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One local missing, 2 tourists rescued after portion of Thajwas Glacier falls on them in Sonamarg

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JUNE 2

One person went missing, while two tourists were rescued after a portion of Thajwas glacier fell on them in Sonamarg area of Ganderbal district on Sunday, officials said. An official said that the incident happened when tourists were enjoying their time at Thajwas glacier today afternoon.

He said two tourists and a local person fell down after a portion of glacier fell on them. "Soon after the tourists were rescued while the local is still missing. Search operation is underway to locate him," he said.

He said that further details will be shared accordingly.

Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra from Jammu on June 12

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

Hundreds of devotees from the Kashmiri Pandit community will leave for the annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra in a fleet of Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation buses from Jammu to Kashmir on June 12.

The annual Mata Kheer Bhawani mela this year is to be celebrated on June 12 in Tulmula in Ganderbal district of Kashmir valley. "All arrangements are being made for the Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra," said an official. He said that the devotees

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Akhnor accident Jammu GRP, Railway Staff facilitate shifting of bodies and injured to native villages

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

A team of Government Railway Police (GRP) along with Railway staff facilitated the shifting of dead bodies and injured of the Akhnor road mishap that claimed 22 lives and left nearly 60 injured near Tungi Mor in Kalidhar in Jammu outskirts.

A bus ferrying pilgrims from UP towards Shiv Khori via Bhambla fell into a gorge when it reached Kali Dhar in Akhnor area on May 30.

A GRP official said on receiving information about the shifting of the bodies and injured persons to their native villages, the GRP team along with civil administration, railway staff, district police, and Red

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Lt Governor interacts with Business & Industry leaders at Raj Bhawan

J&K's economy is surging ahead and it offers the best investment opportunity to the investors: LG Sinha

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 2

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today interacted with the business and industry leaders from different regions of the country including Varanasi, Kanpur, Kolkata, Bangalore, Prayagraj, at Raj Bhawan.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor shared the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir and spoke about competitive advantages and opportunities in J&K UT.

He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to meet the aspirations of the people of Jammu Kashmir. He said the path-breaking development J&K has witnessed



in the last few years is the testimony to our resolve to bring peace, prosperity and establishing transparent, accountable and responsive governance in Jammu Kashmir.

"J&K's economy is surging ahead and it offers the best investment opportunity to the investors," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that the record tourist influx, investor friendly ecosystem and industrial investment is driving sustainable economic growth in J&K. He said the agricultural reforms are also opening new vistas of opportunities for entrepreneurs in agro-based industries.

"J&K has taken transformative reforms in the past few years to facilitate investment and we are building world class infrastructure to make J&K a hub of innovation. J&K offers myriad opportunities across sectors and soon we will take its economic growth to

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Katra hoteliers seek increase of stay for Vaishno Devi pilgrims at tourism hot-spots

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 2

The members of Hotels and Restaurants Association, Katra (HRAK) on Sunday sought increase of stay for Vaishno Devi pilgrims while submitting a memorandum to Commissioner-cum-Secretary Tourism Yasha Mudgal.

As per the handout issued here, the HRAK delegation comprising its President Rakesh Wazir, Chairman Sham Lal Kesar, Senior Vice President Virender Kesar, Rajneesh Sharma and others called on Mudgal amidst the presence of Joint Director, Jammu Tourism Sunaina



Sharma Mehta, Deputy Director Savita Chouhan, Assistant Director Ambika Bali.

The delegation apprised her with regard to various issues related to Tourism Industry and Hotel industry in particular.

Wazir emphasized that

need of the hour is to increase the stay of one crore visiting Vaishno Devi pilgrims and for that places of Tourist interests around Katra especially Shiv Khori, Patnitop, Natha Top, Sanasar, Bhaderwah, Mansar, Surinsar, Kol Kandoli, Deva Mai etc.

are needed to be developed.

He said that all industrial benefits need to be extended to the Tourism Sector as well including Power to hotels at par with Industrial rates, and GST reimbursement to hotels on the pattern of manufacturing Industry.

Wazir emphasized for starting Ropeways particularly at Shiv Khori and Sanasar and also emphasized for starting work on the separate water scheme for hotels which has already been sanctioned since long.

He stressed that in the new policy which

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Forest fire breaks out at Gangera hil in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, JUNE 2

A forest fire erupted in Gangera Hill in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, said officials.

Upon receiving the information, forest department personnel swung into action to contain the fire.

"The fire erupted in the morning. Upon receiving the information we

reached the spot and started dousing the fire. It is still going on," Bharam Dutt Sharma, block forest officer in Udhampur said.

According to the preliminary estimate of the forest officials, the fire has caused immense damage, razing down vast swathes of forest and causing an estimated loss of crores of rupees in timber and other natural resources.

Another major forest fire has been raging in

Daya Dhar of Ghordi Block, of Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur District for the past three days.

The fire has intensified over this period, and despite continuous fire-fighting efforts, it remains uncontained. The Daya Dhar forest area is home to a significant population of peacocks, and the fire has undoubtedly caused harm to these magnificent birds. The loss of vegetation has not only impacted the

peacocks but also other wildlife and the overall ecosystem.

The forest fires in Udhampur district pose a significant threat to the environment, wildlife, and local communities. The destruction of vegetation and the release of harmful pollutants into the atmosphere have far-reaching consequences. The loss of wildlife and the disruption of ecosystems are

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People who kept 'hisab-kitab' for Pak in the past queued up to vote this time: DGP Swain

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 2

People who kept 'hisab-kitab' (accounts) and acted as eyes and ears of the 'enemy' in the past took part in the electoral process this time as the Jammu and Kashmir administration and the police ensured a safe space free from external threats, DGP Rashmi Ranjan Swain said.

This year's Lok Sabha election saw a remarkable voter turnout in Jammu and Kashmir which signalled towards a shift in



the region's political landscape, Swain told PTI, highlighting a newfound sense of freedom from fear among the people.

In the first major elec-

toral battle in Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into Union territories in August 2019,

the three Lok Sabha seats in the Valley— Srinagar, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri, recorded their highest-ever voter turnouts in the last three decades.

Director General of Police (DGP) Swain commended the security forces for their efforts in monitoring potential threats from external elements particularly 'proxies of Pakistan' who intended to disrupt the democratic process.

Speaking to PTI after the completion of the

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Nine counting centres set up for Five Lok Sabha seats in J&K; One in Delhi

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUN 2

With two days left for the declaration of results of the Lok Sabha polls, nine centres have been set up counting of votes in five Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Sunday.

In addition, one counting centre has also been set up in Delhi for the counting of Kashmiri migrant votes which were polled by the displaced community at specially set up polling stations in Srinagar, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seats, they said.

The counting of votes, scheduled for Tuesday, also covering Udhampur and Jammu parliamentary seats in J-K, will decide the fate of 100 candidates, including senior BJP leader and Union minister Jitendra Singh, two former chief ministers - Omar Abdullah of National Conference (NC)



and Mehbooba Mufti of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The other bigwigs include former ministers Raman Bhalla and Choudhary Lal Singh of Congress, GM Saroori of DPAP, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi and Mian Altaf of NC, Ashraf Mir of Apni Party, Sajjad Lone of Peoples Conference. Former MLA Engineer Rashid is fighting from Tihar Jail.

Officials said all arrangements including security and deployment of staff have been made at all the 10 counting centres.

The Combined Voter Turnout (VTR) at the polling stations for the entire Union territory (five Lok Sabha seats) was 58.46 per cent - the highest poll participation in the last 35 years.

The voter turnout of 50.86 per cent from the three parliamentary constituencies in the Kashmir Valley witnessed a jump of 30 percentage points from the 2019 general elections when it was 19.16 per cent.

Srinagar, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri in the valley recorded

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Next week likely to be rainy in Jammu and Kashmir: MeT

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 2

Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast intermittent light to moderate rain coupled with thunder with gusty winds during the next week in Jammu and Kashmir. There will be 'no' heatwave over Kashmir division during the next eight days, it said.

The weather will generally remain hot and dry with 'heatwave' over plains of Jammu division till June 4.

Jammu recorded the maximum temperature at 42.9C on Saturday and it was 3.5C above normal during this period of the season.

The weather will remain partly cloudy with the possibility of light rain and thunder at a few places during the next 24 hours till Monday.

From June 4 to 7, the MeT office predicted the weather will be partly to generally cloudy with intermittent light to moderate rain/thunder at many places with gusty



winds at few places. Few places may receive moderate intensity showers for a brief period over Jammu and Kashmir.

It said the weather will remain partly to generally cloudy during June 8 and 9 while it will be dry from June 10 to June 13.

The MeT office has advised farmers to suspend farm operations during June 5 and 6.

The minimum temperature at Qazigund, Pahalgam and Kokernag weather stations of the Kashmir valley was recorded below normal during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded the minimum temperature at 13C, Qazigund 10C, Pahalgam 6.4C, Kokernag 10.2C and Gulmarg 8 C during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday, the MeT office said.

Srinagar recorded the maximum temperature 27.5C on Saturday and it was 1.2C above normal, Pahalgam had a maximum 24.1C and it was 1.3C above normal for the tourist spot in south Kashmir.

Picnic spot of Kokernag recorded the maximum at 27.2C and the famous

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PM Modi chairs host of meetings, asks officials to ensure fire drills in Hospitals, public places

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUN 2

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday stressed the need to ensure regular fire and electrical safety audits in hospitals and other public places as he reviewed the heatwave situation in the country amid fire incidents which have claimed many lives.

He chaired a host of meetings, including one on the post-Cyclone Remal situation, especially in the northeast region, and another to review the 100-day agenda of the new government to be sworn in after the Lok Sabha results are announced on June 4.



Exit polls broadcast on Saturday predicted a massive win for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), with Modi set to retain power for a third straight term.

In the meeting to review the heatwave conditions in parts of the country, Modi instructed officials that proper drills for

preventing and handling incidents of fire must be undertaken on a regular basis, according to an official statement.

He also said that regular drills for the maintenance of fire lines in forests and productive utilisation of biomass must be planned. Modi was briefed that

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India to become 3rd largest economy of world under PM Modi: Khatana

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

Reacting to the overwhelming favourable results for BJP in the recent exit-polls by different channels, senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that PM Modi is going to helm the affairs of world's greatest democracy for the third consecutive term.

"Soon our nation will become world's third largest economy under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi," Khatana said in a press statement issued to certain prominent news organisations in Jammu on Sunday.

He said that the entire country was already knowing that public in no



way was willing to give a chance to the divisive forces like Congress.

"In his third term PM Modi will launch remarkable developments and our country will touch the new heights of progress and prosperity," the MP maintained adding: "Abrogation of Article 370, soft landing on moon and many more developments in the country in the last 10 years of BJP government have made a special

place for PM Modi in the hearts of Indians."

Khatana also said that in the third term PM Modi will ensure more jobs, housing for all the leftover cases, health to all, more startups, equal rights to the neglected sections of the society etc.

"From Union Ministers to the common BJP workers, all have worked hard for ensuring third term to PM Modi," he continued.

Khatana also said that leadership of PM Modi is well recognised across the world and diplomatically also he has taken the country to new heights.

The BJP leader said that people of India have displayed their interest in the strong democracy by overwhelmingly casting their votes during the recently concluded General Elections in the country.

Hot Weather-A Heart Hazard: Dr Sushil

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 2

With temperatures roaring high much above the expected levels this year and increasing burden of cardiovascular diseases Head Department of Cardiovascular GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac awareness cum health Check up camp at Panchayat Gharota Lower Block Bhalwal, Jammu with main focus on the ways to reduce cardiac mortality due to heat exhaustion and adopt lifestyle measures conducive for healthy heart.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that Extreme heat affects human health, and rising temperatures will probably have adverse consequences as the climate changes. High temperature, among the well-documented effects of climate change on human health, has been included as a risk factor in the Global Burden of Diseases. Unusually high temperatures can exacerbate existing health conditions, and cause illness and death. Although heat exposure can be a risk to all, older people and those with impaired cardiovascular health are particularly at risk of mortality and morbidity associated with heat. It is predicted that, because the background prevalence



of cardiovascular disease will substantially increase due to population growth and ageing, so will the probable adverse effects associated with ambient heat exposure, especially in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs). Additionally, people living in tropical climate zones were more vulnerable to cardiovascular disease-related mortality due to high temperatures than those in other climate zones examined, albeit with non-significant differences, and those living in LMICs were more vulnerable to cardiovascular disease-related mortality due to high temperatures than those living in high-income and upper-middle-income countries.

He elaborated that the heat effects on poor cardiovascular outcomes relate to the multiple physiological pathways that initiate human cardiovascular responses to passive heat stress and exogenous heat gain. These pathways leading to heat-induced

impairment of cardiovascular health are overlapping and complex, with potential systemic effects. Briefly, when heat gain exceeds the capacity of the body to lose heat, a series of pathological events can eventually result in cardiovascular impairment. Increased sweating and skin blood flow can lead to water loss and dehydration and increase the risk of stroke.

Dr Sushil while explaining about the ill effects of heat on cardiac health told that heat exposure is an important but underappreciated risk factor contributing to cardiovascular disease. Warming temperatures might therefore pose substantial challenges to population health, especially in a rapidly aging population. To address a potential increase in the burden of cardiovascular disease, a better understanding of the effects of ambient heat on different types of cardiovascular disease and factors contributing to

vulnerability is required, especially in the context of climate change.

He further added that To minimise the impact during the heat wave and to prevent serious ailment or death because of heat stroke, you can take the following measures such as Wear lightweight, light-coloured, loose, and porous cotton clothes. Use protective goggles, umbrella/hat, shoes or chappals while going out in sun, stay hydrated, eat water rich foods and avoid outdoor activities during peak times, He said.

Prominent member of the area Santosh Kumari (Sarpanch), Rahul Singh (Panch), Nitu Verma (Panch) and Shubham Gautam appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up in their area and shows their heartfelt gratitude. Bharat Bhushan (DDC Chairman Jammu) also graced the occasion.

Others who were part of this philanthropic effort included Dr.Yashwant Sharma and Dr Dhaneshwar Kapoor. Paramedics and Volunteers who were part of this endeavour included Kamal Sharma, Raghav Rajput , Ranjeet Singh , Paramveer Singh , Rahul Vaid , Rajinder Singh, Jatinder Bhasin, Gourav Sharma, Vikas Kumar and Nirvair Singh Bali.

Hundreds of Students join Summer Judo Coaching Camp in Jammu North Assembly

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 2

Today, an inspiring event unfolded as hundreds of students from the Jammu North Assembly enthusiastically participated in the Summer Judo Coaching Camp at Lower Roop Nagar. The camp, organized by Romi Jamwal, Coach of Shastri Judo Club in association with J&K Judo Association, witnessed a remarkable turnout of young athletes and their supportive parents.

The camp was graced by the presence of Uday Bhanu Chib, National General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress, who attended as the Chief Guest. The event also welcomed Vikas Gupta as the Guest of Honour, alongside Coach Shastri from the Judo Club, who provided expert guidance and motivation to the participants.

Speaking on the occasion, Uday Bhanu Chib highlighted the significance of such initiatives for the holistic development of students. "The Summer Judo Coaching Camp provides the best opportunity for students to engage in physical fitness, discipline, and self-defense training. It not



only helps in building their physical strength but also enhances their mental resilience and self-confidence. Such camps are essential for fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie among the youth," he stated.

Chib also commended the efforts of Romi Jamwal and the JK Judo Association for their dedication to promoting judo and providing a platform for young talents to hone their skills. "It is heartening to see such enthusiasm and commitment from both the students and their parents. This camp is a testament to the potential of our youth

and the importance of supporting their aspirations in sports," he added.

He said the Summer Camp continues to be a beacon of hope and opportunity, encouraging the youth to pursue excellence in sports and beyond.

The event witnessed various judo demonstrations, training sessions, and interactive activities, creating an engaging and educational experience for all attendees. Parents expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the camp, noting the positive impact it has on their children's physical and mental well-being.

Platinum Business Sports Network Launches

Platinum Summer Biz Bash in Gandhinagar, Jammu

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 1

The Platinum Business Sports Network proudly inaugurated the Platinum Summer Biz Bash Cricket Tournament on May 31st, 2024, at the picturesque Greenfield Ground in Gandhinagar. Bringing together a multitude of corporates and businessmen, the tournament promises three weeks of thrilling cricket action and networking opportunities.

The event, aptly titled the "Platinum Summer Biz Bash Cricket Tournament," boasts a stellar lineup of sponsors and partners. Infrabusiness Aar Bee Cee Group headlines as the title sponsor, with Mulkhraj Ashok Kumar Jewellers powering the event. Shree Toyota drives the tournament forward, while Radisson Blu Jammu and Shivanghi Electronics co-power the proceedings. Batra Group and Nayyar Industries provide additional support, and Viewstoday News serves as the esteemed



media partner.

Bhisham Batra, Director of Batra Group and Founder of Platinum Business Sports Network, together with Deepanshu Rastogi, Executive Head of Platinum Business Sports Network, orchestrated the organization of this prestigious sporting event.

Spread across three

weekends, the Platinum Summer Biz Bash Cricket Tournament showcases the talent and competitive spirit of teams comprised of corporate professionals and businessmen. Each match promises excitement and camaraderie, creating unforgettable moments on the cricket field.

Adding to the excitement, every match of the tournament will be broadcasted live on YouTube through Livesports TV, ensuring that fans and supporters can enjoy the action from the comfort of their homes.

"We are thrilled to kickstart the Platinum Summer Biz Bash Cricket Tournament, providing a platform for corporates and businessmen to come together in the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie," said Bhisham Batra. "With the generous support of our sponsors and partners, we aim to deliver an unforgettable experience for all participants and viewers."

As the tournament unfolds, participants and spectators can expect intense matches, networking opportunities, and moments of sporting brilliance. Stay tuned to Livesports TV for live coverage and updates on match schedules and highlights.

CUJ Organized Lecture cum Awareness Dialogue on Climate Change and Desertification

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 2

Under the esteemed leadership of Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, the Department of Environmental Sciences, Central University of Jammu in collaboration with Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) Hub, Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing (JKDEERS), Jammu & Kashmir, organized a lecture cum awareness dialogue on "Climate Change and Desertification" in commemoration of World Environment Day, 2024. The theme of World Environment Day



2024 is "Land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience."

Dr. Majid Farooq, Scientist from JKDEERS delivered the lecture on the topic and expressed deep concerns regarding the increasing trend of climate change and emphasized upon the importance of collective action in combating climate change

and preserving our environment. Knowledge and skill alone are inadequate to save the environment, if one has no willingness towards protecting the environment.

Prof. Richa Kothari, Head of the Department, addressed the gathering and highlighted that each individual should adapt sustainable lifestyle. She

stressed on collective responsibility towards climate resilient communities.

Prof. R K Srivastava from the Division of Agricultural Engineering, SKUAST, Jammu also graced the occasion and shared his views.

Dr. Ankit Tandon, Faculty, EVS shared that recent reports are indicating higher rates of warming of hilly region in comparison to valley part of J&K which may ultimately translate into change in species' diversity over the higher reaches of the Himalayas.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Faculty, EVS mentioned that the high-resolution satellite data should be used to forecast and analyse the extreme weather events

over the Himalayas. Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean Research Studies, in his concluding remarks deliberated on the causes of desertification, land degradation and climate change and encouraged students to look for innovative technologies and solutions to combat the challenges of climate change.

Dr. Shweta Yadav, Faculty, EVS extended formal vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain for his guidance and support in organizing such informative sessions. She also thanked the Deans, Heads, faculty members, scholars and students for active participation in the deliberations.

G M Saroori visits Gurinal Chatroo

J I NEWS SERVICE
KISHITWAR, JUNE 2

G. M Saroori, Vice Chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), conducted a visit to the Gurinal area in Tehsil Chatroo, District Kishtwar, where he engaged with the local populace to understand and address their grievances. The visit was marked by significant interactions with the general public and local nomads, focusing on pressing issues such as the lack of ration supplies, frequent power cuts, and exorbitant electricity bills from the Power Development Department (PDD).

During his interaction, Saroori emphasized the importance of preparation for the upcoming assembly elections slated for September-October



attendees that he would advocate for their legitimate concerns with the appropriate authorities. He expressed gratitude for the

this year. He encouraged the community to choose leaders who are committed to resolving their issues effectively. Saroori conveyed a message from Ghulam Nabi Azad, Chairman of DPAP, who assured the revival of the Roshni Scheme, aimed at empowering the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Azad also pledged to transform Jammu and Kashmir into a welfare state through the implementation of various welfare schemes, urging the public to support his leadership for the region's development.

Saroori assured the

community's participation in the meeting and extended his best wishes for their health and well-being. In addition to his general public engagement, Saroori spent time with the nomadic communities, listening to their specific challenges and praying for their safe seasonal migrations.

The visit underscores DPAP's commitment to grassroots engagement and addressing local issues, reinforcing the party's resolve to bring tangible improvements to the lives of the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

Natrang's 'Miss World Undeclared' Shines at Studio Theatre

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 2

'Miss World Undeclared', a play in Hindi, written by Satyendra Shrivastava and directed by Neeraj Kant, was staged here today at Natrang's Studio Theatre Kachi Chawni in its Weekly Theatre Series, Sunday Theatre.

The play 'Miss World Undeclared' presented at Natrang Studio unfolds the sad saga of all those people, particularly Asians who reside in the developed European Countries and are subject to racial discrimination and hatred from the natives as they think their resources are shared and reduced by them. This was showed from the point of view of a school going girl, 'Noorie' who was regularly bullied by her classmates who have fair complexion. They tease her for not being as beautiful as them to the extent that she decides to discontinue her edu-



But her mother, a very wise lady, makes her realize that the criteria for being beautiful is not being fair or having external beauty, the real beauty is internal beauty and anyone with a good heart and calm mind is much more beautiful than those people who are just externally good looking. Motivated by her mother, she goes to the school and comes back very happy as on that day the result of Miss World pageant gets declared and the winner was an Indian girl. The play ends with a positive

and inspirational note that "it does not matter how we look but it really matters what we are" and that is the key to real and eternal happiness. Natrang's young artists who presented a remarkable performance included Vrinda Gujral, Mehak Chib, Sanna Devi, Payal Khanna and Lalita Sharma. Lights were designed and operated by Neeraj Kant whereas the music was scored by Aadesh Dhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Vandana Thakur.

Development stalls without elected municipal committees across Samba, says S. Manjit Singh



JJ NEWS SERVICE
BARI BRAHMANA (SAMBA)

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has expressed concern over stalled developmental activities in Bari Brahmana without an elected body in the municipal committee Bari Brahmana and other municipalities in Samba District.

As per a press release, a meeting was organized at ward number 6 in Bari Brahmana in which detailed deliberations were held with the participation of the locals.

The people alleged that the development in the ward and other areas falling in the municipal committee of Bari Brahmana has stopped even as the people continue to suffer.

Addressing the people, S. Manjit Singh said that the people have complained about the slow pace of development in the wards following the expiry of the term of municipal committees.

"The authorities have failed to initiate developmental works at the ground level whether it is lane, drains, or to maintain proper sanitation. No one is worried about the people in Bari Brahmana suffering because of poor initiative taken by the authorities concerned," he added.

On the other hand, he also raised questions as to why the authorities have not supplied clean drinking water to the people especially when the temperature is constantly soaring, and it has

touched over 44 Degree Celsius.

"The Govt should ask the Jal Shakti Department to gear up and provide the drinking water supplies to the people as well as free supply of water tanker service to the kandi areas and wards in Bari Brahmana," he added.

He said that the situation of electricity has also worsened in Samba district with unprecedented power cuts amid the growing temperature.

"The people are being compelled to live under the unbearable heat wave without electricity for long hours," he added.

He demanded that the JPDCL and Jal Shakti Department should be held responsible for their inability to stream-line their work.

NSS unit of GDC Udhampur organized awareness lecture on 'health and hygiene'

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JAMMU, MAY 2

Under the flagship of Under Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta the NSS Units of GDC Udhampur in collaboration with Department of Psychology organized awareness lecture on Health and Hygiene.

The event featured presentation and interactive sessions led by Dr. Piyali Arora, HOD Psychology, the expert covered a range of topics including nutrition, hygiene practices, disease prevention and also laid emphasis on regular health checkups and balance diet. She motivated volunteers to develop healthy eating habits and lifestyle to increase longevity.

Students were encouraged to engage actively during interacting sessions by asking questions and health related concerns with the resource person. The lecture aimed to instill practical health tips and habits in the student's emphasizing the importance of maintaining good health.

The event was highly successful in fostering a greater understanding of health and hygiene among



the participants. The lecture was led by NSS PO'S Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Prof. Sanjeet Singh which was a significant initiative towards promoting health education in adolescent age.

Worthy Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta in his message on the occasion exhorted that the initiative taken by

NSS Units is the first step towards educating youth on vital health issues and promoting a healthier life style among the youths and urged NSS PO'S to organize such activities in the future also.

The lecture concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Mohit Singh and ends with National anthem sung by all.

54th Shaheedi Divas of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Commemorated at Shiromani Sant Kabir Bhawan



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CHAK AVTARA, JUNE 2

The 54th Shaheedi Divas of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath was solemnly observed today at Shiromani Sant Kabir Bhawan, Chak Avtara. The event brought together a host of dignitaries, community leaders, and notable individuals who paid homage to the enduring legacy of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath. The commemoration was marked by heartfelt speeches and tributes from esteemed guests, reflecting on the

sacrifices made by Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath and the continuing relevance of his contributions to our society.

Sh F.C. Bhagat, President All JK Sadguru Kabir Sabha & Prof Garu Bhagat, Ex-MLA, spoke eloquently about the historical significance of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath's sacrifice and its impact on our nation's freedom struggle. The attendees included Dr. Gurdass; Chaman, Vice President; Yash Pal, Vice President; Manohar Lal- General Secretary;

Manohar Bhagat District President; Behari Lal, SP; Tarsem Lal CEO; Thoru Ram, CEO; Yash Pal, Principal; Som Nath, Principal; Bachan, Ex-Corporator; Ashwani, Block President; Dr. Nand Lal; Darshan Lal, Bank Manager; and Diya Ram.

The event concluded with a resolution to continue promoting the values of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism that Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath embodied, ensuring that future generations remain inspired by his heroic deeds.

Lagan Society for Art and Culture organized workshop on "Bhartiya Sangeet"

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

Lagan Society for Art and Culture (Regd.) organized workshop on "Bhartiya Sangeet" in the premises of Lagan Music Classes at Subash Nagar, Jammu which was witnessed by a large number of students and art lovers.

In today's fast-paced world, the quest for mental peace and physical well-being has never been more pressing. One ancient yet remarkably relevant solution is Bhartiya Sangeet, the traditional music of India, which has been shown to offer profound benefits for both health and mental stability. This being the focus Lagan Society for Art and Culture (Regd.) organized workshop today that brought together our resource person Mr. Yash Pal Yash (Renowned Writer and Composer) explores the therapeutic potentials



of Indian Classical Music. Bhartiya Sangeet, with its roots in the Vedic traditions, encompasses a rich tapestry of sounds and rhythms designed not only for aesthetic pleasure but also for promoting holistic wellness. The workshop highlighted several key aspects of how this ancient art form contributes to health improvements.

Participants learned about the Ragas system, a cornerstone of Indian Classical Music, which is known to evoke specific emotional responses. Listening to or

performing certain ragas can significantly reduce stress levels, lowers anxiety, and foster a sense of mental clarity.

Furthermore, engaging with Bhartiya Sangeet can stimulate cognitive functions, enhancing memory, attention and problem-solving skills. The intricate patterns and rhythms in compositions require active listening and mental engagement, which can help keep the mind sharp and agile. Regular practice or listening sessions can be especially beneficial for

children and the elderly, aiding in cognitive development and delaying the onset of age-related cognitive decline.

Beyond individual benefits, Bhartiya Sangeet fosters a sense of community and cultural connectivity. Engaging in group performances or listening sessions can strengthen social bonds and provide a supportive environment for emotional expression. This communal aspect is crucial in combating feelings of isolation and promoting a sense of belonging and

shared identity.

The workshop concluded with an interactive session where participants shared their personal experiences of how Bhartiya Sangeet had positively impacted their lives. From reducing chronic pain to helping cope with grief, the testimonies underscored the transformative power of this ancient art form.

On the occasion, the participants were Lagan Verma, Parmita Sharma, Aditya Sharma, Vinod Kumar, Shingarika Malhotra, Sarthak Verma, Kritika Choudhary, Ram Sharma, Parvinder Singh, Adv. Sandeep Gupta (Patron, LSAC), Sonia Dogra (Treasurer, LSAC), Shubham Manmar (IT Incharge, LSAC), Rohit Bains (Joint Secretary, LSAC).

At the end, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Verma (President, LSAC) presented vote of thanks.

Medical patrol for Gujjar and Bakarwals at Kotli, Rajouri

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RAJOURI, JUNE 2

Medical camps play a crucial role in remote underdeveloped areas of south of Pir Panjal region by providing essential health care service to underserved communities particularly those residing in far-flung areas. Indian Army at Kotli, Rajouri district conducted medical patrols dedicated in conjunction with Area Domination Patrols especially for Gujjar and Bakarwal communities.

These patrols aim to provide essential medical assistance and healthcare services to remote areas where access is limited. The initiative underscores the army's commitment to the welfare of Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, ensuring that no one is left behind in receiving crucial medical attention while migrating to their summer locations.

JKNC leaders felicitates students of CBSE



JAMMU, JUNE 2

In a simple but impressive function, J&K National Conference Leaders honoured the CBSE students of 10th and 12th classes for their outstanding performance in these examinations.

On this occasion, students were honoured with Mata ki Photos and Chumries which included Ashivika Kerni with 96.5 percent marks in 12th class, Vhabhe Sharma with 86.5 percent in 10th class and Krishan Sharma with 82 percent in 12th class.

These promising students brought laurels by taking excellent marks in CBSE stream for their school and parents.

While speaking on this occasion, Jammu Pro-

vincial Joint Secretary, Ankush Abrol said that such children, who are the future of the nation, are required to be inspired and encouraged enabling them to do more better in their future career.

Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District Urban, Dr. Vikas Sharma also spoke stressing on the need of organizing such felicitation programs for promising students because this enhances their level of self-confidence to face ups and downs in endeavor to achieve their career in the line.

Besides others, Rahul Mahajan, Sahil Kerni, Amit Sharma, Rajinder Singh Bhau, Rahul Gupta, Vikram Mahajan, Vicky Mehra, Chetan Singh were also present.

Pavneet Kour urges mandatory breaks for construction workers during extreme heatwave

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

Pavneet Kour, Provincial President of the Women Wing of Apni Party, has urged the LG Led Administration to implement urgent measures to protect construction workers from the severe heatwave gripping the Union Territory. Drawing attention to similar steps taken by the administrations in Delhi and Gurugram, which have mandated a three-hour break for all construction workers, Kour emphasized the necessity for Jammu to adopt comparable protective measures.

"With temperatures reaching dangerously high levels, it is crucial that we prioritize the health and safety of our labor force. I strongly urge the administration to enforce a compulsory break for all construction workers from 12 PM to 3 PM, the peak heat hours," Kour stated.

She further appealed to the administration to ensure that contractors and builders provide appropriate care for laborers, preventing them from working under the scorching sun. "It is essen-

tial that all workers have access to adequate water and shaded rest areas to prevent heat-related illnesses," Kour added.

In addition to construction workers, Kour expressed concern for the gig workforce, particularly those employed by online food delivery platforms such as Zomato and Swiggy. She called on these companies to adopt measures that minimize operations during peak heat hours to protect their delivery personnel.

"It is the responsibility of both the administration and employers to safeguard the well-being of their workers. I urge food delivery aggregators to implement policies that reduce delivery demands during the hottest parts of the day to ensure the safety of their gig workers," Kour emphasized.

Kour's appeal highlights the critical need for immediate action to protect vulnerable workers from the extreme heat, urging a collaborative effort between the administration and employers to ensure the health and safety of all laborers in the Union Territory.

All exit polls will be proven false on June 4: Sahni

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

Most of the 'exit poll' are busy dancing like puppets to the tune of 400 played by their masters, stated by Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni.

Expressing his reaction on the exit polls in front of media persons at the party's state central office, the party's Jammu-Kashmir chief Manish Sahni completely rejected all the exit polls which put BJP at 300-400 figures and said that the vote of the people in the actual results on June 4 will deny all exit polls.

Sahni said that most of

the media channels are busy confusing the public with their exit 'poll dance' and proving their master's figure of 400.

Sahni said that the credibility of exit polls is continuously decreasing. This sycophancy can prove to be fatal for democracy. Sahni said that BJP is sure to suffer huge losses in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jammu-Kashmir, Ladakh, Haryana, West Bengal etc. But the godi media has crossed all limits of sycophancy and is busy trying to build BJP's sand castle of 400 seats. He said that the decision of the people on June 4 will prove all exit polls wrong.

SSP Jammu conducted Crime review meetings at SDPO office RS Pura and Gandhi Nagar

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 3

SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar-IPS, today on 02.06.2024 held two review meetings at SDPO office RS Pura & Gandhi Nagar (South). At RS Pura besides SP headquarters Jammu & SDPO RS Pura, all the SHO's and investigating officers of Sub-Division RS Pura attended the Crime review meeting and at SDPO office Gandhinagar besides SP South and SDPO Ghandi Nagar, all the SHO's & investigating officers of Sub-division Ghan-

dinagar attended the said Crime review meeting.

At both the Crime review meeting, a threadbare discussion was held with supervisory officers, SHO's, ICPPs and investigating officers on crime and other allied matters which includes discussion on under investigation cases of the current year along with backlog cases.

While reviewing crime, SSP Jammu emphasized upon the officers to ensure quality investigation and timely production of chargesheet in the court of law so that justice is deliv-

ered to the crime victims.

SSP Jammu directed the officers to make all out efforts to expedite the investigation and minimize the crime pendency. They were also stressed upon to launch special drive against the drug peddlers and ascertain their backward/forward channels to break the network and book main suppliers of the drugs so that drug menace is rooted out from the District. Supervisory officers /SHOs/IO's were also directed to launch special drive for the arrest of absconders, tracing out of missing, review of

history sheeters, surveillance and keeping hawk eye on suspects, anti-social elements & antinational elements. SSP Jammu also emphasized upon the officers to take preventive action against miscreants, trouble creators, activate nakas besides establishing of random nakas/MVCPs and surprise checking / frisking for effective monitoring on ground.

Officers assured SSP Jammu that they will work with full commitment & dedication to reduce the overall pendency of Crime & ensure peaceful atmosphere in the District.

03 bovine smuggling bids foiled, 24 bovines rescued, 03 vehicles seized by JKP in Sub-Division Nagrota

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 3

Jammu police tightening its noose against Bovine smugglers under operation Kamadhenu Police team of Police Post Manwal led by PSI Manoj Raina foiled 03 bovine smuggling bids, rescued 24 bovines from Nadal and Jeda area. Police Post Manwal received an information in wee hours regarding Smuggling of bovine in Manwal area. Police Team swiftly acted on the information and foiled the bovine smuggling bids in which 24 bovines were rescued from the bovine smugglers who were transporting these bovines through different vehicles



bearing registration No. JK08E-5524, JK14C-5380 and JK14G-9887 towards Kashmir valley. Accused

persons were arrested on spot. In this regard three FIRs:-

- 1) FIR No.137/2024
- 2) FIR No.138/2024
- 3) FIR No.139/2024

have been registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli under the relevant sections of law. Further investigation in all cases are in progress.

The general public has lauded the continuous and stringent measures taken by the police against bovine smugglers, reflecting the community's support for law enforcement's efforts to maintain order and safety.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 5 vehicles seized

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 3

In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in rural zone of District Jammu.

Police Post Sidhra detained Two Tipppers bearing registration no.



JK02DJ-6160 & other tipper bearing registration NO. JK02DG-4328, both loaded with sand without

Form A. Police Post Chowki Choura detained one Dumper bearing No. JK02CH-0763 found loaded with sand and without Form A.

Police Post Pouni-Chak detained Two tractor trolleys, one bearing engine No. PY 3029H041409 and other tractor trolley bearing Reg. No. JK02DA 8854, both found loaded with sand and without Form A.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Prompt action of Jammu and Kashmir police saved a precious life in Jammu district

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 2

In a commendable display of swift response and vigilance, the Gharota police successfully intervened to save the life of a person attempting to commit suicide in the River Chenab. The incident began when

the SHO of Pacca Danga received information that a person from the Janipur area, following a heated argument with family members, had rushed towards Akhnoor with the intent of committing suicide. The SHO Pacca Danga promptly apprised the SP Rural Jammu on phone, who then

coordinated with SHOs Kanachak, Gharota, and Akhnoor, putting all nakas on high alert.

The alert team from PS Gharota led by SHO Gharota effectively intervened and apprehended the individual on the cement bridge, preventing the tragic incident. The general

public has applauded the swift and timely response of the police, acknowledging their role in saving a precious life. The family members of the individual are jubilant and have expressed their sincere gratitude to the police department for their decisive action.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Lt Governor interacts...

a higher trajectory," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor also lauded the contribution of young government officers in enhancing the efficiency of the government machinery at all levels. Citizen-centric development, effective and speedy delivery of public services is our priority. Now, the public have more confidence in the delivery system, he said. Sh Bimal Agarwal of Brijlax Group; Sh Sandeep Gupta, Director and Whole-time Director Jagran Prakashan Ltd.; Sh Ashok Lohia, Tea Exporter and their family members were also present.

Nine counting centres set...

VTR of 38.49 per cent, 59.1 per cent and 54.84 per cent respectively, which has been highest in the last three decades. The other two constituencies in the UT, namely Udhampur and Jammu in the Jammu region, recorded 68.27 per cent and 72.22 per cent voter turnout respectively.

The counting of votes in Udhampur constituency where Union minister Jitendra Singh is seeking his third consecutive term will be held at government degree college, Kathua.

Apart from Singh, there are 11 other candidates that includes Lal Singh, also a two-time former MP, and GM Saroori in the fray. Seven of the candidates are independents.

The counting of votes in Baramulla constituency will be held in Government Degree College (Boys), Baramulla. Omar Abdullah is pitted against 21 candidates in the constituency, prominent among them being Lone and Rashid. Among the 14 independents who are contesting in the seat, two are women.

In Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, divided by the mighty Pir Panjal range, officials said the counting of votes will be held at Government Degree College (Boys) Anantnag and Government PG College Rajouri. Mehbooba Mufti is seeking a victory from this constituency and is facing a major challenge from NC's Mian Altaf.

There are also 10 independents and eight other candidates, including the BJP-supported Apni Party's Zaffar Manhas.

The counting of votes in Srinagar parliamentary constituency, which has the highest number of 24 candidates, including 16 independents, will take place at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Cent (SKICC) along the banks of Dal Lake. NC's Ruhullah, Mir of Apni Party and PDP youth leader Waheed Para are the strong candidates from the constituency.

Counting of votes for the Jammu constituency, where BJP's Jugal Kishore is eyeing a hat-trick of wins, will be carried out at the premises comprising Government Polytechnic College and Government MAM college. Raman Bhalla, the working president of the J&K unit of Congress, is among the 21 other candidates in the fray from the seat.

Officials said counting of Kashmiri migrant votes will take place at Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Udhampur and J&K House, New Delhi.

J-K Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pandurang K Pole had a comprehensive review of preparedness of the districts ahead of the final counting of votes at Nirvachan Bhawan here on Saturday, they said.

The meeting was attended by all the District Election Officers along with the concerned Assistant Returning Officers (ARO) and ARO Migrants (Jammu, Udhampur, and Delhi).

The Returning Officers apprised the CEO of the arrangements in place for counting of votes, particularly the issuance of passes, security arrangements at the centres, welfare provisions for polling personnel and arrangement of facilitation centres for the media as well as contesting candidates and their counting agents, officials said.

Stressing the need for a smooth and incident-free counting process, the CEO directed the districts to properly train and sensitize the personnel involved in counting so that proper discipline and decorum at the counting centres is maintained.

He also asked the districts to ensure installation of CCTV cameras besides making appropriate arrangements for videography at the counting centres. (AGENCIES)

Katra hoteliers seek...

is coming for allotment of lands for 5 star hotels, it will be ensured while framing policy that locals may be able to compete in that.

Shyam Lal Kesar apprised that registration of hotels, guest houses is being done by Tourism department right from the time but all of sudden they are observing that department has stopped registration and renewals of Tourism units (Hotels/Guest Houses) on one pretext or the other whereas in Industries department even the registration is done once and no renewal is required thereafter and requested that when whole Union Territory of J&K is moving towards ease of doing business and when hotels have come under Department of Industries.

Virender Kesar said that Tourism department should utilize its full energies in developing the sector in the Union Territory including publicizing of places of Tourist interests, exploring the new destinations in the Union Territory besides bringing more and more Tourists in the UT so that this industry flourish and may not die down and the registration process should be eased out.

Mudgal however, assured that sympathetic consideration will be given to the concerns raised and will surely be addressed by taking them up at the right quarters. (AGENCIES)

Forest fire breaks...

also major concerns. Arti Sharma, BDC Ghordi, has appealed to the administration to deploy Indian Air Force helicopters to combat the Daya Dhar fire. She emphasized the urgency of the situation, highlighting the presence of a large number of peacocks and other wildlife in the area. The ongoing fire has caused immense damage to these creatures, and Sharma stressed the need for immediate action. (AGENCIES)

Next week likely...

ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded 17.3C the previous day, the MeT office said. (AGENCIES)

People who kept...

poll process, Swain stressed the positive impact of the high voter turnout and said "I, my colleagues in J&K Police and the wider administration of J&K's UT government, see it as an enabling environment where you have freed the people from fear."

He also drew attention to the campaigning activities

that were held in the middle of night, besides roadshows and door-to-door campaigns conducted 'without the lurking threat of the Pakistani gun'.

"Security forces kept tabs on their (Pakistan) proxies and agents who once had this huge nuisance value of keeping a tab on all those who would think about bringing back democracy and electoral politics in its original form, the way it happens in the rest of the country," the DGP said.

Swain also acknowledged the past role of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami in monitoring and targeting individuals involved in electoral politics. He, however, noted a potential shift within the outfit, saying some of its members publicly participated in the recent elections which indicated a possible change in their approach.

"The regime of intimidation works in two ways. It is not only the threat of the gun but as I said the lurking threat that somebody is watching, somebody is keeping 'hisab kitab' (accounts), somebody is trying to note who all are actually showing the tendency of participating in anything even remotely connected with electoral politics."

"It was Jamaat-e-Islami essentially in the villages, small towns and cities who had kind of worked as eyes and ears of the enemy to quietly note down who these persons were and then profile them and then have them harmed," the police chief said.

He added, "So when this very organisation, which scrupulously was pulling the strings, had a change of mind by way of making certain public statements and then coming out themselves and voting, I am sure the common man must have taken notice of it."

The participation of previously wary individuals and organisations like the Jamaat-e-Islami in the electoral process reflects a changing dynamic in the region, offering a hope for a more open and democratic future, Swain said.

He also suggested a growing confidence among the populace as it embraces political participation without fear of reprisal from external forces.

The J&K police chief discussed efforts to counter attempts aimed at disrupting the polls, emphasising the importance of deterring intimidation tactics used by adversaries. He also highlighted the use of legal measures rather than kinetic actions to address the challenges, noting the significant success achieved in maintaining law and order.

"It was also to counter and tell them that the tactics and the strategies which they (Pakistan) have traditionally employed to browbeat would be paid back in the same coin," asserted Swain.

The DGP said he would not like to accuse any particular societal institution, but added that Pakistan and its proxies had succeeded "in hijacking and taking over many of our institutions which existed for the good of the society".

In the last three-and-a-half years, "we did not use kinetic actions to control and handle these bullies. We used law, the force of law and the rule of law, and I think we succeeded to a substantive extent," Swain said.

On the progress made so far in achieving peace, the police chief said while the situation was a work in progress and substantial achievements have been made, there was a need for continued efforts.

"I think this is best described as a work in progress. If the question is what percentage of road has been covered, it would slightly be difficult to quantify it but I must say that to a sizable extent," he said.

Swain emphasised the government's responsibility to maintain security and provide a sense of peace for its

PM Modi chairs host...

as per forecasts, the heatwave is likely to continue in parts of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Monsoon this year is likely to be normal and above normal in most parts of the country and below normal in parts of peninsular India, the statement said.

In the meeting to review the post-Cyclone Remal situation, another official statement said, Modi was briefed about its impact in the affected states, including the loss of lives and damage to houses and other properties due to landslides and floods in Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura.

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have carried out evacuation, airlifting and road clearance operations, it said, adding the Union home ministry is in regular touch with state governments.

PM Modi said the Union government will continue to extend full support to the states affected by the cyclone, according to the statement.

Top bureaucrats were part of the meetings the prime minister chaired.

He is also chairing a meeting to review the preparations to celebrate the World Environment Day, which falls on June 5.

Much before the Lok Sabha polling exercise began, Modi had set in motion the exercise for different government ministries to prepare the 100-day agenda for the new government.

He had asked his Council of Ministers to prioritise programmes and initiatives for the first 100 days. (AGENCIES)

Mata Kheer Bhawani...

will leave for Kashmir from Jammu at 6 am on June 12. "The arrangements like travel, boarding-lodging, food besides other requirements are being made by the administration," he added.

The devotees he said will also proceed to various destinations after paying obeisance at Tulmulla in Ganderbal. (AGENCIES)

Jammu GRP, Railway...

Cross, facilitated the process in two trains:- Jhelum Express and Andaman Special Train along with attendants with tickets late on Saturday night.

All coffins carrying 22 bodies and 17 injured persons were sent to their destination in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, they said.

The officials said that GRP's special deployment extended all support and coordinated arrangements in shifting coffins carrying dead bodies and injured passengers using wheelchairs towards designated bogies en-marked by the railway authorities.

Dozens of youths join Shiv Sena Hindustan in Arnia

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

A meeting was organized by Shiv Sena Hindustan in Arnia under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri, in which dozens of youth, influenced by Shiv Sena Hindustan activities, joined the party. The new entrants include Satpal, Ravi Kumar, Ramesh Kumar, Somraj, Pawan Kumar, Vijay Kumar Garo Devi. Speaking on the occasion, Kesri said that nowadays drugs are being sold a lot in the border areas, keeping this in view, we have launched a campaign in every village to eradicate drug addiction, for this purpose a meeting was held today and all the youth were asked to pledge that they will not consume any kind of drugs and will promote our party and will help the candidates contesting elections. For the last one year, Shiv Sena has been working in every village of Arnia, Bishnah and RS Pura border areas. Kesri urged the parents of the children in the meeting and even the small children of 14-15 years of age to stay away from the consumption of drugs and other dry intoxicants which were growing in the society. He said young generation is a ray of hope of the society, which is the responsibility of every parent and every social worker to save. Kesri further said that as long as the young generation does not obey their parents and respect their elders, drug sellers will dominate the young generation. Today's young generation should also pay attention to the progress of the country and take care of their family and their health. Attention should also be paid to this because intoxication makes the body hollow from inside like a termite and destroys a person's thinking power, added Kesri. Kesri observed that because of this intoxication the children in the



border areas have lost their parents and siblings. They lost their lives at such a young age due to drug addiction. He requested the young generation to respect their elders and also pay attention towards their religious activities so that their mentality becomes capable of serving the country's progress and become great officers by focusing on their studies and health. Prominent among those present on the occasion include State Deputy Chief Balbir Kumar, Bishnah President Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma Arnia President Balwant Saini, Suresh Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Dheeraj Kumar, Darshana Devi, Rajni Devi, Vijay Devi, Geeta Devi besides others.

Candlelight march taken out in solidarity with family of Shaheed Avtar Singh

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

A solemn candlelight march was taken out today to show solidarity with the family of Shaheed Avtar Singh, who was murdered by the land mafia. The march began from the Gandhi Nagar Gurudwara near Gole Market and concluded at the High Secondary School on Apsara Road.

The event saw the participation of several notable figures, including the family members of Shaheed Avtar Singh, his wife and children. Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of JKPC and DDC Suchetgarh, Ch Manmohan Singh, President of All India Jat Mahasabha and former Mayor, Ch Hussain Ali Waffa, Chairman of Gijjar Bakarwal Board, ex-Sarpanch Rakesh Choudhary, ex-Sarpanch Sham Lal Bhagat, ex-Corporator Gurmeet Randhawa, ex-Corporator Paramjit



Pammi, Kamal Choudhary, Harbans Choudhary, ex-Corporator Dwarka Choudhary, Mandeeep Choudhary, ex-Sarpanch Avtar Singh, Jasbir Singh, Balkrishan, and other members of the civil society also participated. Speaking on the occasion, Taranjit Singh Tony severely criticized the Revenue Department and Police Department, holding them responsible for the murder of Avtar Singh. He pointed out that the police failed to take timely action, which could have prevented this tragedy. Tony demanded the immediate arrest of all

criminals named by the family members and involved in the murder case. He also called for a comprehensive report from the Civil and Revenue administration, which has been pending. Tony emphasized the need for civil society's support for the grieving family and urged everyone to join hands against the bureaucratic structured-land mafia solely responsible for the murder of innocent Avtar Singh. He stressed that such collective action is crucial to ensure justice and prevent further incidents of this nature.

After decades of bans, we are now celebrating Urs with devotion at our Sufi shrines: Darakhshan



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 2

Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, the Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board today toured Ganderbal and attended the Annual Urs of Peer Akbar Dhah Naqshbandi (RA) at Wali War. Dr Andrabi paid obeisance at the shrine and prayed for the peace and prosperity of the country. Andrabi here met cross section of people and interacted with many public delegations. Dr Darakhshan later addressed a huge public gathering here in which she expressed her pleasure on the improved law and order situation in Kashmir, after 2019 which helped in creating the suitable and conducive atmosphere for the revival of sufism in

J&K. "For decades annual Urs celebrations at sufi shrines were barred and banned by the separatists and their preachers lobby and J&K was deprived of the tradition of spirituality for years. We are fortunate enough to witness the return of the peaceful days where we are freely celebrating our spiritual traditions", said Darakhshan. She said that our sufis are our pride and we have to collectively preserve their shrines and propagate their all inclusive teachings so that we ensure continuous peace in this land of sufis and illuminate our lives with their spiritual excellence. "This shrine needs infrastructural boost and together we can create desired facilities here", said Dr Andrabi.

Neelam Langeh participates in Kalash Yatra on auspicious occasion of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Gyan Yajna

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, JUNE 2

A grand Kalash Yatra was organized today on the auspicious occasion of the Shrimad Bhagwad Katha Gyan Yajna and Hawan Yajna, organised by the Akhand Param Dham Satsang Samiti in Maitra, Ramban from 2nd of June to 9th June.



Neelam Langeh, President of BJP SC Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir, and former MLA Ramban, participated in the Bhagwad Katha and extended his best wishes to all attendees on this pious occasion. The Kalash Yatra began from the Maitra Ramlila Ground, passing through various temples and culminating back at the Ramlila Ground after collecting holy water from the Chandrabhaga River. On this occasion, Mr.

Langeh encouraged all devotees, inspiring them to fulfill their responsibilities towards society and religion. He said that religious events like this spread the message of the brotherhood and peace. He urged people to stay connected to their roots and continue to observe such traditions in a big way that is aimed at strengthening our culture and heritage. We in Jammu and Kashmir UT are very much connected

to roots and such religious events had always been our way of life, he added. He praised the efforts of the Bhim Sain Ji and Akhand Param Dham Satsang Samiti, stating that such events play a crucial role in uniting society and preserving our rich cultural heritage. The event witnessed the participation of a large number of devotees who actively took part in the Kalash Yatra and expressed their devotion.

Kranti Social & Educational Foundation felicitates winners of Mr., Miss & Mrs J&K 2024

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JAMMU, JUNE 2

Chairperson of Kranti Social & Educational Foundation, Sukriti Dubey today felicitated the winners of prestigious Mr., Miss & Mrs J&K 2024 pageant, organized by Derniercri, in a ceremony held at Hotel Vivanta Jammu.

Sukriti Dubey, Chairperson of Kranti Social & Educational Foundation, presided over the event to honor the exceptional talents who showcased their grace, charisma, and personality throughout the competition. Those who were felicitated included Rahat Singh winner of Miss Category, Sonakshi Sharma (1st Runner Up) and Varsha Nagotra (2nd Runner Up); Ruhi Sharma, Winner of Mrs Category, Madhvi Choudhary (1st Runner Up) and Sonam Gupta (2nd Runner Up) and Anurag Langeh, Winner of Mr Category, Ujjwal Rajput (1st Runner Up) and Dev Verma (2nd Runner Up).



Speaking on the occasion, Sukriti Dubey, Chairperson of Kranti Foundation said, "We are proud to felicitate the young local talent who have showcased their immense potential and dedication. It is very heartening to see the change in Jammu, with the youth moving forward towards their goals and dreams, breaking barriers and setting new standards. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and determination." She said at Kranti Foundation, we also do extensive work in Jammu and Kashmir as well as in Maharashtra, striving to create

a better tomorrow for the youth in these regions by providing them with the necessary support and opportunities to excel and make a significant impact." Devrishi Krishan Sharma, Founder & Director of Derniercri, has been instrumental in the Mr., Miss & Mrs J&K 2024 pageant project, revolutionizing the fashion industry in Jammu and has played a pivotal role in nurturing local talent. Designer Shivani Gupta, owner of Sabhayata Traditional Wear, doing marvelous work in enriching the rich and vibrant Dogra culture of the region.

Aryans Scholarship Test on 3rd June 2024 at Rajouri (JK)

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, JUNE 2

A Scholarship Test cum Admission Counseling of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, near Chandigarh, would be held tomorrow on 3rd June at Lark Infotech Education Services Malik Market Rajouri Head Office. For the first time in the Pirpanjal region, Chandigarh based Aryans Group of Colleges has conducted a scholarship test for the students of the region. Rayees Ahmed, Head, Jk Admission, Aryans Group said that the result of the test has been declared & merit list has also been prepared. The students would get 10%- 100% scholarship on merit cum mean basis. The students

can also call on Aryans helpline number 80548-99888 for any admission related queries. It is to be mentioned that, established in 2007, Aryans campus is located on Chandigarh-Patiala highway, near Chandigarh and has lush green 20 acres pollution free campus and has become the destination for JK students. Aryans Group has been serving the educational and intellectual interests of the youth in a commendable manner. The Group is running Engineering College, Law College, Pharmacy College, Management College, Business School, Education College, Paramedical, Physiotherapy and Nursing College etc

25th Kargil Vijay Diwas - Fit India Competition for Youth at Manjakote



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, JUNE 2

Indian Army organized a 'FIT INDIA COMPETITION' at Manjakote, Rajouri District to honour the valour and sacrifices of the soldiers who fought in the Kargil War on the momentous occasion of 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas. The motive of the competition was to make students aware of the importance of physical fitness. More than 820 boys' and girl' students of different age group of seven schools from Man-

jakote Zone participated in various sports events. An obstacle track was the main attraction consisting of 10 minor obstacles. The 'Fit India Competition' witnessed a huge spectators including Parents, representatives from civil administration, Teachers and civilians cheering for the participants. On culmination of the events, prizes were distributed to the participants. While addressing the august gathering, the chief guest emphasized the significance of fostering an environment that

encourages active participation in sports. He also explained to the students that Fit India Movement is a nation-wide movement in India to encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives. A selfie points with the logo 'Hum Fit too India Fit' was established at the venue. The students also formed the 'FIT INDIA' pyramid and hoisted the National Flag with pride to remember the great sacrifice of brave men in uniform.

Friendly Volleyball Match at Sohanda, Doda

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Indian Army orchestrated a spectacular friendly volleyball match at Higher Secondary School, Assar. This exhilarating event was designed to foster a profound sense of mutual understanding and goodwill between the Indian Army and the local community. The match showcased an electrifying face-off between two formidable teams (Higher Secondary School Assar and New Star Club Assar). Participants from both sides demonstrated extraordinary prowess on the volleyball court, captivating the audience with their athleticism and strategic play. The Higher Secondary School team, however, displayed an exceptional level of skill and unwavering determination, clinching victory with a 2-0 win in a best-of-three sets format. Their remarkable performance



turned every moment of the match into a thrilling spectacle. This gripping contest drew an enthusiastic crowd of 120 spectators, including the entire cadre of school teachers, the vice principal, and a vibrant assembly of school children. The community's support was palpable, with attendees composed of children and youth, underscoring the event's broad appeal. In the aftermath of the intense match, a prize distribution ceremony was held to honour both the triumphant and the valiant runner-up teams. This splendid event not

only provided thrilling entertainment but also served as a vital platform to fortify the bond between the Army and the resident populace. It vividly showcased the Army's unwavering commitment to the service of the nation and its dedication to nurturing strong, positive relationships with the communities it protects. The resounding success of this match highlighted the profound and lasting impact of such initiatives, cementing the Army's role as a pillar of support and camaraderie within the region.

Awareness Lecture on 'World No Tobacco Day'



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Indian Army conducted awareness lecture on 'World No Tobacco Day' at various villages of Rajouri, Reasi and Poonch District. The spirit behind organizing the event was to make residents aware about the menace of tobacco products on the human health. People were educated about the forms of tobacco

intake, harmful effects of tobacco such as biological, psychological and to the society in the lectures. The interactive session presented opportunity to the participants to clarify their queries on various other medical effects on health. The concept note was well understood by the participants. A collective resolution was taken for good health and avoiding tobacco.

EDITORIAL

Unraveling mystery in Panassa village

The troubling report from Panassa village in Reasi district, where numerous individuals are grappling with a mysterious disease marked by progressive muscular weakness, calls for an urgent and comprehensive investigation. This health crisis, deeply affecting multiple families within the village, underscores a potential genetic disorder, likely muscular dystrophy, demanding immediate scientific and humanitarian intervention. The health authorities have taken a crucial initial step by urging the Director of Health Services in Jammu to conduct a DNA study. This initiative is essential to uncover the genetic roots of this debilitating condition. The identification of several individuals across four different families, all suffering from varying degrees of skeletal muscle weakness, paints a stark and distressing picture of a village in health crisis. The consistent symptoms among these individuals strongly suggest a genetic link, necessitating a deeper exploration to understand and address this medical enigma. Tragically, the situation in Panassa is exacerbated by the heartrending accounts of parents who have already lost children to this disease and others who are witnessing the slow deterioration of their loved ones. The stories, such as that of Kaka Khan, who has seen three brothers succumb to this illness and now watches helplessly as his daughter and other children suffer, highlight the profound emotional and psychological toll on these families. Their suffering is a grim reminder of the human cost of this unexplained ailment. The prevalence of this disease, with over a dozen children reportedly exhibiting similar symptoms, represents a significant public health concern. This situation calls for an immediate and multi-faceted response. Early diagnosis and intervention are critical in managing conditions like muscular dystrophy. However, the lack of awareness and resources in Panassa highlights the urgent need for health education and robust support services. The government and health authorities must prioritize the dissemination of information, ensuring that the villagers are equipped with the knowledge and resources to seek timely medical help. Moreover, beyond medical research, the affected families in Panassa require comprehensive support. This support should include access to advanced healthcare facilities, mobility aids, and financial assistance. The government must act swiftly to provide these essential services, alleviating the heavy burden on these families. The psychological support for the families is equally vital, as they navigate the challenges of caring for their ailing loved ones. The plight of Panassa village serves as a stark reminder of the vulnerabilities faced by remote communities in accessing healthcare. It is imperative that the authorities conduct a thorough investigation into the genetic and environmental factors contributing to this condition. Additionally, implementing preventive measures and developing targeted interventions can significantly improve the quality of life for those affected. The mystery of Panassa's progressive muscular weakness demands an immediate, comprehensive, and compassionate response. Through coordinated efforts encompassing medical research, healthcare access, and emotional support, we can hope to unravel this medical mystery and bring much-needed relief to the suffering families of Panassa. The government, health agencies, and the wider community must come together to address this crisis, ensuring that no family has to endure such profound suffering in isolation.

New Sankalps from the Sadhana in Kanniyakumari

My fellow Indians,

The biggest festival of democracy, the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, are concluding today in our nation, the Mother of Democracy. After a three-day spiritual journey in Kanniyakumari, I have just boarded the plane for Delhi. Through the day, Kashi and numerous other seats have been in the midst of voting.

My mind is filled with so many experiences and emotions... I feel a boundless flow of energy within myself. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections are the first in the Amrit Kaal. I began my campaign a few months ago from Meerut, the land of the First War of Independence of 1857. Since then, I have traversed across the length and breadth of our great nation. The final rally of these elections took me to Hoshiarpur in Punjab, the land of the great Gurus and a land associated with Sant Ravidas Ji. After that, I came to Kanniyakumari, at the feet of Maa Bharti.

It is natural that the fervour of the elections was echoing in my heart and mind. The multitude of faces seen in rallies and road shows came in front of my eyes. The blessings from our Nari Shakti... the trust, the affection, all of this was a very humbling experience. My eyes were getting moist... I entered into a 'sadhana' (meditative state). And then, the heated political debates, the attacks and counter-attacks, the voices and words of accusations which are so characteristic of an election... they all vanished into a void. A sense of detachment came to grow within me... my mind became completely detached from the external world.

Meditation becomes challenging amidst such huge responsibilities, but the land of Kanniyakumari and the inspiration of Swami Vivekananda made it effortless. As a candidate myself, I left my campaign in the hands of my beloved people of Kashi and came here.

I am also grateful God for instilling me with these values from birth which I have cherished and tried to live up to. I was also thinking about what Swami Vivekananda must have experienced during his meditation at this very place in Kanniyakumari! A part of my meditation was spent in a similar stream of thoughts.

Amidst this detachment, amidst the peace

and silence, my mind was constantly thinking about the bright future of Bharat, the goals of Bharat. The rising sun at Kanniyakumari gave new heights to my thoughts, the vastness of the ocean expanded my ideas, and the expanse of the horizon continuously made me realize the unity, the Oneness, embedded in the depths of the universe. It seemed as if the observations and experiences undertaken in the lap of the Himalayas decades ago were being revived.

Friends,

Kanniyakumari has always been very close to my heart. The Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanniyakumari was built under the leadership of Shri Eknath Ranade ji. I had the opportunity to travel extensively with Eknath ji. During the construction of this Memorial, I had the opportunity to spend some time in Kanniyakumari as well.

From Kashmir to Kanniyakumari... this is a common identity that is deeply ingrained in the heart of every citizen of the country. This is the 'Shakti Peeth' (seat of Shakti) where Maa Shakti incarnated as Kanya Kumari. At this Southern tip, Maa Shakti performed penance and waited for Bhagwan Shiva, who was residing in the Himalayas at the northernmost parts of Bharat.

Kanniyakumari is the land of confluences. The sacred rivers of our country flow into different seas, and here, those very seas converge. And here, we witness another great confluence—the ideological confluence of Bharat! Here, we find the Vivekananda Rock Memorial, a grand statue of Saint Thiruvalluvar, Gandhi Mandapam, and Kamarajar Mani Mandapam. These streams of thought from these stalwarts converge here to form a confluence of national thought. This gives rise to great inspirations for nation-building. This land of Kanniyakumari gives an indelible message of unity, especially to any person who doubts Bharat's nationhood and the sense of unity.

The grand statue of Saint Thiruvalluvar in Kanniyakumari seems to be looking at the expanse of Maa Bharati in the sea. His work Thirukkural is one of the crown jewels of the beautiful Tamil language. It covers every aspect of life, inspiring us to give our best for our-



selves and for the nation. It was my great fortune to pay my respects to such a great figure.

Friends,

Swami Vivekananda once said, 'Every nation has a message to deliver, a mission to fulfil, a destiny to reach.'

For thousands of years, Bharat has been moving forward with this sense of meaningful purpose. Bharat has been a cradle of ideas for thousands of years. We have never considered what we have acquired as our personal wealth or measured it purely by economic or material parameters. Therefore, 'Idam-namama' (this is not mine) has become an inherent and natural part of the character of Bharat.

Bharat's welfare benefits our planet's journey to progress as well. Take the freedom movement as an example. Bharat gained independence on August 15, 1947. At that time, many countries around the world were under colonial rule. Bharat's independence journey inspired and empowered many of those countries to achieve their own freedom. That same spirit was seen decades later when the world came face to face with the once in a century COVID-19 pandemic. When concerns were raised about the poor and developing countries, Bharat's successful efforts provided courage and assistance to many nations.

Today, Bharat's governance model has become an example for many countries around the world. Empowering 25 crore people to rise above poverty in just 10 years is

unprecedented. Innovative practices such as Pro-People Good Governance, aspirational districts, and aspirational blocks are being discussed globally today. Our efforts, from empowering the poor to last-mile delivery, have inspired the world by prioritizing individuals standing at the last rung of society. Bharat's Digital India campaign is now an example for the entire world, showing how we can use technology to empower the poor, bring transparency, and ensure their rights. Inexpensive data in Bharat is becoming a means of social equality by ensuring the reach of information and services to the poor. The whole world is witnessing and studying the democratization of technology, and major global institutions are advising many countries to adopt elements from our model.

Today, Bharat's progress and rise are not just a significant opportunity for Bharat alone, but also a historic opportunity for all our partner countries around the world. Since the success of the G-20, the world has been increasingly envisioning a bigger role for Bharat. Today, Bharat is being acknowledged as a strong and important voice of the Global South. The African Union has become a part of the G-20 group at the initiative of Bharat. This is going to be a crucial turning point for the future of African countries.

Friends,

The development trajectory of Bharat fills us with pride and glory, but at the same time, it also reminds the 140 crore citizens of their responsi-

bilities. Now, without wasting a single moment, we must step forward towards greater duties and larger goals. We need to dream new dreams, convert them into reality and begin living those dreams.

We must see Bharat's development in a global context, and for this, it is essential that we understand Bharat's internal capabilities. We must acknowledge Bharat's strengths, nurture them, and utilize them for the benefit of the world. In today's global scenario, Bharat's strength as a youthful nation is an opportunity from which we must not look back.

The world of the 21st century is looking towards Bharat with many hopes. And we will need to make several changes to move forward in the global scenario. We also need to change our traditional thinking regarding reform. Bharat cannot limit reform to just economic reforms. We must move forward in every aspect of life towards the direction of reform. Our reforms should also align with the aspirations of a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047.

We must also understand that reform can never be a unidimensional process for any country. Therefore, I have laid out the vision of reform, perform, and transform for the country. The responsibility of reform lies with leadership. Based on that, our bureaucracy performs, and when the people join in with the spirit of Jan Bhagidari, we witness a transformation taking place.

We must make excellence the fundamental principle to make our

country a 'Viksit Bharat'. We need to work quickly in all four directions: Speed, Scale, Scope, and Standards. Alongside manufacturing, we must also focus on quality and adhere to the mantra of 'zero defect-zero effect'.

Friends,

We should take pride in every moment that God has blessed us with birth in the land of Bharat. God has chosen us to serve Bharat and fulfil our role in our country's journey towards excellence.

We must redefine our heritage in a modern way while embracing ancient values in a modern context.

As a nation, we also need to reassess outdated thinking and beliefs. We need to free our society from the pressure of professional pessimists. We must remember that freedom from negativity is the first step towards achieving success. Success blossoms in the lap of positivity.

My faith, devotion, and belief in the infinite and eternal power of Bharat are growing day by day. Over the past 10 years, I have seen this capability of Bharat grow even more and have experienced it firsthand.

Just as we utilized the fourth and fifth decades of the 20th century to impart a new momentum to the freedom movement, we must lay the foundation for a 'Viksit Bharat' in these 25 years of the 21st century. The freedom struggle was a time that called for great sacrifices. The present times call for great and sustained contributions from everyone.

Swami Vivekananda had said in 1897 that we must dedicate the next 50 years solely for the nation. Exactly 50 years after this call, Bharat gained independence in 1947.

Today, we have the same golden opportunity. Let's dedicate the next 25 years solely for the nation. Our efforts will create a strong foundation for the coming generations and the coming centuries, taking Bharat to new heights. Looking at the energy and enthusiasm of the country, I can say that the goal is not far away now. Let us take swift steps...let us come together and create a Viksit Bharat.

These thoughts were penned by PM Modi on 1st June between 4:15 PM and 7 PM during his return flight from Kanniyakumari to Delhi.

Haryana is driving towards progress and prosperity

KIRIT P SOLANKI

Haryana embodies courage and strength. Modi, who has savoured Haryana's spirit, has led with vigour for ten years. Seeing Rafale jets soar in Ambala skies today is a proud moment for all of us, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently said at the major rallies in Ambala and Sonapat, highlighting the opposition's deceitful intentions and reaffirming the BJP's dedication to Haryana's development. In his second mega rally in Sonapat, Modi shed light on the Congress party's past misdeeds and their desperate attempts to regain power.

In another incident earlier this month, Haryana stood on the cusp of an emotional milestone. In a display of unprecedented support and enthusiasm, former Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar, led a mega rally at Ganaur, Sonapat, endorsing Lok Sabha can-

didate Mohan Lal Badoli. The event, attended by over 15,000 fervent supporters, marked a significant moment in Haryana's political landscape. Manohar, renowned for his progressive policies and transformative governance, was warmly received by the crowd, underscoring the deep-rooted admiration and trust he commands among the populace. His rally served as a testament to the enduring popularity of Manohar's leadership and the impactful strides taken by the 'double engine Government' in the State.

The Modi-Manohar effect has been instrumental in spearheading numerous initiatives aimed at propelling Haryana towards economic prosperity and social development. Under their stewardship, Haryana has emerged as a magnet for investments and a hub of opportunities, embodying the vision of 'Viksit Haryana for Viksit Bharat'. The rally, infused with patriotic fer-

vour and untiring support, emphasised the staunch resolve of Haryana's electorate to chart a path towards progress and prosperity. As the political landscape evolves, Manohar's rally stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of visionary leadership and the collective determination to realise a brighter future for Haryana and the nation at large.

From bolstering transparency in Government job recruitments to empowering the youth through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam, the State has witnessed a paradigm shift under the astute leadership of Manohar Lal Khattar. The establishment of all-women police stations, initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and a surge in infrastructure projects underscore the Government's untiring commitment to holistic development. Haryana's rise as an investment destination is nothing short of spectacular, with exports

soaring and MSMEs mushrooming across the State. In the textile and apparel sector, Haryana's prowess shines through, with a significant contribution to India's exports. With over 35 per cent of carpets and 20 per cent of garments manufactured in the State, Haryana is cementing its position as a textile powerhouse. The strategic alignment with national initiatives like the PM Gati Shakti Yojana and the establishment of industrial parks exemplify Haryana's proactive approach towards economic prosperity. The State's healthcare infrastructure has received a significant boost, with the establishment of medical universities and skill development centres catering to the evolving needs of the populace.

The number of medical colleges has surged from 6 in 2014 to 15 and the number of MBBS seats has increased from 700 to 285. Moreover, the number of PG seats in medical colleges has grown

from 289 to 1006.

The State has further enhanced nutritional outcomes for children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers through the POSHAN Abhiyan.

In agriculture, schemes like PM-KISAN and PM Fasal Bima Yojana have provided a safety net for farmers, ensuring their livelihood security. Today, PM-KISAN has benefited over 20 lakh farmers in the State with assistance of over Rs. 5,000 crore. Haryana plays a pivotal role in India's journey towards becoming a global nutrition hub. There are ambitious plans that include promoting the State's coarse grains like jowar and millet on the international stage, the implementation of the world's largest warehouse project and the creation of specialised clusters over the next 5 years. Also, there are plans for a revolutionary drone initiative in farming, empowering mothers and sisters with drone pilot train-

ing to harness the latest technology in agriculture.

Cultural preservation and promotion have been integral to Haryana's development narrative, with initiatives like the PM Vishwakarma Yojana fostering artisanal traditions and 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' fostering cultural exchange. The State's rich heritage is being showcased through initiatives like the Anubhav Kendra Jyotisar and the development of archaeological sites like Rakkhi Garhi.

The 'double engine Government' has proven instrumental in leveraging resources for comprehensive growth, be it in agriculture, infrastructure, or education. Prime Minister Modi emphasised, 'The dawn of a new era, led by visionary leadership and fueled by the aspirations of its people, promises a brighter tomorrow for the State and the nation at large.'

(The writer is a Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; views are personal)

'Curbing insulin resistance can help prevent or delay diabetes'

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Checking on your insulin resistance levels may be key in preventing or delaying the onset of diabetes, top diabetologists said on Sunday.

India has a staggering 101 million individuals afflicted by diabetes, while the number of prediabetes stands at 136 million, according to 2023 data from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). With no immediate and effective changes brought, the numbers are expected to double in the coming two decades.

"Curbing insulin resistance can certainly help to prevent or delay diabetes. This can be achieved by lifestyle modification including calorie restriction, reduction in carbohydrates, improving physical activity, proper sleep, etc.," Dr V Mohan, chairman of Dr Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre, told IANS.

What is insulin resistance?

The term 'insulin



resistance' means that the action of insulin is impaired primarily in disposing of the glucose or lowering the glucose level. It can occur at various sites, including the liver, muscle, and adipose tissue. Most obese people do have insulin resistance, but unless there is decreased pancreatic beta cell function, that is, decreased insulin secretion, insulin resistance does not always lead to diabetes, said Dr Mohan.

"Insulin resistance is a phenomenon in which there is resistance to the action of circulating insulin at the cellular level, in particular, in the liver, in the muscle, and in fact,"

Dr Ambrish Mithal, Chairman, Endocrinology and Diabetes, Max HealthCare, told IANS.

What are the symptoms? Dr Mithal noted that there are hardly any symptoms of insulin resistance. But when severe, pigmentation is a classic sign.

"Somewhat velvety pigmentation, which begins with just pigmentation, later thickens and turns velvety at the nape of the neck, the neck creases, the axilla that is the armpit, and even near the elbow." This is typically combined with obesity (especially abdominal obesity). Skin tags are also a sign of insulin resistance, Dr Mohan

said.

He noted that insulin resistance may set in at any age, but it usually starts with puberty, and in girls, it is associated with Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD).

"In girls, it is associated with hirsutism (excess facial hair, irregular periods, etc.) but it may also occur in males," Dr Mohan told IANS.

How to curb insulin resistance?

In addition to diabetes, insulin resistance is also associated with several other conditions, including obesity, and cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks.

Dr Mohan advised lifestyle modification including calorie restriction, reduction in carbohydrates, improving physical activity, proper sleep, etc. "Avoid refined carbohydrates, take carbohydrates with a lot of fibre, avoid fats, particularly the saturated fats like butter and ghee, eat nuts like almonds, walnuts -- healthy sources of fats," Dr Mithal said.

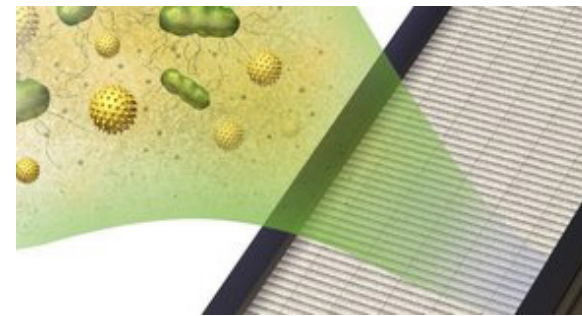
Prolonged use of AC may raise risk of dry skin, asthma attacks: Doctors

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

While air conditioning (AC) provides much-needed respite in the scorching summers when mercury is soaring high, its prolonged use may also raise several health risks including skin and respiratory problems, warned doctors on Sunday.

With the advent of rapidly growing urban regions and income growth, more people are using ACs to protect from high heat exposures. It usually works on the principle of cooling air by reducing the humidity following condensation of the water vapour.

"Prolonged exposure can cause a lot of health hazards ranging from dry, flaky and stretched skin to headaches, dry cough, dizziness and nausea, trouble concentrating, fatigue, and sensitivity to odours,"



Suhas H S, Consultant Pulmonologist, Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru told IANS.

It may also worsen respiratory diseases such as allergic rhinitis and asthma, and raise the risk of infections if AC is not maintained adequately, added the doctor.

The health experts advised to avoid prolonged exposure to the cold.

"The medical problem associated with air conditioning is that they do not have proper filtration, the ideal HEPA filters which are recommended or they're in very few

branded good company air conditioners. Lack of this chokes the filters due to pollution, and increases the risks for infection," M Wali, Senior Consultant, Department of Medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, told IANS.

"The risk is more in commercial Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) set up than home AC setups. Though not much data is available regarding home AC cooling systems and bacterial contamination, certain bacteria do form biofilm on the cooling coils and

may lead to infections in humans exposed to AC for more than 90 per cent of time," added Satish Koul, Senior Director & Unit Head, Internal Medicine, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram.

An example may be legionnaires disease -- a severe form of pneumonia. Legionnaires disease was discovered based on the contamination of water in the HVAC system and consequent aerosol mist leading to the spread of the atypical bacteria, Satish told IANS.

Further, suddenly walking into a cold AC room from exposure to severe heat, may cause bronchoconstriction -- narrowing of the airways, said Wali. This may be more prominent in people with asthma.

The experts suggested proper cleaning of AC filters and switching off ACs every two hours.

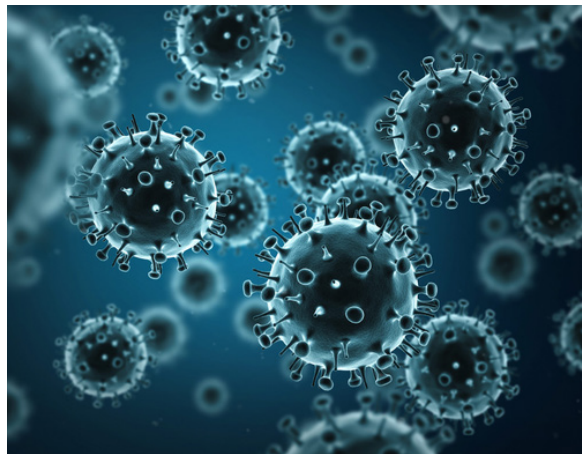
New influenza B antibody will help develop universal vaccine: US scientists

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

US scientists have isolated human monoclonal antibodies against influenza B, a finding that can pave the way for a universal vaccine for a disease that majorly affects children, the elderly, and also people with weaker immune systems.

Researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) isolated two groups of monoclonal antibodies, from the bone marrow of an individual previously vaccinated against influenza, which bound to distinct parts of the neuraminidase, a major surface glycoprotein of the influenza virus, on the surface of influenza B.

In the journal *Immunity*, the team revealed



that one of the antibodies, FluB-400, broadly inhibited virus replication in laboratory cultures of human respiratory epithelial cells.

They found that the antibody can also protect against influenza B in animal models when given by injection or via nasal

drops.

However, according to the researchers, intranasal administration may be more effective. It is also likely to have fewer systemic side effects than intravenous infusion or intramuscular injection. It is because intranasal antibodies can "trap" the virus

in the nasal mucus, thereby preventing infection of the underlying epithelial surface, they explained.

These findings support the development of FluB-400 for the prevention and treatment of influenza B and will help guide efforts to develop a universal influenza vaccine, the team said in the paper.

"Antibodies increasingly have become an interesting medical tool to prevent or treat viral infections," said James Crowe Jr, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Vanderbilt Vaccine Center.

He expressed happiness that his search for antibodies for the type B influenza virus, "which continues to be a medical problem", has revealed "such especially powerful molecules."

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Your risk of diabetes, depression and cancer may depend on socioeconomic status, finds a study on Sunday.

Those with lower socioeconomic status, determined by educational achievement and occupation, are more likely to develop complex diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

They also had a greater genetic susceptibility to developing many other complex diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lung cancer, depression, and alcohol use disorder.

In contrast, people



ed that adding polygenic risk scores, which measure an individual's risk of a particular disease based on genetic information, to the screening protocols can help detect multiple diseases.

"Understanding that the impact of polygenic scores on disease risk is context-dependent may lead to further stratified screening protocols," said Fiona Hagenbeek, a postdoctoral researcher at the varsity's Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM).

The researchers noted that "to really move to personalised health, it will be essential to gauge both genetic and environmental risks."

Kids who're sedentary for over 6 hours a day at high fatty liver disease risk

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Kids who are sedentary for more than six waking hours a day have a significantly increased risk of severe fatty liver disease and liver cirrhosis by young adulthood, a new study warned on Saturday.

Fatty liver disease is a harmful fat buildup in the liver. When the condition is not due to alcohol consumption but linked to at least one of five components of metabolic syndrome, it is called metabolic-associated steatotic (fatty) liver disease (MASLD).

"We found that this relationship between sedentaryness and liver damage is likely causal," said Professor Andrew Agbaje, of



above 6 hours per day, children had 15 per cent higher odds of developing fatty liver disease before they were 25 years old.

Any increase of sedentary time above six hours a day resulted in a corresponding decrease in the time spent in light-intensity physical activity, therefore 3 hours less daily by young adulthood.

However, each additional half hour of light-intensity physical activity beyond 3 hours per day decreased the odds of severe fatty liver disease by 33 per cent.

"We believe that this alteration in sedentary time versus time for light-intensity physical activity sets the stage for disease initiation and progression," Agbaje said.

Stress in childhood associated with earlier drug use in teens: Study

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NEW YORK, JUNE 1

Stress during childhood is linked with earlier substance use in male and female adolescents, a new study showed on Saturday.

Early life stress is children's experiences of abuse, neglect and conflict. According to the study presented at 'ENDO 2024', the Endocrine Society's annual meeting in Boston, traumatic events may increase

substance use risk for males, while environmental stress and early puberty may increase the risk for females.

Lead researcher Alexandra Donovan said that starting substance use at an earlier age is associated with more severe substance use disorder in adulthood.

"Early life stress and early puberty have both been associated with early substance use, but it

wasn't clear whether these connections are the same across boys and girls," said Donovan from Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, California.

Donovan and colleagues evaluated sex differences in the impact of puberty and stress on alcohol, nicotine and cannabis use by age 13.

They analysed data from 8,608 male and female participants in the Adolescent

Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study, who were 9 or 10 years old when the study began. Early life stress increased the likelihood of earlier substance use for males by 9-18 per cent and for females by 13-20 per cent.

"Our study supports the link between early life stress and teen substance use, extending our understanding of how this connection can differ across sex," Donovan said.

Antimicrobial resistance among top health threats, over 2 people die every minute: Experts

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Calling for accelerated action against antimicrobial resistance (AMR), global experts, including from India, at the 77th World Health Assembly (decision-making body of the WHO), have once again reiterated that AMR continues to be among the top-10 global health threats.

Dr Tedros Adhanom

Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General, said that AMR is a growing and urgent crisis which is already a leading cause of untimely deaths globally.

He stressed that more than two people die of AMR every single minute.

"AMR threatens to unwind centuries of progress in human health, animal health, and other sectors," he added.

Dr Kamini Walia, Con-

vener and Co-Chairperson of the Scientific Committee of Global AMR Media Alliance (GAMA), said that AMR inflicts significant mortality, morbidity and economic loss in low- and middle-income countries, including India.

"Several countries in Asia and Africa have observed a worrying trend of increasing drug resistance, while progress towards AMR containment efforts remains

scattered and fragmented," said Dr Walia, also a senior AMR scientist at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

She said that countries need to invest in strengthening healthcare systems, and prioritising prevention interventions, like infection control in hospitals and communities, and vaccinations.

Dr Ramanan Laxminarayan of One Health Trust,

who is one of the authors of The Lancet series, said that AMR has set the stage for advancing the 'One Health' approach -- which is a recognition that our health is intrinsically intertwined with animal health, food and agriculture and our environment.

The United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on AMR will be held in September this year.

Indian-origin researcher developing vessel-chip for pharmaceutical drug testing

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NEW YORK, JUNE 1

Indian-origin researcher Dr Abhishek Jain, from the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M University in the US, and his team are developing a vessel-chip technology for more personalised pharmaceutical drug testing.

Jain's lab, which also has Dr Tanmay Mathur in the team, received a grant from Texas A&M Innova-

tion to continue developing an advanced vessel-chip deployment platform for large-scale pharmaceutical testing.

According to him, this system can be used from discovery all the way to the translational pipeline, where you can immediately initiate informed clinical trials of venous, vascular and hematological diseases and know what the outcome on an actual human might be.

"You can fine-tune your clinical trials or reduce the length of the clinical trials and make them much more efficient," he said in a university statement.

Jain and his lab have focused their research efforts on creating blood and lymphatic vessel-chips.

These are tissue-engineered microfluidic devices that mimic human circulatory systems and provide a platform for preclinical drug discovery.

PM reviews impact of cyclone "Remal" in NE & heatwave conditions

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday chaired a meeting to review the situation of the ongoing heat wave in the country and the preparedness for the onset of monsoon at his residence at 7, Lok Kalyan.

According to a statement from the Prime Minister Office (PMO), PM Modi was briefed about the prevailing heatwave conditions in parts of Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.

During the meeting, PM Modi instructed that



proper drills for preventing and handling incidents of fire must be done on a regular basis.

He asked the official to conduct a fire and electrical safety audit of hospitals and other public places on a regular basis.

"The Prime Minister was informed about the usefulness of the "van

agni" portal in the timely identification of forest fires and their management," said the statement.

The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary to PM, Cabinet Secretary, Home Secretary, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, DG NDRF, and Member Secretary, NDMA, along with other senior officials from PMO and concerned ministries who were also present in the meeting.

In another meeting, PM Modi also reviewed the impact of the cyclone "Remal," especially in the North-East.

Kejriwal returns to Bihar, in judicial custody till June 5

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

The Rouse Avenue court here on Sunday sent Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to judicial custody till June 5 after he surrendered on the completion of his interim bail period.

Following the expiration of his interim bail on June 1, Kejriwal surrendered before the Bihar jail authorities on Sunday and was taken by the Bihar officials to the Delhi court and produced before a special judge.

The Delhi CM was sent to judicial custody till June 5, when the Rouse Avenue court will also decide on



Kejriwal's regular bail application.

Kejriwal was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on March 21 on the charges of money laundering in Delhi's new excise policy case.

The Supreme Court had on May 10 granted interim bail to Kejriwal till June 1 to enable him to campaign for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

Senior Advocate

Abhishek Manu Singhvi had requested the bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna to extend the interim bail till June 5 as the Lok Sabha election results were to be declared on June 4.

The same bench headed by Justice Khanna had granted interim bail to Kejriwal but the bench refused to extend the interim bail from June 1 to June 5.

The Supreme Court meanwhile after the completion of arguments from both sides from ED and Kejriwal reserved its judgment on the Delhi CM's plea challenging the arrest by Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Rahul calls exit polls as 'Modi poll'; says INDIA bloc will win 295 seats

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Sunday called the exit polls, telecast by news channels on Saturday, predicting the NDA sweeping the election as a "Modi poll" and expressing confidence that the India bloc will win 295 seats.

When asked about his reaction to the exit polls, Gandhi said, "This is the Modi poll. This is not an exit poll, brother, but a Modi-media poll. This is Modi's poll. This is a fantasy poll."

When asked as to how many seats the INDI alli-



ance will get, Gandhi said, "Have you heard the song of Sidhu Moose Wala's '295'?"

It may be mentioned that yesterday, while briefing the media after the INDI alliance meeting, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said that the coalition was winning more than 295 seats and that the confidence was due to the huge public support the alliance received during the election.

Arunachal BJP scores big win, retains power

AGENCIES
ITANAGAR, JUNE 2

The Bharatiya Janata Party retained power in Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive term by securing a landslide victory in the Assembly elections as the BJP secured 46 seats including 10 uncontested and even bettering its last count.

As per the ECI data, the BJP improved its previous performance of 2019 when it bagged 41 seats.

Opposition Congress, which had bagged four seats in the previous election, managed to get only one seat this time. The counting of votes took place on Sunday in 24 counter centers across the state.

The Conrad Sangma-led National People's Party (NPP) emerged second largest party by equaling its previous record of five, while Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the People's Party of Arunachal (PPA) bagged three and two seats respectively. Three Independent nominees also won the battle of ballots.

Prominent winners from amongst the BJP candidates include party's State president Biyuram Wahge (Pakke-Kessang), Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte (Changlang North), sitting Ministers Alo Libang (Tuting-Yingkiong), Mama Natung (Seppa West), Wangki Lowang (Nam-sang), Honchun Ngandam (Pongchau-Wakka), and Nakap Nalo (Nach), Ninong Ering (Pasighat West), and Wanglin Lowangdong (Borduria-Bogapani), Gabriel Denwang Wangsu (Kanubari), Rode Bui (Dumporijoi), Balo Raja (Palin), Chakat Aboh



(Khonsa West), Tsering Lhamu (Lumla), Dr Mohesh Chai (Tezu), Pani Taram (Koloriang), Kardo Nyigyor (Likabali), and Hayeng Mangfi (Chayangtajo).

The Congress nominee who had the last laugh is former Home Minister Kumar Waii, re-capturing his Bameng seat defeating BJP's Doba Lamnio with a margin of 635 votes.

The prominent among the losers are Education Minister Taba Tedir from Yachuli constituency, former CM Gegong Apang (Nari-Koyu) from newly floated Arunachal Democratic Party, former Ministers Lombo Tayeng (Mebo), Tanga Byaling (Nacho) and Tapang Taloh (Pangin), and sitting legislators Kaling Moyong (Pasighat East) and Nyamar Karbak (Liro-moba).

There are also so many new faces among the winners. They are BJP's Hamjong Tangha from Changlang South, Puiunyo Apum (Dambuk), Rotom Tebin (Raga), Topin Ete from Aalo (West), Ealing Tallang from Seppa (East), and Tai Nikio (Nyapin), NCP's Toko Tatung (Yachuli), and NPP's Namgye Tsering (Tawang), Tapi Darang (Pasighat East) and Independent Tenzin Nyima Glow (Thrizino-Buragaon).

The NPP's winning candidates include Pesi Jilen, who secured Liro-moba defeating BJP's Nyamar Karbak by 1698 votes, Namgye Tsering got Tawang seat trouncing

BJP's Tsering Dorjee with a margin of 996 votes, and Oni Panyang captured Mariyang-Geku defeating Olom Panyang of BJP by 673 votes.

PPA's Nabam Vivek got Doimukh, unseating BJP's Tana Hali Tara with a margin of 2,530 votes, and Oken Tayeng secured Mebo, routing BJP's Lombo Tayeng by 1,017 votes.

NCP's Toko Tatung emerged as a giant killer defeating his nearest rival, sitting BJP Minister Taba Tedir in the Yachuli seat with a margin of 228 votes.

Independents Wanglam Sawin and Laisam Simai, who were denied BJP tickets, emerged victors retaining their respective seats - Khonsa (East) and Nampong.

Sawin defeated his nearest rival Kamrang Tesia of BJP with a margin of 2,216 votes, while Simai beat Izmir Tikhak of the Saffron party by a slender margin of 68 votes.

Another independent nominee Tenzin Nyima Glow, a new face, stunned BJP's Kumsi Sidisow to secure the Thrizino-Buragaon seat by a margin of 400 votes.

Earlier, the counting of votes for the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly elections which were held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha polls on April 19, commenced at 6 am Sunday.

Elaborate arrangements had been made to ensure the vote count process

is peaceful and hassle-free. Over 2,000 officials were deployed for carrying out the vote counting process. Additionally, 27 counting observers have been deployed by the ECI to oversee the proceedings. Besides, 489 counting micro observers were appointed for the purpose.

With 10 seats already bagged by the BJP, Arunachal Pradesh voted to elect 50 MLAs of the 60-member Assembly, registering an 83 per cent voter turnout.

Altogether 133 candidates were in the fray for the 50 Assembly seats.

In the 2019 Assembly polls, the Saffron party secured an absolute majority winning 41 seats, and formed the first elected BJP government under the Chief Ministership of Pema Khandu.

The Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United), which did not field any candidate this time around, emerged second largest party by bagging seven seats, followed by NPP in five, and Congress in four seats. The state's regional outfit PPA managed to win one seat. Two Independent candidates had also emerged victorious.

Senior BJP leader and Chief Minister Pema Khandu, who won his traditional Mukto seat without any contest, has earlier suggested political parties accept the impending verdict with humility.

"Our commitment to democracy is non-negotiable, and it is essential for everyone to accept the verdict with humility," Khandu posted on X.

"The people of our state are eager to see the pace of all-round development continue," he said.

Arunachal CM resigns; Guv advises to continue till new Govt is sworn in

AGENCIES
ITANAGAR, JUNE 2

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Pema Khandu on Sunday resigned from the top chair along with his Council of Ministers after his party returned to power with a thumping majority in the April 19 Assembly polls.

Soon after the poll results came, Khandu called on Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parneik at Raj Bhavan here and tendered his resignation along with the Council of Ministers.

"The Governor has accepted the resignation and requested Pema



Khandu and the Council of Ministers to continue until the new Government is sworn in," a Raj Bhavan communiqué said. It also stated that the Governor has, under the provision of Article 174 (2) (b) of the Constitution of India, also accepted the Cabinet's advice and signed the order

to dissolve the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh with immediate effect.

Mention may be made that the term of the present Assembly expires today itself.

In the 60-member Assembly, the BJP has secured 46 seats, including 10 unopposed and CM

Khandu is one of those 10 candidates who won without any contest.

The National People's Party (NPP) won five seats, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) got three, and the regional outfit People's Party of Arunachal (PPA) garnered two seats. Opposition Congress has managed to win only one seat. Three Independent candidates also claimed victory in the polls.

The Governor, meanwhile, expressed his appreciation to the Chief Minister for 'successfully' managing the state administration during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

SKM sweeps aside all opposition to retain power in Sikkim

AGENCIES
GANGTOK, JUNE 2

Marking a landslide victory, the P S Tamang-led Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) retained power in Sikkim, grabbing 31 of the state's 32 assembly seats in the vote count on Sunday.

The main opposition Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), which ruled the tiny Himalayan state for 25 years under the chief ministership of Pawan Kumar Chamling till it was dethroned by the SKM in 2019, had to be content with only one seat won by a deserter from SKM.

Both the BJP and the Congress, as also the new regional outfit Citizen Action Party-Sikkim (CAP-



S) drew a blank.

State Chief Minister and SKM supremo Prem Singh Tamang led from the front winning with 7,000 plus margins from both the seats he contested. In Rhenock, he defeated his SDF rival Som Nath Poudyal, while in Soreng-Chakung, his nearest SDF opponent was A D Subba.

In another big win for the SKM, Tamang's wife Krishna Kumari wrested the Namchi-Singhithang seat from the SDF, whose chief Pawan Kumar Chamling is the current MLA from the constituency.

However, Chamling did not file nomination from the seat this time, and the SDF candidate

Himachal registers 70.07 pc polling

AGENCIES
SHIMLA, JUNE 2

Himachal Pradesh registered over 70 per cent polling in Lok Sabha and 74 in Assembly Bye-Election on Saturday, state election department stated Sunday releasing poll percentage received till late night.

According to SED spokesperson Mandi parliamentary constituency registered 72.15 per cent polling, Hamirpur 70.70 pc, Shimla 70.04 and Kangra 67.24 pc.

In Lahaul Spiti assembly bye-elections 75.09 pc polling took place, Dharmshala 71.30 pc, Sujampur 74.53 pc, Badsar 72.31, Gagret 75.49 pc and Kulehar 77.43 pc.

The state registered around 69 pc polling till 6 pm but due to long queues of voters outside the polling both and snags in around 50 EVMs polling was allowed to complete till the last voter exercised his rights.

All the EVMs and VVPAT were kept in designated strong room and polling was mainly peaceful barring few skirmishes in the state, the ECI said.

The Election Commission set the target at 80 per cent but barring Nahan and Siraj none could reach the figures.

The blistering heatwave also affected voter turnout.

Heatwave over North, Central & East India to reduce gradually: IMD

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Northwest, Central and East India are expected to experience heatwave conditions with reduced intensity for the next three days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday.

According to IMD, "Heatwave conditions are very likely to prevail in some parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and in isolated pockets of Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Odisha and Jharkhand from

today (Sunday) till June 5 (Wednesday)."

The weather department has predicted no significant change in maximum temperatures over Northwest India during the next three days and over West India during the next 48 hours.

"Thereafter, the temperature over these region is very likely to fall by by 2-3°C," the IMD said.

On the advancement of Southwest Monsoon, the IMD said, "Conditions are favourable for further advance of monsoon into some more parts of central Arabian Sea, Karnataka, Rayalaseema, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Westcentral and Northwest Bay of Bengal during the next 2-3

days."

The weather department has also predicted rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds over several parts of India including, Northeast, Northwest and South Peninsular region of the country for the next few days.

Under influence of strong southerly winds over Bay of Bengal to Northeastern states, fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall will take place accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning winds gusting up to 40 kmph over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim during the next 7

days, the IMD said.

"A cyclonic circulation lies over southeast Arabian sea adjoining south Kerala coast in middle tropospheric levels and another cyclonic circulation lies over westcentral Bay of Bengal adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal," the IMD said.

Under its influence fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) likely over Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rayalaseema during the next 7 days," it said.

Exit polls a ploy to deceive public opinion: Akhilesh

AGENCIES
LUCKNOW, JUNE 2

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday termed the exit polls of the Lok Sabha elections as a conspiracy of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and said that public opinion is being deceived through polls.

Taking to X, the SP Chief posted, "Understand the chronology of exit polls. The opposition had already declared that the BJP media will show BJP crossing 300, so that there is scope for fraud. Today's BJP exit poll was prepared many months ago, the channels just ran it today. "Public opinion is



being deceived through this exit poll."

He said, "Based on this exit poll BJP wants to take advantage of the share market opening on Monday. If these exit polls had not been false and the BJP had not lost, then the party people would not have blamed their

people. The sad faces of BJP leaders are telling the whole truth. BJP leaders are realising that the result of the country cannot be changed like the Chandigarh Mayor election because this time the opposition is fully alert and public anger is also at its peak."

US concerned about China's 'coercive activity' in South China Sea

AGENCIES
SINGAPORE, JUNE 2

US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin on Sunday reiterated concerns about China's "coercive activity" in the South China Sea, calling on Beijing to abide by the final and "legally binding" 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal Award.

Austin also expressed Washington's "deep concern" about the escalating violence in Myanmar during a meeting with the defence ministers from Southeast Asia held on the sidelines of the 21st Shangri-La Dialogue.

Defence Ministers from



Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor-Leste participated in the meeting to discuss opportunities to advance regional peace and stability.

During the meeting, Austin spoke about sustaining a rules-based

regional security environment and reaffirmed the US' strong commitment to the region.

He assured that Washington would continue its engagement with the Southeast Asian region and enhance defence cooperation amongst ASEAN countries, includ-

ing through the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus, to tackle shared security challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

"Secretary Austin reiterated concerns about coercive activity by the People's Republic of China (PRC) in the South China Sea. He underscored the importance of respect for high seas freedom of navigation guaranteed under international law, and he called on the PRC to abide by the final and legally binding 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal Award," Pentagon Press Secretary Major General Pat Ryder stated in a read-out after the meeting.

Yemen's Houthis launch 2nd strike on US aircraft carrier in less than 24 hours

AGENCIES
SANAA, JUNE 2

Yemen's Houthi group claim fresh attacks on the US aircraft carrier Eisenhower, another US warship and four commercial cargo vessels in the Red Sea and Arabian Sea.

While speaking on Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said it was the group's second strike against Eisenhower in less than 24 hours.

However, there was no immediate comment from the US Navy or the targeted shipping companies, reports Xinhua news agency.



Sarea announced the first strike on Friday, saying it was in response to US-Britain joint operations on Thursday night against Houthi positions, which killed 16 people and wounded another 41.

On Saturday, Sarea also claimed a drone attack on an unnamed US destroyer in the Red Sea, along with "a number of operations" targeting commercial vessels accused of violating a Houthi ban on entering

Israeli ports. The targeted ships included MANIA, ALORAIQ, and ABLIANI.

The Houthi spokesman also vowed further attacks until "Israel stops its war and blockade against the Palestinians in Gaza."

Since November last year, the Houthi group has launched anti-ship ballistic missiles and drones targeting what they said were Israeli-linked ships transiting the Red Sea to show solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

In response, the US-British naval coalition stationed in the waters has since January conducted air raids and missile strikes against Houthi targets.

Hungarian PM calls for peace in demonstration ahead of elections

AGENCIES
BUDAPEST, JUNE 2

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has highlighted the urgency of a ceasefire and the need for negotiations between Russia and Ukraine to prevent the armed conflict from spreading.

Orban made the remarks on Saturday when addressing his supporters in a demonstration one week ahead of the European Parliament elections scheduled for June 6-9 and Hungarian local elections for June 9, Xinhua news agency reported.

"If we want to prevent the war from catching up with us, we must nip it in the bud now. This



war cannot be won with weapons. There is no solution to this war on the battlefield, only death and destruction," he said.

He also stressed the importance of the upcoming elections, which he described as a crucial moment for forming a European peace coalition.

"In a week, we will receive reinforcements from every country in Europe, and we can create a European peace coalition in Brussels," he said to the tens of thousands of participants of a peace march that started from the iconic Chain Bridge in Budapest on Saturday.

One killed as residential building collapses in Istanbul

AGENCIES
ISTANBUL, JUNE 2

One person was killed after a residential building collapsed in Istanbul on Sunday, local media reported.

Istanbul Governor Davut Gul extended his condolences, and retweeted a post of TC Istanbul Valiligi, a Corporate account of Istanbul Governorship, informing about the demise of one person and the rescue of eight severely injured.

Earlier, the Istanbul Governor informed the reporters that the 36-year-old three-story building



in the Kucukcekmece district on the European side of the city collapsed at 8:40 a.m. local time (0540 GMT).

The rescued people have been sent to nearby hospitals.

The cause of the collapse is not clear.

Israel attacks Hezbollah military base in Lebanon

AGENCIES
BEIRUT, JUNE 2

Israeli warplanes attacked on Sunday a military base used by Hezbollah to launch assault drones against Israeli army targets, Lebanese military sources told Xinhua.

Israeli warplanes fired three air-to-surface missiles at a Hezbollah military base located in the west of the city of Baalbek in eastern Lebanon, about 80 km from the borderline separating Lebanon and Israel, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

The sources said that the missiles destroyed the base and wounded two



people, who were transported to a hospital in the city of Baalbek.

Also on Sunday morning, Israeli warplanes launched three raids on the southeast villages of Kfarhamam, Rachaya al Foukhar, and Halta, injuring 18 civilians, including

nine children, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah said its fighters on Sunday morning attacked the Yarden military base in Golan Heights, targeting the Iron Dome radar and stationing areas of officers and soldiers.

China's Chang'e-6 lands on Moon's far side to collect samples

AGENCIES
BEIJING, JUNE 2

China's Chang'e-6 touched down on the far side of the Moon on Sunday morning and will collect samples from this rarely explored terrain for the first time in human history, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) announced.

Supported by the Queqiao-2 relay satellite, the lander-ascender combination of the Chang'e-6 probe successfully landed at the designated landing area at 6:23 a.m. (Beijing Time) in the South Pole-Aitken (SPA) Basin, Xinhua news agency reported.

Chang'e-6 consists of an orbiter, a returner, a lander, and an ascender.

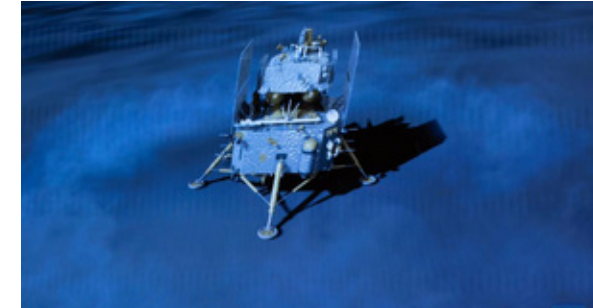
Since its launch on May 3 this year, it has gone

through various stages such as Earth-Moon transfer, near-Moon braking, lunar orbiting, and landing descent. The lander-ascender combination separated from the orbiter-returner combination on May 30, said the CNSA.

The lander-ascender combination began the powered descent at 6:09 a.m. The main engine with variable thrust was ignited, and the combination quickly adjusted its attitude and gradually approached the lunar surface.

During the descent, an autonomous visual obstacle avoidance system was used to automatically detect obstacles, with a visible light camera selecting a comparatively safe

landing area based on the



brightness and darkness of the lunar surface.

The combination then hovered about 100 metres above the safe landing area, using a laser 3D scanner to detect obstacles on the lunar surface to select the final landing site before a slow vertical descent.

As the combination approached the lunar surface, it shut down the engine and touched down

via free fall, protected by a cushioning system.

The Chang'e-6 mission is tasked with collecting and returning samples from the moon's far side, the first endeavour of its kind in the history of human lunar exploration.

It has achieved a breakthrough in the design and control technology of the lunar retrograde orbit and aims to realise key technologies of intelligent and

rapid sampling, as well as takeoff and ascent from the far side of the moon, the report said.

The landing site is at an impact crater, Apollo Basin, located within the SPA Basin.

The choice was made for the Apollo Basin's potential value of scientific exploration, as well as the conditions of the landing area, including communication and telemetry conditions and the flatness of the terrain, said Huang Hao, a space expert from the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).

Huang added that the terrain on the far side of the moon is more rugged than the near side, with fewer continuous flat areas.

However, the Apollo Basin is relatively flatter than other areas on the far side, which is conducive to landing.

The lander is equipped with multiple sensors, including microwave, laser, and optical imaging sensors, which can measure distance and speed and identify obstacles on the lunar surface, Huang said.

To prevent interference to optical sensors by lunar dust during landing, the lander is also equipped with gamma-ray sensors to accurately measure the height through particle rays, ensuring that the engine can be shut down on time and the lander can touch down smoothly on the lunar surface, he added.

N.Korea sends 600 trash-carrying balloons to S.Korea: Seoul's military

AGENCIES
SEOUL, JUNE 2

North Korea has sent around 600 balloons carrying trash to South Korea, Seoul's military said on Sunday, despite a warning that South Korea would take "unendurably" painful measures against such provocative acts.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it has detected around 600 balloons that floated across the Military Demarcation Line separating the two Koreas and fell in Seoul and the surrounding Gyeonggi province since 8 p.m. on Saturday, Yonhap news agency reported.



The balloons carried various pieces of trash, such as cigarette butts, paper and plastic bags, just like the previous balloons, according to the JCS.

600 evacuated amid catastrophic flooding in Germany

AGENCIES
FRANKFURT, JUNE 2

Over 600 people were evacuated from their homes as heavy rain caused catastrophic flooding in southern Germany, reports local media.

Continuous rainfall over several days has caused water levels to rise in several rivers in Germany, including the Donau, Neckar, and Guenz, leading to widespread flooding in coastal cities and towns.

Water levels in many areas have reached their highest levels in a century, reports Xinhua news agency.

Two of the hardest-hit southern German states are Bavaria and Baden-



Wuerttemberg.

According to the local authorities, as of 2 a.m. local time (0000 GMT) on Sunday, ten districts in Bavaria have declared a state of emergency, and over 670 residents of the district Neuburg-Schrobenhausen are being evacuated.

The German Weather Service has issued the highest level of severe weather warnings for several districts in southern Germany. In the city of Meckenbeuren of Baden-Wuerttemberg, some 1,300 people were also asked to leave their homes due to the risk of flooding.

Terror network busted in Afghanistan

AGENCIES
KABUL, JUNE 2

Authorities have arrested those related to a terror network in west Afghanistan's Herat province, local media reported.

Quoting provincial government spokesman Nisar Ahmad Alyas, Ariana news on Saturday evening reported that the group had been involved in a series of subversive activities over the past eight months, including targeting a mosque that claimed several lives a month ago.

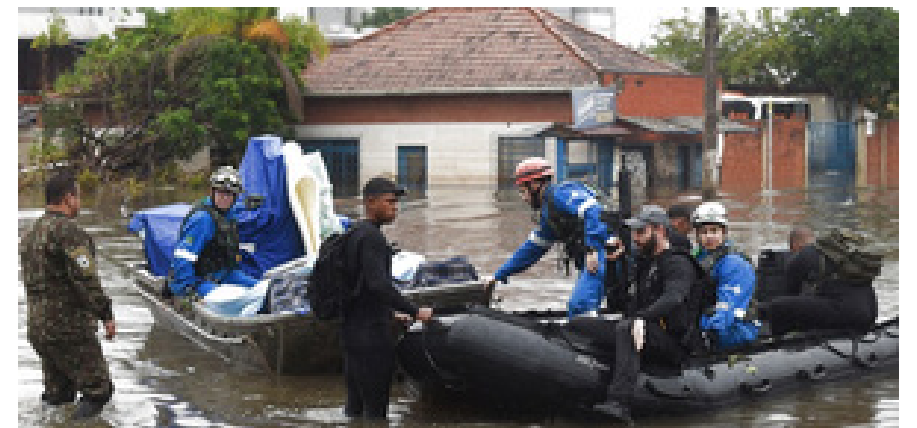
Without identifying the militant group, the official asserted that the security forces had found arms and ammunition, includ-



ing a suicide vest, in the possession of the arrested individuals, reports Xinhua news agency.

An attack on a mosque in the Gazara district of Herat in late April left at least six worshippers dead, and Daesh or the rival Islamic State group, which claimed responsibility for a series of attacks in Afghanistan during more than two years in the past, also took responsibility for this attack.

Death toll in Brazil floods rises to 171



AGENCIES
SAO PAULO, JUNE 2

Death toll in Brazil floods has risen to 171, the state's civil defence agency said.

Cases of leptospirosis are also on the rise, it added.

Since April 29, floods caused by record rains and rising rivers have

affected 2.39 million people, with 43 missing and 617,900 having been evacuated from their destroyed or flooded homes, according to the agency.

The affected cities have been relieved in the past week thanks to the dry weather that allowed rescue and reconstruction

as well as the beginning of subsidy payments to the affected designated by the government, reports Xinhua news agency.

The climate tragedy has affected 475 of the 497 municipalities of Rio Grande do Sul, an important agricultural hub in Brazil and a top producer of rice in Latin America.

Google Meet now lets you use features like polls, Q&A during live streams on mobile

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

To make it easier for users to interact with people during a live stream, Google has rolled out features like "polls, Q&A, and reactions" on its video conferencing app Meet for mobile devices.



According to the tech giant, if users join a live stream from the Google Meet Android or iOS app, they can use these features "when they're available".

In addition, the company noted that this update is applicable for "ultra-low

latency live streams" only, the standard live streaming experience remains the same.

According to the tech giant, the 'Q&A' feature in Meet will offer an easy way to better engage audiences and help them get their questions answered, both

at work and in school, whereas 'polls' can be used to identify topics that need more discussion or test understanding of the meeting content.

Meanwhile, Google has introduced new artificial intelligence (AI)-powered features for its Chromebook Plus laptops that will allow users to chat with Gemini, reimagine photos and others.

Starting at \$350, Chromebook Plus devices provide additional AI features such as industry-leading security, Google apps, and extended battery life.

MosChip Technologies secures over Rs 500 cr contract from CDAC

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Semiconductor and system design services firm MosChip Technologies has said that it secured a contract of Rs 509.37 crore from the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).



This significant contract involves the development of a high-performance computing (HPC) SoC (System on a Chip) using state-of-the-art 5nm (nanometer) technology, according to the company.

The contract will last for four years (inclusive of support and maintenance provisions).

According to Srinivasa Rao Kakumanu, MD & CEO of MosChip Technologies, this development comes at a time when "India is focusing on developing core strengths in the semiconductor space to

become a powerhouse for the global market".

As part of this, MosChip Technologies will design, develop, and deliver an HPC SoC using 5nm technology.

As per the company, the successful development of a 5nm chip is expected to attract significant interest from major industries globally, looking for turn-key ASIC solutions that meet the highest standards of performance and efficiency.

In addition, the com-

pany mentioned that the high-performance computing SoC is not just restricted to the HPC market, as "MosChip would expect the variants of it to be used in the artificial intelligence (AI) and generic cloud computing spaces as well".

Headquartered in Hyderabad, MosChip offers a wide range of solutions, including turn-key digital and mixed-signal ASICs, design services, SerDes IP, Software and system design.

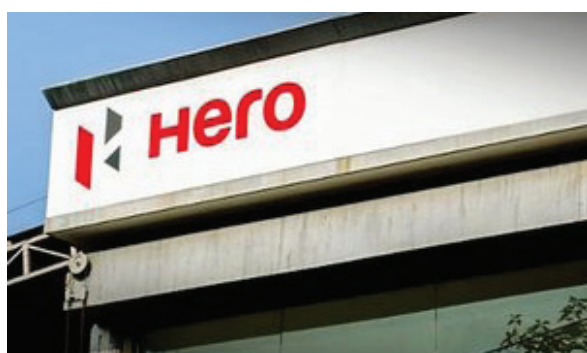
Hero MotoCorp witnesses 4 pc drop in sales in May, export rises

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Two-wheeler manufacturing company Hero MotoCorp sold 498,123 units of motorcycles and scooters in May 2024, down 4.1 per cent from 519,474 units sold in May last year.

Despite this decline, the company experienced a 12.6 per cent growth in the first two months (April-May 2024) of the fiscal year 2025 (FY25), selling 10.31 lakh units versus 9.15 lakh units in the same period last year.

"The company has sold 10,31,708 units in the first two months of the financial year FY25, registering a growth of 12.6 per cent over the corresponding months (Apr-May'23) when the company sold 915,581 units," the two-wheeler manufacturing



firm said.

In the motorcycle segment, Hero MotoCorp sold 4.71 lakh units in May 2024, which is a 3.7 per cent decrease from the 4.89 lakh units sold in May 2023. The scooters segment experienced a nearly 11 per cent decline, with 26,937 units sold in May 2024 compared to 30,138 units in the previous year.

Domestic sales also witnessed a drop of nearly 5.7

per cent, with 4.79 lakh units sold versus 5.08 lakh units year-on-year. However, exports soared by 67 per cent, with 18,673 units sold compared to 11,165 units in May last year.

Meanwhile, Hero MotoCorp has joined the government-run Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) Network, becoming the first auto company in the country to join the network.

Aiming to launch Starship's fourth test flight on June 6: Elon Musk

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

SpaceX is aiming to launch Starship's fourth test flight, which comes with many improvements, on June 6, said CEO Elon Musk on Sunday.

While the regulatory approval is pending, SpaceX aims to launch the 400-foot-tall Starship rocket along with the Heavy booster from Space-X's Starbase facility near Boca Chica Beach in

South Texas at 7 a.m. CT on June 6.

"Starship Flight 4, with many improvements, is aiming to launch on Thursday!" Musk said in a post on the social media platform X.com.

"The main goal of this mission is to get much deeper into the atmosphere during reentry, ideally through max heating," he added.

In a blog post, SpaceX said that the fourth flight test looks to "achieve orbit

to demonstrate the ability to return and reuse Starship and Super Heavy."

"The primary objectives will be executing a landing burn and soft splashdown in the Gulf of Mexico with the Super Heavy booster and achieving a controlled entry of Starship."

To achieve these and increase overall reliability, the company also announced several "software and hardware upgrades."

As Exit Polls indicate big victory for NDA, markets to see new highs this week

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It was a volatile week and a complete reversal of the previous week. Markets lost on four of the five trading sessions and kept their prestige by gaining on the fifth day, Friday, which happened to be the first day of a new June series and was the shining star during the week.

BSESENSEX lost 1,449.08 points or 1.92 per cent to close at 73,961.31 points, while NIFTY lost 426.40 points or 1.86 per cent to close at 22,530.70 points. The broader markets saw BSE100, BSE200 and BSE500 lose 1.09 per cent, 1.83 per cent and 1.73 per cent respectively.

BSEMICAP was down 1.53 per cent, and so was BSESMALLCAP, a similar 1.53 per cent. It may be mentioned here that in the previous week, from May 20 to May 24, BSESENSEX had gained 1,404.45 points or 1.90 per cent, while NIFTY gained 455.10 points or 2.02 per cent. Effectively, the two weeks scored out.

The Indian Rupee was under pressure and lost 36 paise or 0.43 per cent to close at Rs 83.46 to the US



Dollar. Dow Jones gained on Friday after a continuous losing streak. For this week, it lost 383.27 points or 0.98 per cent to close at 38,686.32 points. Dow lost on three of the four trading sessions and gained on one.

The week saw May futures expire on Thursday. At the end of the previous week, the series was up 386.75 points or 1.71 per cent. NIFTY surrendered all of this and closed with losses of 81.70 points or 0.36 per cent to close at 22,488.65 points.

In economic data released over the weekend, there was great news from the GDP front, economic front and GST tax collection front. GDP for the fourth quarter was at 7.8 per cent, which brings

FY24 GDP to 8.2 per cent. The fiscal deficit at 5.6 per cent of GDP has bettered the government's estimate. GST collection for May 24 is Rs 1.71 lakh crore and continues the strong showing.

The week ahead has RBI meet for its first policy meeting of FY24-25. It is widely expected that there would be no change in stance or interest rates as inflation is easing off.

Shares of Awfis Space Solutions, which had issued shares at Rs 383, listed on the bourses on Thursday, May 30. Shares closed day one at Rs 419.10, a gain of Rs 36.10 or 9.42 per cent. On Friday, the share corrected sharply and closed at Rs 402.50, a reduced gain of Rs 19.50 or 5.09

per cent.

The seventh and final phase of voting concluded on Saturday, June 1. The exit polls at the end of the same indicate a strong performance of the ruling BJP and NDA-led alliance across the country. While numbers suggest that they would have a more than comfortable majority on their own and may touch the magical number of 400 if the exit polls are to be believed.

Well, Tuesday would be another day, and things would become clear. As of now, it appears that things favour the incumbent, and they should get through comfortably.

Coming to the markets in the week ahead, while exit polls are in favour of NDA, one would like to be cautious for that one more day before celebrating wholeheartedly. By Tuesday midday, results would be clear which way the wind is blowing. What should be the strategy for the week ahead?

Looking at exit polls, a rally on Monday is almost certain. What may also happen is that post this rally, there could be some profit-taking and volatility. Tuesday would see

volatility as the election trend in the morning is sketchy and skewed. Post this initial hiccup, if exit polls hold good, markets should see a blast.

FPIs have been aggressive sellers, and a bout of short covering could give the needed ammunition to bulls to charge the market. It makes sense, therefore, to hold out your bets till markets stabilise post-Tuesday results and allow the euphoria as exit polls indicate to kick in. New highs on NIFTY and BSESENSEX are on the cards, and one should not be surprised if we see levels of about 79,000 on BSESENSEX and 23,800 on NIFTY in the coming week. All of this is subject to the fact that exit polls, or even better, the poll of polls, are taken as a benchmark.

The strategy would be to ride the rally and allow markets to savour the victory. Allow the euphoria to kick in, and do not be in a hurry to book profits. Exercise caution in buying stocks where one is not comfortable with fundamentals. In conclusion, be cautious and allow exit polls to convert to results. Trade cautiously.

Zomato asks customers to avoid ordering during peak afternoon hrs

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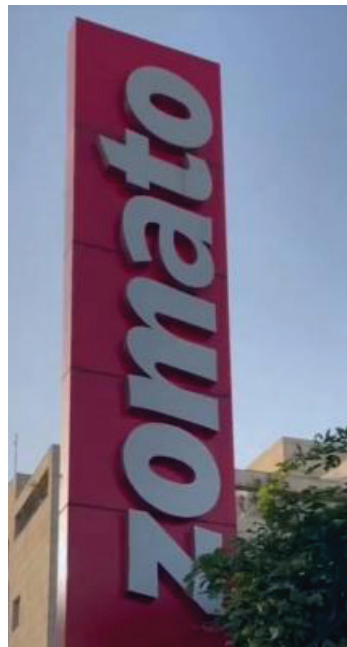
Amid the extreme heatwave in the country, online food delivery platform Zomato on Sunday requested customers to avoid ordering during peak afternoon hours unless it is necessary.

"Please avoid ordering during peak afternoon unless absolutely necessary," Zomato wrote on X.

Due to scorching heat, some states have recorded higher temperatures than in previous years, leading to problems like heatstroke. Heatstroke-related deaths have also been reported in Bihar, Rajasthan, and Jharkhand, as well as in Delhi.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting to review the situation of the ongoing heatwave in the country and the preparedness for the onset of monsoon.

The PM was briefed



Meanwhile, Zomato's co-founder and CEO, Deepinder Goyal has unveiled India's first crowd-supported weather infrastructure, providing localised, real-time information on key weather parameters such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, rainfall, and more.

Called weatherunion.com, it is a proprietary network of over 650 on-ground weather stations. It is currently available across 45 cities, and the company said that it will be expanding this in other cities very soon.

The company has also opened up free access to this network (through an Application Programming Interface) to all institutions and companies in the country.

Meta purged over 17 mn pieces of bad content on FB, Insta in India in April

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Meta said that it took down over 11.6 million pieces of bad content across 13 policies for Facebook and more than 5.4 million pieces of objectionable content across 12 policies for Instagram in India in April.

In April, Facebook received 17,124 reports through the Indian grievance mechanism and said that it provided tools for users to resolve their issues in 9,977 cases.

These include pre-established channels to report content for specific violations, self-remediation flows where they can download their data, avenues to address account hacked issues, etc, Meta said in its monthly report in compliance with the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

"Of the other 7,147

reports where specialised review was needed, we analysed content as per our policies and took action on 4,303 complaints in total. The remaining 2,844 grievances were reviewed but may not have been actioned," Meta added.

On Instagram, the company received 12,924 reports through the Indian grievance mechanism. "Of these, we provided tools for users to resolve their issues in 5,941 cases," it said.

Of the other 6,983 reports where specialised review was needed, Meta analysed content and took action on 3,206 complaints in total.

The remaining 3,777 reports were reviewed but may not have been actioned.

Under the new IT Rules 2021, big digital and social media platforms, with more than 5 million users, have to publish monthly compliance reports.

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS REASI

Public Notice

This is to inform public in General that the following Persons had filed their petitions before this Court (Tehsildar Reasi) for seeking directions regarding registration of Birth/Death records.

S. No.	Name with Parentage	Date of Birth/Death (as stated by the applicant)	Place of Birth/Death (as stated by the applicant)
1.	Mansi Thakur D/o Joginder Singh	21-06-2016	At home i.e Kanjli
2.	Mavish Thakur D/o Joginder Singh	14-06-2015	At home i.e Kanjli
3.	Rubal Singh S/o Narinder Singh	30-03-2014	At home i.e Kanjli
4.	Sorav Singh S/o Narinder Singh	28-06-2016	At home i.e Kanjli
5.	Waida D/o Mohd Yousaf	02-05-2020	At home i.e Jadh
6.	Ishtaq Ahmed S/o Mohd Yousaf	26-01-2022	At home i.e Jadh
7.	Nagina Bibi D/o Mohd Aslam	29-05-2023	At home i.e Jadh
8.	Shkeena Bibi D/o Roosoo	15-06-2019	At home (Natural Death)
9.	Manjeet Singh S/o Rashpal Singh	17-01-2013	At Distt.Hospital Reasi
10.	Abu Zahid S/o Mohd Ashraf	24-02-2011	At Home i.e Aghar Ballian

Therefore, through the medium of this notice, public at large is informed that if any person has any objection in respect to the above mentioned details of the petitioners/applicant, he/she shall appear in this court either personally or through a counsel to file his/her objections within a period of 07 days from the publication of this notice in the newspaper.

DIP/J-900/24
Date: 1-6-24

Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Reasi

Jaismine Lamboria secures India's sixth Paris Olympic quota in boxing

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BANGKOK, JUNE 2

Jaismine Lamboria secured her spot for the Paris Olympics after defeating Mali's Marine Camara 5-0 in the quarterfinals of the 57kg category at the World Olympic Boxing Qualifiers in Bangkok on Sunday.

With the win, Jaismine secured the sixth boxing quota for India after Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti Pawar (women's 54kg), Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain (women's 75kg), Nishant Dev (men's 71kg) and Amit Panghal (men's 51kg).

The bronze medallist at the Commonwealth Games took back the 57kg quota that India was compelled to give up after Parveen Hooda's 22-month suspension for a whereabouts failure. After taking home the bronze in the 2023 Asian Games,



Parveen was initially guaranteed a quota in 57kg category but she was forced to forfeit her place in the Summer Games.

Jaismine was permitted to compete as a reserve in the 57kg event in Bangkok, having competed in

the 60kg category during the first World Qualifiers. After defeating Ana Milisic of Switzerland and Mahsati Hamzayeva Aghamaliyeva of Azerbaijan 5-0 in the opening two rounds, Jaismine advanced to the quarterfinals.

Boxing World Qualifiers: Amit Panghal clinches fifth Paris Olympic quota for India

AGENCIES
BANGKOK, JUNE 2

2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist Amit Panghal earned a unanimous 5:0 verdict against China's Liu Chuang in the 51kg quarterfinals of the Boxing World Qualifiers to become the fifth Indian boxer to earn a Paris Olympic quota on Sunday.

India had earned three quotas at the 2022 Asian Games through Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti (54kg) and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) by virtue of all of them finishing on the podium in Guangzhou, China.

Nishant Dev became the first Indian male boxer to secure a Paris berth earlier this week when he defeated Moldova's Vasile Cebotari in the 71kg quarterfinals.

Panghal added to that list on Saturday with a fine display of tenacity and aggression against Chunag, who had drawn first blood by claiming Round 1 4:1 on the back with some fine punches.

But the Indian national champion came out all guns blazing in Round 2 and attacked relentlessly



to grab the advantage, impressing all the five judges. The deciding round was a frantic display of boxing by both pugilists as they attempted to outpunch each other.

Panghal ultimately came out on top as he smartly manoeuvred his Chinese opponent and landed his combination on his face and body to clinch the bout with a

unanimous verdict.

India can clinch two more Paris Olympic berths later this evening with Jaismine to take on Mali's Marine Camara in the women's 57kg quarterfinals while Sachin Siwach will face Kyrgyzstan's Munarbek Seitbek Uul in the third place play-off in men's 57kg category to decide who clinches the quota.

French Open: Djokovic prevails in five-set thriller against Musetti

AGENCIES
PARIS, JUNE 2

In a match that lasted for four hours and 29 minutes, Novak Djokovic prevailed over Lorenzo Musetti in five sets to advance to the last 16 of the Roland Garros.

The Serbian was fully tested by Musetti who took the World number 1 to the full five sets with a score of 7-5, 6-7 (6-8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0. The conditions certainly tested both players as the match ended after 3 AM local time - shattering the tournament's previous latest finish of 1:26 AM.

"He played a fantastic match and came very close to victory. I was in great difficulties but thanks to



your support in the fourth set, I became a different player. It was perhaps the best match I have played here," said Djokovic on the court.

The Serbian who is defending his French open crown won the first set (7-5) and gained a hearty 3-1 lead in the second before a comeback by the Italian saw the score being

tied at 4-4. He went on to lose the second and third set before showcasing experience and pedigree to prevail in the final two sets to seal the match.

With the victory, Djokovic has now tied Roger Federer for most victories in Grand Slam matches with 369 to his name.

Mary Earps to miss England women's Euro qualifier against France due to injury

AGENCIES
LONDON, JUNE 2

England goalkeeper Mary Earps will miss their Women's Euro 2025 qualifying match against France on Tuesday due to hip injury.

Manchester United goalkeeper Earps sustained a minor hip injury in their 1-2 loss to France at St James Park on Friday. She was replaced by Hannah Hampton in the eighth minute of the game and later left the venue on crutches.

Birmingham City's Lucy Thomas has been called into the squad for Tuesday's trip to France.

England manager Sarina Wiegman termed the loss "absolutely frustrating" after their first defeat in European qualifying since 2002.

Defending European



champions are in third place in League A Group 3 with four points after one win, one draw and a loss in their three matches. England need to finish in the top two spots in their group to automatically

qualify for the Euro 2025 in Switzerland.

After taking on France in Saint-Etienne on Tuesday, England will host Ireland before travelling to Sweden for their final group clash in July.

French Open

Bopanna-Ebden off to winning start after win against Luz-Zormann

AGENCIES
PARIS, JUNE 2

Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden got their French Open campaign underway with a hard-fought victory over the Brazilian duo of Orlando Luz and Marcelo Zormann. The second-seeded pair won 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 in a thrilling first-round clash.

Their Roland Garros journey began with a twist as their initial match was postponed due to rain, leading their opponents to withdraw. A subsequent encounter with an Indian-Austrian pair in the likes of Sumit Nagal and Sebastian Ofner fell through due to similar reasons. Finally, facing Luz and Zormann, Bopanna and Ebden displayed their experience.



The opening set saw them overcome a slow start, building a 4-1 lead before the Brazilians fought back. However, Bopanna and Ebden displayed their Grand Slam-winning pedigree, clinching the set 7-5. The second set was a tighter affair, with Ebden's double fault handing the advantage to the Brazilians, who won 4-6.

The deciding set showcased the Indo-Aussie pair's dominance. They combined well, securing crucial points after a shaky beginning. Despite a late fightback from Luz and Zormann, Bopanna and Ebden sealed the victory at 6-4.

Bopanna will now turn his attention to mixed doubles, partnering with Veronika Kudermetova of Russia in their first-round match scheduled for late hours on Sunday.

Surfing: Ajeesh Ali crowned Indian Open champion, Moorthi defends double titles

AGENCIES
MANGALURU, JUNE 2

Tamil Nadu surfers swept the top honors in all four categories, men's open, women's open, groms boys & U-16 and groms girls & U-16, at the Indian Open of Surfing at the Sasi-hithlu beach.

Ajeesh Ali, who competed in the Paris Olympics qualifiers (2023 ISA World Surfing Games, El Salvador) last year, was crowned the new IOS champion in the men's open category.

Teenage sensation Kamali Moorthi completed a double victory by winning both the women's open and groms girls & U-16 categories, successfully defending her titles.

Another Tamil Nadu teenager, Tayin Arun, impressed the judges with his maneuvers and was crowned the new IOS champion in the groms boys & U-16 category.

The final day's action began with the semi-finals of the groms boys and U-16 category. Local favorite Pradeep Pujar led the pack with a score of 8.80, advancing to the finals alongside Prahlad Sriram (8.50), Harish P (8.26), and Tayin Arun (6.76).

Speaking on the surfing conditions today, Dylan Amar from Indo-



nesia, who was the head judge at Indian Open of Surfing, said, "The conditions today were excellent, making this venue highly competitive. Over the three days, the athletes put on an impressive show. If they maintain this level of effort, Indian surfers could soon make it to the Olympics."

The action then moved to the semi-finals of the groms girls and U-16 category. Tamil Nadu surfers Dhamayanthi Sriram and Mahathi Srinivasabharathi qualified for the finals with scores of 4.57 and 3.54 respectively. Kamali Moorthi, the top seed from Tamil Nadu, had already been granted a final spot based on her national ranking.

The finals of the groms boys and U-16 category saw Tayin Arun impressing the judges with his

acrobatics, winning his first title at IOS with a score of 10.17. Harish P (8.40) and Prahlad Sriram (7.47) made it a thrilling competition, finishing second and third, respectively. Mantra Surf Club's Pradeep Pujar finished fourth with a score of 5.34.

Speaking after winning his first-ever IOS title, Tayin Arun expressed his joy, "I'm really happy to win the title today as it is my first IOS title, and the conditions were really good for surfing. I enjoyed surfing today, and I'm looking forward to winning more titles in the future. I missed Kishore Kumar as he is my best friend, and I would like to beat him as well."

The final day also featured the groms girls and U-16 finals, an all-Tamil Nadu affair. Kamali Moorthi emerged victorious

Norway Chess

Praggnanandhaa seals 2nd classical win; Vaishali continues to lead



AGENCIES
STAVANGER (NORWAY), JUNE 2

After a rest day, the thrilling action continued at the Norway Chess 2024, being held at the SpareBank 1 SR-Bank in Stavanger. The brother-sister duo Praggnanandhaa R and Vaishali R continued their winning ways as they earned crucial points in round 5 of the tournament.

While Vaishali kept the lead in the Norway Chess Women's Tournament by checkmating GM Lei Tingjie in Armageddon tie-breaker, Praggnanandhaa registered his second classical win in the competition as he defeated the world no. 2 Fabiano Caruana.

Meanwhile, in the Norway Chess main event, Hikaru Nakamura extended his lead after his win over world champion Ding Liren. For the first time in nine years, Nakamura is rated over 2800 after handing a third defeat in a row to Liren, who is out of the top ten in the live rating lists.

In another exciting match, Magnus Carlsen emerged victorious over Alireza Firouzja in a classical game. Carlsen, with a total of 9 points, is just a point behind Nakamura

in the tournament, while Pragg is in third with 8.5 points.

In the Women's Tournament, Anna Muzychuk's second classical win in a row, this time over GM Pia Cramling, put her in sole second place, just a point behind the leader Vaishali, who has earned 10 points so far. Women's world champion Ju Wenjun defeated India's Koneru Humpy in Armageddon. With this win, Wenjun has won all five matches in Armageddon, finding herself in third place at the halfway stage.

As the tournament progresses, the competition is only expected to intensify with seven rounds to go. The dynamic nature of Norway Chess continues to captivate audiences, promising more excitement and dramatic turns in the days ahead.

Round 6 Pairings
Norway Chess Main Event

Magnus Carlsen vs Ding Liren; Alireza Firouzja vs Praggnanandhaa R; Hikaru Nakamura vs Fabiano Caruana

Norway Chess Women's Tournament

Vaishali R vs Ju Wenjun; Lei Tingjie vs Anna Muzychuk; Koneru Humpy vs Pia Cramling.

with a commanding score of 12.17, securing the title by a wide margin. Dhamayanthi Sriram (5.93) and Mahathi Srinivasabharathi (2.07) finished second and third, respectively.

The highlight event of the day was the men's open surfing final, another all Tamil Nadu affair, featuring the top-seeded surfers from across the country. Ajeesh Ali, who represented India at the 2023 ISA World Surfing Games in El Salvador, walked away with the championship title with the highest score of the day (14.70). The intense action and thrilling competition in the category captivated the audience.

Srikanth D (12.57) and Sanjaikumar S (11.10) took the runner-up and second runner-up titles, respectively, while Sanjay Selvamani came in fourth with a score of 6.17.

Speaking after winning the IOS title in surfing men's open category, Ajeesh Ali said, "I am thrilled to have won the title today after being the runner-up in the previous edition. Winning the Indian Open of Surfing was something I desperately wanted."

"My experience in El Salvador last year for the Paris Olympics qualifiers allowed me to compete

with some of the world's best surfers and learn a great deal from them. The conditions today were challenging with slow waves, but luckily, I had a board specifically for such conditions. The competition was fierce, as my fellow surfers are among the best in the country."

The women's open surf category finals concluded the event with fierce competition among India's leading female surfers. Kamali Moorthi emerged victorious, winning the IOS women's championship title in a thrilling final.

Kamali scored 12.40 in the finals, narrowly edging out 2022 champion Sugar Banarse from Goa, who scored 12.23 and finished as the runner-up by just 0.17 points. Neha Vaid from Mumbai came in third with a score of 2.97.

Speaking post winning the double titles at IOS, Kamali said, "I am thrilled to have successfully defended both my titles at the Indian Open of Surfing. Surfing in Mangaluru is always a joy, and today was no different. The women's open category was challenging because I was competing against Sugar Banarse, the 2022 champion. Despite this, I managed to stay calm and not let the pressure get to me before the finals."

Pavitra Charri of Annual Mindal Mata Yatra arrives Kishtwar amid warm welcome by devotees, District administration

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JUNE 2

The sacred Pavitra Charri (Holy Mace) of Mindal Mata, accompanied by hundreds of devotees, arrived Kishtwar the other day marking the commencement of Annual Mindal Mata Yatra 2024.

The Civil and Police administration Kishtwar, along with a large number of locals, warmly welcomed the Pavitra Charri, offering their reverence and seeking blessings.

SSP Abdul Qayoom; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Phulail Singh along with other Sectoral officers and officials, were also present to greet the procession.

The Pavitra Charri was ceremoniously received at the Shree Gori Shankar Mandir Sarkoot, where it will rest for the night.

The procession resumed its journey to the Mindal Mata temple in Himachal Pradesh via Paddar today after the SSP flagged off the Yatra in presence of ACD, ASP, BDO Inderwal



, BDO Marwah, DySP HQ and Local Devotees and other officials.

The district administration led by Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav has extended its full support to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra, facilitating the devotees and ensuring all necessary arrangements are in place.

NO: PR/DDI/J/708// Civil Society Gool, Sub Divisional Administration Host Mega Cultural Event at Ramakunda

RAMBAN, JUNE 02: Civil Society Gool, in collaboration with the Sub Divi-

sional Administration, organized a mega event at Ramakunda, celebrating the region's rich cultural heritage. The event featured an exciting horse race and a series of cultural programs that drew significant participation from the local community.

The event was graced by the presence of several dignitaries, including SDM Gool Pawan Kumar Goswami; Tehsildar, Harjeet Singh; SDPO, Nihar Ranjan; SHO Sameer Ahmed; President Civil Society Gool, Shames Din Wani Range Officer Forest and various other officers

and prominent citizens. Their presence underscored the importance of community engagement and cultural preservation & promotion in the region.

The horse race, the major highlight of the event, witnessed spirited competition among local riders. The winners were celebrated for their skill and dedication. The first position was won by Afroz Ahmed, a resident of Malla Mohore, while the second and third positions were secured by Nazir Ahmed Bakralwal and Mohammad Iqbal, both residents of Mohore. The winners were awarded their prizes in a ceremony attended by officials and community members, adding to the festive atmosphere of the day. The event marked a significant step towards promoting tourism, cultural activities, and fostering community spirit in Gool.

Civil Society Gool and the Sub Divisional Administration plan to continue such initiatives to enhance local culture and unity.

CMO conducts surprise inspection of health centres in Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 2

To enforce work culture, and punctuality of staff, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Doda Dr Om Kumar today paid surprise visit to many health centres in Medical Block Bhandarwah.

The CMO inspected AAM PHC Chinta, PHC Saringal, SC Basti and SC Nalthi and took stock of availability of medicines, and patient care services being provided to the community.

During the visit, the CMO took a thorough round of

all sections of the health centres and interacted with the health staff. He took firsthand public feedback while interacting with the locals.

The CMO advised health staff to perform their duties with full dedication and as per the devised roster to extend best medicare facilities to the patients of the area.

The CMO also checked the attendance of the health functionaries and daily stock register of medicines including other relevant records. The CMO

also directed the concerned Block Medical Officer to personally monitor the functioning of all peripheral health centres falling under his jurisdiction and ensure that all healthcare facilities are being made available to the patients.

The comprehensive inspection visit and proactive approach undertaken by CMO was aimed to meet health department's commitment to ensuring efficient delivery and maintaining high standards of patient care services in the District.

SMC spearheads Sanitation Drive in Zone South Ward No. 28 & 29

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 2

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Sunday took a proactive step towards enhancing cleanliness and hygiene in the city by leading a sanitation campaign in Zone South Ward No. 28 and 29.

On the directions of Commissioner SMC, Dr. Owais Ahmed, SMC officials, under the supervision of Chief Sanitation Officer and Zonal Sanitation Officer, successfully conducted a comprehensive cleanliness drive along the Allochi Bagh Bund Flood Channel stretching from Tengpora Bridge to the Rambagh Bund Flood Channel.

The primary goal of this initiative was to raise sanitation standards and promote hygienic practices through the implementation of efficient waste management and disposal methods, including the removal of excess vegetation and grass.

DC tours Sub Division Gandoh, Inspects Development Activities, working of local Administration

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 2

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh embarked on a comprehensive day-long tour to Sub-Division Gandoh, meticulously inspecting ongoing development activities and administrative blocks in the region.

Sub Division Magistrate Gandoh, Tehsildars, BMOs, BDOs, and other officers accompanied him.

The primary objective of the tour was to assess the progress of ongoing projects, functioning of government offices and delivery of public services. During the tour, DC Doda, Harvinder Singh, visited the Administrative Block of SDM Gandoh, conducting a thorough review of administrative processes and engaging with officers to understand the challenges in delivering public services effectively.



Furthermore, DC Doda inspected the SDH Gandoh, closely monitoring the attendance of medical personnel and the availability of essential medicines for patients, underscoring the importance of healthcare accessibility.

DC Doda inspected Jan Aushadi Kendra OPD immunization wards and vaccination storages. He also visited PHC Gandoh and Tehsil Office Gandoh,

overseeing their operations and ensuring their effective functionality.

He asked for resurfacing of walls cracked due to earthquake, construction of govt. quarters, issuing rosters for convenience of general public.

The emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of service delivery and urged officers to continue working diligently for the welfare of the community.

DC Doda inspects progress of work on Changa-Bhal Padri Road

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 2

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh embarked on a site visit to the Changa-Bhal Padri road, approximately 23 kilometers from Gandoh Headquarter.

The aim of the Site inspection was to take stock of the progress of the road construction and facilitate an amicable settlement of pending issues concerning the project.

It was informed that construction on 6 kilometer stretch of the road is underway, with an additional 5.5 kilometers yet to commence. The total length of the road spans 11.50 kilometers.

During the inspection, the DC was accompanied



by Xen PWD (R&B) Ashwani Mehngi, Tehsildar Gandoh Muneeb Umar, AEE PWD Gurjeet Singh, and JE Sajad Mir.

After a thorough inspection of the construction site, the DC asked Engineers to maintain quality standards and promptly

resolve bottlenecks, if any, hindering the project.

The DC Doda emphasized the importance of timely completion and quality workmanship in enhancing connectivity and facilitating the socio-economic development of the area.

Roller Athlete honours best skaters of J&K



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For the last many years, the Roller Athlete skating club, Jindrah, used to honour the best skaters of J&K and on the same pattern, again the members of the club organised a special function to distribute the awards and scholarships for those skaters who performed extraordinary during the year 2023 at MA stadium. The chief guests on the occasion were Aabid Bhat, Raashid Ahmad Shunthoo and Sunny Diman from M/S Origin Solutions. An upcoming roller hockey player Ms Izna Sharma and a promising speed skater Master Rajveer Singh Sarotria awarded with late Sh. Som Dutt Sharma memorial award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 2,001, a trophy and a certificate where as Ms Tamanna Saini (Inline speed) was awarded with late Prof. Kuldeep Singh Jandrahia memorial award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5001, a trophy and a certificate

where as Master Zayafat John (Roller hockey) and Ms Kavya Sharma (Speed) were awarded with Late Smt. Asha Gupta memorial scholarship. The scholarship carries an amount of Rs 2001, a trophy and a certificate. Later the chief guests honoured all the roller hockey teams of the Jindrah club with full jerseys. They appreciated the efforts of the Jindrah club in promoting the roller skating at the grass root level. They also appreciated the results of the skaters of the club at National and international level and while sponsoring the jerseys to the players, one of the sponsor said that they are feeling proud to be the part of the Jindrah club and promised to support the club in future also. The organizing secretary of function was Rameesh Sharma where as the whole function was conducted under the direction and supervision of Anksuh Kohli (Acting president of the Jindrah club). Many senior players, parents and the members of the club attended the function.

DC Doda inaugurates Bhallessa Chenab Premier League

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh graced the inauguration ceremony of the Bhallessa Chenab Premier League (BCPL) organized by the Wali Cricket Club at Sports Stadium Kihlotran in Sub-Division Gandoh.

The Deputy Commissioner was the chief guest alongside SDM and other officers, marking the commencement of the prestigious cricket league, symbolizing the celebration of sportsmanship and community spirit.

The BCPL, hosted by the Wali Cricket Club, aims to promote cricket talent in the region and provide a platform to local players to showcase their skills and passion for the sport.



The DC Doda expressed his delight on witnessing the enthusiasm and dedication of the participants. He emphasized the importance of sports in fostering unity and healthy competition among communities.

He commended the efforts of the Wali Cricket Club for organizing such a significant event and

encouraged the players to exhibit fair play and sportsmanship throughout the league.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by a large gathering of cricket enthusiasts and community members, reflecting the widespread support and interest in the Bhallessa Chenab Premier League (BCPL).

JK Teacher Forum Bhallessa hosts warm farewell for retiring Colleagues



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DODA, JUNE 2

JK Teacher Forum Bhallessa, in a heartfelt gesture, organized a memorable farewell function for retiring colleagues here at Sanjay Aarya Memorial Higher Secondary School Kihlotran today. The event was graced by Deputy Com-

missioner (DC) Doda Harvinder Singh as the Chief Guest along with other dignitaries and a significant turnout of dedicated teachers.

The occasion was marked by a spirit of gratitude and camaraderie as attendees bid farewell to esteemed colleagues, celebrating their contributions and commitment to

education.

DC expressed heartfelt appreciation for the departing teachers, highlighting their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to the noble profession of teaching.

The farewell function was held to honor the contributions and service office of the teachers at the school.

Motivational lecture by gallantry awardees at Kandi, Rajouri

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RAJOURI, JUNE 2

Indian Army organized a Motivational lecture by Sub. Jai Kishan, SM (Retd) in Govt Higher Secondary School, Kandi. The inspiring lecture by gallantry awardee was

organized as part of 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations wherein, he shared first-hand experiences of sacrifices and the spirit of valour that Indian Army exhibited during Kargil War, which motivated and reminded the students of the

accounts of dedication and courage. This event served as a tribute to the heroes who defended our country and as a source of motivation for those aspiring to join the Indian Army. A sense of patriotism, was felt in the environment while

the lecture was being delivered by the Veteran. Such lectures by the War Heroes, levies a positive impact on young generation and motivates them to join Indian Army and become responsible citizens of our country. The students, teachers

and villagers were quite enthusiastic and keenly participated in the interactive session. The residents paid keen interest and conveyed their gratitude for conducting such graceful event in a remote village to motivate the youth of Area.