puran Chand, Chaman Lal, Daleep Kumar, Raj Kumar, Darshan Lal, Sham Lal, Tarsem Lal, Anil Kumar and Karan Kumar were also present.

The Mail concluded on a peaceful and devotional note, reaffirming the unity and faith of the Bassa Biradari.

BJP conducts Mohalla Chaupal to celebrate 11 Years of Transformation and Good Governance under Modi Govt

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JAMMU, Jun 16: To mark the completion of 11 years of transformation and good governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a Mohalla Chaupal was organized at Ward No. 48, Gorkha Nagar, Bahu Fort, Jammu.

The event aimed to connect directly with local residents and gather their feedback on the various public welfare schemes introduced by the government over the past decade.

The Chaupal was held under the leadership of District President Jammu South Naresh Jasrotia, along with Senior BJP leader Kr. Rajeev Charak and Mandal President Surjeet Singh. Advocate Ishant Gupta, State IT Head BJP J&K, was the main speaker at the Chaupal.

District Vice President Karuna Chhetri (Chaupal Convenor) and Leela Chhetri (Chaupal Co-Convenor). District Secretary Pankaj Sharma Bral, Subash



Chander, Ajay Kumar, and other BJP karyakartas were also present and engaged warmly with the local community.

Speaking on the occasion, Naresh Jasrotia emphasized that such chaupals help the party stay grounded and connected with the people. He reiterated that the Modi government follows the mantra of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, aur Sabka Prayas”, aiming to uplift every section of society.

Kr. Rajeev Charak commended Prime Minister Modi for his decisive and transparent leadership, highlighting

India’s remarkable progress and growing stature on the global stage over the last 11 years. He stressed that direct interaction with beneficiaries adds real value to such outreach events.

Advocate Ishant Gupta, the keynote speaker, stated that he wasn’t there merely to praise the government but to highlight the real and visible transformation experienced in the mohallas and villages.

He emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, even remote villages, where basic amenities were once a distant dream, now have access to electric-

ity, clean drinking water, and all-weather roads. He also spoke about key welfare initiatives such as PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, and Ayushman Bharat - SEHAT Scheme, under which every resident of Jammu & Kashmir is provided free health insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh per year, regardless of income, age, or pre-existing conditions.

He further highlighted the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, through which over 81 crore citizens are receiving free ration. Additionally, he spoke about how schemes like Mudra Yojana, Namu Drone Didi, and

Sukanya Samridhi Yojana are empowering women, while farmers are receiving direct financial support and youth are accessing new opportunities through skill development and startup initiatives.

Gupta underscored that India today is stronger, more secure, and globally respected.

He listened to testimonials from local beneficiaries and encouraged all residents to stay united and work towards the collective progress of their mohalla and the nation.

Surjeet Singh called the last 11 years under the Modi government a golden era marked by progress, development, and national pride.

The programme was conducted by Karuna Chhetri, who also spoke about the significant improvement in the lives of women and the underprivileged through government schemes. Leela Chhetri, as Co-Convenor, played a key role in coordinating the event.