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NIA raids 9 locations in J&K in terror funding case

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In a massive crackdown in the Jammu & Kashmir terror conspiracy case involving Pakistan-backed banned terrorist organisations and their offshoots, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday raided nine locations across Kashmir.

In a statement issued to the news agency, several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data and documents were seized during the raids, conducted at the premises of hybrid terrorists and Overground Workers (OGWs) linked with the newly-formed offshoots and affiliates of proscribed terrorist outfits such as Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT),

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SIU Kulgam produces chargesheet against 4 terrorists

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The State Investigation Unit (SIU) Kulgam on Monday produced chargesheet against three slain terrorists and an active terrorist.

The SIU produced chargesheet in a case under FIR number 65/2022 of Police Station Kulgam before Hon'ble Court of Special Judge (Designated Court under NIA) Kulgam against three killed terrorists and an active terrorist, a statement issued to the news agency reads. The chargesheet

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Mohali resident Baldev Kumar contesting Parliamentary elections from Anantnag

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JAMMU, APR 22

A resident of Mohali is contesting elections from Anantnag Parliamentary constituency and he is confident of getting support from people for his social work.

He filed his nomination papers on April 19 with the Returning Officer (RO) at Anantnag and his papers got approval after the scrutiny. He is all set to get the election symbol on Tuesday. The non-locals were eligible to contest Lok Sabha polls in J&K even before abrogation of Article 370. Post abrogation of Article 370, they have become eligible to contest Assembly and Panchayat polls too.

According to the news agency, Kumar filed his nomination papers with RO Dr. Syed

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High stakes as Jammu Lok Sabha seat gears up for polls amidst tight security, intense campaign

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As the electoral fervor grips Jammu, anticipation surges ahead of the upcoming voting for the Jammu Lok Sabha seat scheduled for April 26. With robust security measures in place and heightened vigilance along the border, the stage is set for a crucial electoral showdown.

As per the news agency, in anticipation of the elections, a substantial deployment of paramilitary forces has been mobilized across key districts including Jammu, Samba, Reasi, and Rajouri. Police authorities have issued directives mandating

the presence of Station House Officers (SHOs) in their respective areas for the next four days.

The security apparatus, comprising approximately 40,000 personnel, are tasked to ensure a smooth and secure voting experience for the electorate. Against the backdrop of heightened tensions along the border, an alert has been sounded, underscoring the imperative of safeguarding the electoral process from external disruptions.

Meanwhile, political parties have intensified their campaign efforts, leaving no stone unturned to sway the electorate in their favor. Booth-level mobiliza-

tion and door-to-door canvassing have gained momentum as parties vie for voter support. The contest primarily revolves around prominent national players, namely the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Indian National Congress.

A total of 22 candidates are set to compete for the Jammu Lok Sabha seat, with expectations running high for a keenly contested electoral battle. Despite the absence of prominent national campaigners due to concurrent election commitments elsewhere, grassroots campaigning has taken precedence, with candidates focusing on connecting

with constituents at the local level.

The electorate, comprising 1,780,738 voters across 18 assembly constituencies, holds the key to determining the outcome of the polls. Notably, a significant proportion of first-time voters, including those in the 18 to 19 age group, are poised to exercise their franchise for the first time.

This election marks a significant milestone as it is the first parliamentary poll conducted in the state since its transition to a Union Territory and the abrogation of Article 370. The inclusion of new constituencies, such as Gulabgarh,

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GMC Jammu, Srinagar Prepare for Robotic Surgery, Promises Enhanced Patient Care

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In a significant stride towards modernizing medical facilities, Government Medical Colleges (GMC) in Jammu and Srinagar are gearing up to introduce robotic surgery. This initiative promises a gamut of benefits for patients, ranging from enhanced precision in complex surgeries to reduced postoperative discomfort.

According to news agency, robotic surgery, a cutting-edge technique, involves the use of robotic devices under the guidance of trained surgeons to conduct intricate pro-



cedures within the human body. In a recent development, the administration of GMC Jammu has forwarded a proposal to the Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supply Corporation to

finalize rate contracts and other necessary formalities for acquiring robotic equipment.

The groundwork for this transition, as per the reports received by

KNO, was laid out in the previous budget, with the Union Finance Minister allocating funds for the installation of robotic surgery units in both GMCs. With an earmarked sum of fifty lakh rupees for civil works, the stage is set for the integration of robotic-assisted procedures into the medical landscape of Jammu and Srinagar.

Currently, the surgical departments at GMC Jammu witness a steady flow of 16 to 20 minor and major operations daily, all performed manually by surgeon doctors and their teams. The introduction of robotic surgery

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Dull campaigning for Jammu LS Seat as candidates confined to corner meetings

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JAMMU, APR 22

Unlike Udhampur, Jammu Lok Sabha seat lacks the enthusiasm as political parties are not holding any major rallies and meetings to garner support from the people.

As some believe that people in the capital city of Jammu hardly attend

rallies others are of the opinion that political parties and their candidates haven't been able to make a connection with the voters.

According to the news agency, candidates are mostly confined to the small corner meetings in the Jammu city and also in Samba and Reasi districts, which are part of this con-

stituency.

Barring a couple of bigger rallies, one held by union Home Minister Amit Shah in Jammu on April 16 and another held by Congress party's star campaigner Sachin pilot in border belt of Ranbir Singh Pura and Suchetgarh, no major rallies are being held to garner the support.

"It is a dull campaign going on all over the Jammu seat. It hasn't picked up the way it should have. Earlier, elections used to be a big event and peoples' participation was giving it a colour but this time it is not seen anywhere," said Dinesh Manhotra, a Jammu-based senior journalist, who

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Sgr Boat Tragedy: LG visits Gandbal, meets victims' families

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SRINAGAR, APR 22

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday visited Gandbal area of Srinagar, where six people drowned to death last week after a boat capsized in the river Jhelum.

An official told the news agency that LG Sinha visited the families of deceased persons and also met the families whose kin are still missing.

He said that Sinha also visited the spot where the rescue operation is still



going on. The Lt Governor expressed his condolences to the bereaved families and assured all help and

support to them. "The UT Administration stands shoulder to shoulder with the families in this hour of grief," he said. KNO

Govt employee killed in terror attack in Rajouri

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A Government employee was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in another targeted attack in Jammu and Kashmir this evening. Mohammad Razaq was shot at soon after he came out of a mosque at Shadra Sharief area of Rajouri. He died of his injuries in a hospital.

The 40-year-old was an employee in the social welfare department. Razaq's brother is a soldier in the Territorial Army, they said.

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Indian citizens sleep freely as brave hearts remain awake at world's highest battlefield: Rajnath Singh at Siachen



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 22

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Monday visited the world's highest battlefield Siachen glacier to interact with the soldiers serving the nation. Singh while raising the morale of soldiers posted at Siachen glacier stated that Indian citizens were sleeping freely because of the commitment of brave men serving the nation in the bone chilling cold.

Addressing the soldiers, Singh, as per news

agency, laid wreaths at the war memorial at Siachen glacier and paid glowing tributes to fallen heroes. "I was supposed to come here on the day of Holi but bad weather didn't allow me to visit this place. But I had promised the soldiers in Ladakh that I will visit Siachen soon and today, I am glad I am here with you at the world's highest battlefield," said Singh, who was accompanied by army chief General Manoj Pande.

He said that soldiers serving the nation at

Siachen glacier are the real heroes and not less than the 'devtas' for the people of India. "It is because of you that people across the country sleep without fear. Serving the nation in such a place where cold conditions freeze the bones is something we are proud of," Singh said. He said the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to serve the soldiers and take care of their families and children.

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First phase of polling brings misery to two families in Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, APR 22

As the polling for the first phase of General Election on Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency was held successfully and peacefully, it brought misery to two families in Doda district as one official died and another suffered injuries.

A clerk in Project Office (PO) ICDS in Bhagwat Tehsil of district Doda Ghulam Qadir died after a cardiac arrest whereas another Teacher in school education department Firdous Ahmed Gattu suffered two fractures on his ankle.

According to the news agency Ghulam Qadir died on Saturday morning after he got exemption from deputy commissioner Doda from election duty a day prior to polling whereas Gattu slipped from a



hilltop while returning from a polling station in Gundoh area of the district.

An official of district electoral office (DEO) Doda told KNO that Qadir was deputed to election duty to 51 Assembly segment (Bhaderwah) and reached to the town on April 17. "Ghulam Qadir was kept in reserve list of the polling staff and was being sent to polling station number 36 Bajja in 51

Assembly segment. After spending April 17 night with a friend in Bhaderwah, he felt some pain in the leg and was not able to walk properly," the official said.

"Meanwhile District Electoral Officer (DEO) Doda Harvinder Singh visited Bhaderwah and Qadir asked for exemption on the basis of his health condition. The DEO immediately

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DGP directs forces to ensure safe, successful conduct of LS elections

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Director General of Police, J&K R.R. Swain, on Monday directed the security forces to ensure safe and successful conduct of the upcoming Parliament polls.

In this regard, a joint officer security review meeting was held today in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The meeting was aimed at assessing the readiness of the forces deployed for the elections and facilitating a collaborative effort towards ensuring the safe and successful conduct of the upcoming polls.

During the meeting, the DGP held detailed discussions with senior officers of the J&K Police, CRPF,



Army, ITBP, BSF, SSB, and intelligence agencies.

The meeting focused on the security arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of the elections. The DGP sought input from the officers on various projects planned to ensure safe and secure elections.

Key discussion points during the meeting were focused on election preparedness, addressing all

logistical and administrative aspects related to the process, facilitating seamless coordination with the forces, and addressing any challenges or concerns that may arise as the election process unfolds.

During the meeting, arrangements with regard to deployed personnel staying in different areas and their mobility, health care, heating, and

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Returning Officer Jammu PC assesses election preparedness ahead of polling

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Returning Officer (RO), 5-Jammu Parliamentary Constituency (PC), Sachin Kumar Vaishya today presided over a meeting here to finalise the arrangements for polling scheduled on April 26 in the Constituency under the second phase of Lok Sabha Elections.

The meeting witnessed the presence of Assistant Returning Officers and senior officers including ADDC, ADC, Director IT DIO Jammu besides other senior officers.

A team of Zonal SPs, led by SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar, also attended the critical meeting.

A crucial directive was issued to halt all political campaigning by 6 pm on April 24, a full 48 hours before the polling, in



adherence to the imposition of Section 144. The RO underscored that any breach of this mandate would be met with stringent action.

To ensure the sanctity of the electoral process, the sale of liquor will be prohibited across all outlets and commercial establishments till the conclusion of the polling.

The meeting also served as a platform to elucidate the role and responsibilities of the Assistant Returning Officers concerning the dispatch and reception of polling

parties, as well as their overarching management duties.

Discussions on transportation logistics were coupled with a thorough review of security-related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and guidelines, ensuring a fortified framework for the election day. The Senior Superintendent of Police detailed the specific functions of Sector Magistrates and Police Sector Magistrates, while affirming the implementation of multi-tiered security measures for the event.

President of India confers Padma Shri on Ghulam Nabi Dar in the field of Art

J I NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APR 28

The President of India conferred Padma Shri to Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar Mahabir Guddu in the field of Art from Jammu & Kashmir during Civil Investiture Ceremony in New Delhi today.

A brief citation about the life and work of awardee is given below- Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar is a renowned septuagenarian wood carving artisan whose dedication to his craft has garnered both state and national recognition. His journey as a craftsman began at the tender age of 10, when he first discovered his passion for working with wood.

2. Born on 3rd April, 1957, Shri Dar's artistic prowess flourished as he transitioned from traditional designs to creating his own unique works inspired by the breathtaking beauty of Kashmir's



natural landscapes. His keen eye for detail and his ability to capture the essence

This recognition not only celebrated his exceptional artistic talent but also acknowledged his significant contribution to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Kashmir through his intricate wood carvings.

4. Beyond Shri Dar's awards and accolades, he remains deeply committed to passing on his knowledge and skills to future generations. He actively mentors aspiring wood carvers and participates in community initiatives aimed at preserving traditional crafts in Kashmir. Today, he continues to inspire and captivate audiences with his exquisite wood carvings, which can be found adorning homes, galleries, and museums both nationally and internationally. His legacy as a master wood carving artisan continues to enrich the cultural tapestry of Kashmir and beyond.

of nature in his carvings have earned him widespread acclaim.

3. Shri Dar's talent was officially recognized when he received a State award in 1984 for his outstanding contributions to the field of wood carving. Additionally, he had the opportunity to showcase his skills internationally, in Indonesia and Thailand including a memorable stint working in Baghdad in 1978 and Lichtenstein, Germany in 2003. However, it was in 1995-96 that his craftsmanship reached new heights when he was honoured with the prestigious National award.

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General, Police Observers for Anantnag-Rajouri PC visit Shopian

J I NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, APRIL 22

General Election Observer, Jenu Devan and Police Observer, B Naveen Kumar for Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency today made a joint visit to Shopian district and chaired a review meeting with Nodal officers on Election preparedness in the Zainpura AC. The District Election Officer (DEO) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb at the outset briefed the Observers about various aspects of the District Election Management Plan in the district.

Expenditure monitoring, District Election Control Room, Transport Plan, SVEEP activities, Security Plan and other parameters of the District Election Management plan were discussed in the meeting, and concerned were directed to ensure complete imple-



mentation of the plans for the effective conduct of elections. Haseeb intimated that all logistical, material, security, manpower and other arrangements are in place for smooth conduct of elections in a free and fair manner in the district.

Concerned Nodal Officer also apprised the Observers about their assignments and arrangements being kept in place especially regarding dispatch and distribution

centre, security, training, SVEEP, etc.

Observers on the occasion enquired about previous voter turnouts, voter participation, SVEEP activities, security related issues and asked for making efforts for ensuring high voter turnout and incident free elections in the district.

They also stressed upon making result oriented training programmes for staff and micro-observers and assuring assured min-

imum facilities (AMF).

Later, the Observers made a joint visit to Strong room, Shopian, inspected it and reviewed arrangements.

They also visited polling stations located at Wachi, Zainapora and oversaw arrangements and AMF available there.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone; ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; AROs, Nodal Officers and other concerned.

PM Modi is a man of his words, fulfills all promises: Rohiin Chandan

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Secretary and Prabhari Yuva Morcha Jammu South Rohiin Chandan stated that the BJP's manifesto focused on the poor, youth, farmers, and women, exuding confidence over the outcome of the Jammu Lok Sabha seat. The BJP candidate Jugul Kishore Sharma surely wins Jammu Reasi with a record majority parliamentary seat, and we believe that our big seats will triumph with a record-breaking majority, and among these seats, the Jammu-Reasi parliamentary seat will win with more than 4 lakh votes. Rohiin Chandan said Jugul Kishore Ji is surely 101 percent winning the election for his constituency for the third straight consecutive term. Rohiin asserted that people will surely vote for PM Modi's ideology and hard-working, visionary, competent leader, BJP Jammu Poonch Lok Sabha candidate Jugul Kishore Sharma. Rohiin emphasized that we are celebrating the festival of democracy. Everyone should vote; this is our fundamental right as well as our duty. You can vote for everyone, and casting your vote is important.

Highlights from Rohiin Chandan the prime minister, Narendra Modi, has a particular place in his heart for union territory of J&K. He has put an end to terrorism and stonemasonry in the state by repealing articles 370 and 35A. Incidents linked to terrorism have decreased by 75%. All of this is made possible by the robust central government and the dynamic leadership of the PM Modi-led administration. Rohiin stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion that he is committed to '24x7 for 2047' is not just a slogan but what he really puts into practice. He said Modi Sarkar's performance in terms of the implementation of projects was remarkable only because of the personal interest with which Prime Minister Modi ensures the execution of every project.

Rohiin elaborates that PM Modi is a man of his word, fulfills all promises, and delivers good governance remarkably well. Modi Ki Guarantee is a game changer for all segments of society. He said to empower the neo-middle class by supporting them with affordable, quality housing and healthcare, access to quality education, and ample employment opportunities.

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Two independents file nomination papers for O2-Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat



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Two candidates filed their nomination papers from the O2-Srinagar Parliamentary constituency today for the Lok Sabha Elections-2024 to be held on May 13, 2024 (Monday). The candidates, namely Sheeban Ashai and Nisar

Ahmad Ahangar filed their nomination papers as independents in the Office of Returning Officer (RO) O2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency. The last day for filing of nomination papers in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency is April 25, 2024 (Thursday) upto 3 pm.

SERB-sponsored workshop on fatigue, fracture study begins at NIT Srinagar

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A week-long workshop on "The Fracture and Fatigue Study Using Experimental and Numerical Modeling Techniques" commenced today at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, under the auspices of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) through its Karyashala scheme.

The workshop, scheduled from April 19 to April 25, 2024, has attracted participation from students hailing from various corners of the country, aiming to delve into the intricacies of fatigue and fracture phenomena.

The inauguration ceremony, held on April 19, was graced by esteemed dignitaries and key personnel from the academic community. The ceremony began with a warm welcome address by Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma, the Coordinator of the workshop, who introduced the chief guest, patrons, coordinators, faculty members, and participants.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath,



conveyed his best wishes for the success of the workshop. While Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman was Chief Guest on the occasion.

In his address, Prof. Rahman emphasized the significance of collaborative efforts in advancing research and educational endeavours. He underscored the importance of workshops like this in nurturing a culture of innovation and excellence in academic institutions.

Prof. (HAG), GA Harman (Dean Faculty Welfare) delivered an insightful welcome address, highlighting the workshop's pivotal role in enhancing the understanding of fracture and fatigue phenomena.

He stressed the importance of such interdisciplinary gatherings in fostering holistic learning and knowledge exchange.

Prof. Adnan Qayoum, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Chairman of the organizing committee, expressed his enthusiasm for the workshop's potential to broaden horizons and facilitate collaborative research endeavours.

His message emphasized the workshop's role in fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and advancing knowledge in the field of materials science.

In his message, Dr. Shahid Saleem, Chairman of the Central Purchase Unit, emphasized the

importance of collaborative efforts in advancing research and educational endeavors.

The organizing committee, led by coordinators Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Azher Jameel, Dr. Deepak Naik, Dr. Sandeep Rathee, and Dr. Dinesh Rajendran, has meticulously planned a series of lectures and laboratory sessions facilitated by faculties from prestigious institutions such as IITs and NITs.

The inauguration ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma, the workshop coordinator, expressing gratitude to all participants, patrons, and attendees for their support and encouragement.

The workshop aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of experimental and numerical modeling techniques related to fatigue and fracture behavior, equipping them with valuable skills and insights for their future endeavors in the field of materials science and engineering.

INSV Tarini returns triumphant after historic Transoceanic Expedition by Indian Navy's Women Officers

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 22

The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini has returned triumphant to her base port at Goa on 21 Apr 24 after a historic transoceanic expedition of nearly two months duration.

The expedition was undertaken in double-handed mode by Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa A, women officers of the Indian Navy. Their exceptional journey marks a historic milestone as they become the first from India to accomplish such a feat.

The expedition was flagged off from Goa by renowned circumnavigator and their mentor Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd) on 28 Feb 24. After 22 days

of navigating through the unpredictable elements of the Indian Ocean, INSV Tarini arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, on 21 Mar 24. This historic moment was celebrated with a series of events where the officers had the privilege of interacting with government officials from the Mauritius Coast Guard and the Indian High Commission. In a gesture of camaraderie and collaboration, the vessel also undertook a training sortie with personnel from the Mauritius Coast Guard embarked, strengthening bilateral ties and fostering goodwill between the two maritime nations.

Following a hectic schedule at Port Louis, Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa the officers pre-

pared to embark on their return journey to Goa. Departing on 30 Mar 24, the officers faced continuous challenges posed by heavy winds, adverse sea states, and rough seas. Their indomitable spirit and steadfast resolve propelled them forward, guiding INSV Tarini safely back to Goa on 21 Apr 24.

Their accomplishments underscore the Indian Navy's commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering women in the maritime domain. Undeterred by the challenges encountered during their expedition, the officers demonstrated exceptional seamanship and resilience, embodying the spirit of adventure and exploration.

The two officers now

prepare for their next monumental voyage, a circumnavigation of the globe (Sagar Parikrama - IV expedition) on INSV Tarini scheduled to commence in Sep this year.

This remarkable achievement will not only inspire but also pave way for future generations of personnel especially women in the Indian Navy to volunteer for challenging maritime adventure activities.

INSV Tarini was flagged in by Commanding Officer INS Mandovi and Naval Station Commander North Goa at the boat pool of INS Mandovi, in presence of naval personnel and families of Station Mandovi, symbolizing the collective achievement and camaraderie within the Indian Navy.

EDITORIAL

Safe environs to ensure dignified return

After remaining in exile for over three decades, the displaced Kashmiri Pandits are being facilitated for a dignified return to their native places in Kashmir Valley. The BJP-led Central government is keen to ensure their return and rehabilitation in Kashmir by ensuring that they don't live in fear and for this necessary security mechanisms are being adopted. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has revealed that it would complete an additional 1,500 flats for Kashmiri Migrant employees under Prime Minister Development Package (PMDP) during the current financial year ending March 2024. It also revealed that it has already constructed 816 transit accommodations for Kashmiri Migrant employees out of the total 6,000 such accommodations sanctioned under PMDP 2015. The MHA made these disclosures in its action taken report on the recommendations or observations contained in a report on Demands for Grants (2023-24) under the title "Relief and Rehabilitation for Migrants" which has been tabled in the ongoing winter session of the Parliament. The Committee takes note of the construction of 6,000 transit accommodations in Kashmir Valley under PMDP in 2015. However, the construction of transit accommodations has not been completed till now. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the MHA may evolve a mechanism to fast track the construction of transit accommodations for Kashmiri Migrants, a report said. In the action taken report, the MHA said to settle Kashmiri Migrant employees, construction of 6,000 transit accommodations have been taken up in Kashmir Valley under PMDP, 2015. Out of 6,000 transit accommodations, 816 have been constructed. Further, additional 1500 flats are likely to be completed during the current financial year and the remaining are at various stages. There are around 62,000 registered Kashmir migrant families in the country who migrated from Kashmir Valley due to the onset of terrorism in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in the early 1990s. About 40,000 registered such families are living in Jammu, about 20,000 in Delhi. NCR and about 2,000 families settled in other parts of the country. Under the PM package, over 4,000 Kashmiri Pandit employees out of the total 6,000 posts have been appointed by the J&K administration and posted in various government departments in Kashmir Valley. As part of the package, the administration is also constructing transit accommodations for the employees in Kashmir. The tenements were constructed in the Jammu region (Purkhu, Muthi, Nagrota and Jagti) to accommodate the people who had migrated due to terrorism in the year 1989-1990 from their ancestral homes in Kashmir valley to Jammu. A total of 5,248 tenements were constructed in two phases till the year 2011. No new tenements for this purpose have been built during the last 3 years. While facilitating the return of Kashmir Migrants, the Government of India should first ensure that a safe and secure atmosphere is created for KP employees in Kashmir Valley. In the recent past, KP employees have been selectively targeted by terror groups for serving in Kashmir. Safety should be the top priority of the government. Only a safe and secured environment will encourage the KPs to willingly return to their native places.

Only thing climate change is cooling is growth

MARK GONGLOFF

Imagine you were running for king of the world on a platform of slashing economic growth by 20 per cent forever. You'd be lucky to get your own family to vote for you. And yet humanity insists on running the global economy on fossil fuels that are doing exactly that sort of damage. The good news is that we still have time to vote them out before they do even more.

The amount of planetary heating already in the pipeline as a result of a century of pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere will make global income 19% lower by 2049 than it would have been without global warming, suggests a new study from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. This income loss will be driven mainly by rising temperatures, according to the researchers, which will affect agriculture, public health, productivity and more.

This will cost \$38 trillion in lost income every year by mid-century, compared with the

\$6 trillion of investment the researchers estimate will be needed each year to meet the Paris climate accord's goal of limiting warming to 2 degrees Celsius during that time. If we fail to mitigate heating by transitioning to renewable energy sources, then the economic damage will rise to more like 60% of global income by 2100.

"It feels starker than ever that the costs of doing nothing are far higher than the costs of doing something", co-author Maximilian Kotz said in an interview.

The study's damage estimates are much higher than those of previous efforts, a result Kotz chalks up to his group's methodology, which he described as "conservative". Regardless, the direction of travel is clear and consistent.

"Degrowth" is the concept of slowing economic output to stop despoiling the environment. What fossil fuels are doing to the world isn't quite degrowth: Most economies will keep expanding as the climate changes, driven partly by those same fossil fuels. They just won't be nearly as

healthy as they would have been without global warming. Call it stunted growth, like your mom used to warn would happen if you smoked cigarettes.

Fossil-fuel companies and people who want to keep cashing their political-donation checks insist economies can't thrive without the dirty stuff. This is especially true in the developing world, they often argue, which is coming late to a party that started long ago in the US and other developed countries. To play catch-up, the thinking goes, these lower-income countries will need to burn fuels that have traditionally been cheap and abundant.

Exxon Mobil Corp., for example, has gone from denying that climate change exists to insisting that countries shouldn't risk "energy poverty" by rushing too quickly into renewables. It has argued people won't accept the "degradation in global standard of living" that it says achieving a net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 would require.

Of course, Exxon and its peers are talking their book:

as my Bloomberg Opinion colleague Liam Denning has written, they're banking on future demand from developing nations, which tend to be far more energy-intensive than developed ones.

But nothing drives demand for fossil fuels quite like economic growth. And as the Potsdam study notes, the impacts of climate change will fall most heavily on lower-income countries, sapping their income by more than 30% in extreme cases. Their energy demand should follow suit. Some developing countries will still burn a lot of fuel trying to adapt to brutal heat and extreme variability in temperatures and rainfall, Kotz notes. But they would have to run a lot of air-conditioning to make up for a 30% hit to GDP.

Perhaps this effect will limit energy demand and carbon emissions in developing nations, preventing even more global heating. But this would be a weak silver lining to the stark and persistent injustice of the climate change that is already happening: Countries that con-

tributed the least to the problem suffer the most. Developing nations from Afghanistan to Indonesia were hit with deadly flooding just last week. Miserable droughts that are already routine in parts of Africa have been made 100 times more likely by the 1.2C of warming we've experienced so far, according to the nonprofit group World Weather Attribution.

This all sounds like bad news, and it is. It adds to the genre of grim climate headlines loaded with disaster and scary numbers. They can be so mind-numbing and despair-inducing that they lead people to just throw up their hands, cook a cheeseburger on a charcoal grill and forget about it all.

But the good news buried in the Potsdam report is that we still have the power to avoid far worse human suffering and economic destruction in the decades to come. Limiting warming to 2C (or even lower, if we can manage it) will make us not only safer and healthier, but richer.

With power freebies, debt comes calling

UTTAM GUPTA

In an interview, Union Power Minister RK Singh revealed that electricity is not free. "If any State wants to give free power to any category of people, they can go ahead and do so, but you have to pay for it".

Singh's exhortation to the States assumes significance in the backdrop of a spate of announcements by the latter to give free electricity to certain consumers which affect the viability of power distribution companies or discoms (they buy power from generating companies or genscos and supply to the consumers). He argues "like any other commodity, generation and distribution of electricity involves cost and if a State is to provide it for free to a section of consumers, it also needs to have finances to pay the genco. If the genco isn't paid, electricity will not be produced in the first place".

But, there can't be any compromise on the generation of electricity as any shortfall could lead to a stoppage of economic activity. To meet the surge in demand (due to the impending summer), the Union Government has invoked the provisions of the Electricity Act (2003) under Section 11asking gas-based genscos and thermal plants based on imported coal to increase generation even if it entails extra cost. That is the reaction to meeting incremental demand. How could it tolerate massive cuts in generation inevitable when genscos are not paid? So, States must ensure that they are paid.

When pressurized, the con-

cerned States borrow money to pay the genscos resulting in a debt trap. For instance, in the first two years of the AAP Government, Punjab borrowed as much as Rs 47,000 crore adding to the already high debt of the State.

How can the States avoid debt trap?

The Electricity Act (2003) and the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power require the discoms to fix the charge (or tariff) on electricity supplied to consumers in a manner such that the average revenue realization (ARR) from its sale is equal to the average cost of supply (it includes the cost of purchase, transmission and distribution), or ACS. The discoms are free to decide the modalities of how this is to be ensured subject to approval by the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs).

Ideally, the discoms should charge from 'all' consumers a tariff equal to the total cost of supply say Rs 'X' crore divided by the number of units. But, they don't follow this principle. They charge less from certain consumers especially households (HHs) and farmers.

For instance, in Delhi, the tariff applicable to HHs consuming 200 units a month is Rs 3 per unit which is about half of the ACS. Including a plethora of levies adding to 44.6 per cent, the shortfall comes to Rs 4.3 per unit. For HHs consuming between 201 and 400 units, the tariff is Rs 4.5 per unit implying an under-recovery of Rs 1.5 per unit. Including the levies, this comes to Rs 2.2 per unit.

These under-recoveries are cross-subsidized by charging more from industries and business establishments for which the tariff can go up to a high of Rs 16 per unit. The low tariff charged from the target consumers (read: HHs consuming up to 400 units a month) is nothing but a freebie given by political parties. But, it goes unnoticed as the State exchequer doesn't have to pay for these under-recoveries. The industries that are made to foot the bill can't even murmur as discom being the sole supplier of electricity, they have no other option.

But, political parties don't want the target HHs to even pay this small tariff. In Delhi, the AAP Government tells discoms not to raise any bill on HHs consuming up to 200 units. Likewise, in Punjab, consumption of up to 300 units a month by an HH is free. This extra under-recovery of Rs 4.3 per unit in Delhi (applicable tariff Rs 3 per unit plus 44.6 per cent levies) has to be reimbursed by the State to the discom. But, most States don't reimburse or do it partially and after considerable delay. This leads to losses of discoms.

The availability of free power also drives people to manipulate their reported consumption. For instance, in Punjab, an HH consuming 900 units a month, gets three meters installed to keep consumption of each under 300 units thereby ensuring zero bills. Reportedly, more than 100,000 meters have been bifurcated or trifurcated enabling even high-end consumers to avail of the free bonanza. As for farmers who are eligible for free power in the

State, they report even consumption for running multiple ACs in their homes under farming head thereby avoiding any payment.

As a consequence, currently, almost over 95 per cent of power consumers in Punjab avail of subsidies, a major portion of which isn't even reimbursed to discoms. Discoms' losses also increase due to AT&C (aggregate technical and commercial) losses - a sophisticated nomenclature for power theft. According to Singh, AT&C's losses used to be high at 27 per cent. In Punjab, reportedly, an overwhelming share of electricity that leaves the generating stations/power dispatch centres remains unaccounted for.

The discoms have funded these losses by borrowings from banks and other financial institutions (FIs) apart from keeping bills pending. At the end of FY 2021-22, their total debt was Rs 620,000 crore. In June 2022, they owed about Rs 1,40,000 crore to Gencos and transmission companies (transcos).

The Center has taken several measures to force discoms to clear their dues. The late payment surcharge (LPS) Rules, implemented in 2022 made it mandatory for discoms to clear their legacy dues as existing on June 3, 2022, in a time-bound manner in 12 EMIs with the benefit of non-applicability of the LPS after its implementation date. The rules are also provided for time-bound clearance of current dues failing, which will attract a power supply cut. This has resulted in legacy dues decreasing from Rs 1,40,000 crore in June 2022 to around Rs 70,000 crore in July 2023 and further

down to Rs 40,000 crore currently.

Under the 'Reforms-Linked, Result-Based Scheme for Distribution' (RLRBSD) launched in July 2021, the Centre has undertaken a massive investment of Rs 300,000 crore to improve the reliability and quality of the power supply and enhance the efficiency of discoms. It has compulsory pre-paid and smart metering components to be implemented across the power supply chain, including in about 250 million households. As a result, AT&C losses decreased from 22.32 per cent during 2020-21 to 13.5 per cent during 2022-23.

However, according to the Minister, today power pilferage is 15 per cent. On this much electricity, discoms get 'nil' revenue. On a much larger percentage of power used by target HHs and farmers, the States promise to pay on their behalf. But, they don't pay in full and whatever payment comes, it is delayed. Even for making payments, the States borrow money. And, the vicious cycle continues.

It won't end unless discoms are unshackled from State controls and given the freedom to decide their pricing and distribution policies. If, States want certain HHs and farmers to get power free, let them give the money directly to them. This reform will also pave the way for the deregulation of electricity distribution, more options for consumers to source their needs and a reduction in tariffs.

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Understanding the impact of FOMO

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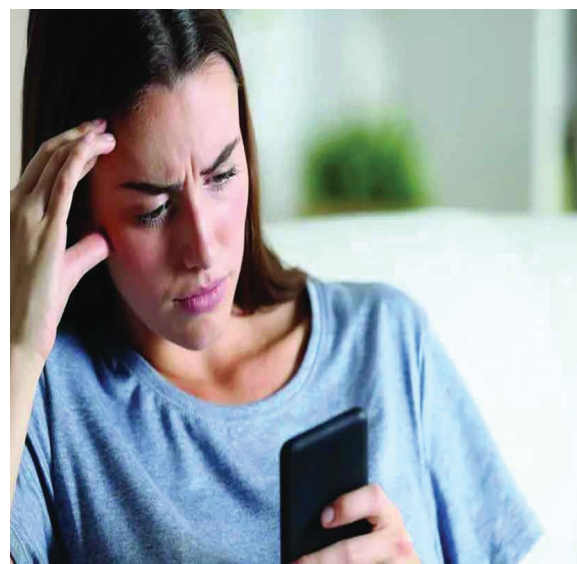
Ever found individuals befuddling when they see photos or updates from parties, gatherings, or events they were not invited to or witness their colleagues or peers receiving accolades, promotions or career advancements...Well such situations may evoke FOMO in individuals who feel stagnant or unproductive in comparison.

"FOMO," or the Fear of Missing Out, arises from a perceived discrepancy between one's own experiences and the experiences of others. Whether online or offline, the fear of missing out can exert a powerful influence on individuals' emotions, behaviours and decision-making processes, thereby highlighting the need for self-awareness and coping mechanisms to navigate the pressures of modern life. Now a days it is a

prevalent phenomenon among Generation Z (Gen Z) and other demographics. It can be a double-edged sword, driving ambition while fostering anxiety. There is no denying the fact that Gen Z have grown up in a digital age which is characterized by constant connectivity and instant access to information promoting products, experiences and lifestyles that appear glamorous and desirable.

Social media platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X and Facebook have become integral part of their daily lives, shaping their perceptions, behaviours and social interactions in profound ways.

Various studies and research too have consistently shown a strong association between social media usage and FOMO among this generation, the consequences of which extends beyond



mere discomfort and impact mental health, self-esteem and interpersonal relationships. Individuals plagued by FOMO due to the constant exposure to curated content and the pressure to maintain a certain online image may experience increased stress, anxiety, depression and feeling of loneliness as

they constantly compare their lives to others' highlight reels.

To mitigate the negative effects of FOMO on Gen Z, it becomes utmost important to promote digital literacy, encourage healthy social media habits and foster offline connections and experiences. Now this can include multiple prac-

tices such as practicing mindfulness or journaling that promote gratitude and positive thinking. Setting boundaries for screen time and cultivating meaningful relationships and activities that are not dependent on social media validation. Additionally, fostering a supportive and inclusive online community can help alleviate feelings of FOMO by emphasizing authenticity, empathy and acceptance.

Not only this but practicing the art of Digital Detox will allow individuals to reconnect with themselves and prioritize meaningful offline interactions and relationships. This will result in emphasizing the importance of quality over quantity when it comes to social connections and encourage face-to-face conversations and shared experiences with their friends and loved ones. Also, encouraging them to

engage in activities such as sports, art, music or dance will not only provide opportunities for personal growth and development but also reduces dependence on social media for validation and self-worth. Practicing such activities will encourage the Generation Z to seek support from trusted friends, family members or mental health professionals if they're struggling with feelings of FOMO or its effects on their well-being.

Remember, Fear of Missing Out (FOMO) raises stress hormones, inflammation and dysregulates an individual's nervous system. One needs to learn to self-love and be protective of their time and energy. In the hyper connected world, it does take courage to be with own thoughts so, try to be one...

(The write is an educator; views are personal)

Congress always betrayed people's mandate: Jugal, Salathia

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Holding Congress responsible for the plight of the citizens in the country, Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP candidate for Jammu-Reasi constituency and BJP Vice-President Surjit Singh Salathia, said that it always betrayed people's mandate as dynastic politics and corruption had been priorities in their policies. They were addressing public meetings at Bari Brahmana, Gurha Slathia and adjoining areas, Jugal Kishore Sharma said that although Congress was in power at the centre and in the state for long years, it never displayed sincerity in serving the people and mitigating their problems. Congress always indulged in promoting the Nehru-Gandhi family and encouraging corruption at differ-

ent levels. He said that the Congress leaders could easily do whatever they wished only because there was no one to oppose their acts or counter their fake narratives.

"With the passage of time things have changed with BJP having emerged as a strong political force and its leader Narendra Modi assuming chair of PM, the Congress is finding it difficult to remain relevant and its leaders are making failed attempts to survive but won't suc-

ceed", Jugal said and added that the lotus is set to bloom with full majority in Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Surjeet Singh Salathia said that the Congress leaders are still daydreaming to regain faith of the people but it is not possible in an era where the modern and easily accessible means of communication keep people updated on all subjects. No party can take it granted to mislead the people any more now and the Con-

gress leadership should digest this hard reality that people want work in practical instead of mere pleasing slogans. He said that the good governance model of Narendra Modi government will mobilize the public opinion in favour of the BJP and make it successful with more percentage of votes than the last elections.

Both, Jugal Kishore Sharma and Surjeet Singh Salathia, assured the people that their vote in favour of BJP would mean that there is still need of more work in different sectors and the party assures to keep the wheel of development moving with fast pace. Party leaders Former Minister Chander Prakash Ganga, DDC Sundershan Singh and others also accompanied the BJP candidate and also sought support for lotus.

Bukhari's Apni Party to support Sajad Lone from Baramulla LS seat

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Apni Party led by Altaf Bukhari on Monday announced unconditional support to Peoples Conference Chairman Sajad Lone from Baramulla Parliamentary seat.

Lone had urged Bukhari on Saturday to extend support and defeat the National Conference from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency.

Sajad Lone is contesting from Baramulla Parliamentary seat against the National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah.

Addressing a press conference, Bukhari announced unconditional support to the PC chairman Lone in Srinagar on Monday.

"Apni Party has decided to support Sajad Lone who is presenting new politics and I urge the people to vote Apni Party and its alliance partners during the parliament election", Bukhari said and added "I assure the people of Jammu and Kashmir that nobody will be deceived".

Spread over 18 assembly segments, the Baramulla

Lok Sabha seat would be one of the keenly watched contests as electoral dynamics in the constituency have changed after delimitation.

"I urge people that there is a need to change the traditional and emotional politics in Kashmir valley. I believe somewhere we are also responsible for what happened on August 5, 2019, if we forget the past 70 years of wanderer politics but nobody can forget what happened in the last 5 years in the role of political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir", Bukhari said.

He said the government of India abrogated Article 370 by which the jobs of

our youth were directly affected as these were to share with the other aspirants of India. There was land row as no outsider could purchase the land here so that the cultural and regional identity could be integrated.

"I met the PM and HM in daylight and brought the protection of jobs and land without asking people for any vote", he said adding "we are not power hungry. But the traditional politicians played an abusive role with the people even during these past five years".

He said people have sent three National Conference members to the Parliament

during these five years. But on August 5, 2019 when the article 370 was abrogated there were five members—three NC and two PDP—from Jammu and Kashmir, no one resigned. "If they could have resigned at that time, maybe the need to float the Apni Party could not have arisen", he remarked.

"If they could have resigned, a message could have been sent to the world that members from Jammu and Kashmir in Indian Parliament are protesting against the abrogation of special status", he said.

"I suggest the traditional political leaders retire and let the people live peacefully", Bukhari said and appealed "don't put in the minds of youth that we have to fight 100 years of war".

The AP President said "people don't have to fight a war...our destiny has been decided in 1947 to live with India. I will repeatedly say that Delhi has caused us injuries and they will also provide treatment and the treatment neither we will get in London nor in Washington or Islamabad", he added.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Election Observers conduct comprehensive inspection of Polling Stations in Nowshera, Rajouri

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General Observer, Sanjeev Kumar Besra and Police Observer, Akhileshwar Singh, today undertook a comprehensive visit to the polling stations of border belt of Nowshera.

The purpose of the visit was to assess and review the status of assured minimum facilities at these polling stations and polling preparedness.

They meticulously inspected polling stations across the border including one located in Khamba-A and Bhawani-A housed in GHS Sair. The scrutiny encompassed a thorough examination of the essential facilities for the smooth conduct of elections.

During the inspection, the Observers engaged with the stakeholders to

ensure that all necessary arrangements were in place to facilitate a smooth and efficient voting process. The basic amenities such as electricity, water supply, sanitation facilities, and accessibility for differently-abled voters was assessed at the polling stations.

The Observers asked authorities to ensure provision of prescribed Facilities at all Polling Stations to uphold the integrity and fairness of the electoral process. He reiterated the

unwavering commitment of the administration to facilitating free, fair, and transparent elections, wherein every eligible citizen can exercise his democratic right with confidence and ease.

The visit concluded with the instructions to the officers of concerned departments to put in place all efforts for the smooth conduct of Lok Saba Elections in the region.

The DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, Tejinder Singh; Additional Deputy Com-

missioner Nowshera, Babu Ram Tandan and other officers also accompanied the Observers during their visit to Nowshera.

Meanwhile, the randomization of polling staff was also done in the office of District Election Officer Rajouri under supervision of the General Observer.

The District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat alongwith whole team of Election department remained present at the randomization exercise.

Mehbooba joined INDIA alliance just to get seat: Omar Abdullah

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National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Monday hit out at Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti for joining the INDIA alliance just to get the seat.

The former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister is campaigning for his party candidate Mian Altaf who is contesting from Anantnag-Rajouri Parliament seat against Mehbooba Mufti, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Mohammad Saleem and Apni Party leader Zaffar Manhas.

"Mufti selfishly tried to get a seat through the doors of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) and INDIA alliance", Omar said during a public rally at south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

He said "If we were have been selfish than Congress and CPI(M) leader Taragami could have gone with the PDP". "Let me accept for a minute that I am a

selfish, is Taragami also selfish".

The former CM said efforts are being made to create hatred among the people and to spread an atmosphere of fear in Kashmir valley.

The NC Vice President said that "there were no compulsions for NC to join the INDIA alliance or to fight elections together with congress and others. It was just as we were aware about the situation and the dangers we are facing".

He said "our aim was never to get a seat but unfortunately some people had joined us who just worked to weight the alliance for the seat".

Omar blamed Mufti for helping others instead of the people who were in dire need of her to represent them during her tenure as Chief Minister.

"NC and Congress urged late Mufti Mohammad Sayed to accept their support to keep BJP out of Kashmir. However, Mufti Sayeed accused NC of trying to enter their government through backdoor", he alleged.

Omar said that "in 2016 when Mehbooba Mufti's government was in shambles, NC went to Raj Bhavan and urged the Governor not to allow breaking the government as NC was aware by such tactics of distorted man-

ners what repercussions it prevails on the people. Was that our selfishness?", he questioned.

He said "In 2018, Mehbooba Mufti sent her party's leader Altaf Bukhari to us for our support, proposing as CM, it was Farooq Abdullah who swiftly endorsed and signed the document without hesitation, was that our selfishness?".

"We still remember your speeches when you said there is only Narendra Modi who can solve Kashmir's issue but where is the solution, is there anything left without catastrophe. Our identity and existence is in danger", he said.

Omar said when Mufti could have represented the people of Kashmir instead she jeered at them. People have not forgotten whom you rubbed the salt on their wounds.

"What you did during your tenure as Chief Minister, bring some courage to apologize to the people for that", the NC Vice President asked.

Narinder Singh Bhau: Khour's Centre of Attraction

From BJP's Executive Member to Khour's favourite holds most meeting



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Narinder Singh Bhau, an Executive Member of Bhartiya Janta Party and President of All India Bhau Rajput Sabha has now become people's all time favourite at Khour. In a door-to-door campaign organised at Pallanwala, Khour; people praised Narinder Singh Bhau and his efforts for the fulfillment of people's basic needs by saying that he has become their favourite. The campaign was organised by panch Kewal Singh and Sarpanch Geeta Rajput to connect people for the polls on 26th of April.

Narinder Singh Bhau appreciated the prais-

ing words by the people of Khour by saying that he was feeling very overwhelmed and grateful to them for their love and support for him. Raj Singh, the Vice President Pallanwala said, "It's Narinder who will be the reason for Khour's every resident to press the 'Lotus' button at EVM." Also, the ladies of Khour said that Narinder has indebted them by promoting Sanatani activities like Prabhat Feri; and they will pay the debt by casting their votes to the BJP.

Sarpanch Geeta Rajput, Sunita Devi, Shubham Kotwal, Harsh Sharma, Vandana Devi, Sunaina Devi, Krishna Devi, kamla Devi, Rakesh Singh, Lal Singh, manga Singh and others were present.

Illegal extraction & transportation of minerals Police seizes 11 vehicles, arrests 9 drivers in Baramulla



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Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, police have seized 11 vehicles and arrested 9 drivers in Baramulla.

The Police initiated the action under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla, SDPO Pattan/Tangmarg/Kreeri assisted by SHO PS Kreeri, PS Kunzer, IC PP Delina, PP Kungam-dara & PP Mirgund seized 11 vehicles and arrested 9 drivers at Kreeri, Delina, Kungam-dara, Kunzer & Mirgund, involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals.

The involved accused drivers have been identified as Nisar Ahmad Chopan son of Ali Mohammad resident of Kunzer, Samir Ahmad Shah son of Ghulam Rasool, Javid Shah son of Nazir Shah both residents of Goni-

pura, Asif Ali Bhat son of Ali Mohammad resident of Odina, Mohd Rafeeq Akhsoo son of Gh Rasool Akhsoo resident of Frasthaar, Ghulam Hassan Gojree son of Abdul Aziz resident of Chandsooma, Ghulam Nabi Lone son of Ghulam Hassan resident of Harwan Sopore, Talib Hameed Wani son of Ab Hameed & Arshad Ahmad Akhsoo son of Ab Razaq both residents of Frasthaar Kreeri.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated.

People are requested not to indulge in any kind of illegal mining activities from any Nallah/River, as it is the violation of Government rules. Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law.

District SVEEP Cell, Rajouri hosts "Loktantra Ka Asli Mantra" in Nowshera

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District SVEEP Cell Rajouri, under the leadership of District Election Officer Sh. Om Prakash Bhagat, orchestrated Natrang's Travelling Show Series "Loktantra Ka Asli Mantra" at Bus Stand Nowshera, as a part of its comprehensive SVEEP campaign.

The Natrang travelling show, renowned for its impactful presentations, delivered a compelling performance aimed at enlightening the masses about the importance of voting. Penned by Padamshree Balwant Thakur and skillfully directed by Neeraj Kant, the play captivated audiences with its poignant narrative, emphasizing the pivotal

role of every citizen in shaping the nation's destiny through active participation in the electoral process.

The District SVEEP team Rajouri comprising of Prof. Mohd Iqbal Raina (DNO SVEEP). Dr. Khalid Kayaz, Prof. Ajaz Nazir, Mr. Mohammad Ayaz Raina lecturer etc ensured the

seamless coordination of the event. The presence of ADC Nowshera Babu Ram Tondon & its team added to the significance of the occasion and provided necessary support for making the event successful.

The Natak highlighted the key messages of SVEEP such as voter registration,

ethical voting, and informed voting. The performers encouraged the audience to participate in the upcoming elections and make their voices heard. The Natak was well received by the audience and helped create awareness about the importance of voting and the role of voters in the electoral process.

Mr. Vinod Kumar PwD icon was also present on the occasion.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks from DNO SVEEP Prof. Mohd Iqbal Raina, reaffirming the commitment to fostering a culture of active participation in the electoral process.

