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## Operation Trinetra | Search operation to track terrorists underway in Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, MAY 8

A massive search operation which began on Friday to hunt down terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri continued on Monday, officials said.

"Search is going on under 'Operation Trinetra' in the Kandli area of Rajouri to flush other remaining ones," officials said.

Today is the fourth day of the Operation.

A total of five soldiers lost their lives in the anti-terror operation in the Kandli area of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri on May 5.

The five soldiers were killed during the anti-terror 'Operation Trinetra'



ty forces and terrorists in the Kandli forest area.

On his visit to the Army Base Camp in Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir, the Defence Minister reviewed the operational capabilities and security situation along the border.

Appreciating the valour of Army troops, Singh said, "Keep your spirits up, you will definitely get success."

During his visit, he was briefed on the security situation by senior Army officers for around 40 minutes. He also interacted with troops and appreciated their efforts in securing borders.

"India salutes their devotion towards protecting our motherland," the

likely injured" in a fresh exchange of fire in Kandli in the early hours of Saturday," Army officials said.

Moreover, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on May 6 reached Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district to review the security situation amid the ongoing encounter between secu-

of the Indian Army with Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

On Saturday, one terrorist was neutralised and one was injured in a fresh exchange of fire in Kandli, Rajouri district.

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## Heavy Rains, Fresh Snowfall: Schools for students up to class 8 closed in 3 districts

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 8

All schools for students up to class 8 in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts were closed on Monday due to heavy rains, officials said.

Fresh snowfall was experienced in the upper reaches of Kishtwar, Doda, Reasi and Ramban districts of the Jammu region while heavy rains hit several other districts.

In view of the flooding situation triggered by heavy rains, schools were closed by authorities in Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts.



"All schools, both government and private, up to the middle level (Class 8) in Ramban district shall remain closed today in view of heavy rains," said Ramban Deputy Commissioner Mussarat Islam.

Traffic continued to

Ramban, upper reaches of Doda and Reasi districts, they said.

Due to fresh snowfall, a cold wave condition was triggered in the region.

"Due to prevailing weather conditions, Srinagar and Margan road in Kishtwar district shall remain closed today. General public requested not to venture out unnecessarily near rivers and nullas," a district advisory said.

Dozens of nomads along with over 70 cattle were rescued from Margan's top area by the army and police as they were trapped in the

ply as usual on Jammu-Srinagar national highway despite inclement weather in several sectors, officials said.

Fresh snowfall was witnessed in Marwah, Wardwan, Dacchan, Simpathan of Kishtwar and Mahu Mangat area of

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## Mortar shell found in Samba



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBHA, JAMMU, MAY 8

An old mortar shell was detected along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Monday,

officials said. The shell was found by locals, who informed the Border Security Force (BSF) troops, they said.

A bomb disposal squad has been called to defuse the shell.

## CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board reviews Yatra arrangements

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 8

Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and Chief Executive Officer Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Mandeep K. Bhandari on Monday chaired a meeting of concerned Deputy Commissioners and line departments to review the arrangements for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioners of Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Ramban, Director



Tourism Jammu, Additional CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Director Rural Sanitation, Director Urban Local Bodies and concerned officers while Commissioner Secretary Rural Development Department, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir,

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Ganderbal alongwith concerned officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The CEO reviewed in detail the arrangements of sanitation services being

**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, MAY 8

A raft carrying 13 people turned turtle in Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday after hitting a pillar of a bridge, officials said.

Twenty-four people, after a visit to the cave



shrine of Shiv Khori, were on the river in two rafts enjoying the recreational activity when they hit the bridge in Baradarai area. "Mata Vaishnodevi and Lord Shiva saved us. It

took over half an hour to rescue us. We went into the water and the strong current took us a long distance, but we held each other's hand and stayed together," a woman said.

## IAF has stood like strong wall for country's security: Rajnath Singh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 8

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday recalled the contribution and role of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in different wars since Independence and said it has stood like a "strong wall" in protection of the nation.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating development projects for Chandigarh, he also said India has always stood for truth, justice and humanity. At a separate event, the defence minister inaugurated the IAF heritage centre.



Singh also paid tributes to Shriomani Akali Dal patriarch, the late, Parkash Singh Badal.

Remembering the valour of air warriors in ensuring victories in different wars, Singh said the IAF has played a very

important role in protecting the sovereignty of the country and the nation will always remain indebted to its sacrifices.

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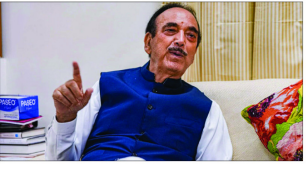
## Disappointing to see terrorism expanding to Jammu region: Azad

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 8

Expressing concern over terror incidents in Rajouri and Poonch, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPPA) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday said it was disappointing to see terrorism expanding to the Jammu region.

He also said the people of Jammu should be cautious against forces who have no contribution in the city's development but play party politics for their personal gains.

"I am disappointed to see that militancy is expanding to Jammu. It



is detrimental to peace," Azad said at a function here in which several prominent leaders joined his party. He said the poor governance and the lack of accountability in the system is affecting the economy of people and has led to the decline in

job opportunities. Azad said if his party comes to power, he will ensure equitable development of Jammu, Chenab and Peer Panthal regions. He lamented over the growing incidents of violence, saying terrorism is in nobody's interest.

## BJP demands ECI to revoke registration of Congress



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI

The BJP today demanded that the Congress party's registration with the Election Commission of India must be revoked immediately in view of Sonia

Gandhi's tweet that talks about threat to sovereignty of the state.

A delegation of senior BJP leaders led by Union Ministers Bhupender

## All Science Ministries To Jointly Observe 'National Technology Day': Dr Jitendra Singh

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 8

Continuing with the trend initiated by him of holding joint meetings of different scientific streams in order to break the silos and evolve a synergistic integrated approach, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra



Singh chaired a high level joint meeting of Science Ministries and Departments, including Science & Technology, Biotechnology, CSIR, Earth Sciences, Space and Atomic Energy, wherein the Minister said that this year all

the Science Ministries and Departments will jointly observe "National Technology Day" on May 11th, 2023.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that this is in keeping with the "whole of the government" approach sug-

gested by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his increasing emphasis from time to time of working in synergy and breaking silos between Ministries and Departments.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that National Technology Day, celebrated on 11th May in India, highlights the achievements of tech giants, researchers, and engineers in technology in our country.

This year, the focus theme of National Technology Day will be

## 135 kms Banihal-Baramulla railway section to have double lane soon

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
QAZIGUND, MAY 8

The Northern Railways is likely to expand the existing 135 kilometre long Banihal-Baramulla railway track in Jammu and Kashmir into a double track. For this, tenders for carrying out a survey have been allocated by the Central government.

Talking to news agency, Chief Area

Manager (CAM) Kashmir Railways, Saqib Yousuf said the Ministry of Railways has invited tenders to start Final Location Survey (FLS) for double laning of Baramulla-Qazigund section.

"Tenders have been issued for the engineering survey of the Railway line/roadway using modern survey techniques such as Aerial Survey (Aerial

Photogrammetric survey or Aerial LiDAR) and DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System)," he said. There is a single-track line from Baramulla to Qazigund and the project, if approved will double the capacity of the Railways.

CAM said that after the proposed survey, the capacity of the trains and the number of the trains will

increase tremendously. "The capacity of the trains will be doubled," he said. He said the work is expected to start soon.

Asked if fresh land was being allocated for the project, Saqib said, only after the survey gets completed, it is the Railways that will determine whether additional land is required for the project.

# Mughals were invaders, not ancestors; need to set narrative right: Kavinder

### Meets Dhirendra Krishna Shastri, discusses enormity of Hindu traditions



J I NEWS SERVICE

**MUMBAI, MAY 08:** Batting strictly for setting the narrative right regarding the Mughals, senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Monday categorically said that Mughals were invaders and not the ancestors of people of India and whatever has been taught in the past needs to be rectified point by point. Kavinder said this while talking to media persons after having a one to one meeting with Dhirendra

Krishna Shastri for over one hour in which threadbare discussion on the vastness of Hindu culture and its importance was held. Kavinder said that Hinduism is the earliest of all religions and it could be said that it is more than a religion, a well designed lifestyle. He said that during the discussion with Shastriji it came to fore that exclusivity of Hinduism is scientific and natural, and solution to every problem is embedded in its culture and traditions.

The BJP stalwart leader said in Hinduism, daily practices are designed in a way to lead a quality life. He said that Hinduism is the greatest of all, not in terms of religion but being a perfect way of living in alliance with nature.

Kavinder Gupta also requested Shastri ji to visit Jammu and Kashmir and have a spiritual discourse there. He said Shastri has assured him to hold Katha in Holy Town Katra very soon. He said that the people of J&K should not miss this

opportunity as Shastriji has in possession spiritual and divine powers, and his discourses have the capability of changing the lives of people.

Replying to a question on Karnataka elections, Kavinder decried Congress party for misleading the electorate by concocting stories and giving unfounded statements on nationalist parties like Bajrang Dal.

He said that such a course adopted by the Congress has taken the party to a dead end and this is the reason behind this oldest party's devastation. He said that the stand of Congress on Bajrang Dal has exposed its frustration and desperation to get back the power but the people all over India know well that it is the sinking ship and no power on earth can save it from capsizing. He said no other party except BJP can provide stability in the states and at the centre because all other political entities work for satiating their vested interests but for the BJP nation is its first and last priority and there is nothing above the country.

# Congress led Governments caused inconvenience for the citizens: Sat



J I NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, MAY 08:** Spreading the pro public policies of PM Narendra Modi led Central Government at grass root level and elaborating the Good Governance model of Modi Government and its work done for the betterment of public in the last 9 years, a public meeting was held by BJP at Bajalta area which was mainly addressed by Former Minister Sat Sharma (CA). Sharma was also accompanied by

District President BJP Pramod Kapahi, BJP leaders Som Raj Khajuria, Karan Singh, Mandal President Bajalta Ajay Sharma and several others. Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that PM Modi led Central Government has done a lot for the betterment of the nation in the last 9 years for ease of Governance and ease of business. He said unlike the earlier Governments which found comfort in dilly dalling the developmental aspect,

PM Modi has demonstrated the courage and conviction to overcome the problems created by Congress led Governments which were causing inconvenience for the citizens. He said the ultimate aim of Good Governance is to bring ease of living to the citizens. Sharma also stated that even in Jammu and Kashmir PM and BJP has reached out to every household through its various welfare schemes and people have never ending con-

fidence and faith in their leader, he stated.

Pramod Kapahi said that the Central Government has not only promoted technology and innovation but also Startups to undertake new innovations even in many important sectors thereby transforming the lives of the citizens, he added. He also talked about the development done in the last 9 years by the Modi Government and said that it has changed the lifestyle of many.

Som Raj Khajuria, Karan Singh and Ajay Sharma highlighted the benefits of various Central sponsored schemes availed by the masses and said that BJP has always worked on the agenda of Public welfare and every activist of the party will keep working on the same in order to provide best possible services to the public at their doorsteps.

BJP leaders Brijesh Gupta and Babbu also spoke on the occasion.

# DC Avny Lavasa, Nitish inaugurate 4-day Ashok Sodhi Memorial Cricket Tournament

J I NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, MAY 08:** The 4-day Ashok Sodhi Memorial Cricket Tournament organized by the Press Club of Jammu commenced with a friendly match played between the Deputy Commissioner Jammu-XI and Press Club-XI here today.

At the very outset, Nitish Mahajan, Co-Incharge Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Social Media Deptt who was the Special Guest on the occasion conducted the toss between Avny Lavasa IAS, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Capt of Deputy Commissioner Jammu-XI and Naveen Koul Capt Press Club-XI.

The Press Club team won the toss and elected to bat first and scored 200 runs thus setting a target of 201 runs for the District Administration Jammu Team to win the match. However, the DC Jammu Team could not reach near the target. The DC Jammu Team lost all the wickets for just 128 runs.

It is pertinent to mention here that prominent players in DC Jammu Team were Tehsildar Kamalpreet



Singh, Tehsildar Dhruv Gupta and NT Raghav Bhagat besides others.

He said that sports is the best panacea for physical and mental fitness besides a medium to connect all and leading to better interactions and friendships. The Deputy Commissioner also asserted that the women should come forward and take part in sports. Nitish Mahajan, in his address, said that there is dire need to promote sports activities not only for a healthy citizenry but more than that to divert the youth from indulging in drug related activities. He said adequate sports infrastructure needs to be made available by the administration in order to ensure that youth overwhelmingly participate in sports activities.

Later, Sanjeev Pargal, President of Press Club of Jammu presented trophies to the players who participated in the match. Avny Lavasa also presented a memento to Nitish Mahajan. Press Club Organizing Team comprising Dimesh Mahajan, Zoravar Singh Janwal, Channi Arand, Mohit Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Raman and Pardeep were present on the occasion.

# Development of J&K under PM Modi Govt matchless, speaks itself about remarkable progress: Ritika

J I NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, MAY 08:** Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan today claimed that the policies and programmes of PM Modi Govt are aimed to end woes faced by public. In a statement issued here, she said that every BJP activist works with a commitment to end the woes faced by the public. "For this, BJP remains in constant touch with the common masses through various activities, and through the medium of grievance camps.

Ritika highlighted the commitment and the priority of Modi government to develop the Jammu and Kashmir on most modern lines. She said that while the Union Government has taken effective steps to curb terrorism in the border regions, it has equally focused on to develop the region. BJP leaders have taken this commitment of Narendra Modi government to the ground level and are continuously dedicating them to remain in contact with the masses for their contentment and progress.

She said that the development of J&K (UT) is the utmost priority of the Modi Government and in future every corner of UT will be fully developed. She said that the Modi Government is committed to the



overall development of the rural areas with special focus on infrastructure development and social welfare.

She highlighted various schemes of the Modi Government for infrastructure development of rural areas which will change the landscape in the country and help make India a developed nation.

Ritika said that Modi led Government at the Centre has prioritized the overall development of all the areas without any rural-urban or other discrimination. She said that the development, which took place in Jammu and Kashmir under the BJP government led by PM Modi, is "matchless" and speaks itself about the remarkable progress which this region has made after the BJP took over the rein.

Ritika said that keeping in line with Modi's mission of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been witnessing unprecedented development in every sector since Prime Minister Modi took over the reins of this nation. "The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, which was one of the best and most developed at the time of Independence, became most backward state in the country. After the Modi government came to power in the Centre, we had been successful in getting major projects for Jammu and Kashmir from the Centre," she added.

Stressing upon the need for making common masses aware of all achievements of the BJP governments, both in the Centre and Jammu and Kashmir, Ritika said that various landmark initiatives have been taken by them for the welfare of people in general and downtrodden in particular. "Numerous works for progress, development, upliftment and for welfare of the neglected sections, which were made scapegoat for seven decades, has been done by the BJP," she said, adding that people will not be led away by the opposition narratives as they have full confidence in the Prime Minister who is leading 130 crore people of the world's largest democracy.

# DFSS hold massive protest rally against bovine smuggling

J I NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, MAY 08:** The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a massive protest rally in Jammu city against the bovine smuggling in Jammu.

The party workers in huge numbers gathered in old city raised slogans. The party president stated that these smugglers should be detained under PSA and if police failed the party workers will be involved in direct action and Government will be responsible for law and order problem.

From last two weeks, we are continuously hearing the news of bovine smuggling in Jammu Division but still there is no action," the protesters alleged and asked the administration to take necessary steps to control this menace. He stated that last week a



police naka party was attacked by the Gujars which led to the hospitalisation of 3 policemen as one of them got 15 head stitches. There are some people who are trying to give this attack a communal angle and action should be taken against them. He further stated that

action need to be taken as the cows who have stopped giving milk are roaming on the road are being captured by the smugglers and govt should increase the procedure of taking them to the cow shelters. Bovine smuggling should stop as for hindus it is a matter of faith and if

someone try to damage the sentiments it would result in to nothing less than an Armageddon.

The party people who were present at the time of protest were Bantu, Raju, Prem, Sukhdev, Kalu, Naresh, Abhishek, Vinay, Sukhmandan and various others were present.

# First batch of "Shiv Khori" yatra flagged-off

J I NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, MAY 08:** The first batch of Holy Yatra to Lord Shiva's Holy Cave - "Shiv Khori" was flagged-off from Jammu East City, by S.Gurmeet Singh Disti, General Secretary, a senior veteran leader Congress & President Beopar Mandal, Jammu East Constituency, by the virtue of bending towards religious activities where many times awarded by different - Sangathans, Sarstas, Governments etc., many times regarded & honored as "Chief Guest" by different organizations, etc. and now by seeing in highly involvement in such religious works, privileged for flagged-off for such a pious journey to Lord Shiva's Holy Cave - "Shiv Khori". Briefing to the pious journey to Lord Shiva's Holy Cave - "Shiv Khori" as stated;

"Shiv Khori means cave (Gufa) and Shiv Khori thus denotes Shiva's cave. This natural cave is about 200 metres long, contains a self made lingam, which according to the people is unending. The first entrance of the cave is so wide that 300 devotees can be accommodated at a time. Its cavern is spacious to accommodate large number of people. Lord Shiva stopped at a place near Shiv khori for rest. But the

demon that was following closely reached there as well, and started fighting with Lord Shiva. Even after a dreadful battle the Lord Shiva decided not to kill Bhashmasur so as to keep dignity of his own blessings.

While leaving the battle Lord Shiva threw his trident (Trishul) to create the famous Cave of Shiv Khori. The design of the entrance allowed only Lord Shiva alongwith Mata Parvati and Nandi cow to enter this cave leaving the demon outside. Realizing this, Lord Vishnu in the guise of a lady, came and lured the demon to dance to her steps. Bhashmasur was so intoxicated with the dance that the demon started following each move of the dance as dictated by Lord Vishnu in the disguise of a lady. Lord Vishnu then made an ultimate move by keeping one hand on the head and as the demon followed the step by keeping his hand on his own head, Bhashmasur was killed by his own power. Lord Vishnu alongwith other deities then entered the Holy cave.

In Reasi district, there are many shrines such as Mata Vaishno Devi, Merhada Mata, Baba Dhansar, Sial Baba. Shiv Khori is one of them located in Ransoo a village in the Pouni block in Reasi district, which attracts lakhs of devotees annually. Shiv

Khori is situated in between the hillocks about 140 km north of Jammu, 120 km from Udhampur and 80 km from Katra and light vehicles go up to Ransoo, the base camp of pilgrimage. People have to traverse about 3 km on foot on a track recently constructed by the Shiv Khori Shrine Board

As per the legend 33 crores deities have manifested in this Holy cave in shape of pindies. The views of natural impression & images of Hindu Deities is a fascinating sight inside the cave. One of these is believed to have led to Kashmir where Swami Amarnath cave is located. It is now closed as some sadhus who dared to go ahead never returned. To reach the sanctum sanctorum, one has to stoop low, crawl or adjust his body sideways. Inside a naturally created image of Lord Shiva, about 4 metres high, is visible. The cave abounds with a number of other natural objects having resemblance with Goddess Parvati, Ganesha and Nandigan.

The cave roof is etched with snake formations, the water trickles through these on Shiva Lingam. Pigeons are also seen here like Swami Amar Nath cave which presents good omens for pilgrimages.

## NSF demands Health center should function round the clock

**X-RAY, ULTRASOUND, ECG MACHINE IN HEALTH CENTRE BUT NO OPERATOR TO HANDLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS**

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: The National Secular Forum (NSF) have taken a strong note against the Health Centre in the Campus and has lashed out at Jammu University authorities for not paying required attention towards the Health Centre in the University campus saying it has become defunct due to casual approach of administration and non availability of staff.

Addressing a press conference, Jammu District President Vikshay Vashist said that every year the University collects lakhs of rupees in the shape of fee from the students for the health facilities, but the money is not being utilized properly. He said that the Health Centre doesn't provide medicines nor does the Health Centre have Machine Operators to handle X-ray Machine, ultrasound Machine and ECG Machine etc. Due to non availability of Operators since last five year, these equipments are gathering dust He said that posts of



staff meant for the Health Centre should be filled as early as possible and doctors should be made available round the clock.

Making startling revelation, he said that medicines are given to the patients without the prescriptions of doctors by the pharmacist of their own sweet will. This irregularity reflects the mess created in the Health Centre at the cost of aiding staff and students entering there to seek medical attention/treatment.

Moreover on Saturday the Health Centre remains open from 9 AM to 5 PM,

but the doctor on duty does not attend on Saturday, thus making a mockery of the health services in the university Health Centre, he added.

University President Roshan Sharma also said that the Health Centre should remain functional for twenty four hours so that the students in the hostel do not suffer for want of availability of doctors and para medical staff. He said there is urgency for early upgradation, proper regulation and well management for smooth running of Health Center in the

campus.

A university charges a fee for the Health Centre but does not provide the facilities which divulges that the students are being duped. Even the first aid boxes have not been provided in the Departments, he added. He demanded a complete inquiry into the mis-utilization of funds by the Health Centre.

Among those who were present in the press conference included, Abhishek Uppal, Aditya Khajuria, Tufail Reyaz Khan, Punnet Bakshi and Aditiya sharma.

## Sham Sharma calls for societal role for preservation, promotion of Dogri

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: Former Minister & State Vice President BJP Sham Lal Sharma today called for big societal role in preservation and promotion of Dogri language in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The former minister was speaking at the grand prize distribution ceremony of The Voice of Duggar—singing competition at Sher-e-Kashmir Police Academy Auditorium.

Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma was the chief guest in the function. National President of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal, Advocate Ankur Sharma, Padam Shri Prof Shiv Nirmohi and Assistant Commissioner Finance and Revenue attended as special guests.

Sham Lal Sharma appreciated all the organizers and participants. He compared this program running for 9 months at a cost to a mother child.

Just like a mother takes care of her child in her womb for 9 months and then brings a new life on this earth. Apna Dogri Channel has given many new artists to this Duggar's land after 9 months of hard penance. He said that this process should not stop. For this, he has given assurance of possible cooperation.

Referring to the popularity of Punjabi beyond regional and continental boundaries, the Senior BJP



leader said this has been possible because of the overwhelming support of the people, diasporas, film and music industry. Similarly, the Dogri language has to be promoted at a larger scale with sincerity of purpose by one and all, irrespective of region, religion or caste, he added.

Organized by Apna Dogri Channel, this competition, which was first of its kind, ran continuously for 9 months comprising of 109 episodes in which a total of 144 singers participated from all the districts of Jammu province and some areas of Himachal Pradesh. 72 singers passed the audition.

36 singers advanced to the quarterfinals. 18 people reached the semi-finals. Out of which 12 people reached the Grand Finale.

The Grand Finale had two rounds, the Finals and the Mega Finals. Top 6 singers competed in the Mega Finals, the result of which was announced today.

The winner was given a prize of 30000, the runner-up was given a prize of 10000 and the second runner-up was given a prize of 5000. All the remaining top 6 were given a cash prize of two thousand and top 12 thousand.

The program was presided over by Devendra Thakur, Head of Apna Dogri Channel Trust.

In his vote of thanks, he thanked all the guests and announced that the Voice of Duggar Season 2 will start soon and we are committed to organize even bigger events for which he also called for everyone's cooperation. On this occasion well-known faces of Duggar Ramlo Ram, Chaman Lahiri, Asha Kesar, Vanishika Jara, Sahil Luckey, Bodhraj Vardan, Sudhir Mahajan, Suresh Kumar, Raju Vijaypuria, Bholi Gupta, Master Ashish, Subhash Brahmanu, Desraj, JR Jackson, Deepak Kumar, Rakesh Jamwal, Achhav Singh, Sugam Baral, Roshan Barla, Mulik Raj Bhamagi, Rohit Sethi, Vikram Sallan, Kusum Sharma, Antara, Preeti Sharma, Shrestha Devi and many other dignitaries were present.

On the occasion, Kumar Raghuvanshi of Reasi was announced as winner of the competition; Nishu Jasotra of Chenani was Runner-up and Kumar Arjun of Rannagar was 2nd Runner up.

## MRRM delegation meets DSE, Demands to revisit Transfer Policy 2023, modify ATD

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: A delegation of Jammu And Kashmir "Muslim Rashtriya Manch"(MRRM) under the leadership of its J&K Ladakh Convenor Mir Nazir met Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma in his office chambers here today.

According to a press statement, the delegation comprising, Organiser Secretary J&K Ladakh UT's Gulshan Kumar, Spokesperson and Media Head UT Amir Iqbal Khan, Fayaz Ahmed Wani (Distt. Secretary), Shahid Kalas (Convenor Mendhar), Zakir Ali, Adv. Tanzeer Khatana apprised the director about the ill conceived transfer policy for the employees of School Education recently issued by the administrative department of School Education J&K which in addition to it, is full of discrepancies and flaws, statement said. The delegates while expressing anguish over the Annual Transfer Derive(ATD 2023) said that when the transfer policy is

lawful then how ATD would be fair and impartial. They said that ill conceived Zonation done in the transfer policy is bound to promote corruption at various levels during the drive on one hand and possible unrest among the teaching community on the other which is bound to affect teach taught process badly at a juncture when the academic session is in full swing. "It's ramifications will become visible when transfers would be made in irregular and imbalanced manner due to disproportionate vacancies in different zones and large number of teachers so transferred," statement added saying that due to lack of school choice with in education zones and Tehsils, the teacher fraternity seems to be in a fix while filling/registration of online proforma on transfer portal of SED.

"Teachers must have been given school level choice and within Tehsil municipality wise zones should have been framed which could accomplish the derive smoothly and without any hue and cry from stakeholders," it further observed.

The statement further said that RETs, RRETs, 3rd Teachers, Teachers Grade II and Teachers Grade III have been kept out of ATD and transfer policy 2023 which tent a mounts to injustice and human rights violations with these teachers. "Especially female teachers who have been serving the department for the last 20 years in a single school are the worst sufferers. They are facing social and psychological problems and even after their regularisation as General Line teachers as they have been denominated in their regularisation orders, they were not covered under any transfer policy despite assurances from different previous governments," statement said and added, "there are various directives/orders from Hon'ble High Court of J&K and of late Double bench judgement have asked the state govt to effect the transfers of regularised RETs and 3rd teachers, but the same have not been implemented or complied with by the concerned department for the reasons known to them."

"The services of these regularised RETs and 3rd teachers are being utilized in High and Higher Secondary Schools on need basis, for they are transferred, but when it comes on to their rightful transfer upon mature stay, then it is denied on the pretext of their appointment being School Specific which is a hypocrisy on part of the SED," it further lamented.

A detailed memorandum listing different demands pertaining to teachers fraternity with respect to the present Transfer Policy and ATD 2023 was also presented to the director seeking early resolution of the highlighted grievances.

Meanwhile, Director School Education Jammu Heard the delegation patiently and assured that the demands raised by it shall be mitigated on priority and the whole exercise of ATD and Transfer Policy shall be revisited for the good of the fraternity as well as society.

## Bharat Bhushan urges LG for timely assessing, disbursing compensation of damaged crops among farmers

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JAMMU, MAY 08: DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi on Monday urged the Lt Governor Sh Manoj Sinha to provide adequate compensation to the farmers of Jammu who lost their crops in the recent incessant rains and hailstorm that completely damaged the standing crops of farmers.

The DDC Chairman was speaking at the meeting organized by BJP District Kissan Morcha North Jammu here today. The meeting was organized by Raman Singh, President of BJP District Kissan Morcha North Jammu. Omi Khajuria, District President BJP North Jammu was also present.

In the meeting, the BJP Kissan Morcha leaders apprised the DDC Chairman about the loss of damages to crops due to incessant rains and hailstorm that completely damaged the standing crops of farmers. They demanded adequate compensation of damaged crops.

The DDC Chairman, who was the Chief Guest, informed that the Divisional Administration and District Administration has already constituted teams and directed the revenue department for assessing the loss of damaged crops. He asked the Kissan Morcha leaders to have faith on the government as



the administration under the stewardship of LG Sinha is working day and night to address the problems being faced by people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The DDC Chairman Jammu said that the Central Government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done more work in the last eight years than ever before for empowering farmers and making them self-reliant. He said the Government at

the Centre stands fully committed to the welfare of the farmers who deserve special attention especially in view of their being the food producers of the nation.

The DDC Chairman appealed to the LG Sinha to issue necessary directions to the Revenue Officials for speeding up assessing the damaged crops so that the farmers would get timely compensation of their damaged crops.

## Shiv Sena Hindustan deputation calls on BDO Suchetgarh, Rajni Devi



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JAMMU, MAY 08: Shiv Sena Hindustan, under the chairmanship of J&KUT Vice President Balbir Kumar today called on BDO Suchetgarh Rajni Devi and requested her to ensure timely completion of development works at

village Jangbal and also requested her to start new development works for which funds are available. BDO assured the people of the village that she will get the rest of the work done as soon as possible. Prominent among those who were part of deputation include Darshana

Devi, Anju Devi, Jyoti Devi, Rajni Devi, Gara Ram, Om Prakash, Girdhari Lal, Satpal besides others. The deputation claimed that the development is more focused in urban areas which have professional institutes, benefit of employment and medical and health facilities. Every town or city has got the right to stake its claim for their due and proportionate share in the development because 80 percent of J&K population lives in the villages and rural areas. Before giving a final nod to the developmental programs in J&K, the government should take whole J&K under its ambit and should ascertain whether the suggested locations in the J&K do fulfill the needed requirements related to connectivity, geographical location, accessibility and the targeted area and population. Even after six decades of independence the people living in rural areas are reeling under poverty, want and hunger while their counterparts in the cities and big towns have got every type of comfort and facility.

## Govt Distt library Kathua organises Women empowerment Rally



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KATHUA, MAY 08: - In orders to commemorate the 250 th birth anniversary of Raja ram. mohan

roy the father of modern India by organising women empowerment rally, in this program more than 350 students of different schools was participated with full enthusiasm. the said rally is flag off by Vice chairman DDC Raghunandan singh and Sandeep Majotra DDC Nagri.

Manuj.kesar.chairman press club kathua. the program is started with welcome address and details of the program given by Dr. Deepa Sharma Librarian

On the other side Incharge Distt Library kathua Sunil sharma and chief Librarian Sahitya Rani presented a flowers to the worthy Chief guest

The said rally passed through Sabeedi chowk, Krishna colony Captain Sunil choudhary chowk and return back to the same route and culminated at Distt library Kathua. During the rally students raise slogan with one voice "Educate the women, empower the women."

# Piyush Goyal to visit Canada for the 6th India- Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment

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Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal along with Hon'ble Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Government of Canada, will co-chair the discussions for the sixth India- Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) today in Ottawa. MDTI is a bilateral mechanism which provides institutional mechanism to discuss a broad spectrum of trade and investment related issues and cooperation areas. The Dialogue will focus on various themes

including strengthening the Bilateral Trade Relationship between India and Canada, Investment Promotion and Cooperation, Green Transition - including Critical Minerals discussion and new Areas of Cooperation such as promoting B2B engagements.

The Ministers will also review India-Canada CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) negotiations. At the last MDTI meeting in March 2022, both Ministers launched the CEPA negotiations with a possibility to have an interim agreement or EPTA (Early Progress Trade Agreement). Since then, seven rounds of negotiations have been held.

The Minister will also be visiting Toronto from

9th to 10th May 2023, where he will have various engagements to promote trade & investment. These engagements will include meetings with CEOs of key Canadian companies, Round Table of Indian and Canadian CEOs, interaction with Canadian and Indian companies based in Canada and Financial Sector Round table etc. The Minister would be accompanied by a delegation of Indian CEOs led by FICCI. The Minister will inaugurate the Indian Pavilion at SIAL CANADA-2023, which is the largest food innovation trade show in North America with participation of more than 1000 national & international exhibitors from 50 countries. The event will address the needs of the retail, food service &

food processing industries. At SIAL Canada, Indian business participation consists of delegation from Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI), Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) and Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). There will also be a Trade and Investment Promotion Event for the Agricultural and Food Processing sector with Indian companies and Canadian importers on the sidelines of SIAL-2023. This event is likely to be attended by 200 companies. The visit is expected to impart further momentum to bilateral trade and investment relations.

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Mass mobilisation across the country on LIFE is being organized in the run-up to the celebrations to World Environment Day (June 5). Several activities were organized today by various institutions and organizations.

National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) As part of the Mass Mobilisation for Mission LIFE National History Museum of Natural History administered LIFE Pledge in Arwachin Bharti Bhawan Senior Secondary School, and S. L. S. D. A. V. Public school Mausam Vihar Delhi in which 293 students pledged to care for the Environment.

RMNH, Bhubaneswar organized slogan writing and public orientation programme/awareness for 198 participants of Bhubaneswar under Meri LIFE: Lifestyle For Environment.

Zoological Survey of India Zoological Survey of India under the leadership of Dr Dhriti Banerjee, Director, ZSI initiated phase one of "Mass mobilisation of students" in which about 100 students and faculty, Zoology Dept, Vivekananda College, Kolkata took vow to ban use of single use plastics in their college campus. Dr Senjuti Roy Mukherjee, Associate Professor of the said college said that they have vowed to ban use of single use plastics in their college premises and assured to adopt healthy life style and act as "Green warriors" under Mission LIFE to protect the Environment for sustainable tomorrow. Dr Banerjee said this was the



first phase of the mobilisation campaign and in the coming days the reach out will be in other schools and colleges all over the country through the different centres of ZSI.

GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Ecology (GBPNHE) Under the ongoing series of Mission LIFE events, NIHE conducted an awareness program covering the Healthy Lifestyle theme of Mission LIFE on 08 May 2023. During the program a consultative interaction was held with the students of DSP campus, Nainital at ex-situ conservation site "Surya-Kunj" of GBPNHE, Almora, where different entry points for initiating Biodiversity conservation at the community such as, cultivation of multipurpose plant species, augmentation van panchayats through plantation, land rehabilitation/restoration on degraded slopes level were discussed. Total 40 participants that included students, researchers and scientists participated in the program. All the participants took the LIFE pledge to inculcate envi-

ronment-friendly habits.

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National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSM) NCSM organised a cleanup along the Adyar River bank, an urban river in Chennai city, as part of the Lifestyle for the Environment (LIFE) movement. This public outreach campaign is being implemented through collective action by the local community. About 65 participants from various age groups collected about 250 kg of plastic waste from the Adyar River mouth. This waste comprises 130 kg of discarded nets, and the remaining were single-use plastics and packaging materials. The collected waste was taken to the plastic recycling facility to improve the value chain.

As a part of this event, NCSM scientists raised awareness of the importance of Mission LIFE among the fishing community by displaying placards, pamphlets, and LIFE mascots, while the

participants also took part in a green pledge against littering and the need to live in harmony with nature. Besides, scientists raised awareness about the need for sustainable fishing practices to reduce and mitigate the impact of discarded fishing nets in estuarine and marine environments. Further, they emphasised the need to organise regular cleanup efforts to reduce the lotic entry of plastic into rivers, which is essential for maintaining the health of the river ecosystem, fish habitat, preventing flooding, and ensuring the safety of residents living near the river. Through such community action, we can create a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

NCSM scientist Dr Dipnarayan Ganguly participated and presented the significance of community participation and Mission LIFE in conservation and restoration of mangroves in a one-day workshop on coastal security and MISHTI initiatives organised by the Gujarat Ecology Commission, at Gandhinagar.

# Nirmala Sitharaman chairs 27th Meeting of FSDC

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NEW DELHI, MAY 8

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 27th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) here today, for the first time after the announcement of the Budget 2023-24. During the meeting of the Council, it was discussed that the policy and legislative reform measures required to further develop the financial sector may be formulated and implemented expeditiously to not only increase the financial access of the people, but also increase their overall economic well-being.

Union Finance Minister Smt. Sitharaman advised that: Regulators should

maintain a constant vigil as ensuring "financial sector stability is a shared responsibility" of the regulators. Regulators must take appropriate and timely action to mitigate any vulnerability and strengthen financial stability. Regulators should adopt a focused approach to reduce the compliance burden further and ensure a streamlined and efficient regulatory environment. The progress achieved in this regard shall be reviewed by the Union Finance Minister with each regulator in June 2023.

The regulators need to be proactive and ensure cybersecurity preparedness of the information technology systems to reduce the risk of cyber-attacks, protect sensitive financial data, and maintain overall system

integrity, thus safeguarding the stability and resilience of the Indian financial ecosystem.

Regulators should conduct a special drive to facilitate the settlement of unclaimed deposits and claims in the financial sector across all segments, such as banking deposits, shares and dividends, mutual funds, insurance, etc.

Action Taken Report on Budget announcements made since 2019 was discussed. A focused approach should be adopted by the regulators to implement the announcements made in the Budget 2023-24, for which timelines were also decided.

The Council, inter alia, also deliberated on Early Warning Indicators for the economy and our preparedness to deal with

them. Reducing Compliance Burden on the regulated entities in the financial sector by Improving Regulatory Quality, Debt Levels of Corporates and Households in India, Simplification and Streamlining of KYC Framework to meet the needs of Digital India, Seamless Experience for Retail Investors in Government Securities, BimaKrit Bharat - Unique Value Proposition to take insurance to last mile, and support required in terms of resolving interregulatory issues for GIFT FSC to play strategic role in Atmanirbhar Bharat. The Council also took note of the activities undertaken by the FSDC Sub-Committee chaired by the RBI Governor and the action taken by members on the past decisions of the FSDC.

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Defence Minister said. He was accompanied by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha, Army Chief General Manoj Dhande, Northern Army commander Lt Gen Upendra Dawaivedi and other senior Army officers. (Agencies)

### Heavy Rains, Fresh Snowfall...

fresh snowfall, they said. Some nomadic families along with cattle are stuck up in Mahoo and Khari belis in Banihal, they said. The fresh snowfall has badly affected the agriculture and horticulture sectors in the region, they said.

The plain area witnessed heavy rains in various districts of the region. In Banihal, 40.2 mm of rainfall was experienced during the past 24 hours, they said. As a precautionary measure amid the ongoing rains, the administration has ordered for closure of all the schools, government and private included, in the district, officials said.

However, if there are any exams, those shall be held as per schedule, they said. Schools were also shut in Kishtwar district, they said. (Agencies)

### CEO Shri Amarnath JI..

put in place for the convenience of the pilgrims at base camps, Langar sites and en-route to the pilgrimage. He sought details from Director Rural Sanitation, Director Urban Local Bodies about the preparedness.

The Director Rural Sanitation informed that the tenders have been floated for installation of mobile toilets. Over 940 toilets at Baltal axis and 1345 toilets at Pahalgam axis would be set up at Baltal axis and manpower of 1370 would be deployed for managing these toilets including sanitation workers, supervisors and other staff, he informed further.

To keep the Yatra camps and tracks clean, the CEO instructed the concerned departments to appoint nodal officers at key locations to keep a close watch on cleanliness and sanitation operations in all camps and along the track and particularly littering of waste and plastic materials.

The Director ULB also informed about the arrangements to be put in place at various locations en-route Kathua to Ramban. It was informed that the tenders have been floated for the installation of mobile toilets for the ease of the pilgrims. The CEO directed Deputy Commissioners to share requirements in their respective districts along with location details for installation of toilets.

The Commissioner JMC apprised the CEO that anticipating higher number of yatis coming for the Yatra this year, the Municipal Corporation would install additional 120 toilets at yatri niwas and other locations in the Jammu city.

The CEO issued directions to all the concerned departments to ensure the involvement of the Engineers of Jal Shakti while installing toilets to make sure that there was no shortage of water during Yatra days.

While reviewing the mechanism for solid waste management, the CEO instructed the CEOs of Pahalgam Development Authority, Sonamarg Development Authority and the heads of the other agencies to take advance steps for scientific disposal of the bio-degradable and non-biodegradable wastes, including plastic waste. The camps and track must be totally free from any waste to avoid damage to the environment and inconvenience to the pilgrims during the Yatra.

The CEO emphasized upon the need to make adequate arrangements well in advance by working in close coordination for smooth conduct of the Yatra.

Directions were issued for floating tenders for various works like sanitation, life lifting and other works required at Yatri Niwas. The CEO instructed DC Jammu and the Director Tourism to conduct a joint visit to Yatri Niwas and assess the works to be taken up and ensure completion of the same in a time-bound manner.

Meanwhile, Mandeep K. Bhandari reviewed the mechanism for registration, RFID and eKyc of Yatis.

The Additional CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ongoing registration process, while the technical staff of the Board demonstrated the process of registration with KYC and non KYC.

It was informed that the adding aadhar number on the designated portal will automatically fetch the details of the pilgrim. It was informed that Each Registration Branch has been allotted a fixed per day/ per route quota for Registering the Yatis.

The Technical Team, while giving demonstration, apprised that yatis with eKYC done on permit will not require further KYC verification but the non KYC yatis will be verified during the Yatra before issuance of RFID card. It was further informed that carrying the Adhar card and yatra registration slip (permit) is mandatory for pilgrims to undertake the yatra.

The CEO directed the District Administrations concerned to establish an adequate number of kiosks (counters with internet connectivity) at different locations for verification of yatis and issuance of RFID cards. He advised imparting necessary trainings repeatedly to the staff for hassle free verification and on the spot registrations.

**IAF has stood like...**

of our country. Our country, after getting independence, faced many crises, in which our air force stood like a strong wall in the security of the country," he said.

Singh lauded the IAF for its strength and professionalism shown in the 1948 Indo-Pak war, 1961 Goa Liberation War, the 1962 Sino-India war and the 1965

Indo-Pak war.

Regarding the India-Pakistan 1971 war, Singh said the jointmanship, integration and commitment showcased by the three services was unprecedented and extraordinary.

The 1971 war was not fought for land or power. The main objective behind this war was to protect the dignity of humanity and democracy, the defence minister said.

"It proved that India believes in 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere' and it is our duty to stand against any kind of injustice," he said.

"You are aware that Pakistan, even long after independence, could not proceed through the democratic process towards general elections. If there was something in the name of governance, it was 'martial law' and that was what was 'emergency rule,'" Singh said.

When the general elections were held for the first time in 1970 in Pakistan, instead of giving an opportunity to the winning outfit, they were sent to jail, he said.

"Not only sent them to jail, but also common and innocent citizens who were demanding human rights were massacred on a large scale during this period," Singh said.

In such a situation, to liberate people there from such a cruel regime was "our country's 'raj dharam', 'rashtra dharan' and 'sainya dharam'", he said.

Winning the war on the strength of strategies and not imposing any kind of political control there symbolised India's strengths as well as its values and cultural generosity, Singh said.

Singh said India, which considers the whole earth as its family, will always be proud of the fact that it has always stood on the side of truth, justice and humanity whenever the need arose.

This was also the basis of the 1971 war. The achievements and learnings of this war guided us in future conflicts as well," the defence minister said citing the victory in the 1999 Kargil war.

While speaking about cyber frauds, Singh said anti-nodal elements have such weapons which one cannot spot and these have the capability to cause big damage.

He said a centre for cyber operation and security has been established here and added that neighbouring states and their police force can take advantage of this to solve cases. It will help strengthen cyber security, Singh said.

The defence minister also inaugurated a 'gushala' (cow shelter) here and said "the cow is an important centre of faith of people in Indian society".

"Many a times, it is seen that cows are left as strays. Many times it is seen that cows are wandering here and there. I feel that this is a symbol of the ungratefulness of human society. We should ponder over this. To ensure they are looked after is important," Singh said.

Singh also laid the foundation stone of a hostel block at a government college and extension of a boys hostel

in the Punjab Engineering College. (Agencies)

**BJP demands ECL...**

Yadav, Dr Jitendra Singh and BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh called on the chief election commissioner and presented him a memorandum demanding immediate action against the Congress and its leader Sonia Gandhi.

The memorandum demanded that since it amounts to serious violation of model code of conduct, stringent action must be taken in the matter.

Referring to the tweet of Sonia Gandhi in which she called the Karnataka voters to protect the sovereignty of the state, the memorandum said it followed a pattern of mischievous and intentional indiscretion for which a serious note must be taken by the ECI and a punitive action is urgently called for.

**All Science Ministries...**

"Atal Tinkering Labs", a groundbreaking initiative undertaken in 2016 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to create and promote innovator StartUps and entrepreneurship via intervention at the level of school and teaching institutions, in a bid to ignite the young minds.

The Minister emphasised that India has witnessed explosive growth in technological advancements in the past 9 years, thanks to the landmark reforms undertaken by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. National Technology Day is the perfect occasion to acknowledge the effort of scientists and engineers as growth drivers, he said.

Apart from review of the preparations for the National Technology Day to be observed on 15th May, the agenda of today's meet were discussion on Awards rationalisation, status update on the creation of Science Media Communication Cell (SMCC) and review of relaxation in age for technical staff for appointment in projects.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, once the Science Media Communication Cell (SMCC) comes into force, the success stories of all the departments must be compiled and disseminated to common people to create general awareness among all stakeholders about India's Scientific Progress. He also directed that all Ministries and departments work together to disseminate information in regional languages, engage in creative content creation and preparation of daily news bulletins related to Science & Technology.

The meeting was attended by Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India, Prof Ajay Kumar Sood and Secretaries of the Science Ministries and Department, including Science & Technology, Biotechnology, CSIR, Earth Sciences, Space and Atomic Energy.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere - Albert Einstein

JINDRAH IMAGES

Stop use of banned polythene

In August 2021, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had launched a polythene-free Srinagar campaign and urged citizens to eliminate the usage of single-use plastic to lessen its impact on the environment. The fresh appeal of the Lieutenant Governor signified that the people have not mended their ways as far as the use of banned polythene is concerned. Traders, shopkeepers and the people continued to use banned polythene without any fear of being penalized. Situation has not changed much as yet. The rampant use of banned polythene also indicates that the enforcement agencies have miserably failed to strictly implement the law on ground. Following the High Court directive for imposition of ban on the storage, transportation and use of polythene carry bags, the Housing and Urban Development Department had issued an SRO-182 of 2008 under the J&K Non-Biodegradable Material (management, handling and disposal) Act-2007. Thereafter, the Environmental Committee of the then J&K Legislative Assembly had also directed for a strict ban on polythene bags in J&K and stressed upon launching a public awareness campaign to educate people about the hazards of using polythene. Since then, a number of directions have been passed and hundreds of campaigns were launched to nullify the impact of polythene on the environment. A visible change was also witnessed on ground but a lot is yet to be achieved to keep our surroundings polythene-free. The major impact of plastic bags on the environment is that it takes many years for them to decompose. In addition, toxic substances are released into the soil when plastic bags perish under sunlight and, if plastic bags are burned, they release a toxic substance into the air causing ambient air pollution. Owing to the unregulated accumulation of carcinogenic compounds, the use of plastic bags may allow inroads into cancerous diseases. Plastic bags are dumped indiscriminately into landfills worldwide that occupy tons of hectares of land and emit dangerous methane and carbon dioxide gases as well as highly toxic leachates from these landfills during their decomposition stage. Plastics have also been identified as a problem in the marine environment since the 1970s, but the issue of plastic pollution in marine and freshwater environments has only recently been identified as a global problem. Lieutenant Governor has rightly pointed out that the world in general and J&K in particular are in the middle of the biggest climate crisis and 'it is up to us how we shape our planet and the cities today'. There is no doubt that it is the collective responsibility to include rivers, forests, grasslands, wetlands and all other living species in the future development plans. It is the greatest duty of mankind to maintain the delicate balance of the environment. Having said this, it is the duty of everyone to strongly support the campaign against the use of banned polythene to prevent irreversible damage on climate change. It is high time that the people should own responsibility to comply with the government's directions against the use of banned polythene. Local representatives and administrations too pro-actively take all measures to strictly enforce all laws with regard to the use of polythene to keep J&K plastic and polythene-free. No society can overcome environmental challenges without people's participation.

Bilateral complications at multilateral summits

S JAISHANKAR AND HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART QIN GANG MET BILATERALLY 'ON THE SIDELINES' OF THE SCO MEET. JAISHANKAR WAS TOLD THAT THE BORDER SITUATION BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA WAS 'GENERALLY STABLE' AND THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD DRAW LESSONS FROM HISTORY. TRANSLATED FROM DIPLOMATICE, IT MEANS THAT THE CHINESE ARE OKAY WITH THE SITUATION THEY HAVE ENGINEERED AND THAT'S THE WAY THEY WANT IT TO REMAIN.

V SUDARSHAN

MULTILATERAL summits make for strange bedfellows. Theoretically, these are platforms where countries set aside differences to unite on pushing a common agenda. It is, therefore, possible that you have Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, which have an unresolved border dispute - the most recent manifestation of which took a hundred lives last September - attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign ministers' conclave in Goa with an air of cordiality. No distinction, let's say, between the state sponsor of terror and the victim.

In a somewhat similar manner, not only did Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Qin Gang meet bilaterally 'on the sidelines', as it is elegantly called, but Jaishankar also had the privilege of being told that the border situation between India and China was 'generally stable' and that both sides should draw lessons from history. Translated from diplomatice to English, it means that the Chinese are okay with the situation they have engineered and that's the way they would have it remain since the People's Liberation Army has done some widespread and indiscreet military squatting along the border areas, which we regard as legitimate Indian territory. But such SCO meets serve to clear the air, it needs to be acknowledged.

True, Jaishankar says that the situation insofar as China is concerned is abnormal. It is more like a three-ring circus, really, each simultaneously being an absorbing centre stage and entertaining sideshow. It confuses the spectator, however. Consider this wrinkle: The joint communiqué following the 21st meeting of the SCO Heads of Government (Prime Ministers) Council at Samarkand says: "Reaffirming their support for China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan noted the ongoing joint activities to implement this project, including the efforts to couple the construction of the Eurasian



Economic Union and the BRI." India strenuously, if ineffectually, opposes the BRI because it passes through land wrested by Pakistan and some of it gifted outright to China. Yet you have a bilateral with China but not with Pakistan, which, anachronistically and perversely, it appears, refuses to let go of the ghost of the Simla Agreement, which calls for a bilateral solution and for neither party to change the situation on the ground unilaterally and enjoins for some mysterious reason that "both shall prevent the organisation, assistance or encouragement of any acts detrimental to the maintenance of peace and harmonious relations."

The problem, of course, must lie with Pakistan's hitherto unblinded Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, who has left India with a dark promise that sounds vaguely like a terrorist or, worse, a nuclear threat: "Waqt pe aise jawab denge jo yaad rahaega." Pakistan is a past master at bilateral antics. Bilawal described Prime Minister Modi as the 'butcher of Gujarat' at the United Nations, where Pakistan and India annually trade sophomoric insults over, usually, Kashmir. Sometimes called by fellow Pakistanis of some repute both an 'imported foreign minister' and an 'intern', Bilawal is the baby of the lot compared to, say, Sergey Lavrov. Lavrov has held that job for 20 years. He walked stylishly away from Goa, with not a squeak

emerging on Ukraine. Which raises the question - given China's consistently demonstrated land-grabbing mindset that has led to a loss of possibly scores of precious Indian lives, both at Galwan and other places, how is having a bilateral with Pakistan more reprehensible in terms of optics? So far as the average Indian is concerned, the difference between Chinese and Pakistani approaches to India is not like chalk and cheese but like cheese and cheese: you can smile at summits and yet be a villain. Abnormal is abnormal, whether it applies to Pakistan or China.

After all, the purpose of this summit was largely preparatory. Its aim was to set the stage for the success of the Heads of State summit in New Delhi, scheduled to be held in about two months. Putin, surely, can safely come to India, which last December witnessed the mysterious deaths of three Russian dissidents/oligarchs in Rayagada, Odisha; they appeared to have leapt, lemming-like, to their deaths from the high floors of the hotel they were staying in. Since the Ukraine war began, there have been over two dozen mysterious deaths of Putin critics who did not have the stomach for the war in Ukraine.

The reason that Putin can come to India safely is rather more innocuous. Ever since the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant against

him on March 17 for the alleged war crime of unlawfully deporting and transferring children from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation, the 123 signatories to the Rome Statute (the UN treaty pertaining to the ICC) are obliged to arrest Putin on arrival. Thankfully for Putin, India is not a signatory.

Curiously enough, by the ICC count, Afghanistan, which is an SCO observer and could soon become a member, is off limits for Putin, as will be Mongolia. But Putin can take heart from the fact that though Mongolia has been quietly watching SCO proceedings as an observer for the past almost two decades, it has shown no inclination to join the grouping.

Putin can also take heart from the assurances furnished, according to the Washington Post (April 29), by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval to his Russian counterpart Nikolai Patrushev on February 22 that the war in Ukraine will not come up in any G20 meet (India currently chairs the grouping and a summit is due this September).

What applies to G20 surely applies to the SCO, which, it deserves mention, will soon transact business in English, for the convenience of the burgeoning membership. It's an Indian initiative. In turn, it gives hope to the belief that we may understand better in Indian English the backside of these grandiose goings-on.

Pawar fighting to retain his hold over party

I HAD ALWAYS BEEN FOND OF TREKKING AND TRAVELLING. INTERACTION WITH SHEPHERDS MADE ME REALISE HOW THESE SIMPLE PEOPLE HAD A MORE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE THAN URBAN EDUCATED PEOPLE, INSPIRING ME TO MAKE CLEANING THE HIMALAYAS MY LIFE'S MISSION

ARUN MAIRA

AT 82, Maratha strongman Sharad Pawar is engaged in a protracted turf war to retain his hold over his party. Mulayam Singh Yadav, NT Rama Rao and Chirag Paswan failed, while the Abdullahs and the Badals were successful in weathering such storms within their respective parties. Pawar's move to withdraw his resignation as the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief is seen as a victory of sorts over an internal lobby that reportedly wanted to leave the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, consisting of the Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) and join ranks with the BJP. A closer scrutiny, however, reveals that Pawar was only partially successful in warding off the defection of a substantial section of NCP MLAs to the BJP. The disquiet within the NCP also indicated Pawar's inability to pass on the mantle of leadership to daughter Supriya Sule when he dramatically announced his decision to quit as NCP president. All eyes are now on

Pawar's nephew and Leader of the Opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly Ajit Pawar, who issued a perfunctory statement welcoming his uncle's 'return' as the NCP chief. Maharashtra's political watchers view Ajit as someone eager to either take full control of the party organisation or move closer to the BJP. Ajit is reportedly eyeing the big chair in Mumbai's mantralaya in the wake of Supreme Court ruling on incumbent CM Eknath Shinde.

The Supreme Court's Constitution Bench has reserved its judgment on a batch of petitions relating to the feud between the Uddhav and Shinde factions of the Shiv Sena. In the event of the Shinde faction facing disqualification, the BJP would be in an urgent need of support from MLAs who are not part of the BJP-Sena (Shinde) combine. There are also reports that Ajit has had some meetings with top BJP leaders in New Delhi. Interestingly, both Sharad Pawar and Ajit are toying with the idea of touring Maharashtra in order to assess the ground



situation. Prospects of a truce between the uncle and the nephew are said to be slim as both sides are clandestinely attempting to sideline the other. The Pawars seem to be aware that family members and blood relatives staging a coup is not an uncommon phenomenon in politics. In vibrant parliamentary democracies, bloodless yet devastating takeovers by

'loved' ones have been experienced by many leaders. While Balasheb Thackeray (Shiv Sena), the Abdullahs (National Conference) and the Badals (Shiromani Akali Dal) were able to stay at the helm despite intra-party revolts, NT Rama Rao and MG Ramachandran's wife Janaki lost their fiefdom in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil

respectively. For Chirag Paswan, a graduate in engineering and a second-generation dynast, his prospects in politics looked as bleak as his acting career. Ram Vilas Paswan's car had entered Bollywood in 2011, starring opposite Kangana Ranaut in Miley Naa Miley Hum. The film bombed at the box office, even though some viewers appreciat-

ed his looks. He sought comfort in the family profession of politics, where a towering personality, Ram Vilas Paswan, had used his clout to get as many relatives elected as MPs and MLAs as possible. However, June 14, 2021, turned out to be a 'Black Monday' for him. Chirag had once described himself as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Hanuman' and donated Rs 1.11 lakh for the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. These gestures did not come handy when five of the party's six MPs, including his uncle and cousin, rebelled against him. His uncle, Pashupati Kumar Paras, reduced him to a virtual nobody within the Lok Janshakti Party.

The flamboyant NT Rama Rao made as good a villain as a hero in the 294-old movies he acted in between 1949 and 1982. Within a year of joining politics, NTR became the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister. Everything was going fine until August 26, 1995, nine months into NTR's third term as CM, when his son-in-law and trusted lieutenant N

Chandrababu Naidu rebelled against him. Naidu defected his coup, saying that he had been forced to act against his father-in-law because of NTR's second wife Lakshmi Parvathi's growing influence over party affairs and the state government. Overnight, NTR was a nobody; his fall was as dramatic as his spectacular rise, as virtually all members of the family and most of the TDP's 200 legislators had deserted the Chief Minister.

Life had, ironically, panned out exactly as NTR would often say, "What is destined to happen will happen. Victory and defeat are like light and darkness." In Tamil Nadu, when MG Ramachandran died on Christmas Eve in 1987, his widow Janaki Ramachandran thought that she would thrive on his legacy. However, her hopes were dashed within weeks. On the day of the vote of confidence, pandemonium broke out inside the Tamil Nadu Assembly, prompting the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to dismiss her government and impose the President's rule.

## Anasuya Bharadwaj seems to take a dig at Vijay Deverakonda over his name on Kushi poster, is targeted by his fans

Actor Anasuya Bharadwaj, who was recently seen in a Telugu film Ranganatha, seems to have taken a dig at Vijay Deverakonda over the new Kushi poster. On the Kushi poster, Vijay's name appears as 'The Vijay Deverakonda' (what he uses on social media) and Anasuya found it to be silly and bile. In the comments section of Anasuya's tweet, several people pointed out that Anasuya was referring to Vijay Deverakonda. Her tweet went viral and many Vijay fans targeted her with nasty comments on social media. Without mentioning Vijay Deverakonda in her tweet, she shared a cryptic tweet about 'The tag before

his name. She wrote in Telugu, "The? OMG. This is bile. What do we do? Make sure we don't catch it (sic)". After the fans targeted Anasuya, she put out another tweet in which she wished stars educate their fans on how to behave on social media. She also asked what's the use of having such a large following when fans are not responsible. "I don't know what's stopping all these Stars to take a stand on any wrong doing in the name of their fans. With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility. In my given Power I am being Responsible. fans/following potundana? Alanti following lekuntene better kadandi (sic)."



## Release of Diljit Dosanjh's film Jodi postponed, actor apologises to those 'looking forward to it'



The release of Diljit Dosanjh's latest film Jodi has been postponed. The film was supposed to hit the theaters on May 5. Diljit took to social media to inform his fans about the same. Diljit wrote on Instagram, "Film di Sari Team Ne Bhai Hardwork Kita... Apna 100% Dita Sareya Ne... Par Kisey Kaarn He Film Aj India ch Release Nhi Ho Rahi. Jo Jodi Da Intzar Kar rabe c Ona Ton Maafi... Sareya Nu Pyar Te Satkaar (The whole team of the film did a lot of hard work. They gave it their 100%. I apologise to those who were waiting for the film. Love and respect to all)". The Punjabi film Jodi is produced by Amberdeep Singh with Diljit Dosanjh. It also stars Nimrat Khaira in the lead role. The film is a biopic on the life of slain Punjabi singer Amar Singh Chamkila and his second wife Amarjot Kaur. A few days back, a local court in Ludhiana ordered a stay on the release. The court ordered a stay on the film's release after Patiala-based Ishdeep Randhawa moved court alleging that Ludhiana-based Gurmait Kaur, the first wife of Chamkila, had given the rights to make the biopic to his father Gurdev Singh Randhawa via a written agreement signed on October 12, 2012. The court has also stayed the "broadcast, release and streaming" of another biopic on the couple, titled Chamkila starring Dosanjh and Parineeti Chopra in lead roles.

## KANGANA RANAUT AGREES WITH SHABANA AZMI ON HER OPINION ON THE KERALA STORY

Kangana Ranaut took to Twitter on Monday to show her support for Shabana Azmi who tweeted about the controversial film The Kerala Story. Shabana had questioned those who were demanding a ban on the film. It claims to be based on a dangerous conspiracy that has been hatched against India as part of which several young girls from Kerala were made to join the terror outfit ISIS. After The Kerala Story was pulled down from theatres in Tamil Nadu on Sunday amid threats, Shabana said it was as wrong as asking for a ban on Laal Singh Chadda, which starred Amir Khan in the lead. The veteran actor tweeted, "Those who speak of banning #TheKeralaStory are as wrong as those who wanted to ban Amir Khan's #LaalSingh



Chadda. Once a film has been passed by the Central Board of Film Certification nobody has the right to become an extra



constitutional authority." Reacting to her tweet, Kangana wrote, "This is a very valid point except for the

fact that no one asked for a ban on LSC people just didn't want to see it for many reasons, major reason was it was a remake of a very popular old Hollywood classic which most people had already seen..." While some are seeking a ban on the film, a few also demanded tax exemptions in BJP-ruled states. On Sunday, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur lashed out at the opposition parties and said those who are opposing The Kerala Story film are supporters of the proscribed PFI and terror outfit ISIS. "The Kerala Story is not just a film. There are some people who want to lure girls into the path of terrorism, and their face has been exposed in this film. Some political parties are opposing it.

## Raghav Juyal denies dating rumours with Shehnaaz Gill: No truth at all (Exclusive)

While rumour mills may be busy churning headlines about actor-dancer Raghav Juyal dating co-actor Shehnaaz Gill, the former is in no mood to entertain them. Juyal sets the records straight, maintaining that the two are just good friends. "Wo (rumours) laaltu ki cheezin hain," he tells us. So is there no truth to the dating speculations? Pat comes the reply, "No, no truth at all. Bhai (actor Salman Khan) ne usko bola and uska mere pe chal raha hai." Juyal hints at the multiple comments that Khan made during the promotions of their recently released Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan, wherein 'Bhai' asked Gill to "move on" in life post the demise of her alleged partner and actor Siddharth Shukla in 2021. People took Khan's words as a confirmation of Juyal and Gill's alleged dalliance.

According to Juyal, who starred alongside Gill in a recent release, his equation with her - which he addresses in the media for the first time - is just like any other cordial co-star. He blames Gill's participation in a reality show as the primary reason behind the conjectures that spread like wildfire. "When you spend almost three to four months shooting for a movie, dosti yaari ho jaati hai. Shehnaaz ki dikkat ye hai ki usne Bigg Boss 13 (she participated in the show in 2019) kiya hai. The audience is invested in their (the participants') personal life for three months, so it becomes like a drug and they want that drug even after the show ends. I have travelled and spent time with others as well, lekin uske saath logon ko drama create karna tha.

## Uorfi Javed was 'uninvited' from event for not being on Madhuri Dixit's guest list, she sympathizes with Kangana Ranaut

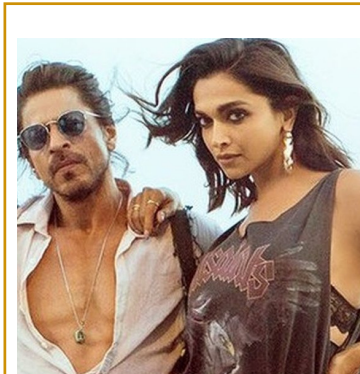


Uorfi Javed has spoken about an incident when she was uninvited from an event in Mumbai 'at the last moment' as she was not on actor Madhuri Dixit's guest list. Taking to Twitter on Sunday night, Uorfi shared a post and explained what happened. She didn't caption the post but added an emoji. Uorfi shared a screenshot of

Madhuri Dixit from a paparazzo's Instagram account. She wrote, "Fun fact about this event - they reached out to my team inviting me, I accepted the invitation, cancelled my plans, arranged my outfit, last moment they told me, team that I'm no more invited." She added, "When we asked them the reason they said I'm not on Madhuri's guest list (what a weird reason). Bhai mai mar nahi rahi kahi jaane k liye (I am not dying to go anywhere) but to tell someone not to come last moment after inviting them. Grow some balls or borrow from me!" In her next tweet, Uorfi spoke about actor Kangana Ranaut. She wrote, "I'm slowly and slowly understanding why Kangana behaves the way she does. When you've been ganged up against for so long, you go hard! You go queen (face savouring delicious food and crying emojis) @KanganaTeam." Reacting to the incident, a person wrote, "You are absolutely right! I support you both gorgeous girls." Another fan said, "Stay strong ma'am." A comment read, "You also go, queen." "Come on Uorfi. You are on my guest list," said a Twitter user. "That's called maturity with experience! She's the most misunderstood actress. More power to you," commented another person. ssUorfi rose to fame after featuring in Bigg Boss OTT in 2021.

## Meghan Markle spotted hiking with friends after skipping coronation of King Charles III

Meghan Markle was spotted hiking during the weekend in California after she decided to not attend the coronation ceremony of King Charles III. Meghan stepped outside for a hike on a Sunday with her friends, as her husband Prince Harry, attended the coronation by himself. At the coronation ceremony, Prince Harry was spotted standing in the third row, alongside his cousins and his controversial uncle Prince Andrew. The palace had released a statement confirming Meghan's absence from the event. "The Duke of Sussex will attend the Coronation service at Westminster Abbey on May 6th. The Duchess of Sussex will remain in California with Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet," read the statement. Now, according to a report by Page Six, Meghan was spotted without her two children - Archie, 4, and Lilibet, 1, for a hike near her California home on Sunday morning. She was accompanied by her longtime friends Markus Anderson and Heather Dorak. The Duchess of Sussex, 41, was seen in a deep blue loose-fit-



## SHAH RUKH KHAN-DEEPIKA PADUKONE'S PATHAAN TO DEBUT IN BANGLADESH, FIRST HINDI FILM TO RELEASE THERE IN 52 YEARS

The Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and John Abraham-starrer Pathaan is all set to debut in Bangladesh on May 12. The Siddharth Anand directorial is the first Hindi film to release in the neighbouring country post 1971 when the country was created. On this development, Yash Raj Films' Nelson D'Souza said in a statement, "Cinema has always been a unifying force between nations, races and cultures. It transcends borders,

and we feel Pathaan, our latest offering from YRF's Spy Universe, is the perfect first film of SRK and Hindi cinema to release in the country and represent Indian culture and cinema in its full glory," he added. "Pathaan emerged as the highest grossing film worldwide in the history of Hindi cinema by earning over Rs 1050 crore gross at the global box office. However, the film was engulfed in several controver-

sies before its release. Deepika's saffron-coloured bikini became a point of contention at the time. After the film emerged as the biggest success in the history of Hindi cinema, Siddharth Anand had asserted that SRK's comeback vehicle has silenced the faceless voices vilifying Hindi film industry by delivering a quality film that has entertained audiences globally. Siddharth, in an earlier statement, had said, "It feels incredible that Pathaan is now the number one Hindi film in India today! The love and appreciation that has been showered on Pathaan by audiences is historic and it shows in the box office result. As a director, I'm proud that I made a film that has entertained people globally." Pathaan is also the highest grossing film of YRF's Spy Universe that also includes blockbusters like Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif's Ek Tha Tiger and Tiger Zinda Hai, and Hrithik Roshan and Tiger Shroff's War.

# "New type of terrorism which is without ammunition...": Nadda on 'The Kerala Story'

BENGALURU, MAY 8: After watching the movie 'The Kerala Story', Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president JP Nadda said that there is a new type of terrorism which is without ammunition, adding that the film exposes 'poisonous terrorism'.

Nadda on Sunday, attend a special screening of the movie in the Garuda Mall, Bengaluru where he is also campaigning for the party for the upcoming Assembly polls. While talking to reporters, Nadda said, "There's a new type of terrorism which is without ammunition, 'Kerala Story' exposes that poisonous terrorism. This kind of terrorism isn't related to any state or religion."

Earlier, while addressing a rally in poll-bound Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that "The Kerala Story" movie is based on a terror conspiracy.

The Prime Minister said that the film 'The Kerala



Story shows the ugly truth of terrorism and exposes terrorists' design. He added that the film is based on a terror conspiracy.

"The Kerala Story" film is based on a terror conspiracy. It shows the ugly truth of terrorism and exposes terrorists' design," the PM said.

He also hit out at the Congress party and said that Congress has shielded

terrorism for the vote bank.

"Congress is opposing the film made on terrorism and standing with terror tendencies. Congress has shielded terrorism for the vote bank," PM Modi said.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan earlier said in a statement that the movie was deliberately made with the aim of creating communal polarisation and spreading hate propaganda against Kerala.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the newly released movie has been made tax-free in the state stating that the 'The Kerala Story' "exposes the conspiracy of love Jihad, religious conversion and terrorism."

Helmed by Sudipto Sen and produced by Vipul Amrutlal Shah, the film has triggered a massive political row with various leaders reacting to the upcoming movie.

"The Kerala Story" stars Adah Sharma, Yogita Bihani, Siddhi Idnani and Sonia Balani in the lead roles. The trailer of Sen's film 'The Kerala Story' came under fire as it claimed that 32,000 girls from the state went missing and later joined the terrorist group. ISIS.

Faced with backlash the makers then withdrew the figure and called the movie the story of three women from Kerala, in its trailer description.

# Allen mall shooting suspect identified as 33-year-old man: Report

WASHINGTON, MAY 8: The suspect in a mall shooting in Allen, Texas that left eight people dead and injured seven others on Saturday (local time) has been identified as 33-year-old Mauricio Garcia, CNN reported citing a senior law enforcement source familiar with the investigation.

Eight people were killed and seven others were injured after the shooting in Allen on Saturday. The gunman was killed by a Dallas Police Department officer who was present in the mall on an unrelated call, according to police. Investigators believe that the gunman was acting alone.

After being shot, the gunman appeared to be lying on the ground with an AR-15-style firearm nearby, as per the news report. The senior law enforcement source said that Garcia had at least one other weapon on him in addition to the AR-15-style weapon found near him when he was fatally shot in front of the mall. Police have also recovered multiple weapons in his car.

Mauricio Garcia had been living in some form of transient lodging, CNN reported citing the law enforcement source. The suspect had been living in an extended stay hotel in



Dallas, CNN cited The Dallas Morning News report.

Garcia had been living in some form of transient lodging, according to the law enforcement source.

Authorities are investigating whether the gunman was motivated by right-wing extremism, CNN cited a senior law enforcement source familiar with the investigation.

Probing authorities have not determined a specific motive behind the mass shooting in Allen. However, the source said the deceased suspect was found with an insignia on his clothing that read "RWDS" CNN reported.

Authorities believe RWDS may stand for "Right Wing Death Squad". Meanwhile, Allen Police Department said that the Texas Department of Public Safety is now handling this investigation.

Meanwhile, US President

Joe Biden again urged Congress to pass legislation banning assault weapons and enacting universal background checks after the Texas shootout, according to a statement released by the White House.

"Once again I ask Congress to send me a bill banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Enacting universal background checks. Requiring safe storage. Ending immunity for gun manufacturers. I will sign it immediately. We need nothing less to keep our streets safe," Biden said in the statement.

He said that federal, state, and local law enforcement are working closely together to investigate the shooting incident in Texas. Biden said that he has directed federal agencies to provide all needed support.

Giving details regarding the shooting incident, Biden said, "Yesterday, an assailant in tactical gear armed with an AR-15 style assault weapon gunned down innocent people in a shopping mall, and not for the first time. Such an attack is so shocking to be so familiar." He stated that American communities have suffered roughly 200 mass shootings already this year.

# 2.70 crore passengers denied train travel in FY 2022-23 due to being waitlisted: RTI



NEW DELHI, MAY 08: More than 2.7 crore passengers could not travel by train in 2022-23 despite buying tickets because of being waitlisted, according to the response to an RTI query, indicating shortage of trains on busy routes in the country.

During the last fiscal year, this number stood at 1.65 crore. According to a reply to an RTI plea filed by

Madhya Pradesh-based activist Chandra Shekhar Gaur, the Railway Board said that in 2022-23, a total of 1.76 crore Passenger Name Record (PNR) numbers, against which 2.72 crore passengers were scheduled to travel, were automatically cancelled due to being waitlisted. In 2021-22, a total of 1.06 crore PNR numbers, against which 1.65 crore passengers

were scheduled to travel, were automatically cancelled. After cancellation of PNRs, the ticket fare is refunded to the passengers. The inability to provide confirmed tickets to passengers has been a recurrent problem with the national transporter.

In 2014-15, the number of cancelled PNRs stood at 1.13 crore, and in 2015-2016,

it was 81.05 lakh. In 2016-2017, it was 72.13 lakh, in 2017-18, 73 lakh, and in 2018-2019, the number stood at 68.97 lakh, according to official figures.

In the year 2020-21, the total number of PNRs auto cancelled due to remaining in waiting list was 38.89 lakh and 61 lakh passengers were booked on these PNRs.

The Railways has said it is making efforts to increase the capacity to make trains available on demand. "This would reduce the possibility of passengers getting waitlisted," an official said.

Officials also pointed out that before the COVID pandemic, the Railways ran 10,186 trains, which has gone up to 10,678 trains at present.

"All over the network signalling and track work is ongoing. This is also being done so that more trains can be put into service," the official said.

# "But nation saw them bleed for India...": Sibal on Modi's "Shahi Parivar" remark

NEW DELHI, MAY 8: After Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the Gandhi family of advocating "secession" of Karnataka from India, former Congress leader Kapil Sibal on Monday hit back stating that the same 'shahi parivar' bled for the country.

"PM said: Congress Shahi Parivar was Karnataka to 'secede' from India. But Modi: The nation saw them 'bleed' for India - Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi. Is the NCERT going to efface those facts from textbooks?" Sibal who is also a Rajya Sabha MP tweeted on Monday.

Earlier on Sunday, stepping up his attack on the Congress and setting the stage for a showdown in Karnataka, PM Modi in an election rally at Nanjangud in Mysuru district accused the Congress' 'Shahi

Parivar' of openly inciting foreign powers to interfere. "Congress' Shahi Parivar (Royal family) has been



opently inciting foreign powers to interfere and secretly meeting foreign diplomats who do not like India in order to influence the country's politics," he said.

"When it comes to working against the interests of India, the royal family of the

Congress party is at the forefront. They openly invite foreign powers to influence the politics in

thought," he added. He further accused the Congress party of "insulting" the Karnataka freedom fighters who participated in India's freedom struggle.

"Congress has a history of dividing brothers, making states fight among themselves, and leaving no stone unturned in inciting communal violence. Whenever Congress party comes to power, the confidence of terrorists and criminals gets emboldened.

They are assured of being protected by the Congress party. We have seen how Congress has repeatedly come in support of terrorists," he said.

Campaigning for the Karnataka Assembly polls will end today.

Karnataka will go to Assembly polls on May 10, and the counting of votes will be done on May 13.

# Afghanistan's Taliban FM asks Pakistan banned TTP to sit together for dialogue



ISLAMABAD, MAY 8: Afghanistan's interim Taliban regime Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi has asked Pakistan and the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) to sit together for a dialogue, amid a sharp increase in deadly attacks on Pakistani security forces in recent months.

"It is requested that Pakistan and TTP sit together for dialogue," Muttaqi, who is here on a four-day visit to Pakistan to attend bilateral and trilateral dialogues, said while addressing an event in Islamabad on Monday, Geo-News reported.

Pakistan had held several rounds of talks - brokered by the Afghan Taliban - with the TTP but the negotiations failed last year after which the militant group resumed terror activities. Pakistan has witnessed a surge in TTP violence since the militant group

formally ended the ceasefire on November 28. The TTP has become a thorny issue between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban. Pakistan expected the Afghan Taliban to address its concerns regarding the TTP after its return to power in August 2021. But contrary to the expectations, the TTP attacks only went up.

The TTP, which has ideological linkages with the Afghan Taliban and is also known as the Pakistan Taliban, was set up as an umbrella group of several militant outfits in 2007. Its main aim is to impose its strict brand of Islam across Pakistan.

The Afghan Taliban's reluctance to take on the TTP stemmed from its fears that the group's fighters might join Da'esh (Islamic State). Second, the Afghan Taliban and the TTP share the same ideology as they fought alongside the US-led foreign forces.

Nevertheless, the two sides have been trying to find a way out of the TTP problem as it has threatened to undermine their future cooperation, according to the paper.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif last month warned Afghanistan's Taliban rulers about targeting terrorist hideouts inside the war-torn neighbouring country if the latter were unable to rein in anti-Pakistan militants. He had earlier said that the banned TTP was using Afghan soil for carrying out attacks in Pakistan.

The TTP, which is believed to have close links to al-Qaeda, has in the past also threatened to target Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari if the ruling coalition continued to implement strict measures against the militants. The TTP was set up as an umbrella group of several militant outfits in 2007. Its main aim is to impose its strict brand of Islam across Pakistan.

The group has been blamed for several deadly attacks across Pakistan, including an attack on army headquarters in 2009, assaults on military bases and the 2008 bombing of the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad. In 2012, Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai was attacked by TTP. She suffered bullet injuries and was admitted to the Military Hospital (CMH) Peshawar and then taken to London for further treatment. The TTP claimed responsibility for the attack, saying that Yousafzai was a "Western-minded girl". In 2014, the Pakistani Taliban stormed the Army Public School (APS) in the northwestern city of Peshawar, killing at least 150 people, including 131 students.

# 20 Killed As Houseboat With 30 People Capsizes In Kerala's Malappuram

Malappuram (Kerala), May 8: Twenty people, including women and children, were killed when a houseboat with more than 30 passengers on board capsized and sank near the Thovalthar beach in the Tanur area of this Kerala district on Sunday, the state government said.

Sports Minister V Abdurahaman said 20 deaths were confirmed on the basis of information from various hospitals where those pulled out from the water and inside the boat were admitted.

Four persons in critical condition have been admitted to a Kottakkal hospital here, Abdurahaman said.

Of the 20 bodies, 15 have been identified, the minister added.

"The boat is being hauled ashore and more bodies are expected to be recovered from inside," he said.

Abdurahaman said many of those who died were women and children who had come for a ride amid the ongoing school vacations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condoned the deaths and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of each victim.

"Pained by the loss of lives due to the boat mishap in Malappuram, Kerala, Condoleances to the bereaved families. An ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from PMNRF (Prime Minister's National Relief Fund) would be provided to the next of kin of each

deceased," Modi was quoted as saying in a tweet by the Prime Minister's Office.

Earlier, PK Kunhalikutty, an MLA of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUMML), said the toll is expected to go up as rescue operations continue.

"It is a very tragic and unfortunate incident," the former minister said.

Speaking to reporters from a government hospital near Tanur here, he said overcrowding is believed to have been the reason behind the vessel capsizing. Boats are not supposed to go out for rides after 6 pm but it is believed that the rule was violated in this case, he added.

Health Minister Veena George has called an emergency meeting following the accident to assess the situation, the state government said in a statement.

George instructed that expert treatment be provided to the injured and the post-mortem process speed up so that the bodies can be released quickly to the next of kin, the statement said. The post-mortems will be conducted at Tirur, Thirurangudi, Perinthalmanna hospitals and Mancheri Medical College by bringing sufficient staff, including doctors, from districts such as Thrissur and Kozhikode, it said.

The minister has issued strict instructions to conduct the post-mortems from 6 am and, if possible, at the private hospitals also where

some of the bodies have been kept, according to the statement.

Speaking to reporters earlier, Abdurahaman had said, "More victims are believed to be trapped under the boat and have to be brought out. The boat had overturned. The reason for it is not yet known. The police will investigate it."

He is coordinating the rescue operations along with Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan issued a statement condoling the deaths and directed the district collector to carry out a coordinated emergency rescue operation.

Fire and police units, officials from the Revenue and Health departments and local residents from Tanur and Tirur were involved in the rescue operation, the statement said.

The Chief Minister's Office said Vijayan will visit the site on Monday. According to the statement, Monday has been declared a day of official mourning and all government programmes stand postponed as a mark of respect to the victims.

The incident occurred around 7 pm near an estuary close to the Thovalthar beach in Tanur, the police said. The boat was rescued and admitted to nearby private and government hospitals. The exact cause of the accident is not known at present, they added. (AGencies)



# DC Pulwama reviews Mineral Mining Scenario in DLTFC meeting

ADHERENCE TO SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT OF MINING IS IMPERATIVE: DC

J1 NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, MAY 08: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a meeting of the Multi Departmental District Level Task Force Committee for Geology and Mining to discuss and review the status of mineral mining in the district.

Initially, Additional Deputy Commissioners, Pulwama, Tral and Awantipora apprised the chair and participants about the latest status of the mineral-mining scenario in the district and gave some suggestions for complete ban on instances of illegal mining.

Giving details, DMO informed that a total of 10



mineral blocks have been auctioned, 04 are operational and rest are awaiting environmental clearance from JKIEIAA.

The DC while speaking on the occasion, asked for

upon the concerned to prescribe SOPs and take all the necessary steps needed for enforcement of the same. He emphasized submitting reports about illegal mining on a weekly basis and stern action against those involved in illegal mining in the district.

The DC asked the members of the District level Task Force Committee to work in close coordination and liaison in the best interest of checking illegal mining in the district to control this menace of illegal mining from the district forever.

He further directed the DMO to make a detailed plan highlighting the role of Police, Revenue, Forest, Irrigation and Flood Control departments so as to check illegal mining,

# Div Com Kashmir chair meeting regarding Army Recruitment in Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 08: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting of Civil Administration Officers and Officers of Indian Army from Chinar Corps for coordination regarding the conduct of the Indian Army Recruitment Rally scheduled to be held at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar in Jun 2023.

Army Recruiting Office, Srinagar had recently announced the completion of the online common entrance exam as the first filter in the modified recruitment procedure for recruitment into the Indian Army under the Agnipath Scheme. The meeting was also attended by Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, representatives from the Police Department, Traffic Police Department, JK SED, JK BOSE, JK BOTE, JK Sports Council, Medical, PWD officers from the civil administration side and Officers of the Chinar Corps and Army Recruiting Office, Srinagar from the Indian Army side.

While chairing the meeting, Div Com assured of all support from the civil administration for the smooth conduct of the recruitment rally which will serve as a great employment opportunity to the youth of Kashmir in the Indian Army which epitomizes the glorious tradition in nation building.

Meanwhile, Div Com directed concerned departments to make adequate security arrangements and other necessary requirements to facilitate the aspirants and the agency.

# DC Bandipora visits Razdan Pass; inspects road clearance

J1 NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MAY 07: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Chaitan Ahnoid of Gurez visited Razdan Pass to inspect clearance work of snow and landslides triggered by recent inclement weather conditions at some spots situated on higher altitudes on Bandipora-Gurez Road.

The DC was accompanied by officers from Border Road Organization (BRO), Project Beacon and other concerned officers from MED, Revenue besides others concerned.

Dr Owias expressed satisfaction over the clearance works being undertaken and applauded the untiring efforts of field staff of BEACONS for working in such harsh and inclement weather conditions to ensure connectivity to Gurez Valley.

He further said that Road has been opened for two-way traffic in a regulated manner with requisite precautions and the same is being allowed after taking daily assessment of road and weather conditions.

He further appealed commuters and tourists to embark on the journey to/from Gurez only after ascertaining the status of road from the District Control Room and follow the advisories issued on a daily basis.

# DC Shopian for conducting regular inspection of USG Clinics across district

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, MAY 08: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Fazul Haseeb today emphasized for regular monitoring and inspection of Clinical establishments particularly USG Clinics across the district to ensure working of these clinical establishments as per standard norms.

The DC said this while chairing a meeting of the District Advisory Committee (DAC), here.

The committee discussed in detail the various provisions of Pre- Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 and status of registration of USG clinics in the district.

On the occasion, the DC instructed for strict adherence to the Act and installation of CCTV's at the USG clinics.

He also asked for conduct of massive and multi-media awareness campaigns through visual, print and social media across the district in order to give proper fillip to the cause. CMO, MS, DH, DIO, DSWO, BMOs, concerned specialists and other concerned attended the meeting.

# CEO Sgr advises for imparting quality education & maintaining ethics in Srinagar schools

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 08: The Chief Education Officer (CEO) Srinagar, Mohammad Shabir Khataha has advised teachers, officers and other officials of Srinagar district for increasing efficiency and doing smart work so that quality education could be imparted to all the students reading in different schools, here. In a communiqué issued here in this regard, the CEO advised the concerned that they must know the importance of their profession/cadre or work for the department or for the society and must be sufficient expert in proper thinking and decision making.

He said they must have full knowledge of their ability, capability and capacity and equal knowledge to use all these factors for performing the legitimate duties in a most efficient and excellent manner. The CEO said that they must have full knowledge of their weak areas and equal knowledge to improve all such weaknesses. Besides, they must be experts to plan work/duties in an efficient manner and become equal experts to implement the planning. He advised them to be a continuous learner and try to learn new methods, techniques and innovative skills, and ideas required for performing duties in an excellent manner. The CEO said that they must have the ability to seek co-operation of juniors and equal ability to cooperate with seniors and superiors besides, be an epitome of patience and tolerance, and motivate juniors for doing smart work or for performing some duties up to the satisfaction.

# Indian Red Cross Society, J&K celebrates 'World Red Cross Day'

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 08: The Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir chapter and its allied Regional and District units today celebrated the 'World Red Cross Day-2023' to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Sir Jean Henry Dunant. The theme for this year's World Red Cross Day was 'Everything we do comes from the heart' and the main function was held at the mini-secretariat Kulgam which was presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Vigar Ahmed Girri.

Thesildar Hq and other officers attended the programme, besides students from various educational institutions also participated and highlighted the importance of the day. Speaking on the occasion, the ADC highlighted the historical background of the Red Cross and Red Cross movement which is a global humanitarian network that operates in nearly every country around the world and provides assistance and support to those in need during emergencies, disasters, conflicts and other crises. He said that the movement works to alleviate human suffering, protect human dignity and promote peace, health and well-being. He added that the celebration of the day must ignite commitment to work for the betterment and welfare of the people and we all shall be ready to extend our help and support to the people in need around us.

Thesildar Hq presented a brief on account of Red Cross society Kulgam for the year 2022 and the assistance provided during the year 2022 under Red Cross.

crisis, but whatever the problem a natural hazard like fires, earthquakes, floods etc, the climate crisis, conflict or migration - Red Cross staff and volunteers are visible ambassadors for peace and solidarity and active players in shaping the future of our communities and countries.

He said in these trying times, their commitment and dedication, as first responders and local actors, to alleviating human suffering remains strong and powerful.

Kifayat Hussain Rizvi, Former General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir in his address said, World Red Cross Day is the day to recognize the work of our volunteers and staff who are on the frontline responding to the growing needs of communities affected by the disasters.

He said they show kindness and solidarity around the globe and provide hope and dignity in the midst of despair. The incredible spirit of our volunteers during this crisis is not only a cause for admiration but also a source of inspiration for others to get involved too, he added.

Mohammad Shafi Rather,

Managing Committee Member and Former Honorary General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir lauded the efforts of the Red Cross during disasters. In his address, he said that Red Cross volunteers are always at the forefront during disasters and there was a need to strengthen the movement in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rather also lauded the efforts of various NGOs, Religious organisations who actively reach out to the people with immediate help during disasters, emergencies and exigencies. Earlier, welcoming the Chief Guest and other participants, G.A. Qureshi, Honorary Treasurer, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir said that 'World Red Cross Day' is a time to celebrate the spirit of humanitarianism and recognize the individuals who make a difference in their communities.

He said this year's theme focuses on foregrounding the volunteers of the Red Cross and their contribution to society. The description of the theme is to highlight the universal, human, and diverse aspects of the Red Cross Movement by focusing on volunteers

# DRCC Kulgam celebrates World Red Cross day; organizes blood donation camp

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, MAY 08: The District Red Cross Committee (DRCC) Kulgam today celebrated the World Red Cross Day, 2023 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Sir Jean Henry Dunant. The theme for this year's World Red Cross Day was 'Everything we do come from the heart' and the main function was held at the mini-secretariat Kulgam which was presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Vigar Ahmed Girri.

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# DRCS Kathua organises series of activities to mark World Red Cross Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, MAY 8: District Red Cross Society (DRCS) Kathua today organised a mega program here in Little Angels Hr Sec School to mark the observance of World Red Cross Day, which coincides with the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.

To mark the day, a number of activities including Inter-school Symposium and Painting competition were held on the theme of "Everything we Do Comes from the Heart" where.



The programme started with offering of floral tributes to the founder of the Red Cross by Additional SP, Paramjeet Singh, ADC, Deepika Rana and ACR, Vishav Pratap Singh.

Participating Students thronged on the working of the Red Cross and how it works and reaches out to the people in dis-

tress by volunteering efforts of the people from all walks of life.

Highlighting the aims and objectives of the Red Cross, they said it works on seven predefined principles viz humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality.

The Red Cross is engaged worldwide in providing relief to the poor, needy and those who fall prey to Natural Calamities, accident victims and poor patients, they said.

In the symposium, Ritesh Singh & Samiksha Sharma of Little Angels Hr Sec School Kathua bagged first position, Preeti Saini

and Palak Devi of Govt Higher Secondary School Nagri clinched second and third position respectively. In Painting Competition, Suresh Kumar of GHSS Nagri and Reena Samanta of GGHSS Kathua were adjudged first, while Shradha Sharma of Little Angels Hr Sec School and Vishal Sehgal of GHSS Kathua were adjudged second and Anurag of GHSS Nagri was declared third.

Later, the Secretary RCS Kathua O P Sharma administered a pledge to all the participants.

The Principal Little Angels Hr Sec School, Staff, students besides other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

# Mega program organised to observe World Red Cross and World Thalassaemia Day in Rajouri

J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, MAY 08: The District Administration Rajouri, on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today organised a mega programme to mark World Red Cross Day and World Thalassaemia Day.

The event, held in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dakbungalow, witnessed a blood donation camp. The camp was jointly inaugurated by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Amrit Pal Singh and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria. Twenty units of blood were donated by volunteers to contribute towards saving lives and raising awareness about the importance of blood donation.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Amrit Pal Singh also donated blood.

Later, scores of speakers addressed the gathering, sharing their insights and experiences on Thalassaemia disease and the



importance of blood donation. They emphasised on the need to raise awareness about Thalassaemia and provide support to those affected by the disease. Awareness on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was also imparted to the participants on the occasion.

In his address, the Senior Superintendent of Police highlighted the importance of World Red Cross Day and World Thalassaemia Day. He also stressed on the importance of blood donation, stating that it is a noble act that can save lives. He urged the public to donate blood, as millions of ailing people require blood and there is no substitute for human blood. The ASP also highlighted the diverse effects of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society as a whole. He also enumerated a number of measures

being taken by the District Administration and Police Administration to curb the menace of drug abuse from the society and sought the active cooperation from the public in this regard. Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria stressed the need to adopt a collective approach towards addressing health issues like thalassaemia, and stressed upon the importance of creating awareness and providing support to those affected by the disease.

District Social Welfare Officer, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt also spoke on the importance of raising awareness about thalassaemia, drug abuse and blood donation and urged everyone to work together towards building a more compassionate and supportive society. Among the others present at the event were ASP Vivek Shukla; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; DIO, Narinder Kumar, students and members of the civil society.

# Div Com Jammu inaugurates 3-Day Induction Training programme for Chairpersons, Members of Child Protection Committees

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today inaugurated 3-Day Induction Training for Chairpersons and Members of the Child Protection Committee constituted under Child Protection, Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and POCSO Act 2012. The Induction Training programme has been organised by the Department of Mission Vatsalya, Directorate of Social Welfare in Collaboration with UNICEF.

In his inaugural address, the Div Com focused on the Child Protection Rights and effective working of CWCs to extend



3-DAY INDUCTION TRAINING FOR CHAIRPERSONS OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES OF J&K. Organized by Mission Vatsalya Department, Government of J&K in collaboration with UNICEF India.

instantaneous protection to the children facing certain crisis. The Child Welfare Committees

guardian of the child rights and play a very significant role in ensuring the welfare of the children in need. He appealed to the stakeholders to exhibit their best to implement the Juvenile Justice Act and Rules, 2021 & 2022 for child protection in their respective districts.

Bhawni Rakwal (Secretary, Social Welfare) also laid emphasis on child Protection to stop the child abuse prevailing in the society in different manifestations. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Davinder Katoch, Joint Director, Mission Vatsalya and Manjit Rajput (District Child Protection Officer), Resource Person, Dr. Ruchi Sinha (Centre

for Criminology & Justice school of social work IISS) focused on understanding child rights.

Anant Asthana (Lawyer Child Rights) discussed child Protection and rights. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Sunali Sharma (Programme officer, Mission Vatsalya) Priyanka Singh (Administrative Head of One Stop Centre).

Prominent among others those who attended the Training Programme were Tanveer Dar (Child Protection Specialist), Arti Gupta (ICDS Supervisor), Sahil Hans (Programme officer SARA), Abhishek Sakshi Sharma, Neelam Devi, (Data Entry Operator, Mission Vatsalya).

# International Red Cross Day observed at Kupwara



JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, MAY 8: On the eve of International Red Cross Day, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir today inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp at Environment Hall Handwara. The camp was conducted by Indian Red Cross Society in collaboration with District Administration, Army & Police. BDC Chairman Langate, Town Commander and SHO Handwara were present on the occasion. During the blood donation camp, ADC Handwara, BDC Chairman Langate, SHO Handwara, army troops, police personnel and media persons donated their blood.

The ADC appreciated the initiative and said that such programmes are the need of the hour and everyone should come forward to lend a helping hand by donating blood to save precious lives.

In Kupwara, the Youth Services & Sports department conducted an awareness programme at Boys Higher Secondary School Kupwara in which a large number of students participated.

During the programme, the speakers highlighted the importance of the International Red Cross Day which promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all people.

# World Red Cross Day: PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar conducts poster making competition on Organ donation



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: The Red Cross unit of Padma Sri Padma Sachdev Government PG College For Women, Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with college IQAC organised a poster making competition on the topic - "Organ donation" in the college Smart Class Room to celebrate World Red Cross Day.

Dr. Shalini Sharma, Convener of the Red Cross Unit presented the formal welcome address. She apprised the students about this year's World Red Cross Day theme "Everything we do Comes #from heart". She emphasised on the celebration of this day with the spirit of humanitarianism and to recognise the individuals who make difference in their communities. Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college applauded the Red Cross Unit for sensitising the students on such issues of social relevance.

Prof. Amrutha Gandotra (HOD, Food Science), Prof. Mala Bhasin (HOD, Botany) and Dr. Yash Paul Sharma (Convener, IQAC) were the esteemed jury members of the event. About 10 (Ten) students participated in the competition. Ms. Nancy Devi (B.A Sem-2nd), Ms. Abia Gupta (B.A Sem- 2nd), and Ms. Preeti Kalsi (B.Sc Sem-2nd) were adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner respectively.

The winners were awarded with certificates. Prof. Eisha Gohil, Prof. Nisha, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Dr. Suraj Mohanti Janwal (Organising committee members) were also present during the event.

# Forest Department Kathua kick-starts month long LiFE Mission Campaign

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, MAY 08: Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, District Kathua, in collaboration with District Administration Kathua, organised an awareness rally here today as a part of one Month long "LiFE Mission Campaign-2023".

The rally was attended by about 300 participants consisting of students, Youth and staff of the Forest Department. Speaking on the occasion, DFO Kathua, Khalid Amin Mehta & Wild Life Warden Kathua Vijay Kumar Verma, highlighted the "LiFE Mission Campaign" announced by the Prime minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi. They said it focuses on bringing individual behaviors at the forefront of the global climate action narrative. They underlined that Mission LiFE inspires us to do all that can be done in our daily life to protect the environment and believes that the environment can



be protected by making changes in our lifestyle. All the participants were encouraged to contribute in the campaign with their respective capacities by adopting simple changes in their life which eventually will have a positive effect on the health of the environment. Further, it was informed that a month-long action plan has been formulated under the campaign wherein various activities shall be organised throughout the district by all the wings of the Forest Department under the guidance of HODs of all the wings of Forest Department and under the overall

supervision of Principal Secretary to Govt. Deptt. of Forest, Ecology & Environment. A Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Pledge by committing to consciously participate in taking up the environmental lifestyle and inculcate long term environment-friendly habits was also taken by all the participants before the start of the rally. The Vote of thanks was given by DFO Billawar Vivek Modi. The programme was attended by Munish Bhardwaj DFO Social Forestry, Kathua and other officers/ officials of all the wings of the Forest Department.

# NSS unit of Gandhi Memorial College organizes Awareness campaign on 'Preservation of Wetlands'

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 08: The NSS Wing of Gandhi Memorial College in collaboration with the Department of Botany and Environmental Sciences today organized an awareness campaign on the preservation of wetlands in Jammu and Kashmir. In this connection a rally was taken from the college campus to Brari Nambal, Baba Dem Srinagar. 20 NSS

volunteers took part in the rally. Students raised the slogans of 'Save Water, Save Life' and 'Save Wetlands, Save Kashmir' at Brari Nambal, Baba Dem Srinagar. The rally was flagged-off by NSS Coordinator, Professor Abida Manzoor. In her speech, she exhorted upon the students to be the torch bearers of making society aware about the importance of preserving our wetlands.

# World Red Cross Day: DC Doda leads Blood donation; Inaugurates series of Awareness programmes; flags of awareness Rally

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, MAY 08: To mark World Red Cross Day 2023, a series of activities were today held across the District Doda, including Blood donation camps, free Medical/ Consultation camps, Awareness programmes in the health and educational institutions, awareness Rallies, free eye screening camps and other activities. The theme of this year's World Red Cross Day is "Everything we do comes #from heart".

The main event was held in the Govt. Higher Secondary School (Boys) Doda to highlight the importance and activities of



District Red Cross Society and role of Red Cross organisation in serving humanity across the globe. The day is also observed to pay tribute to Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross Society. Chairman District Red Cross Society, Vishesh Mahajan inaugurated the programme which witnessed debate and painting competitions, symposiums and speeches. Vishesh Mahajan, also inaugurated blood donation camps at Associated Hospital GMC and Sub District Hospital Baderwah.

A free testing and consultation for Breast Cancer, organised by the American Oncology Institute in association with World Cancer Care, was also held in SDH Baderwah. The free medical/consultation camp on breast cancer at Sub district Hospital Baderwah, ADC Baderwah Ch Dil Mir, Additional SSP Baderwah Kameshwar Puri, COM Doda, Dr Hamid Zargar, BDC Chairpersons, DDC Councillors and others were also present. A free Eye screening camp was also held at Associated Hospital GMC Doda on the day.

Earlier, the DC and other officers and participants participated and took the Red Cross pledge at GHSS Boys Doda. A rally of students on the Red Cross Day was also flagged off by DC, which passed throughout the Doda town and culminated back at Boys GHSS Doda.

Highlighting the importance of World Red Cross Day, the DC urged upon the youngsters to volunteer for the humane cause and develop in them the principles of universality, impartiality, love, care, and sympathy. He himself donated the blood along with ACR Doda Sanjeev Kumar, Police, and para military personnel at the blood bank of Associated Hospital GMC Doda.

at Govt Girls GHSS Doda. A similar function was organized at Govt Girls Higher Secondary Institution, Chanapora Srinagar which was addressed by the Principal of the Institute, Samina Wani, staff members and the students. The students later took out rallies, carrying placards on women empowerment, and marched through various parts of the city.

Due to freaky weather and incessant downpour, similar rallies scheduled to be organized at Govt Girls Model Higher Secondary Institution, Ranibagh Anantnag and the Govt Higher Secondary School Nehama were postponed today and shall be now organized tomorrow on 9 May 2023.

# INCREMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS Several officers of District Admin Kupwara undertake field visits



JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, MAY 8: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Donifode Sagar Datatray, various officers including SDM Karnah, Revenue Officers, Horticulture/Agriculture Officers and field staff today visited various rain/hailstorm affected areas of the district for assessment of the damages caused to the orchards.

SDM Karnah conducted an extensive tour of the village Navagabra, Churkangi to take stock of the position due to increment weather. He also interacted with local people and inspected educational institutions in the area.

The Chief Horticulture Officer visited various areas including Gugloosa and Shummag for assessment of damages caused to the recent hailstorm in the villages.

It is important to mention that Deputy Commissioner Kupwara has already directed Tehsiladars, Revenue officials and field functionaries to visit their respective areas and assess the losses occurred in agriculture/ horticulture fields and other properties due to heavy rainfall and hailstorm in the district and directed them to furnish the report within three days for further process.

# DDC Shopian chairs meeting of DLC on JJM COMMITTEE APPROVES ALLOTMENT OF 05 WORKS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, MAY 08: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz I all Haseeb today chaired a meeting of District Level Committee on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) at Shopian, here. At the outset, the chair was informed about the implementation status of the ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

# Education fundamental to women's emancipation: Tassaduq Mir

STUDENTS RALLY TO CREATE AWARENESS ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 8: Impressive awareness rallies on "Women Empowerment" were organized by the students of various educational institutions across Kashmir valley today to commemorate 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohun Roy, the father of Modern India.

These rallies were jointly organized by the Department of Libraries & Research, J&K and the School Education Department, J&K under the aegis of Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Ministry of Culture, Govt of India.

The fundamental objective of organising these rallies is to make

aware the society, especially women, about women empowerment, their rights and promoting women's sense of self-worth, their ability to determine their own choices, and their right to influence social change for themselves and others. The main function was organized at Govt Higher Secondary School, Humhama Budgam which was addressed by the Director, School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir. Addressing the function, Director School Education Kashmir said that for women's empowerment, the most basic thing is education, as education empowers a person to know what to do, what is right, and what decision to take.

He urged the students to not only look for empowerment but strive to go for the best and give their best. He maintained that in today's competitive world, smartness is a new beauty- our bookish knowledge is not taking us anywhere if we are not practical in what we learn, he said. The Director School Education Kashmir appreciated the staff and students of GBHSS Humhama for organizing such an impressive programme encompassing major aspects of the women empowerment. Deputy Director, Libraries & Research Kashmir, Sheikh Zahoor, Chief Education Officer Budgam, Romana Qazi, Principal GBHSS Humhama, Samiya Geelani, officials of the Department of Libraries &

Research, staff members of GBHSS Humhama and a large number of students participated in the programme. The speakers including officials and the students enumerated the tremendous contribution of Raja Ram Mohun Roy in the making of modern India and his continued struggle for women's right to equality in society. They also spoke in detail about the life history of Raja Ram Mohun Roy and the sacrifices made by him against all social evils during the 19th and 20th century. The speakers emphasized that India will be empowered in the true sense only with equal participation of women in all developmental and socio-economic activities.

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# Daniel Sams opts for T20 route, Chris Green earns New South Wales contract

Green was the Sheffield Shield player of the season having only made his debut in December

**SYDNEY:** Allrounder Daniel Sams has opted not to take a state contract with New South Wales to explore further opportunities in the T20 franchise world. Sams, who plays for Sydney Thunder in the BBL, has had 10 T20s for Australia, the most against England shortly before last year's World Cup, and is currently with Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL where he has yet to make an appearance. He will join Essex for the T20 Blast and return to Trent Rockets for the Hundred. He made five Marsh Cup one-day appearances for NSW last season but has not played first-class cricket since 2018. Sams' decision follows Kane Richardson's omission from Queensland's contract list.

"When he's in the state he will still be invited to train and participate on our white-ball program," new head coach Greg Shipperd said. "The door is never shut for anyone in his position and with his talent."

A player going in the opposite direction is all-rounder Chris Green who



has previously been considered a T20 specialist but was named NSW's Sheffield Shield player of the season for 2022-23. He claimed 20 wickets and scored 290 runs in six matches including nine wickets on his first-class debut. As previously announced, Jackson Bird has signed for the state from Tasmania while top-order batter Blake MacDonald and pace bowler Ross Pawson have earned their first contracts. MacDonald scored a half-century on his Shield debut in the final game of last season against South

Australia having earlier made an unbeaten 177 against West Indies for a combined NSW and ACT XI. Joel Davies, who was Australia's Under-19 captain last season, has been handed a rookie contract and joins his brother Ollie at the state. "With the additions of Jackson and Chris we get some experience from guys with well documented credentials," Greg Mail, NSW's chief of cricket performance, said. "Both Blake and Ross have deserved their contracts through sheer weight of runs and wickets

at Premier Cricket and Second XI level. Their contracts show that when players consistently perform at that level, we will look at those performances positively. "Joel Davies is a very talented young player with a high ceiling in the game. He is a genuine all-rounder who is also a brilliant fielder and leader and someone we are very excited to see develop further." Trent Copeland (retired) and cricket Edwards (moved to the UK) drop off the list while Sean Abbott is added to those with a CA deal. Batter

# Moody: This innings could be the turning point in Samad's career

**JAIPUR:** A last-ball six to overhaul a target of 215 and keep Sunrisers Hyderabad's play-off hopes alive could be "the turning point" in Abdul Samad's young career, according to his ex-coach Tom Moody.

Samad is only 21 but is already in his fourth IPL season, and has found himself in and out of the Sunrisers team this year. By his own admission, he "got lucky" when Sandeep Sharma's overstep on what should have been the last ball of the game granted him a second chance, but he took full advantage in drilling the free hit back over his head for six to clinch a win for his side.

Thirty-one games into his IPL career, Samad is averaging just 18.63 but has scored his runs at a strike rate of 136.67. He is also among a rare group of players who have hit more sixes (21) than fours (20) in the league - a statistic which underlines his power. "What Abdul Samad has got as a young, emerging player is a rare ability to hit the ball out of the ground," Moody, who worked with Samad in 2021 and 2022, said on ESPNcricinfo's T20 TimeOut show. "He reminds me of a young Yusuf Pathan. He's got that strength, power, and it's a very hard role to play. I hope that it gives the management and the franchise confidence that they have got the right person, because that is the hardest part. Forget about the player having confidence, you need the organisation - wherever you are - to have confidence in you, and I think if you look at his erratic selection over the last two years, I think that

hopefully this is the turning point for him."

Samad was unable to get Kolkata over the line in their narrow defeat to Sunrisers on Thursday night, falling in the final over of the game for 21 off 18 balls. Hemang Badani, Sunrisers' batting coach, said that Samad had taken responsibility for the defeat and "stayed strong" in the aftermath.

"Let me start off by saying I have to give full marks to Samad," Badani said, "because he was the first one to come up to me after the previous game and said, 'I should have finished the game.'"

"He took ownership of it, and said with nine off six balls, more than ten, batters in the middle would finish games for their side, and he didn't finish it and he was a little unhappy about it."

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2. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 04-05-2023 (02.00 pm) to 16-05-2023 (02.00 pm).

3. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

4. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 17-05-2023 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.

5. The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

6. Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC, pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu/tender fee received through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>

7. The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L1 bidder opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.

8. The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website <http://jktenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

9. The original documents when submitted by L1 bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.

10. Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days after last date of receipt of bid.

11. Only such firms should submit tender, who have requisite infrastructure and workshop facility for carrying out similar type of job which may be inspected by the competent authority before awarding the job contract so as to access the working capacity of the tenderer. The workmanship and material used should be of high quality and as per the specifications of the job order / tender.

12. The bid for the execution of work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.

13. The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work / inspect the parts to be fabricated before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact measurement and site conditions.

14. Special conditions as per Finance Department order No. OM/A/24 (2017)-651 dated 07-06-2018.

i. Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids.

ii. The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary challan / receipt.

iii. Similarly, instead of inscribing on actual call deposit receipt, a copy of same duly pledged to the concerned department should be uploaded by the tenderers. However, before allotting the work or issuing the supply order, the original CDR/FDR should be obtained and kept on record.

15. Other details, instructions and terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the bidding document.

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# Shastri to Rohit: 'You can go flat no matter who you are'

**MUMBAI:** Ravi Shastri believes Rohit Sharma's challenges as captain of Mumbai Indians "have doubled" in the past two years, leading to poor returns as a team.

"The resources that you had two or three years ago isn't quite the same. The challenges as a captain might have doubled for him. The work as a captain would have doubled as opposed to two years ago when everything was nice, set - go out there and do the job," Shastri said about Rohit's captaincy on ESPNcricinfo's Ravi & Raunak programme.

"And then comes the challenge of how do you get them [the team] going, how do you motivate that bunch, how do you create a combination, how do you see who is the best in that lot to fit in and deliver that to a certain stage of the



game." It's a period in which they have lost players who formed their core in the glory years, there have been retirements, and injuries to key players. With two new teams coming in as the IPL became a ten-team tournament from 2022, Hardik Pandya and Krunal Pandya went to Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants, respectively. Lasith Malinga retired from all formats of the game before that, in 2021, while Kieron Pollard also called time on

his international and IPL career last year. They did get Jofra Archer at the mega auction but he couldn't play last year because of injury, and is still finding his feet in IPL 2023. Jasprit Bumrah was then ruled out of IPL 2023, throwing a spanner in Mumbai's plans of unleashing the pace duo together. They do have Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav from the old core in the mix, but the rest of the line-up is a new one from MI's point

of view. Rohit is the most successful captain in the history of the IPL, having led MI to five titles - the highest in the IPL - in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020. However, they had their worst seasons last year, when they finished last on the table with just four wins in 14 games. They lost their first two games this season as well before stringing a few wins, and currently sit sixth on the table. The dip in results has coincided with Rohit losing form. He scored 268 runs in IPL 2022 without a single half-century, with an average of 19.14 and strike rate of 120.17. Rohit's 2023 is going no better: in ten innings, he has scored 184 runs at 18.39 and a strike rate of 126.89. This includes two ducks.

There have been calls for Rohit to take a step back. Sunil Gavaskar recently suggested that Rohit "needs a little break" and should return refreshed for the last stage of the

IPL's league phase and the World Test Championship final. Tom Moody, speaking on ESPNcricinfo's T20 TimeOut recently, noted that Rohit has looked a bit "mentally fatigued". Shastri agreed that not being in form with the bat has affected Rohit's captaincy as well. "If you start getting on a purple patch where you are scoring runs, the job as a captain becomes much easier, the body language on the field changes, that energy on the field is different as opposed to when you are not getting runs. You can go flat no matter who you are," Shastri said. "That's where, as a captain, it is more important that your performances come into play. It's harder now because of the stage of his career, the kind of team that they have."

"The same team could be a terrific team in a year's time or two years' time, once they start gelling together. But to get that right mix, that's the job of the captain."

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SD/EN/19/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> with closing date 30.05.2023 up to 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/retained bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against the tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against the tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> portal like net banking, debit card, credit card and etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information login to <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a>			
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# Spread maximum awareness against hazards of drug abuse: DC Jammu to youth

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today attended Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan here at Marh which was organised to spread awareness about the perils of drug abuse among people in general and youth in particular.

BDC Chairman Marh, Sarinder Kumar, SDM Marh, Manu Hansa; Tehsildar Marh, Ram

## ATTENDS NASHA MUKHT BHARAT ABHIYAN AT MARH



Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today attended Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan here at Marh which was organised to spread awareness about the perils of drug abuse among people in general and youth in particular.

awareness rally was also organised on the occasion in which students from Government Model Higher Secondary School Marh participated, highlighting the challenge posed by the increasing drug addiction among the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the senior officials from concerned departments were present along with other senior officers from concerned

for organising such types of activities to save the youth from drug addiction and other social evils. Emphasizing on total eradication of drug abuse, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on channelizing the energy of youth in the positive direction by encouraging activities through sports, education and drug de-addiction drives.

She urged the youth to spread maximum awareness among people regarding drug abuse and don't let the drugs destroy their family and the country. The Deputy Commissioner also felicitated teachers and students who participated in debate and highlighted the menace of Drugs, its effects on youth and society, need of spreading awareness among people, importance of de-addiction centres, rehabilitation and how to control the drug abuse.

# Indian Red Cross Society Jammu celebrates World Red Cross Day; Holds Raffle Draw- 2023

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: As a mark of respect to the founder of Red Cross Movement Sir Jean Henry Dunant, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Region today celebrated World Red Cross Day here in the Teacher Bhawan, Gandhinagar. Theme of World Red Cross Day 2023 is: "Everything we do comes from the heart" which focuses on foregrounding the volunteers of the Red Cross and their contribution to the society. The function started with hoisting of Red Cross Flag by the Chief Guest, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Region followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp and floral tributes to Sir Jean Henry Dunant Founder of Red Cross Movement in the presence of Capt. Bana Singh Param Vir Chakra Awardee; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu; Sharesh Sharma, President J&K Bank Ltd; Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu; Sandeep Seotra, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (AM) Jammu; Mamta Rajput, District Social Welfare Officer, Jammu, representatives from CRPF BSE, J&K Police, Educational

Institutions Prominent citizens, Former Secretaries, IRCS, Jammu Region, besides Executive Committee Members of IRCS, Former Red Cross Executive Committee Members and Red Cross volunteers. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest, Divisional Commissioner (Chairman Indian Red Cross Society) Jammu Region, called for organizing awareness programmes to educate youth about hazards of drug addiction which has assumed alarming dimensions, in addition to ongoing Red Cross Activities. He appreciated the efforts put in by the Red Cross for generating funds through Raffle Draw tickets which were sold by BSF, CRPF, J&K Police, J&K Bank, Educational Institutions Govt Departments and Corporate / Business Houses. "Red Cross being the first responder, there is much more scope for diversification of activities through a coordinated and scientific manner so that we reach and cover the maximum number of people who need Red Cross support," the Div Com added.

Earlier, the programme started with taking of Red Cross Pledge by the students of Jain School, Jammu and Red Cross song by Yash Pal Ash Compose followed by a number of Cultural presentations by Carmel Convent Hr Sec School Kunjwani,

Jammu, Government Girls High School, Gandhinagar, Jammu, BSF School, Paloura, Jammu, St. Peter Hr. Sec. School, Jammu, Government High School Chal Largan, Jammu Shangrila Public School, Jammu and SD Memorial Hr. Sec. School, Jammu. Sat Pal Sharma, Honorary Secretary, IRCS, Jammu Region, in his address, welcomed the Chairman, IRCS, Jammu Region, distinguished guests, dignitaries and the participants for making the event successful. He also briefed about various programmes/activities carried out by the Red Cross, Jammu Region during the year 2022-23 and defined its role and responsibilities during disasters and first-aid training.

He said due to Covid 19 Pandemic and restrictions thereof imposed by the J&K Govt. from time to time, the Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Region could not hold Red Cross Raffle Draw in the year 2019-20. "However, this year under the able guidance of the Worthy Chairman (Divisional Commissioner), IRCS, Jammu Region, Red Cross has been able to generate huge funds which are very high as compared to all previous years and the same shall be utilized to carry out the activities for welfare of poor/needily people suffering from different ailments such as cancer.

# International Red Cross Day celebrated at Budgam

DIST ADMIN COMMITTED TO EXTEND MAXIMUM HELP TO DOWNTRODDEN UNDER DRCF: DC JJ NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, MAY 08: Celebrating 'International Red Cross Day', the District Administration Budgam today organized a daylong blood donation and awareness camp at Sheikh-ul-Alam Hall, here.

The camp was organized in collaboration with District Red Cross Society Budgam and Chief Medical Officer Budgam.

Scores of donors volunteered to donate the blood during the camp, while students of different schools of the district participated in the function and were given awareness regarding the importance of blood donation and use of first aid to victims of accidents or any other calamity.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo while highlighting the significance of the day said that, not only blood donation camps are held on this day but also awareness and training about use of first aid on accident victims is given to participants to save human life.

He urged participants to make best use of the training to become smart citizens and extend timely first aid help to injured to safeguard the human lives.

He said that under the Red Cross Fund, the District Administration is committed to assist the maximum number of needy to make their lives better.

The DC appealed people to volunteer themselves to contribute to the Red Cross Fund to cherish the real spirit of Red Cross Day to serve humanity particularly the down-trodden and other weaker sections of the society without any barriers of caste, creed or religion.

# DC Srinagar inaugurates Blood Donation Camp at DC Office

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR MAY 08:- In Connection with celebrations of 'World Red Cross Day', District Red Cross Society Srinagar in collaboration with the Health Department Monday organised a Blood Donation Camp within the premises of DC Office Complex which was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad

Aijaz Asad who is also the Chairman District Red Cross Society. Chief Medical officer, Srinagar, Dr Jameel Ahmad, other senior Health functionaries, volunteers, Officials of DC Office and members of District Red Cross Society were present on the occasion.

During the Camp, about 50 participants including Officials of the DC Office, Srinagar, Red

Cross Volunteers and local people voluntarily donated the blood.

Speaking on this occasion, the DC urged people to donate blood voluntarily as it is a great service to humanity and helps in saving precious lives. He said that our single drop of blood can save precious lives and we should participate in such programmes for safeguarding humanity.

While lauding the contribution of Blood Donation Volunteer, Shabir Hussain Khan of Srinagar, who also donated blood on the occasion and has already donated blood more than 180 times, the DC stressed that every healthy person should come forward and donate their blood for this noble cause to increase the blood capacity in our health system. Congratulating Blood Donors, Volunteers and members of District Red Cross Society, the DC urged upon people to come forward for blood donation and said that the Administration highly recognizes and appreciates the selfless service of the blood donors for the entire society.

The process of Blood Donation camp was conducted by the Health team of JLNH Hospital Rainawari.

# District Admin Srinagar organizes programme at SP Higher Secondary School to celebrate World Red Cross Day

DC Srinagar stresses on promoting volunteerism in society/youth to infuse the spirit of compassion among youth JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR MAY 08:- To mark the World Red Cross Day 2023, the District Red Cross Committee in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar organised an impressive function here at SP Higher Secondary School on Monday.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also the Chairman of District Red Cross Committee was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Dr Saleem, Chief Education Officer, Mohammad Shabir, Tehsildar Recovery Srinagar, Dr Irtiza, Deputy CEO, Anjum Raja, the programme was attended by the large gathering of the Students and Staff of the School. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said celebrating the World Red Cross Day is an

important reminder to recognize and pay tribute to the people in our communities who are always ready to provide help to those in need, often without receiving any acknowledgment or appreciation.

The DC also highlighted the role and contribution of volunteers of Red Cross Society for their selfless services during natural calamities, accidents and other emergencies and serving humanity irrespective of colour, caste, creed and religion. While citing several examples set by volunteers/youth during Floods of 2014, Covid-19 and other natural calamities to save and protect human lives, the DC stressed on promoting volunteerism from the very beginning to infuse spirit of sympathy among masses particularly in youth. The DC said importance of humanitarian movement through Red Cross like volunteer campaigns is the need of the hour to prepare the young generations to face any natural calamity/emergency and strengthen the humanitarian network to ensure effective rescue operations. Highlighting the role of District Red Cross

Society in offering help, care, and life-saving services to people during disasters. He lauded their dedication, compassion, courage while helping the needy in the hour of crises.

During the programme, student speakers also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of celebrating World Red Cross Day.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar felicitated the participating Students, Volunteers and others through cash prizes, commendation certificates and trophies to acknowledge their services for the noble cause.

Pertinent to mention that the World Red Cross day is being celebrated every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Sir Jean Henry Dunant.

# Kisan Samparak Abhiyan Phase-III

SERIES OF FARMERS' ORIENTATION EVENTS HELD IN RAMBAN DISTRICT JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, MAY 08: The 3rd phase of three day ongoing Farmer Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) was held across the district under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Musarat Islam.

All the stakeholders and other allied departments, besides FRIs and farmers participated in the programme. People turned up in large numbers and were keen to learn about the schemes of HADP and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes as well. Audiovisuals (AVs) aids were used for disseminating the information at the grass-roots level.

People were made aware regarding the schemes in vogue in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sericulture, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Horticulture. District Nodal Officer, Dr. Suhail Kawoosa informed that the four-month-long programme is aimed at reaching out to farmers and educating them on the latest agricultural practices and technology.

The Subject Matter Specialists from Agriculture and allied departments briefed the farmers regarding the schemes. Threasure discussions and Question Answer sessions were held at every Panchayat. Informative booklets in three languages regarding the scheme of HADP were distributed among the participants.

Moreover, farmers were also made aware about Daksh Kisan (online learning portal for skill development) and Kisan Sathi (IT Dashboard) portals regarding the digitalisation of various services and schemes. As many as 345 farmers were registered during the first day event within the district.

# Power shutdown

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 08: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Billawar, Mandali, Phinter, Parnalla, Baggan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 9 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Bishnah, Sarore, Deoli, Kotli, Kheri, Rehal, Pandorian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 9 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to JIO Reliance Office and Part of Greater Kailash shall remain affected on May 9 from 8 am to 12 noon.

# Kisan Sampark Abhiyan Phase -3 takes off in Samba District

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, MAY 08: The third leg of "Kisan Sampark Abhiyan" under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) was conducted across Samba district to familiarise the farmers about HADP and other central schemes for development of agriculture and allied activities. The outreach initiative was launched by the Agriculture Production Department J & K Govt on April 24, 2023 which shall continue till August 31, 2023.

During the third phase, the farmers orientation is being organized at nine venues at panchayat level (Panchayat Narain, Surawal, Sarma, Madoon, Pali, Lapwal, Deon, Bagla Suchani and Goran) of all the nine blocks of the District Samba. On the Day One today, 357 farmers attended the orientation program and baseline data of all the participating farmers was captured on spot. During the outreach program, videos on various UOT / CSS projects / schemes were shown to the farmers by the resource persons from agriculture and allied sectors to encourage them to increase their occupational production and simultaneously adopt the new marketing modules so as to raise themselves from the level of a simple farmer to the level of an entrepreneur. Besides, the district Heads of the Agriculture and the allied sectors and Prabhari Officers also visited various venues to monitor the orientation events.



A deputation of All Jk sheep and wool workers association under the chairmanship of UT President Mohd Rafiq Malik accompanied by Pro. President Sunil Sharma, Punjab Singh, Dr Ram Lal, Vinod Kumar, Ab.Rashid, Deejay, Manan Malik and other members of the association met with New Director SHD Jammu Dr. Nassem Javid choudhary and DDC Dr. Surinder Gupta at their office chamber today. In which threasure discussion held on various issues of the employees including OP G promotion of all cadres, start of training class, and other majors and minor issues. Worthy Director listened patiently and assured that all your issues will be redressal on time bound manners and also suggest that perform your duties for the betterment of the department.