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Abrogation of Article 370 showing result in poll percentage: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI, MAY 14

The Narendra Modi Government's decision to abrogate Article 370 is showing results in the poll percentage in Jammu and Kashmir and has enhanced people's trust in democracy, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

The Home Minister's remarks came a day after about 38 per cent polling was recorded in the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency where polling was held in the 4th phase of the general elections.

Srinagar recorded 14.43 per cent polling in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, 25.86 per cent in 2014, 25.55 per cent in



2009 and 18.57 per cent in 2004.

"The Modi Government's decision to abro-

gate Article 370 is showing results in the poll percentage as well. It has enhanced people's trust in democracy and its roots have deepened in Jammu and Kashmir," he wrote on 'X'.

Shah said that through the rise in the poll percentage, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have given a befitting reply to those who opposed the abrogation of Article 370 provisions and are still advocating its restoration.

The Modi Government abrogated Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, in 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile State into two Union Territories' Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Amarnath pilgrims to experience smooth passage this year: BRO DG

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SRINAGAR, MAY 14

Director General of Border Roads Organization (BRO), Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan Tuesday said that the road along Baltal has been widened and other measures have been taken to ensure smooth passage to the Amarnath Yatris. He also added that the 200 kilometre Akhnoor-Poonch road after completion is set to reduce the travel time by nearly three hours.

As per the news agency, pertinently, the construction of a pivotal infrastructure project on National Highway 144A connecting Akhnoor with Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir achieved a significant



milestone on Tuesday with a breakthrough in the Sungal tunnel.

The tunnel spanning 2,790 metres is a crucial link connecting Akhnoor with Poonch. The Akhnoor-Poonch road, or 'The Golden Arc Road', is an old and highly-strategic 200 Km stretch connect-

ing South Kashmir/Jammu region with the West of J&K.

Talking to reporters, Director General BRO said that a major breakthrough has been achieved by completing the 2.79 kilometre Sungal tunnel, one among the four, coming up along Akhnoor-Poonch road.

"Four tunnels are coming including Kandi tunnel 260 meters, Sungal tunnel 2.79 kms, Nowshehra tunnel 700 meters and another 1.1 kilometre tunnel. The road stretch is having a great significance as the route was being used by the neighbouring country to support terrorism and thus the tunnels are of a great strategic importance as well," he said.

He added that the 200 kilometre road stretch is expected to be completed by this year only, adding that the developed roads help a nation to progress in every aspect.

Furthermore, he stated that the Baltal road has been completely widened and for the smooth

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Article 370 roll back enabled potential, aspirations of J&K people to find full expression: PM Modi on Sgr LS seat turnout



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his gratitude to the people who voted in large numbers in Srinagar Parliamentary constituency stating that the abrogation of Arti-

cle 370 has enabled the potential and aspirations of the people to find full expression.

As per news agency, the PM Modi wrote on X: "Would especially like to applaud the people of Srinagar Parliamentary

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LG chairs review meeting of Home Dept Zero tolerance against drugs to make drug-free J&K

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SRINAGAR, MAY 14

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the functioning of the Home Department.

The meeting was attended by Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain, DGP J&K, Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and other senior officials.

The chair was briefed on security grid, establishment of Police Data Centre, modernization of Forensic capacities and other projects under Security Related



Expenditure (SRE).

The Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure installation and operational efficiency of fire safety equipment in Government and public buildings.

The meeting also deliberated on the operationalization of Drug de-addiction centres and measures to tackle the drug menace. "We have adopted a

policy of Zero Tolerance against drugs to make a drug-free J&K. Police, Civil Administration and people should work together to eliminate this menace," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor discussed issues related to strengthening of Police and allied organisations. He also discussed measures taken by the department

for implementation of new Criminal laws, which will come into effect from 1st July, 2024. He also instructed the Department for proper training of police personnel on new criminal laws.

The Lt Governor emphasised on efficient prison management and also took stock of the progress of projects under PMDP.

Pakistani intruder arrested near LoC

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JAMMU, MAY 14

A Pakistani intruder was arrested from a village near the Line of Control (LoC) here, officials said on Tuesday.

Separately, a massive search operation was launched near the International Border (IB) in Kathua district following suspicious movement of at least five persons, believed to be terrorists, the officials said.

Follow the Daily Excelsior channel on WhatsApp They said a Pakistani intruder, who identified himself as Zahir Khan, a resident of Karachi, was arrested from Milan de Khui village near the LoC in Pallaawala area of

Khour on the outskirts of Jammu on Monday.

He was seen moving in a suspicious manner by a police party and was taken to the local police post where he disclosed his identity and claimed to have inadvertently crossed from across the border, the officials said.

They said a case under relevant sections of law was registered against the arrested person and further investigation is on.

In Kathua district, the officials said a joint search operation was launched by police, army and BSF at village Juthana in Rajbagh area Tuesday morning after villagers informed presence of five suspected terrorists who were

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Govt should raise at UN issue of Pak army's atrocities on people of PoJK: Ravinder Raina

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JAMMU, MAY 14

BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina on Tuesday urged the central government to raise at the United Nations the issue of "atrocities by the Pakistan army" on the people of Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

He also urged the government to send rations to the suffering people of PoJK.

"It is very unfortunate that the people of Paki-



stan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir are subjected to exploitation and cruelty these days," Raina told

reporters in Rajouri. "We urge Foreign Minister Jaishanker ji to take up the matter with the

United Nations to register the issue. The atrocities perpetrated by the Pakistan army cannot be tolerated. We stand with the people of PoJK, as they are our brothers and sisters. They are our citizens," Raina said.

Raina alleged that the Pakistan army has subjected "the people of various areas of PoJK to atrocities and torture."

He expressed concern over reports "that the entire area of

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Govt issues advisory against "Fake" calls

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Concerned over rising complaints of fake calls and cyber frauds, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), has issued an advisory to citizens to not take fake calls being received by the citizens wherein callers are threatening to disconnect their mobile numbers, or their mobile numbers are being misused in some illegal activities.

The DoT had earlier issued advisory about WhatsApp calls from foreign origin mobile num-

bers (like +92-xxxxxxx) impersonating government officials and duping the people.

Cyber criminals through such calls try to threaten or steal personal information to carry out cyber-crime/financial frauds. The DoT/TRAI does not authorize anyone to make such call on its behalf and has advised people to stay vigilant and report such fraud communications to the government immediately, an official statement said.

Such proactive reporting helps DoT in prevention of misuse of telecom

resources for cyber-crime, financial frauds, etc.

Last week, in a major crackdown on cyber-crime and financial frauds, the Ministry Home Affairs, Department of Telecom and State Police had launched a joint drive to curb the misuse of telecom resources as the DoT had issued directions to telecom services providers for blocking 28200 mobile phones and 20 lakh mobile connections.

DoT, MHA and the State Police have joined hands for curbing the misuse of telecom resources in cyber-crime and financial

frauds. This collaborative effort aims to dismantle networks of fraudsters and protect citizens from digital threats.

Analysis carried out by MHA and State Police have revealed that 28,200 mobile handsets were misused in cybercrimes. The DoT further analyzed and found that a staggering 20 lakh numbers were used with these mobile handsets.

The DoT also advised citizens to report at cyber-crime helpline number 1930 or www.cybercrime.gov.in in case of already

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Muslim family donates land for approach road to ancient temple in Reasi

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REASI, JAMMU, MAY 14

Setting an example of communal harmony, a Muslim family has donated six kanals of their cultivable land for construction of an approach road to an ancient temple in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Ghulam Rasool, one of the four brothers in the family, said their decision to voluntarily hand over the land for constructing road for the Gupt Kashi



Gauri Shankar temple was warmly welcomed by both the communities. "We have been living together in peace and brother-

hood for centuries... It is our responsibility to understand each other's compulsions, extend support and always maintain

brotherhood for progress and development of our country," Rasool, a former deputy sarpanch, said.

Located at a distance of 10 km from the Reasi district headquarters, the Shiv temple - known as Chhota Kashi - at the Kashi Patta village was built by Dogra ruler Maharaja Gulab Singh on the banks of the Chenab river in the eighteenth century. A cremation ground is also present within the temple complex.

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BRO achieves milestone, breaks through 2.79-km Sungal tunnel along Jammu-Poonch highway

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RAJOURI, JAMMU, MAY 14

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Tuesday achieved a significant milestone by breaking through the 2.79-km Sungal tunnel along the Jammu-Poonch National Highway.

BRO chief Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan expressed the hope of completing the strategically important project within the next couple of years.

Sungal, connecting Akhnoor and Poonch, is the second of the four



tunnels on the strategic national highway 144-A, also known as the golden arc road, having achieved the milestone.

Earlier, the 700-metre Naushera tunnel achieved

the breakthrough on January 28, while the tunnelling work inside 260 meter Kandi and 1.1 km Bhimber Gali is in progress.

"This is a great moment for all of us as the Jammu-

Poonch link, advancing rapidly, is on track for completion in the next couple of years," Lt Gen Srinivasan told reporters at the

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DC chairs DLC meeting to discuss Draft Conservation Master Plan for High Altitude National Park Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 14

In a significant move to conserve the fragile ecology around High Altitude National Park Kishtwar, top district authorities on Monday set the ball rolling for a comprehensive Zonal Master Plan to regulate developmental activities in the park's Eco-Sensitive Zone.

The maiden meeting of the District Level Committee was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The meeting was attended by officials from key government departments like, Revenue, Agriculture, Pollution Control, Jal Shakti Department, Forest Department.

Chander Shekhar, Wildlife Warden and Project Coordinator for the National park, delivered a detailed presentation explaining the 547.09 sq km Eco-Sensitive Zone notified by the Environment Ministry in October 2021. As per the notification, certain activities promoting sustainable development are permitted within this buffer zone



while others potentially harmful to the environment are prohibited or regulated.

"The zonal master plan will essentially lay down a blueprint for the next decade to ensure judicious use of natural resources and sustainable development in the region without compromising on environmental integrity," Shekhar told the committee.

Dr. Devansh Yadav instructed all departments to share the Eco-Sensitive Zone's notified areas, villages and territorialities so that sector-specific plans can be prepared in synchronisation with the regulations.

"It is imperative that all the stakeholders adopt an integrated approach giving equal weightage to

development and conservation," the DC said.

A batch of 13 students from Government Degree College Kishtwar also participated in the meeting as part of an outreach to raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainable development among the youth.

Nestled in the Himalayas, the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park is a biodiversity hotspot, home to several endangered species.

Experts and green activists have long advocated for a statutory zonal master plan binding on all stakeholders to conserve this ecological haven.

Today's meeting marks the first significant step in that direction by the local administration.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Home Voting commences in Bandipora

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 14

Today marks the beginning of a crucial step towards inclusivity and accessibility in democracy as home voting officially commenced across 03 ACs of District Bandipora, with great fervour and enthusiasm.

The District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman, along with ARO 15-Bandipora Shabir Ahmad Wani, flagged-off Home Voting teams from Mini Secretariat Bandipora besides SDM Sumbal Aamir Choudhary flagged-off Home Voting teams from Irrigation Colony, Sumbal.

Speaking during the flag-off ceremony, the DEO said that home voting is meant to bring ballots directly to the door steps of voters regardless of their mobility or logistical challenges.

He said through meticulous planning and dedication to democratic principles, the District Administration Bandipora, as per the directives of ECI, is extending home-voting facility to 262 voters aged above 85 years and PwD (specially-abled) for three



days i.e 14th, 15th and 16th May, 2024.

Residents are embracing this initiative, which aims to ensure that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

A total of 262 registered senior citizens (above 85 years) and persons with special ability (PWD) electors from three assembly segments of District Bandipora viz, 14-Sonawari, 15-Bandipora and 16-Gurez are exercising their right to vote from their homes through first of its kind home voting facility.

Pertinent to mention that all 03 ACs of District Bandipora are going for polls on May 20th during the 5th phase of Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

The DEO urged eligible voters to exercise their right to vote and participate actively in shaping the future of our nation.

A total of 21 dedicated teams have been constituted in the district, each team comprises polling officials, Micro Observer, Videographer and Security personnel who will collect votes of eligible voters under the prescribed

guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

Home voting initiative received accolades from citizens in Bandipora who have availed the said facility to cast their votes from the comfort of their homes. They have expressed happiness and applauded the efforts of ECI by bringing the ballot to their doorstep.

They said this initiative ensures that every eligible voter has the opportunity to exercise their democratic right without barriers.

DC Bandipora conducts field tour of Sumbal Sub-division, inspects ongoing works of Jal Shakti

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 14

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Tuesday conducted field tour of Sumbal Sub-division to inspect ongoing works on overhead tanks (OHTs), and also visited Election Strong Room. AEE Jal Shakti Sub Division Sumbal informed the DC about the functioning of Jal Shakti Department in the Sumbal Sub-division and the status of work projects.

The DC stressed on the concerned to complete the ongoing works within the given time frame.

Later, the DC also visited Election Strong Room to assess preparations for Lok Sabha Elections 2024. He assessed the measures in place for storing EVMs in Strong Room, besides took stock of security measures.

ADDC Ramban reviews progress on computation of PDI



J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 14

Additional District Development Commissioner Ramban Roshan Lal today convened a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress on 'Monitoring of Quality Data for preparation of baseline report and computation of Panchayat Development Index (PDI)'. The meeting was informed that user IDs have been created for all the 11 nodal officers and officers have been sen-

sitised about the collection of the data as per the format available online.

The meeting discussed in detail indicators of Panchayat Development Index (PDI), department wise, which evaluates the performance of Panchayats based on various development parameters.

The ADDC emphasized the need for thorough training of the field functionaries and daily monitoring of the progress by the ACP. He urged the officers to review, verify and endorse the data sub-

mitted by field staff before forwarding to the district level committee. ADDC stressed on close coordination among departments to ensure timely update of all indicators on the PDI portal of the District. The meeting was attended by ACR Ramban Harpal Singh, ACP Mohammad Ashfaq Khanji, CPO Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, CAO, CMO, BDOs, Ex En JSD, Ex En Irrigation, representatives of Health, Social Welfare, FCS&CA departments and other concerned officials.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024 RO Baramulla PC flags-off SVEEP-Express train to promote Voter Awareness

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MAY 14

In a significant initiative aimed at promoting voter awareness and encouraging maximum electoral participation, the SVEEP-Express train was today flagged-off from Baramulla Railway Station.

The initiative was made possible with a seamless collaboration between district administration Baramulla and the Northern Railways.

The SVEEP-Express train, carrying more than 200 enthusiastic new voters, was ceremoniously flagged-off by Minga Sherpa, the Returning Officer (RO) I-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency (PC), from the Baramulla Railway Station under the ECI's Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program. This special train journey symbolizes the commitment of



the ECI to ensure that every eligible citizen is informed, motivated, and equipped to participate in the democratic process.

On the occasion, Minga Sherpa emphasized the importance of voting and the critical role that new voters play in shaping the future of the country, and encouraged every eligible citizen to exercise their right to vote on 20th of May, the day I-Baramulla

PC goes to poll.

During the course of the journey, the SVEEP-Express train passed through several stations within the territorial limits of I-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, with on-boarders engaging with first-time voters, educating them about the electoral process, and highlighting the importance of their participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Students vow to fight drug menace as DIPR hosts symposium at GHSS Pouni students



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu today organised a Symposium on the topic "Nasha Mukh Bharat" at Government Higher Secondary School Pouni Reasi. The objective was to encourage the young generation to have an in-depth understanding of perils of Drug menace and identify and share solutions to this menace. The students delivered thought provoking speeches and shared valuable information on the topic. They also presented a colorful Cultural programme. Students were judged on parameters of Pronuncia-

tion, Modulation of Voice, Factual Representation, confidence etc. As many as 10 students participated in the competition. Vishawjeet Singh, Amit Gupta & Anil Sharma Singh were the Judges for the day. Sanjay Khajuria, teacher of the school hosted the event. First position was secured by Hitakshi Sharma, Second position by Tamana Sharma and third position went to Arvind Singh. While speaking on the occasion, the School Principal Suraj Parkash educated the students regarding the topic and appreciated the Department of Information & Public Relations for organising such a meaningful event in the school.

DDMC discusses relief measures for disaster-affected families at Ramban



J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 14

The District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) Ramban discussed relief measures for disaster-affected families here at its meeting chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner Roshan Lal.

Out of 46 claims, 29 relief cases were approved in favor of affected families in accordance with SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) norms. The rest

17 cases were put for re-verification. The meeting, attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, S. Harpal Singh, along with other key officials including CAHO, DSHO, District Treasury Officer and Tehsildars, deliberated on cases ranging from fire incidents to natural calamities like landslides, hailstorms, windstorms, floods, cloudburst, and others.

Emphasizing prompt action, the ADDC directed officials to sensitize field

staff on SDRF relief norms to ensure accurate and timely processing of relief cases.

Highlighting the priorities of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary, the ADDC urged revenue and other concerned officers to expedite all pending cases pertaining to their departments, facilitating early disbursement of relief to affected individuals as admissible under SDRF norms.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: DEO Bandipora flags-off March as part of awareness activities under SVEEP

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 14

The District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman along with SSP Lakshay Sharma on Tuesday flagged-off a march as part of awareness activities under ongoing Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative.

The march, organized in collaboration with the Education and Police Department, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voter education and participation in the electoral process.

The march commenced from Mantrigram and culminated at District Police Lines, Bandipora.

On the occasion, DEO emphasized the significance of active participation in shaping the democratic fabric and highlighted the role of SVEEP initiatives in fostering informed



and empowered voters. Participants including youth volunteers, police personnel and officials from the district adminis-

tration joined the march with enthusiasm, showing their commitment to civic engagement.

Post Polling: RO Srinagar PC seals EVMs in presence of General Observer, Political Party Reps at SKICC-Centaur

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14

After Polls ended successfully on May 13 in 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency under 4th phase of Lok Sabha Elections-2024, all Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) used in 18 Assembly Segments in Constituency have been kept in designated Strong Rooms at SKICC- Centaur within three layer security.

The Returning Officer (RO), Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat sealed the Strong Rooms in presence of General Observer, Mukul Kumar conducted scrutiny of the Form-17A and other documents after the polling successfully concluded in Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat.

18 Assembly Segments, Deputy District Election Officer, Representatives of various political parties/Contesting Candidates and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

As per the directions of Election Commission of India (ECI), whole process was video recorded, besides CCTV cameras, each installed inside and outside of the strong rooms have been installed to monitor the movement at the place.

Earlier, Returning Officer, Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency in presence of General Observer, Mukul Kumar conducted scrutiny of the Form-17A and other documents after the polling successfully concluded in Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat.

5-day workshop on road safety practices in India begins at NIT Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14

The five day workshop on 'Driving towards road safety, road safety practices in India' began on Tuesday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

Institute's Director, Prof. A Ravinder Nath is the Chief Patron, Head Civil Engineering Department Prof. J.A Bhat as Patron, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Mohammad Shafi Mir as Chairman of the workshop.

Dr. Jitendra Gurjar (NSS Coordinator) and Dr. Abdullah Ahmad are the convenors, while as Dr. Vivek, Dr. RP Shukla and Dr. Janani L are the Coordinators of the workshop. The session was also attended by Prof. Bashir Ahmed Mir and other dignitaries.

In his inaugural speech, DAA Prof. Mohammad Shafi Mir said road accidents have become a major concern in the society and there is a need for such awareness workshops among the students on the campus.

The workshop organized by NIT Srinagar aligns with the 7th UN Global Road Safety Week, observed from May 15th to 21st, 2023," he stated.

While quoting a UN report, Prof. Mir said that road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death and disability worldwide, with



around 1.3 million people killed and as many as 50 million people injured each year.

"Earlier this month, NIT Srinagar lost Vipul Tyagi, a student of the Mechanical Engineering Department, in a tragic road accident. The deceased fought for his life at SKIMS Soura for many days but unfortunately lost his battle."

Prof. Mir stressed the

importance of Road Safety Audits (RSAs) to prevent these accidents in our society.

On the occasion, Head CED Prof. J.A Bhat stressed the significance of educational campaigns and programs aimed at increasing awareness about road safety among all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

"Engineers shoulder numerous responsibilities, with the second concern being sightseeing along the roads, and the third issue revolves around inadequate signage. Particularly in areas where the speed limit is below 80, ensuring clear signage becomes imperative," he said.

Prof. Bhat reiterated the critical need for tailored

guidance for the students and general public. I hope that over the next five days, the participants will gain a lot from different workshop sessions about road safety measures, he added. Dr. Janani L, the workshop coordinator, highlighted that the workshop was organized on short notice in accordance with the directives from the Director of NIT Srinagar. Its primary objective is to raise awareness among young students about road safety, she said.

Dr. Janani said that during the next few days, various experts from renowned institutions will deliver lectures on various topics related to road safety awareness. These workshops are essential and timely, addressing the pressing need of the hour, she added.

A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Vivek, who graciously acknowledged the tireless efforts of the students who dedicated themselves to make this workshop possible.

"I believe that Knowledge is not restricted to books only. There are numerous parameters involved, including design, expansion, vertical curves, and more. Technically we are expecting advancement in each and every physical parameter. I am very thankful to everyone for making this event successful," he said.

BWF, Civil Adm, Army organize Mega Medical Camp at Rajouri, Poonch



J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH/ RAJOURI, MAY 14

To support and assist the residents, Gujjars, Bakarwals & Pahadi population from Surankote, Kotranka and nearby areas, Indian Army collaborated with Borderless World Foundation, a Pune based NGO, GMC, Rajouri & Poonch and PHC, Kotranka to conduct a Mega Medical Camp at Kotranka and Surankote on 14 May 2024. The team of doctors consisted of a total 13 x specialist doctors at Kotranka and 10 x specialist doctors at Surankote. The team of

specialists included Physician, Gynaecologist, Pharmacist, Dermatologist, Ophthalmologist, Pediatrician and Physician. Apart from the team of foundation, doctors from GMC, Rajouri and Poonch and PHC, Kotranka were also present. Separate counters were made for all the doctors to provide the specialist care needed for the incoming patients including a covered gynaecology corner. A screening counter was also established at Kotranka to take sputum samples of the patients for TB. A total of 2428 residents including 1031 x men, 1060 x

women and 237 x children from areas of Kotranka and Surankote availed the benefit of free medical treatment and distribution of medicines. The event is aimed to assist the resident population and the migrating Gujjar Bakarwal community deras from far flung areas to have access to specialised medical health care. Through the collective efforts of Indian Army and team of civilian medical professionals, resident population received much needed healthcare support and contribution to their overall well-being.

CUKashmir organises sensitisation programme on road safety

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MAY 14

In connection with the "UN Global Road Safety Week," observed from 10-14 May, 2024, Dean Students Welfare (DSW), in collaboration with the School of Education, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir), organised a road safety awareness programme for the students and staff at Tulmulla campus here on Tuesday.

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, Dean School of Legal Studies, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, Dean School of Education, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, SSP Traffic (City), Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, SSP Traffic (Rural), Mr. Ravinder Paul Singh, Dean DSW, Dr. Irfan Aalam, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Suhail Ahmad, Advocate, Mr. Abid Jeelani, Dy DSW, Dr. Faizan Ashraf Mir, faculty members, senior functionaries and students were present.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Shahid Rasool, described the increasing number of Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs), across Kashmir, particularly, in Srinagar city as alarming. "The need of the hour is to drive the cars and ride the two-wheelers care-



fully and cautiously, avoid over-speeding and follow all the prescribed safety norms while traversing on the road," Prof. Shahid said.

"The prevalence of reckless driving behaviors, including speeding and failure to yield to pedestrians, poses a significant threat to pedestrian safety." He further asked all the drivers and riders to strictly adhere to the traffic rules and regulations and inculcate a sense of discipline while on the wheels.

In his presentation, Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, enumerated about the number of accidents and traffic violations committed by the drivers and two-wheeler riders. He said the number of pedestrian deaths in Kashmir has increased manifold and attributed the same to over-speeding and reckless driving. "Over the years there has been a gradual increase in traffic

violations across Jammu and Kashmir and this rise has direct correlation with the increase in accidental deaths on the roads. Pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike are facing unprecedented risks due to reckless driving behaviours and disregard for traffic regulations," he further said. Mr. Muzaffar added that the traffic department has also cracked a whip against those involved in stunt biking and rash driving. He asked the parents to counsel their children and only give them the keys of two-wheelers and cars, when they have the requisite driving license.

In his address, Mr. Ravinder Paul Singh, highlighted the importance of organising such programmes to raise awareness among the students, and engage stakeholders in dialogue to address the multifaceted challenges of road safety. "Comprehensive awareness campaigns

are the need of the hour to educate the public about the importance of responsible and safe driving. Special emphasis has to be on the dangers of speeding, distracted driving, and driving under the influence," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, asked the participants to take a pledge to strictly follow the traffic rules and regulations, in order to minimise the risk of Road Traffic Accidents and physical harm to the people. He asked the traffic department to utilise the services of NSS volunteers of the university to manage and streamline the traffic in Ganderbal district.

Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, in his address, said that every individual has a role to play in ensuring road safety. "By adhering to traffic regulations, exercising caution, and showing respect for fellow road

users, we can collectively mitigate the risk of accidents and save lives," he added.

Orthopaedician, Dr. Suhail Ahmad, deliberated on the injuries suffered by the drivers and other persons during the RTAs and the ways to tackle them while as Advocate, Mr. Abid Jeelani, touched the legal aspects of the accidents and accidental deaths and asked the participants to proactively save the lives of people, during any mishaps.

Dean DSW, Dr. Irfan Aalam, said, the event serves as a platform for the students to contribute to this critical cause and engage the community in meaningful discussions and initiatives. "The event will feature presentations by experts in the field of road safety, and campaigns to educate and empower participants to become advocates for safer roads."

Programme Coordinator, Dr. Gawher Ahmad Bhat conducted the proceedings and Dy DSW, Dr. Faizan, proposed the vote of thanks.

Thereafter, a rally to raise awareness among the masses about the traffic rules and regulations was organised from Tulmulla Campus.

JU to enter in an MOU with AAI to enhance Student Internship opportunities

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

The University of Jammu is all set to enter in an MOU with the Airports Authority of India, under the aegis of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India. This partnership marks a significant step towards enriching educational experiences for students of the University of Jammu through an innovative Student Internship Program.

The decision to formalize this collaboration was reached during a meeting between Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, and Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Airport Director of Jammu. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, University of Jammu; Vivek Karata, Assistant General Manager, Airports Authority of India, Jammu; and Ranjeet Kalra, teaching faculty at Malviya Teacher Training Centre, JU were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, reiterated the University's commitment to equipping students with



the skills and knowledge necessary for success in the dynamic field of civil aviation.

He emphasized, "The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Jammu and the Airports Authority of India aims to provide students with invaluable firsthand exposure to the intricacies of airport operations and the diverse facets of civil aviation."

As part of this initiative, students will have the opportunity to participate in live demonstrations of airport projects and activities, as well as engage in two to five days of familiarization visits and work-

shops. Furthermore, they will be eligible for internships lasting four to twenty weeks at airports and regional corporate offices.

The primary aim of this collaboration is to ignite passion in civil aviation among students by supplementing theoretical knowledge with practical operational experience, providing exposure to both STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and non-STEM domains within civil aviation. Additionally, this MOU will offer students opportunities to work on short-duration projects related to civil aviation.

ZPEO Basohli organizes Inter-School Zonal Level Competition at HSS Bhoond

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BASOHLI, MAY 14

With the direction & overall supervision of DYSSO Kathua Sunil Singh Sambyal, Inter School Zonal Level tournament held today at GMHSS Basohli under the chairmanship of Principal GMHSS Basohli Lalit Kumar Sharma & Tara Singh Incharge ZPEO with the cooperation of field staff in following events i.e.- Cricket, Badminton, Kho Kho, Skipping Rope at



Block Bhoond. On second day of tournament Principal of Higher Secondary School Bhoond, Manoj Kumar Anand addressed

the players, he said that they should stay away from drugs. Along with physical education staff. The event showcased the

talent and competitive spirit of the participating youth. The competition was held in various disciplines -Cricket, Badminton, Kho Kho, and Skipping Rope. The detail of the players are given below:- U.14 Boys 361 U.17. 232 total 593 players are take a participate in Zonal level

tournament. Results 1 Badminton u/14 HSS Bhoond vs HS Janu. HSS Bhoond won by 2.0 set. U/17 HSS Hutt Vs HSS Bhoond . HS.S Bhoond won By 2.0 set. 2 . Rope Skipping .U/14 HS Sandhar 2 Boys selected. 3 Kho Kho U/14 UPS Ganuidhar vs MS Doda. UPS Ganuidhar won the match by 4 points. U/17 HS Janu Vs HS Slagal HS Janu won the match by 12 points.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 04.06.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
13.05.2024	21.05.2024	04.06.2024/15:00 Hrs

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1.	42-2024-25-ADEN-II-ASR	Through Fittings Renewal (TFR) 37.652 Km on ASR-KEMK section under ADEN-II/ASR.			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		65,36,738.20/-	1,30,700/-	60 Days	06 Months

Similar nature of work :- "CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of Track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post work for track maintenance machine like Tamping Machines/Ballast Screening/Regulating Machines and TTR by T-28".

Note 1:- Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. **No.- 42-2024-25-ADEN-II-ASR Date: 14.05.2024**

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

3-day annual Mounгри mela commences at Sar Dabbar



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 14

The three-day historical Annual Shiv Parvati Mela commenced today at Sar Dabbar in Tehsil & Block Mounгри of Udhampur District. The mela was inaugurated by Registrar District Udhampur, Dr. Gurvinder Jeet Singh.

A large number of pilgrims and visitors arrived at Sar Dabbar in Tehsil Mounгри, Udhampur District, on the first day of the mela. The pilgrims and natives visited the Shiv Parvati Cave Shrine to seek blessings of Lord Shiva and Maa Parvati.

While speaking on the occasion, Registrar District Udhampur congratulated the mela committee for organizing such a grand celebration. He also commended the local students for their participation in various games and cultural programs, wish-

ing them success in their future endeavors.

It is pertinent to mention that people from Bhomag, Panchari, Udhampur, Chenani, and Ramnagar of Udhampur District, as well as from Reasi, Ramban, and Jammu, converge here every year to celebrate the mela and pay obeisance to Bhagwan Shiv in the naturally formed Shiva-Parvati Cave Shrine.

Numerous temporary sweet and toy shops, along with other eateries set up by locals and outside vendors were a major attraction for the public visiting the mela site.

The District Administration has made adequate arrangements for security, transport, medical care, drinking water, and power supply arrangements for the mela.

Different sports activities were also organized by the Department of

Youth Services and Sports, Udhampur.

Local artists, including students from different educational institutions, presented scintillating cultural performances on the first day, which were highly appreciated by all.

During the mela, Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office organised Mini Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme on the sidelines of Annual Shiv Parvati Mela at Sar Dabbar Mounгри. The event also featured an Open Quiz Competition on Indian Freedom Struggle and a Cultural Programmes by the Empanelled Private Registered Troupes. CBC Udhampur distributed Prizes and T-Shirts among the participants of various activities during the day-long event.

150 Kanal Prime State land retrieved as Samba admin launches major anti-encroachment drive

JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MAY 14

District administration Samba has retrieved more than 150 kanal prime State Land during a major anti-encroachment drive launched in Bari Brahmana under the close supervision of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma.

A joint team of revenue officers and police retrieved prime state land



from illegal encroachers in the area which had become a hotspot for drug activities. As many as 13 FIRs were lodged against these drug peddlers since 2021.

The land, approximately 100 metres away from the national highway valuing crores of rupees, has been handed over to the industries department.

DIG traffic Jammu reviews implementation of road safety measures in Doda District



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA MAY 14

Deputy Inspector General Traffic Jammu Zone, Mohammad Haseeb Mughal today visited Doda to oversee road safety measures.

He chaired a joint meeting of senior government functionaries, and civil society members including representatives of traders associations, Autorickshaw and lorry adda associations, and other road user groups. The purpose was to engage with the community and understand their perspectives on traffic and road safety issues.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, SSP Javid Iqbal, SSP Traffic, DySP Traffic, DY SP Headquarters, ARTO

and other officers and officials. Discussions primarily focused on collaborative efforts to address traffic management challenges and enhance road safety measures in the region.

The DIG Traffic stressed the importance of collective action with all stakeholders to ensure smooth traffic flow and create a safer environment for road users. He appreciated the active participation and valuable inputs provided by the civil society groups present.

Additionally, he urged shopkeepers to keep their goods inside their shops to avoid traffic disruptions. He further cautioned transport operators and car and bike owners against driving offenses and emphasized the importance of wearing helmets while riding

bikes and using seat belts, avoiding rash driving. He also cautioned passenger vehicle owners against installing extra passenger seats.

DC Doda Harvinder Singh, while speaking at the meeting, urged people to adhere to traffic rules and regulations. He acknowledged the crucial role played by NGOs and civil society in promoting road safety and expressed hope that newly constructed multi-car parking in Doda would alleviate traffic pressure. Additionally, he informed about the identification of Waqf land for parking management in GMC Doda to ensure proper functioning and execution of GMC operations. He urged public participation to support traffic management efforts in the district.



A delegation of J&K Vocational Trainers Welfare Association today called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan and put forth various concerning issues of vocational training professionals. Subsequently, representatives of Hockey Association, Bandipora, led by its President Sh Irfan Malik, and delegations of residents from Budgam and Bijbehara also met the Lt Governor at Raj Bhawan.

Timely action by traffic police saves life of accident victims

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Prompt evacuation of accident victims by on duty Traffic Police officials saved the lives of three people who were injured in a road mishap here near Purkhu Ghari on Akhnoor Road.

At about 0730 hours in the morning, SO (T) Akhnoor SI Ravinder Singh, while on way for duty, saw three injured persons lying on the road following a collision of a Mini Bus and Motor Cycle. The victims were lying on the road in a pool of blood. The SO Traffic Akhnoor, immediately swung into

action and with the help of bystanders evacuated the injured shifting two of them in his own car and another on a Tata Mobile to GMC Jammu. The timely action by the officer saved precious lives.

The traffic police have advised the general Public to refrain from Over speeding and Rash Driving to avoid accidents. Moreover, safety gadgets viz Crash Helmet shall always be worn while driving two wheelers and also avoid Overloading and Triple Riding. Traffic Police is committed to serve the people and to ensure that the general public follows traffic rules.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Superintending Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Patti and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 16 from 6 am to 10 am.

DLSA Chairman discusses plan for establishment of Jail in Samba

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SAMBA, MAY 14

Adnan Sayeed, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Principal District and Sessions Judge Samba) today chaired a meeting of District Level Monitoring Committee to discuss the plan for establishment of a jail in Samba district.

The meeting focuses on the identification as well as acquisition of the land for the construction of Jail with all the latest technologies like Artificial Intelligence,



Video Conferencing for conducting Mulakaats and tele-medicine facilities for the ease of the inmates strictly as per the mandate of Model Prison Manual, 2016.

Abhishek Sharma, District Magistrate, Vinay Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police, Rekha

Kapoor Nischal, Secretary DLSA Samba, joined the meeting physically, while Veerinder Kumar, Superintendent, Central Jail Kotbhalwal, Koushal Kumar, Superintendent, District Jail Kathua, and Harish Kotwal, Superintendent, District Jail Amphalla joined the meeting through virtual mode.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Amarnath pilgrims to...

passage to the yatries. Director General of BRO said that the pilgrims intending to visit the holy Amarnath cave shrine will be witnessing enhanced tracks as the road leading to the case has been widened completely.

"We were tasked last year to widen the track, which is essential for ensuring the wellbeing of the pilgrims. We have finally completed the widening process and besides other issues like laying of roadside railings and sidewalks at the vulnerable locations have been completed," he said, adding that the yatries including the elderly will experience a smooth passage to the cave this year.

Article 370 roll back...

constituency for the encouraging turnout, significantly better than before.

The abrogation of Article 370 has enabled the potential and aspirations of the people to find full expression. Happening at the grassroots level, it is great for the people of J&K, in particular the you.

Pertinently, Srinagar Lok Sabha seat recorded 38 percent voting on May 13, which according to JK CEO P K Pole is second highest since eruption of militancy in 1989.

Pakistani intruder...

looking for food.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, Anand Jain along with Inspector General of BSF, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora reached Kathua to supervise the anti-terror operation.

According to villagers, a group of at least five suspected terrorists entered into a house and sought food.

However, they fled the scene after getting suspicious that their movement was reported to the security forces, they said.

Govt should raise at...

PoJK has been closed for the past five days and people belonging to the Pahari community have lost their lives in the firing by the Pakistan army".

"Our people in PoJK demanded ration but got bullets. This cannot be tolerated by us. We love our people there", he said.

Raina emphasised that the oppression by the Pakistani authorities will not last for long.

At least three people were killed and six others injured when security forces opened fire on protesters who attacked paramilitary Rangers in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, which has been rocked by protests against high prices of wheat flour and inflated electricity bills, Pakistani media reports said on Tuesday. (Agencies)

Govt issues advisory...

a victim of cyber-crime or financial fraud.

Various measures have been taken to combat suspected fraud communications and to curb cybercrime activities like under CHAKSHU facility, 52 Principal Entities, involved in sending malicious and phishing SMSs to the citizens have been blacklisted.

The DoT has deactivated 700 SMS content templates and 348 mobile handsets blacklisted on pan-India basis across all telecom operators. More than 10,830 suspected mobile numbers flagged for re-verification to the telecom operators out of which 8272 mobile connections disconnected failing re-verification till 30th April 2024.

Recently 1.86 lakh mobile handsets blocked on pan India basis for involvement in cybercrime/financial frauds, an official statement said.

Advisories have been issued on a regular basis for the public to create awareness on fake notices impersonating DoT/TRAI, suspected fraud communications and malicious calls via press, SMS, and social media.

Muslim family donates...

The only approach leading to the temple was a trek passing along a stream through the fields. Besides Rasool's family, several other Hindu families also donated their land for the construction of the road.

"Some years back, I saw a devotee returning without paying obeisance at the temple due to the overflowing stream during monsoon. I felt very bad and decided to do something to ensure a proper road to the temple," Rasool, who worked in a local court for over 15 years, told PTI.

He said even as nobody from the temple management or the Hindu community approached them, he discussed the issue within the family and they voluntarily decided to give a portion of their land for the construction of the road a few years ago.

"We wished to keep it a secret but somehow people recently came to know and shared the information on social media. I am happy to note that everyone, especially the people from our community, lauded our decision," Rasool said, adding that many influential Muslim leaders also called him to congratulate the family.

He said he has learnt a lot from lawyers Kuldeep Kumar and Madhav Lal Nanda, with whom he had worked in the court for years together.

"We were like a family, having a lot of concern for each other... Hindu-Muslim unity is the identity of Jammu and Kashmir, which needs to be protected for eternity. I am proud of our brotherly relations with Hindu neighbours," he said.

Rahul Kumar, a local resident, said the community is all praise for the Muslim family for their generosity, which paved the way for the construction of the road.

"Half of the approximately 1200 meter long road to the temple from the main road has been completed," he said, expressing hope that the rest of the road will be macadamised by the administration on priority.

BRO achieves milestone...

breakthrough ceremony of the Sungal tunnel.

Without naming Pakistan, he said this road is strategically very important in view of the "nefarious activities" of the neighbouring country which is backing terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The border areas of Poonch, Rajouri and Akhnoor are vital defence locations and when you are providing better connectivity, it automatically helps in enhancing defence preparedness," Lt Gen Srinivasan said.

The BRO chief said both Naushera and Sungal tunnels will be completed by the end of this year.

"After completion of the vital road project, the time travel between Jammu and Poonch will be reduced by almost half from the present eight hours. The road widening and the four tunnels will provide all weather connectivity and provide a safe journey to the people," he said.

He said the 200-km Akhnoor-Poonch section of the highway will drive the overall economic prosperity of the border region.

"The better roads will pave the way for massive development with investors coming forward with big projects," he said.

The officials said the progress of the national highway has taken pace and the project is expected to be completed by 2026.

"BRO is spearheading crucial road projects to connect remote areas with major centres in the Jammu-Poonch region," the BRO chief said.

Asked about the defence infrastructure along the Line of Control (LoC), the DG said its development is a continuous process and the BRO is committed towards the strengthening of defence infrastructure by building and upgrading strategic roads all along the International Border, LoC and Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The BRO and its Project Sampark are steadfast in their commitment to "create, connect, care and save lives" of the citizens of its area of responsibility, he said.

"It believes in the adage 'Roads Build Nation' and rededicated itself to the construction of border roads infrastructures to spur socio-economic progress," he said. (Agencies)

Exercise is a natural energy booster: Dr Shreyansh Jain

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Exercise is a natural energy booster because whenever you do it, oxygen rich blood surges through your body to your heart, muscles & brain. Regularly squeezing a workout into your day, even if one can spare one hour or even 10 minutes a day at a time, it will help to keep your energy levels at their peak.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain State yoga Commissioner, State Chairman Indian Yoga Association & President Vichar Kranti Manch International was Chief Guest in "Mahila Yog Sammelan" at Bhat Caterer, Lohan Park Patoli, Mr Sudha Chander Sharma, Parihar Jammu Pajanli Yogpeeth, Presided over, Sh Shashi Pal Sharma, Secretary Golden Day-care & Recreation centre, Roopnagar, was Guest of Honour.

Dr Shreyansh, while speaking in Sammelan, explained about some Fatigue Fighters that can leave you feeling refreshed, revitalized & rejuvenated.



*Eat breakfast as fruits: It has been observed that people who eat breakfast every morning report less fatigue & stress than people who skip it. High fiber foods, preferably fruits or hot oatmeal, Dalia, or sprouted grains. Fruits are easily digested & most of them are alkaline.

* Go for Yoga : Some people use various postures & deep breathing for exercise and meditation. They can be an excellent fatigue fighter.

* Listening/ Singing/ Dancing: Listening favorite music gives you a kind of emotional high, while it reduces the level of stress

hormones in your body and soothing your mind as well.

* Drink adequate quantity of water : Dehydration can leave you feeling drained and fatigued. Drink enough water, and keep the body well hydrated. May go for nuts and seeds : peanuts are high in magnesium & folate(folic acid). Almonds, walnuts, figs, resins, pumpkin seeds, Sunflower & watermelon seeds are good nutrient, essential for energy, lack of which feel fatigue.

* May go for Cinnamon stick: Powder of Cinnamon mixed with honey or Cin-

namon tea is good energy booster, can also reduce fatigue and make them feel more alert & finally affects person's energy level.

* Let you be in Sunshine. It will enhance mood, memory ability to absorb new information & also improve yourself esteem, besides raising level of Vitamin D.

* Maintain Intermittent Fasting: Fasting for 16 hours from 6/7 PM to 10AM next morning will rejuvenate body & mind functions, light liquids can be taken.

* Be in movement: Movement/Exercise is

useful & energy booster. Don't sit idle at one place, if you are doing some work, take a small walk after every hour.

* Keep in contact with good friends: By having contact with friends & well-wishes, will change negative attitude to positive ones.

Sh Sudha Chander Jt Secy Indian yog Association conducted proceedings of the programme. S/Sh Shashi pal, Ravinder koul, Yash pal & Romesh singh slathia from day care centre also participated. Representatives of other NGOs i.e. VKMI, Skill Development & Financial solutions also participated. Mrs Monika Khazuria, Trained Yoga Teacher & Nutritionists gave some important tips useful in dietary habits. Mrs Suraksha Sharma, Meenakshi, Rajni, Jyoti, Reeta & Sushme practiced Yogasans & Pranayama. Dr Jain demonstrated a combo of 4 very useful yogasans.

55th Happy Birthday of Mr Meenakshi Bhat was also celebrated by the Members with great Ferber & Spirits.

RMMC to hold free health camp for Chest, Lungs Specialist consultation on May 17

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Udheywala, Jammu is going to hold a free health camp focusing on chest and lung health on May 17, 2024, Friday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The camp aims to provide expert consultation and diagnostic services to address various respiratory concerns faced by the community.

People experiencing symptoms such as chest pain, coughing blood, shortness of breath, sleep problems, frequent allergies, weight loss, and lung infections are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Abhinav Sharma, MD in Chest Diseases & Pulmonary Critical Care, Sleep Disorders & Allergy, and Senior Consultant Interventional Pulmonologist, will be available to examine patients and provide expert guidance.

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre
Ramakrishna Vihar, Udheywala, Jammu - 180018

FREE HEALTH CAMP
(CHEST AND LUNGS SPECIALIST)

SYMPTOMS
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MD, CHEST DISEASES & PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE, SLEEP DISORDERS & ALLERGY
Sr. Consultant Interventional Pulmonologist
PH: 9596984032

FOR REGISTRATION

Free Fibroscon (Liver Test): Rs. 4000/-
Free Spirometry (Lungs Test): Rs. 1500/-
Free Blood Sugar, B.P. Check-up
FULL BODY CHECKUP (66 PARAMETERS) ONLY RS. 700/-

FREE CONSULTATION

- PHYSICIAN (ALLOPATHY)
- PHYSICIAN (AYURVEDIC)
- DENTAL SURGEON
- EYE SPECIALIST
- PULMONOLOGIST
- ORTHOPAEDIC
- GYNACOLOGIST
- PHYSIOTHERAPIST

DATE: 17 MAY 2024, FRIDAY
TIMINGS: 9.00 AM TO 2.00 PM

In addition to chest and lungs specialist consultation, the camp will also offer free consultation with physicians specializing in allopathic and ayurvedic medicine, dental care, eye health, orthopedics, gynecology, and physiotherapy. Complimentary diagnostic tests including Free Fibroscon for liver health, Free Spirometry

for lung function assessment, and Free Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure checks will be conducted free of costs during the camp.

Moreover, a comprehensive full-body checkup consisting of 65 parameters will be available at a nominal fee of Rs 700 only.

For registration and more information, interested individuals can contact 9596984032.

This health camp underscores Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's commitment to promoting community health and well-being by providing accessible healthcare services and expert consultations.

Green Revolution Takes Root in Jammu: Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, leads the charge

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JAMMU, MAY 14

In a remarkable demonstration of community engagement and environmental stewardship,

the Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, nestled in the serene surroundings of Har Ki Pauri, Bagh e Bahu, Jammu, hosted a Clean and Green Drive that drew attention and participation from various quarters. The event, graced by the esteemed presence of the Retd High Court Judge of Jammu, garnered significant enthusiasm for its commitment to sustainable practices and the nurturing of nature.

At the forefront of this noble initiative stands the visionary Chairman of Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, Shri Yog Guru Karan Ji. Renowned for his dedication to holistic wellness and environmental conservation, Shri Karan Ji had previously pledged to plant a staggering one lakh peepal trees in and around Jammu. This drive, an embodiment of that commitment, marks a crucial step towards realizing his vision of a greener, cleaner future for the region.

Among the key figures instrumental in the success of this endeavor is the



esteemed ex-corporator of Ward No 48, Shri Sham Lal Bassan Ji, whose unwavering support and active involvement served as a beacon of inspiration for all. His dedication to the cause, akin to a pillar of strength, galvanized the community into action, reinforcing the spirit of collective responsibility towards our environment.

The planting of peepal trees holds profound significance beyond mere ecological benefits. Revered for its sacred symbolism and medicinal properties, the peepal tree occupies a revered place in Indian culture and spirituality. By choosing to plant these trees, the Vishwa Yog Sansthaan not only contributes to the mitigation of climate change but also fosters a deeper connection with our cultural heritage.

As we stand at the precipice of environmental crisis, initiatives such as these offer a glimmer of hope and a blueprint for sustainable living. The Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, under the visionary leadership of Shri Yog Guru Karan Ji, exemplifies the transformative power of collective action and underscores the imperative of nurturing our planet for future generations.

The Clean and Green Drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from yoga students, volunteers, local residents, and dignitaries alike, underscoring the widespread recognition of the pressing need for environmental conservation. Beyond the act of planting trees, the event served as a catalyst for fostering community cohesion and fostering a sense of pride in safeguarding our natural respected Bansi Lal Gupta, Rajesh Padha, Suresh Sharma, Rajan Gupta, Ashok Sharma, Sham Lal Kalsi, Uog Wyi, Sunny, Balkar, Raju Singh, Rakesh Shawany.

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In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "The earth, the air, the land, and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers but on loan from our children. So, we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us."

The Clean and Green Drive at Vishwa Yog Sansthaan is not merely a one-time event but a testament to a long-term commitment towards creating a sustainable and harmonious world. Let us all pledge to emulate their example and embark on our own journey towards a greener, cleaner tomorrow.

BAF, DSEJ introduce 'TheTeacherApp'

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, in collaboration with the Directorate of School Education, Jammu launched a new tech-initiative through TheTeacherApp today at Teacher Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. This three-month program, running from May 14, 2024, to July 19, 2024, aims to enhance teachers' skills and knowledge in Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Pedagogical Techniques, and Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) in Jammu.

The program includes targeted sessions led by industry experts to engage 10,000+ teachers from various schools of Jammu Division through interactive activities. The sessions shall have a focus on 'pedagogical skills', 'understanding of foundational learning and emerging trends in education' and 'aligning with current educational philosophies and best practices.' The teachers attended the inaugural session today through webinar on TheTeacherApp along with 500 teachers and Cluster Heads of Jammu Division in person. Cluster Heads

will also join the three-month program through TheTeacherApp to be able to implement the learnings on ground. Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma - Director, Ms. Subah Mehta - Joint Director, Ms. Maneesha - Personnel Officer and Sh. JR Padha - Chief Education Officer from Directorate of School Education, Jammu along with Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO - Bharti Airtel Foundation, Mr. Sameer Shah - Head, Program Operations, Mr. Anil Bhat - Regional Head from the Foundation graced the inaugural session.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma - Director, Directorate of School Education, Jammu said, "Bharti Airtel Foundation has been effectively enhancing life skills in students by partnering with government schools in Jammu. The recent joint effort,



'Professional Development Initiative for Teachers,' marks a new direction where we will work closely with the Foundation to enhance and strengthen teachers' capabilities. We are happy to collaborate on this initiative, aimed at keeping teachers motivated to always give their best."

By bringing together passionate educators from Jammu, 'Professional Development Initiative for Teachers' aims to create a vibrant community committed towards enhancing the quality of education.

Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO of Bharti Airtel Foundation, sharing her thoughts on the new initiative, said: "Bharti Airtel Foundation is already partnering with government schools in Jammu to enhance students' learning journeys since the academic year 2016-17. 'Professional

Development Initiative for Teachers' marks a significant milestone, as we extend our gratitude and support to the forward-thinking leadership of the Directorate of School Education, Jammu to empower more than 10,000 teachers in the government schools in the state. Their constant support and belief in us has helped us move ahead with this strategic alliance where we will focus on enhancing Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Pedagogical Skills, and Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) through TheTeacherApp, thereby enabling the teachers to contribute towards upliftment of their schools."

TheTeacherApp by Bharti Airtel Foundation serves as a valuable platform for teachers to continuously enhance their skills, enabling them to actively contribute towards upliftment of their schools. Upon completion of the program, teachers will attain certifications by successfully passing three assessments on FLN, Teaching Learning Material, and Pedagogy. These certifications will be offered in partnership with the Directorate of School Education Jammu.

Grand Bhandara organized on Vrishbha Sankranti in Khour

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KHOUR, MAY 14

In celebration of Vrishbha Sankranti, the Khour Committee organized a grand Bhandara in Khour, drawing a large gathering of devotees and community members. The event was spearheaded by AIBRS President Narinder Singh Bhat, alongside esteemed members Mohan Singh Chib, Captain Raj Singh, Bittu Mahajan, Satpal Himansh Angotra, Sahil Rajput, Kewal Manhas and many others, who dedicated their efforts to make the occasion a memorable one.

Speaking at the event, AIBRS Chief emphasized the organization's commitment to promoting Sanatan Dharma and cultural heritage through initiatives like the Bhandara. He expressed gratitude to



all participants and supporters, highlighting the importance of such activities in fostering unity and fostering a sense of community among individuals.

The Bhandara not only provided an opportunity

for attendees to partake in traditional rituals and festivities but also served as a platform for members to come together, strengthen bonds, and celebrate the rich tapestry of Sanatan traditions. As the AIBRS continues

its mission to uphold and showcase these values, such events will remain integral to their endeavor of preserving and promoting the essence of Sanatan Dharma.

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Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu today inaugurated Custom Hiring Center of farm machinery established under Farm Mechanization and Automation Project of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme UT of J&K on the occasion of 20th Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Jammu. Speaking on the occasion Prof BN Tripathi briefed that the custom hiring center established at KVK Jammu will help the recourse poor farmers of Jammu district to avail the facilities of lasted farm machinery including Super seeded, Laser leveler, potato planter, Rotavator, and latest 63 HP Tractor at a minimum price. While chairing the 20th SAC meeting, Prof Tripathi highlighted the



important role of KVK's in dissemination of the latest technologies among the farming community. He appreciated the efforts of KVK Jammu for developing the entrepreneurship among rural youth, promoting startups and FPOs in the district. He also desired that some modal based on sensor based technologies should also be developed in collaboration with faculty of Agriculture Engineering, SKUAST J Chatha. Dr Parvinder Sheoran, Director ICAR ATARI Zone informed that KVK Jammu is the best KVK of the zone. Dr Amrish Vaid Director Extension

focused on the promotion of University released varieties for better horizontal spread among the farmers and seed chain of agriculture department. Dr S K Gupta Director Research SKUAST J stressed upon the better coordination among the KVK and the line department working in the district. At the outset Dr Punit Choudhary Chief Scientist and Head KVK Jammu putforth the salient achievement of KVK Jammu of the previous year and also proposed the action plan for the year 2024-25 among the House. Dean FVSc & AH, Dr Rajesh Katoch, Dean

FoAE Chatha, Dr Sushil Sharma, Dean Dairy Tech, Dr Jaswinder Sudan, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Dr Anil Sharma, Dean H&F Dr Vikas Tandon and Assoc. Dir Ext, Dr Hema Tripathi were also present also put forth their their views during the occasion. District Heads of Agriculture, ATMA, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, HPMC, Horticulture, IFFCO, NABARD, ICICI Foundation, Fisheries and progressive farmers of Jammu district actively interacted and provided useful suggestions during the meeting. Both Scientific and non scientific staff of KVK Jammu including Dr Ravneet Kour, Dr Sheetal Badyal Dr Prem Kumar, Dr Muneeshwar Sharma, Dr Amitesh Sharma Dr Raju Gupta and Dr Raju Gupta, Dr Satbir Singh and Sh Sahil Talgotra were also present during the meeting.

EDITORIAL

A morale-booster
for AAP, Oppn

The recent grant of interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Supreme Court has stirred a plethora of discussions across political corridors. In the midst of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, this decision serves as a significant morale-booster, not only for the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) but also for the broader opposition bloc in India. Kejriwal's arrest by the Enforcement Directorate on March 21 in the Delhi excise policy case had raised pertinent questions about the impartiality of Central probe agencies, especially given the timing, just on the eve of a crucial electoral phase. The Supreme Court's intervention, allowing Kejriwal to engage in campaigning until the final phase of elections, carries immense weight, particularly for Delhi and Punjab, both states under AAP's governance, scheduled for polls shortly. However, it's noteworthy that the court has imposed certain conditions on Kejriwal, including restrictions on his duties as the Chief Minister. Prohibitions on commenting about his alleged involvement in the case and accessing official files pertaining to the proceedings have been set. This balanced approach by the judiciary reflects an understanding of the peculiar circumstances surrounding Kejriwal's arrest and his role as a key opposition figure during the electoral process. It underscores the imperative of maintaining a level playing field in democratic exercises. Kejriwal's case is not an isolated incident but rather part of a broader pattern of arrests targeting opposition leaders, including AAP ministers. The opposition bloc, particularly the AAP, has persistently accused the BJP-led Centre of exploiting state machinery for political advantages. The Supreme Court's intervention acts as a safeguard against the erosion of democratic norms, highlighting the judiciary's pivotal role as a guardian of constitutional values. However, the onus now rests on the opposition to capitalize on this opportunity and intensify their stance against the ruling party. With the BJP expected to fiercely counter Kejriwal's claims and assertions, the political landscape is set for heightened confrontation. Moreover, the recent revelation by the Enforcement Directorate about implicating the Aam Aadmi Party in the money laundering case linked to the Delhi excise policy scam adds another layer of complexity to the situation. The judiciary's interpretation regarding the prosecution of political parties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act further amplifies the legal intricacies surrounding the case. As the legal battles unfold, it's essential to uphold the principles of justice and fairness. The allegations against AAP leaders must be investigated diligently, devoid of any political bias. The sanctity of democratic processes hinges on the integrity of such investigations and the adherence to constitutional principles. In essence, while the interim bail granted to Arvind Kejriwal provides a temporary reprieve, the broader implications of this case extend far beyond individual personalities or party affiliations. It's a litmus test for the robustness of India's democratic institutions and their ability to withstand political pressures while upholding the rule of law.

Shipping is a dirty business. Cleaning it up is lucrative

TIM CULPAN

HD Hyundai Marine Solution Co. raised more than \$500 million in its initial public offering last week and immediately found momentum: The stock doubled in the first few days of trading, taking its market value past \$5.8 billion.

It's not a chipmaker like Samsung Electronics Co. nor an electric-vehicle battery supplier like LG Energy Solution Ltd. HD Hyundai Marine is in the ship-services business, and investors have taken notice. The biggest winner from its meteoric first-week rise is its largest shareholder, South Korea's Hyundai conglomerate.

Private-equity firm KKR & Co. is also counting its profits as it retains a 24 per cent stake after the listing. KKR, HD Hyundai Co. and its slate of new investors are all betting that a global green movement that's taking hold in industries

from server farms to automobiles will prove lucrative to the ocean transport sector.

Regulations implemented by the International Maritime Organization in 2020, called IMO2020, mandate hitting reduction targets for sulfur dioxide emissions to reduce shore-side air pollution.

That means using less, and cleaner, fuel. A separate set of goals for greenhouse gas emissions, called the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy, aims to cut carbon-dioxide emission intensity 40 per cent by 2030, including 10% of all fuels being zero-emission.

There are a few ways these goals can be achieved. The first is to build entirely new ships with cleaner, more efficient engines. That's happening and is driving demand at ship builders.

Another is to retrofit devices onto existing engines that filter exhaust air, make tweaks that ensure they run more effi-

ciently, or convert them to dual fuel so that they can use cleaner alternatives like methanol or ammonia.

Each of these choices requires a follow-up service, including checking and replacing components, as well as testing whether a ship is running at maximum efficiency.

These ongoing costs will be an increasingly important part of marine-transport operations. It's also an opportunity for maintenance companies.

HD Hyundai Marine's business does both: retrofitting and after-market support for ships. It also provides fuel supply for maritime vessels, known as bunker service.

Among the deals it has struck is a contract to help Greek operator The-namaris LNG implement re-liquefaction on at least one of its carriers, a process that returns evaporated gas back to their tanks. This cuts wastage and carbon emissions.

The business also installs treatment systems to clean up ballast water, a common cause of ocean pollution, to make ships meet stricter environmental regulations.

These eco-friendly vessels tend to require greater care - the engines are often more complex, and the parts more expensive. That's why HD Hyundai Marine is so confident that revenue will keep rising. Splintering of supply chains and logistics will also be a driver.

According to the company, HD Hyundai Maritime's annual turnover includes 50,000 purchase orders and 80,000 deliveries with warehouses in Busan, Rotterdam, Houston, Singapore and soon Dubai.

As global manufacturing diversifies away from China, we'll see more factories open in Vietnam, India, Mexico, and Eastern Europe. Rather than replacing China, supply chains will require ships making calls in more ports

and with more frequency. To keep up, the firm will have to grow. IPO proceeds will go toward expanding shipyards in Southeast Asia, increasing warehouse capacity, and developing technologies for making vessels more green, Chief Executive Officer Lee Ki-dong said in an interview with Bloomberg News last week.

Each of these moves will add cost and complexity, but if executed efficiently will also offer competitive advantages.

It's not alone in the space. Alfa Laval AB of Sweden and Norwegian Kongsberg Gruppen ASA, named as peers in its prospectus, offer a similar collection of services. A handful of Chinese names are also in the mix.

But HD Hyundai Marine's biggest advantage is its parentage, including its affiliation with the world's biggest shipbuilder HD Hyundai Heavy Industries Co.

Simply acting as Hyun-

dai Heavy's after-market sales and service business would be enough to give it an advantage over rivals, and it will definitely leverage that relationship.

But in the long term, sustainable growth needs to come from building a reputation as a reliable provider of greening services.

There are myriad ways companies like HD Hyundai can mess up. Expanding too fast and overspending on new facilities is a big risk. Failing to keep up with industry trends, or the market itself suffering a downturn are others. Right now, investors don't seem concerned.

Their love for this exciting new category of company may wane when the EV market picks up again, or the smartphone sector finally returns to growth. But, for now, ship maintenance is exciting.

BLOOMBERG OPINION

Kejriwal's bail: Unveiling political prophecies post-release

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Persons accused of criminal cases getting arrested and the courts granting them bail is nothing new. Even if the person happens to be the reigning chief minister of a State or a former union minister of finance, the bail does not absolve the accused of the charges. The Supreme Court order that released the Delhi Chief Minister on bail from the custody of the Enforcement Directorate says it is a provisional arrangement so that he could participate in the election campaign as the Lok Sabha poll comes once in five years.

So far, so good. But what came after the Delhi Chief Minister was released on bail needs to be analyzed threadbare. On Saturday, he worshipped at Lord Anjaneya Temple and addressed a press meeting. What he said during the press meeting is shocking and capable of causing fear in the minds of the people. He said if the BJP wins the 2024 Lok Sabha election and comes back to power, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will send all Opposition leaders to jail. Kejriwal also claimed that Amit Shah is being groomed as the next Prime Minister as Modi is likely to retire in 2025 when he turns 75. Yet another dis-

closure made by the Delhi Chief Minister was that Yogi Adityanath would be removed as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh within two months of the BJP coming back to power.

The national and international media are celebrating Kejriwal's bail and his prophecies. A major section of the media forgot the fact that they were the ones to give running commentaries of Live events without joining the game as players. The media in Kerala and Tamil Nadu are on Cloud Nine reporting that there is going to be a change of Government at the Centre after 4 June 2024. Well, let's leave it to the voters who are in the process of electing their representatives. It is good to see that doubts about tampering the electronic voting machines have taken a stage and the Opposition leaders have started working on the modalities of Government formation.

Saturday's press meeting by the Delhi Chief Minister took one to 2019 when the same had claimed that if the BJP wins the General Election and returns to power, there would not be any more elections in India. "The 2019 General Election would be the last poll the country will see if Narendra Modi returns to power," these were the



words of Kejriwal in 2019. After the 2019 general election, Narendra Modi returned to power with a larger majority and the country saw regular elections to all the State assemblies that completed their mandatory five-year tenure. Though the claim fell flat on all fours, neither the media that flashed Kejriwal's warning about the "last" general elections nor our political pundits remembered the same.

Once the results were announced and the BJP was returned to power, that became the news, and everything else was forgotten (at least till 2024).

Yet another battlefield has been opened by the

Opposition and that is the One Nation, One Leader concept, the brand new slogan coined by Kejriwal. Wasn't it George Santayana, the Spanish-American philosopher who said in 1863 that "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"? Narendra Modi, I am sure does know this adage quite well and hence there is no possibility of following the slogan coined by Kejriwal.

The entire media in the country is unanimous in their opinion that elections are the festivals of democracy. But the festivals will certainly lose their charm if they are fueled by half-lies and full lies. One

is at a loss to understand the logic behind the claim by certain leaders that the BJP government would subvert the Constitution!

Who derailed the Constitution much against the order of the Supreme Court that the basic structure of the Constitution should never be tampered with. It was in 1976 that then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi altered the preamble of the Constitution by incorporating the words secularism, socialism etc. India survived as a nation from 1947 to 1976 without the terms secularism and socialism in its Constitution. B R Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution, was totally

against the inclusion of these terms when it was drafted for the first time. It was after the introduction of these terms that communal riots and terrorism peaked in India.

Accusations and allegations are fine because they add to the intensity of the campaigning. But baseless allegations rob the beauty of the election process. Interestingly, the leaders named by the Delhi chief minister as potential victims of the Modi regime are not saints or beatified ones. Reports from Delhi say that Kejriwal was summoned eight or nine times by the ED for questioning in connection with money laundering. The Chief Minister chose to ignore the same with contempt. He might not know the truth that the reigning Prime Minister cooperated with the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team under the chairmanship of R K Raghavan, a former CBI director to grill him about the Gujarat riots. For 19 hours, the then Gujarat Chief Minister sat through the grilling and answered all the queries they asked. That is what we call honesty and integrity. People still hope that Kejriwal too is honest.

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SHAINY SHARMA

Various research and studies have shown that the next frontier in Artificial intelligence is the Robots. Much more added to it are the big names- Jeff Bezos, Microsoft and many others who are investing in human robots according to people with knowledge of the situation, as part of a scramble to find new applications for the so-called AI Technology. Undoubtedly, robots have increasingly become an integral part of our lives in this century, impacting various aspects of society, industry and everyday activities. The robots have revolutionized in many key sectors be it industrial, healthcare, agriculture, transportation or any other. The science of robots is revolutionizing day by day and scientists are making innovations in robots. Research studies

show that by 2050, robots will overcome human beings as they will develop strong intellects.

Many developing nations are involving the use of robots. In the industrial sector robots are performing the tasks such as assembling, welding, painting and packaging in factories thereby increasing efficiency, precision and productivity. In the healthcare sector, robots can perform tasks such as surgery, patient care, rehabilitation and medication dispensing with great precision and even provide support and assistance to elderly or disabled individuals. Talking about the automobile industry, autonomous vehicles- including cars, drones and delivery robots, are transforming transportation and logistics while self-driven car makers are promising to make transportation safer, more efficient and

The rise of robots



accessible to people who are unable to drive. In the agricultural sector, agricultural robots such as drones and automated harvesters can help optimise farming practices by monitoring crops, applying fertilizers and pesticides precisely and thereby harvesting crops efficiently which ultimately improves yields, reduces labour costs and

minimizes environmental impact. Not only these but the robots are doing jobs and servings in restaurants too. The robots have taken down the responsibility of the pizza boy in pizza shops and even are performing tasks such as customer service, cleaning, and inventory management. They enhance operational efficiency

and provide novel experiences for customers.

Robots are indeed reshaping various aspects of everyone's lives, from how individuals work to how they interact with technology and each other. Today, educational robots are gaining an advantage in classrooms over teachers, engineering, and other STEM concepts in a hands-on manner.

Overall, robots are transforming the way we live, work and interact with the world around us. With advancements in robotics technology continuing to expand their capabilities and applications, the question of whether robots will replace humans in various tasks and roles is a complex one. While robots and automation have

the potential to replace humans in some repetitive and routine tasks, they also create new opportunities and roles for humans in other areas. However, many tasks and roles require human creativity, empathy, and problem-solving skills, which are difficult for robots to replicate.

There is no denying the fact that the evolution of robots will profoundly impact society, offering new opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and improving quality of life. However, it will also raise the important ethical, social and economic considerations that must be carefully addressed with time. As robotics technology continues to advance, it will further transform society and open new possibilities for innovation and human-machine collaboration.

(The writer is an educator, views are personal)

At Matua stronghold Bongaon, Amit Shah accuses Mamata Banerjee of spreading falsehood on CAA



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of spreading falsehood on the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Addressing an election rally in the Matua-dominated Bongaon Lok Sabha constituency in support of BJP nominee and sitting MP Shantanu Thakur, the Home Minister said: "Mamata Banerjee is misleading the people by saying that applying for CAA will attract trouble. I want to assure all of you that no one will be in trouble. You will get citizenship and stay in the

country with dignity. No power in the world can stop Hindu, Sikh, and Jain refugees from becoming citizens of the country."

To recall, on March 11, the Centre notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2024, thus paving the way for enforcing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which seeks to grant Indian citizenship to persecuted Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians who came to India from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan before December 31, 2014.

The news triggered celebrations among the members of the Matua community, a backward-class Hindu group that came to West Bengal as

refugees from neighbouring Bangladesh, with a large section settling down in the Bongaon region.

He also said that on one hand the Chief Minister and the Trinamool Congress are trying to make infiltrators the citizens of the country, while on the other they are opposing the CAA through which people from the Matua community will be granted citizenship.

"I want to remind Mamata Banerjee that granting citizenship is within the authority of the Union government and the state government," he said.

Amit Shah also attacked Chief Minister Banerjee for not attending the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya despite being invited.

"Despite being invited, she did not attend the inauguration ceremony to appease her dedicated vote bank. The world knows who constitutes Trinamool's vote bank. Remember, you are not part of their vote bank. Infiltrators constitute their vote bank," Amit Shah said.

Tawi Roller Skating Club Shines at 2 UT Open Tournament



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The 2 UT Open Roller Skating Tournament, held at the MA Stadium Skating Ring, witnessed exceptional performances from the players of Tawi Roller Skating Club, who won a total of 15 medals in various categories.

Coached by Suresh, the team from Tawi Roller Skating Club displayed remarkable skill and dedication. During the tournament Krish in the age group 14-17 boys won 2 gold medals in 500 and 1000 meter. Anshika in the age group 5-7 girls won 2 gold medals in 500 and 1000 meter rink race.

Gurkeerat won 1 gold in 500 meters. Gurtej in the age group 9-11 won 2 gold in 500 and 1000 meter. Pavit in 7-9 boys won 2 gold medals, Medhasvi in age group of 5-7 girls won 1 silver 1 bronze, Akshin in age group of 7-9 boys won 2 silver, Harsh in age group 9-11 boys won 2 silver, Ragini in age group 7-9 girls won 1 silver 1 gold medals, Parth in 14-17 boys won 2 silver. Similarly Pearl gets 2 silver and harseerat won 2 silver also.

The tournament saw participation from several roller skating clubs from across the region, but the Tawi Roller Skating Club players stole the show with their impressive per-

formances.

Tawi Roller Skating Club's success can be attributed to the guidance of Coach Suresh, who has been instrumental in honing the skills of the players. His expertise and encouragement have helped the team to excel in the tournament.

The tournament was organized by J&K Roller Skating (Sports) association to promote roller skating in the region and to provide a platform for young talent to shine. The success of Tawi Roller Skating Club's players has boosted the morale of the team and has inspired others to take up the sport.

Mamata Banerjee calls BJP-Congress-CPI-M 'job eaters'

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, MAY 14

The Calcutta High Court's recent cancellation of 25,753 teaching and non-teaching jobs was the result of a joint conspiracy hatched by the CPI-M, Congress, and the BJP, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee alleged on Tuesday.

"Whenever we are trying to arrange jobs, they approach the court and stall the appointment process. We have heard of man-eating tigers... But they are job-eaters," the Chief Minister said while addressing an election rally at Kalyani under the Bongaon Lok Sabha constituency in support of party nominee Biswajit Das.

She also said that the lawyers of the Congress, CPI-M, and the BJP were disheartened after the Supreme Court put a stay on the Calcutta High Court order.

To recall, in a crucial ruling last month, the Calcutta High Court cancelled 25,753 appointments in teaching and non-teaching posts made by the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) in 2016. The case is being probed by the Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Later, the Supreme Court stayed the order of the Calcutta High Court, invalidating their appointment made by the WBSSC in the state-run and state-aided schools.

Addressing the gathering on Tuesday, the Chief Minister also launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the latter's recent pronouncement of five guarantees for West Bengal at an election rally in the state.

"Whenever someone gives a guarantee, he should honour that. Ten years back, he gave the guarantee to transfer Rs 15 lakh to each citizen's account. But the money never came. Five years back, he promised two crore jobs. But instead of creating government jobs, the public sector units are being privatised. So, such guarantees mean nothing," Banerjee said.

The Chief Minister also alleged that out of the fear of defeat (in the Lok Sabha elections), the BJP and the Union government are trying to manipulate the polling process by tampering the EVMs.

Madras HC orders stringent action against corrupt practices in issuance of legal heir certificates

AGENCIES
CHENNAI, MAY 14

The Madras High Court on Tuesday ordered stringent action against corrupt practices in the issuance of legal heir certificates.

A single judge bench of Justice S.M.Subramaniam took serious note of the corrupt practices involved while issuing legal heir certificates and sought criminal action against those who suppressed vital facts while applying for them.

The court also said that strict action has to be taken against those government officials who issue these certificates by colluding with fraudulent applicants.

It directed the Commissioner of Revenue Administration to issue a circular, within five weeks, instructing all revenue officials across the state to lodge police complaints, if and when they come across any application having been filed for a legal heir certificate by suppressing vital information.

The single bench judge issued the direction while disposing of a writ petition filed by M. Maranan of Coimbatore. The petitioner had challenged an order passed by the Mettupalayam Tehsildar rejecting his request for issuance of a legal heir certificate to him, following the death of his father, Maranna Gowder.

However, Additional Government Pleader U.



Bharanidharan told the court that the petitioner had suppressed the fact of having a brother and two sisters while making an application for the certificate and therefore, the Tehsildar had refused to issue it to him. On hearing this, the court expressed its concerns in coming across many such cases related to false claims for legal heir certificates.

Government Advocate (Criminal Cases) S. Vinoth Kumar informed the court that Sections 177 (furnishing false information to a public servant), 182 (furnishing false information with intent to make public servant to use his lawful power to the injury of another person) and 199 (false statement made in a declaration) of the Indian Penal Code could be invoked against the applicants who suppress vital information for legal heir certificates.

He also said that if the false certificates had been used to take away the

property or insurance amount of the deceased, the police could invoke Sections 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating) and 471 (using as genuine a forged document) of the IPC against the applicant.

Justice Subramaniam then directed the revenue authorities to promptly lodge criminal complaints against all dishonest applicants.

"Unless such penal actions are initiated, it would be very difficult to control the menace," he said, adding that if any practice of abetment to commit the offences is identified, then the government officials are also liable to be prosecuted under criminal law.

The judge directed the Commissioner of Revenue Administration to warn Tehsildars of disciplinary action if they failed to lodge police complaints against fraudulent applicants.

Harmanpreet banks on familiarity with Bangladesh conditions ahead of Women's T20WC

AGENCIES
MUMBAI, MAY 14

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur discussed this year's ICC Women's T20 World Cup during the fixture launch event in Bangladesh.

The Indian team will embark on the quest for their maiden ICC Women's title when they travel to Bangladesh for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 later this year.

The fixtures for the mega-event which begins in October were announced earlier this month and Harmanpreet was on hand as India were drawn alongside Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

India received an excellent tune up for this year's tournament with a recent 5-0 whitewash of Bangladesh away from home and Harmanpreet believes this will hold her side in good stead ahead of the ninth edition of the T20 showcase later this year.

Harmanpreet is optimistic that the conditions in Bangladesh, resembling those in India, will play to their advantage during the T20 World Cup, an ICC report said.

"Yeah, it's a bit similar to India and hopefully, in these conditions, we should do well," remarked Harmanpreet.

India and Bangladesh have become familiar foes lately in international cricket, with an intense rivalry simmering



in recent years between the two Asian neighbours.

Since the last T20 World Cup in 2023, India have travelled to Bangladesh on two occasions - in July last year for a three-match T20I series and an ODI series as well as the recent five-match T20I series.

Acknowledging Bangladesh's home advantage and the backing of their supportive crowd, Harmanpreet reflected on the formidable challenge that awaits her team at the T20 World Cup.

"Bangladesh will be the home team and they will know the conditions better than us," Harmanpreet noted.

"Obviously crowd will be supporting them. But playing against them is always an exciting event. And hopefully, we will do well against them," she said.

Having played each other frequently, Harmanpreet was particularly taken in by Marufa Akter, who has impressed since making her debut in 2022 at just 17 years of age.

Marufa's talent was evi-

dent as she represented Bangladesh in the inaugural U19 Women's T20 World Cup in January 2023 in South Africa, earning a spot in the senior T20 World Cup squad the following month.

When asked which player she would choose to have on the Indian side from Bangladesh, Harmanpreet picked the 19-year-old pace sensation.

"From the Bangladesh team, I would choose Marufa Akter. She looks very exciting talent to me. And if she is in our team, she can do really well for us," she said.

At the Women's T20 World Cup, India are placed in Group A alongside Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and will begin their campaign against the White Ferns on 5 October.

While every team in the group presents a tough challenge, Harmanpreet highlighted Australia as the opponent she is most looking forward to playing against, who they will face in their last group stage game on 13 October.

Barcelona beat Real Sociedad to return to second in La Liga

AGENCIES
MADRID, MAY 14

FC Barcelona returned to second place in La Liga after a 2-0 home win over Real Sociedad on Monday night.

This win helped Barcelona rebound from their 4-2 defeat to Girona last week, moving them above their Catalan neighbors with three games remaining in the season.

Real Sociedad dropped to seventh place, behind Real Betis in their efforts to qualify for next season's Europa League.

Lamine Yamal opened the scoring in the 40th minute, finishing off a counter-attack with a classy shot across Real Sociedad goalkeeper Alex Remiro.

The goal came two minutes after Raphinha had hit the post for Barca after being set up by Pedri, who was back in Barcelona's starting 11 along with Inigo Martinez, who was facing one of his former clubs.

The second goal came in the closing moments after the VAR penalized Alvaro Odriozola for handball. Raphinha scored from the spot to seal the win.

The game got off to an even start, with most of the play in the middle of the park, before Sheraldo Becker twice went close to putting the visitors ahead, with a goal ruled out for offside, before Marc Andre ter Stegen saved another effort soon afterwards.

Uganda finally cleared to host FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifiers

AGENCIES
KAMPALA, MAY 14

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has finally cleared Uganda's Mandela National Stadium (Namboole) to host the forthcoming FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifiers.

Edgar Watson Suubi, CEO of the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) said on Monday that CAF has given the go-ahead after the refurbished stadium was inspected and cleared to host international matches.

"This is a very good development because we can now host our matches at home instead of sending the national team to play home matches away from home," explained Suubi.

He said CAF had communicated to him that they were satisfied with the new developments at the stadium.

"Reference to participation of your team in the FIFA World Cup 2026 African Qualifiers match-day 3&4, following reinspection of the Mandela National Stadium (Namboole) conducted by CAF inspectors, we acknowledge the improvements undertaken in various facilities in accordance with previous remarks from CAF," reads part of the letter according to FUFA.

The Uganda Football body went ahead to confirm that the Mandela National Stadium (Namboole) will now host two Group G FIFA World Cup qualifying matches against Botswana and Algeria on June 7 and 10 respectively.

Uganda opened its qualifying campaign last year with a 2-1 defeat to Guinea, and beat Somalia 1-0 in the second match played in Morocco.

AAP to be made an accused in excise policy case, ED tells Delhi HC

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 14

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will soon file a supplementary charge sheet in the excise policy case arraying the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as an accused, the probe agency's counsel informed the Delhi High Court on Tuesday.

Opposing the bail

plea of former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia, ED counsel advocate Zoheb Hossain apprised a bench of Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma that the ruling party in the national capital will be formally added as an accused in the money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam.

In its probe, the ED



found that the proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs

45 crore, which was part of the 'bribes' received

from the 'South Group', were used by the AAP for campaigning in the 2021-22 Assembly elections in Goa.

One of the main allegations is that AAP was the major beneficiary of the proceeds of crime generated in the alleged Delhi liquor policy scam.

On May 3, the Delhi High Court issued a notice on Sisodia's pleas

seeking replies from both the agencies -- the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Meanwhile, Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court extended the judicial custody of Manish Sisodia in the case being probed by the CBI till May 15.

He is currently in judicial custody in ED's case too.

INDIA alliance getting stronger, NC has won Srinagar LS seat: Claims Omar

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National Conference Vice-President Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the INDIA alliance is getting stronger day by day and claimed that his party would win the Srinagar Parliamentary seat for which polling was held yesterday.

"There is no doubt that the INDIA alliance is getting stronger day by day," Omar told media persons in Uri Baramulla on Tuesday.

The NC vice-president also claimed that his candidate Aga Ruhulla is victorious from the Srinagar Parliamentary seat.

He said the INDIA alliance will also hoist their flag on the Anantnag and Ladakh Lok Sabha seats.

The former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said, "If we believe the reports about the polling



so far held in the country, are in favour of the INDIA alliance also."

"I am sure that on June 4 the government at the centre will be changed and BJP will be finished", Omar said and added, "Almighty willing my will is true."

He said the venom political leaders are spreading during the campaign on the basis of religion, creates tension among the communities and its impact remains there after elections also.

"Whosoever will become the Prime Min-

ister of India, he should remember that he is not Prime Minister of a particular religion," Omar said adding, "Prime Minister Modi whenever goes on foreign locations often saying that he is representing 140 crore people."

Replying to a question, Omar said, "If Narendra Modi also walked on foot it would be a good thing, but perhaps it is because the INDIA alliance has received a positive response; I am unsure how."

He said Rahul Gandhi

did march on foot from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and Assam to Gujarat , adding, "If Prime Minister comes down from the vehicle and walks some distance, he knows better?I can't say."

Asked that Democratic Progress Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad is campaigning for jailed Er Rashid, Omar said, "Azad must have managed to obtain Delhi's approval to campaign for Er Rashid, but it is certain that he (Azad) does not even leave his bedroom without Delhi's permission."

To another question, Omar said, "We do not advocate for the release of a single prisoner, but rather for all those who are incarcerated outside and whose parents do not even have the financial means to visit them."

GPJ organizes Expert Lecture on Overview of Gladni Grid Station, Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Government Polytechnic College Jammu organized an Expert Lecture on the Topic overview of Gladni Grid Station for the students of Electrical Engineering Department under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Govt. Polytechnic College Jammu and Er. Manjeet Singh H.O.D Electrical Engineering Department. Er. Bandana Manhas Assistant Engineer TLMSD -I Gladni (JKPTCL) was the resource Person for the expert talk. In order to provide an opportunity of learning for the students these types of Expert lecture plays an important role for students growth of learning. Er. Bandana Manhas (Resource Person) elaborated the students regarding the overview of Gladni grid station along



with Components installed inside the Gladni grid station. During the Expert

MVA), different Electrical equipments installed and used in the grid station for Transmission and Protection. she also explained the general process of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electrical Power in addition to that how electrical Power is received at 220 KV and the Voltage is step down with the help of step down Transformer in various stages and further distributed to consumers with the help of Sub Transmission system.

Er. Itika Sharma and Er. Vicky Sharma faculty Electrical Engineering Department conducted the proceedings of the program. Others Present on the occasion Were Er. Akhil Kumar, Er. Vandana Chib, Er. Deevika Bhardwaj, Mr. Arun Sharma, Mr. Ritesh Gupta Mr. Rakesh khullar, Smt. Joginder kour and Mr. Aatish Bandral.

Maiden India Pavilion at World Hydrogen Summit 2024, Netherlands showcases National Green Hydrogen Mission

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For the first time, India has set up its own pavilion, at the World Hydrogen Summit 2024, being held in Rotterdam, Netherlands, during May 13 - 15, 2024. The India Pavilion, set up by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, is one of the largest pavilions at the Summit and has been inaugurated by Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Shri Bhupinder S. Bhalra on May 12, 2024.

The World Hydrogen Summit is a prestigious event in the global green hydrogen ecosystem. Around 15,000 delegates from around the world are expected to attend the Summit. The India Pavilion at the conference provides India an opportunity to showcase to the world the progress made



by the country in the field of Green Hydrogen.

The Indian delegation comprises nominees from Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and from private sector companies as well. In addition to various G2G interactions, the Summit provides a platform for Indian industry

to engage with companies from around the globe.

India launched its National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2023 with an overall outlay of Rs. 19,744 crores. India has set an ambitious target to achieve a green hydrogen production capacity of 5 MMT (Million Metric Tonnes) by end of the year 2030. As on date, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has awarded

tenders for setting up of 412,000 tonnes of Green Hydrogen production capacity and 1,500 MW of electrolyzer manufacturing capacity.

India has also notified scheme guidelines for use of Green Hydrogen in steel, transport / mobility and shipping sectors. The Department of Science and Technology has initiated Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters to foster innovation and promote Green Hydrogen ecosystem in India.

A dedicated portal for the National Green Hydrogen Mission has been launched recently, to serve as a one-stop location for information on the Mission and steps taken for the development of the green hydrogen ecosystem in India. The portal can be accessed here: <https://ngm.mnre.gov.in/>.

Congress will soon become mere history: Kavindra

JI NEWS SERVICE
GURDASPUR, MAY 14

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister today strongly criticized Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi for her recent statements regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public rallies. He asserted that Priyanka Gandhi's remarks lacked relevance and failed to acknowledge the overwhelming support PM Modi garners from the masses.

Speaking at the election campaign meeting in favour of BJP candidate, Dinesh Singh Babbu from Gurdaspur Lok Sabha Constituency, Kavinder pointed out the vast difference between the attendance at public rallies during the Congress regime and those under PM Modi's leadership. He emphasized that while Congress struggled to attract crowds, PM Modi's rallies consistently



draw lakhs of people, both domestically and internationally. He highlighted the significant turnout at Modi's rallies as a testament to the widespread popularity and appeal of the Prime Minister among the masses.

Furthermore, the senior BJP leader criticized the recent Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi, noting its lack of participation beyond Congress members. He labeled the Yatra as a failed attempt, contrasting it with the enthusiastic response received by PM Modi during his public engagements.

Echoing Prime Minister

Modi's prediction that Congress would secure fewer seats than Rahul Gandhi's age, Kavinder said that rejuvenation of the 'shattered' Congress party has become near impossible as the grand old party is on the verge of becoming extinct. He reiterated that looking into the popularity of BJP across the length and breadth of the country, one can say that opposition Congress will soon become history with people finding it difficult to get its traces in any part of the country. He said that large scale corruption and a number of scams carried out by Congress party have made it a thing of the past as people rejected the remnants of this party wherever its leadership attempts to revive it.

Kavinder said that performance of Union Government led by PM Narendra Modi has remained phenomenal in bringing about positive changes in the lives of the poor and

underprivileged in the past one decade. He claimed that no government in the past had done so much for the poor like the Modi regime as it has tailored dozens of schemes exclusively for the poor strata to bail it out from the morass, which it confronted for the last many decades due to indifference of successive governments.

Assuring that PM Modi has much more in the offing for those who are still struggling to fight poverty, the senior party functionary sought wholehearted support and vote in favour of BJP candidate in the progressing Lok Sabha polls for realizing the unfulfilled dreams of the people in the shortest possible time. He reaffirmed BJP's unwavering commitment to serving the nation and fulfilling the aspirations of every Indian citizen under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Microsoft hosts Technical Session on AI, Azure Technologies for Engineering Students of SMVDU



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Microsoft's India Development Center (IDC) in Noida, India, recently hosted a groundbreaking technical session in partnership with the SMVDU Tech Community. The session aimed to empower engineering students with advanced insights into Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Azure technologies, fostering innovation and industry collaboration. As the largest Microsoft R&D center in India, the IDC serves as a dynamic workspace driving digital innovation. Diverse teams collaborate within its walls, focusing on Cloud and AI, Experiences and Devices Group, Microsoft Digital teams, and gaming, to propel technological advancements. Led by Lakshit Pant, Program Manager - Reskill, along with seasoned Microsoft professionals, the ses-

sion featured interactive discussions, hands-on demonstrations, and insightful Q&A sessions. 60 engineering students from SMVDU had the invaluable opportunity to engage with industry experts, gaining profound insights into the latest technological trends and best practices. Beyond the technical sessions, students experienced an immersive visit to the Microsoft Office, where they interacted with Microsoft employees and gained firsthand knowledge of the industry landscape. This experience not only broadened their understanding but also opened doors to potential internships and job opportunities. Gratitude was expressed to the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar for his support in fostering the industry visit. The successful execution of the event was made possible

by the diligent efforts of Dr. Anil Bhardwaj (Head, SoECE), Event Organizer Dr. Manish Sabraj (Associate Professor, SoECE), guided by Mr. Ashish Suri (Assistant Professor, SoECE), and coordinated by Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma (Assistant Professor, SoECE). Dr. Sabraj emphasized the significance of such initiatives in equipping students with practical knowledge, paving the way for promising careers in the tech industry. As a token of appreciation, each student received exclusive Microsoft goodies, symbolizing a memorable experience that transcended conventional learning. The event marked a significant milestone in the journey of academic excellence and industry collaboration, laying the foundation for future endeavors aimed at nurturing talent and driving innovation in the technology landscape.

Support India Alliance to save constitution, social fabric: Mian Altaf

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI MAY 14

Mian Altaf Ahmed, NC candidate for Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary constituency on Tuesday made a fervent appeal to people to support India Alliance for saving the constitution of India, Press Media and the social fabric of the country.

He said this while addressing a public meeting in Manjakote District Rajouri, here. Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President National Conference, Abdul Gani Malik former Minister, Shabir Khan former minister, Ch Naseem DDC Chairman Rajouri, Aslam Khan former MLA, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Iftikhar Choudhary, Shafiq Mir Provincial Secretary, S. Nirman Singh State Joint Secretary, Muzafar Khan zone Secretary, Shafayat Khan Distt President Rajouri Urban, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, DDC Sain Abdul Rashid, DDC Khalid, Rakesh Singh Raka, Vipin Sharma, Mati ul Rehman and other senior leaders of Congress and National Conference accompanied Mian Altaf.

The former minister Mian Altaf said that J&K is passing through bad times



because certain entities with divisive agenda are working to disturb the social fabric prevalent in the region since times immemorial. He said that only India Alliance can protect the country from the forces hell-bent to distort the bonhomie and brotherhood between different communities.

Raising an important issue, he accused that both judiciary, media and other important which have been considered as vital pillars of democracy, are under siege these days posing a big challenge to the country's shining democracy. He said that people have understood the game plan of the divisive forces trying to create a wedge between the people and that is why people have decided to support the India Alliance wholeheartedly.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, in his address, said that with

nothing in offing for the youths, the incumbent government has found Agniveer Scheme as a new tool to exploit the young lot in the country because the Agniveer will be thrown out on the road after four years of its engagement. He said that people by now have got the idea that it is India Alliance which is best for the country as those sitting at helm have proved beyond doubt that they are useless, spendthrift and good for nothing, and have pushed the people of the country to the wall by their directionless and anti policies implemented in the last ten years.

Shabir Khan, former minister, raised the issue of miseries faced by people living near the border belt of Rajouri claiming that the present dispensation remained apathetic and indifferent towards their cause. He said that India Alliance is aware of their

hardship and soon after coming to power, focus shall be laid to bail the people out of morass by fulfilling all of their aspirations without any compromise.

Ch Naseem, DDC Chairman Rajouri, Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Shafiq Mir appealed to the people to support and vote the India Alliance candidate Mian Altaf Ahmed in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency to save the people from the misrule of BJP and its proxy Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Shafayat Khan, District President JKNC Rajouri, apprised the party leadership about the burning issues of the people of the area and ensured Mian Altaf Ahmed India alliance candidate the people of District Rajouri wholeheartedly made up their mind to support and vote to you by pressing symbol of plough (Hal) on 25th of May, 2024.

Among those who were present in the meeting include:- Bashir Wani, Rajesh Gupta, Yashpal Sharma, Vipin Datta, Farooq Block President, Parvez Mirza, Amit syal, Dalfi Advocate, Tasaduq Hussain Block President and others.

Greater Kailash Murder Case JKP in Jammu arrested 9th accused, movable property in form of Luxury Vehicles worth more than Rs 1.5 crores seized

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Acting on technical and human inputs, Jammu & Kashmir Police in Jammu District arrested Raghunandan @ Raghu, resident and known history-sheeter of Channi Himmat, in Case FIR No. 39/2024 of Police Station Gangyal

The accused was on the run and willfully evading arrest after the incident in Greater Kailash on 30th April 2024.

Jammu Police has also successfully seized two vehicles belonging to Raghunandan, which were used in the instant case. The total value of vehicles seized is estimated to be more than Rs 1.5 crores.

Jammu Police is resolute in conducting swift, fair and complete investigation into the case.

Ongoing electricity crisis failure of admin, those at helm: Tarigami

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR 14 MAY

Expressing concern over the power crisis in the region, CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami on Tuesday said that the ongoing power crisis is a failure of administration and mismanagement by those at the helm.

As per the news agency CNS, Tarigami said that the recent declaration by the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) of additional power curtailments is unacceptable and a blatant disregard for the well-being of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

"The people of Kashmir are shrouded in darkness, both literally and metaphorically. The claim of surplus is a cruel joke when our citizens are subjected to unscheduled power cuts and outages, now exacerbated by fur-



ther curtailments. While other states enjoy the benefits of 10% free power, J&K is unjustly deprived, despite our natural resources being exploited. We demand at least 40% free power as compensation for the use of our land and water resources," said CPI(M) leader.

He said that it is an economic burden and a social injustice that J&K must annually purchase power worth 3-4 thousand crore rupees, only to impose this cost on our citizens through unjust power curtailments.

"This is a policy failure and deliberate subjugation of our rights. We demand immediate rectification of

these injustices and the implementation of equitable power-sharing norms. The era of empty assurances and defensive stances must end now. The citizens of J&K deserve transparency, fairness, and respect. The consumers have expressed concerns and are troubled by the inflated bills generated by smart metres. The focus should be on ensuring sufficient electricity rather than just metres," Tarigami said.

He said that the PDD has filed FIRs against various consumers recently. "Instead, consumers have the right to lodge FIRs against the administration for putting them in darkness."

The administration must address the issue promptly to ensure the consumers have consistent access to electricity for their daily needs, he added.

Reject division, vote for development, progress: Azad

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR MAY 14

Chairman of DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad asserted today that his party remains resolute against the divisive tactics employed by regional parties. He condemned their attempts to fragment communities based on caste and religion, whether it be Gujjars, Paharis, or Kashmiris. He underscored his party's commitment to prioritizing development over division, emphasizing the need to hold these parties accountable for their exploitation of the populace. He said, "Both NC and PDP have merely exploited the people for years without contributing to their welfare. While the Mughals created gardens in Kashmir many years ago, I established the breathtaking Tulip Garden, drawing lakhs of visitors. Despite Kashmir being a Muslim-dominated region, there was no Hajj House until I initiated its construction. Over the years, I've facilitated



the establishment of more districts, medical colleges, schools, stadiums, roads, and tehsils. I challenge them to showcase their developmental achievements, as they have only indulged in empty slogans, which they now conveniently forget. My sole agenda is development; I have never exploited people on the basis of religion or caste. Throughout my over 45 years in politics, no one can accuse me of corruption. My track record is transparent; I do not possess extravagant mansions." Azad has affirmed his departure from Delhi, driven solely by his dedication to serving the people.

Without aspirations for personal gain, he pledges to prioritise the upliftment of the underprivileged. Addressing critical issues such as youth involvement in militancy and drug abuse, he advocates for the creation of employment opportunities and the enhancement of infrastructure. Recognising the youth as the cornerstone of the nation's future, he is committed to fostering new leadership, exemplified by his support for young Lok Sabha candidates like Amir Bhatt from Srinagar and Adv Saleem Parry from Anantnag. Azad has unveiled the deceptive tactics employed by parties like NC and PDP,

who bank on false promises and slogans to exploit the populace. He urges the public to reject these manipulative strategies and instead back parties committed to genuine development and progress. Emphasising the need to steer clear of misleading rhetoric, Azad stresses the importance of informed voting. Reflecting on the voting turnout in the Srinagar seat, he expressed disappointment at the lower-than-anticipated numbers, citing widespread disillusionment with the current government. He underscores the pivotal role of increased voter participation in forthcoming phases, asserting that real change hinges on active engagement in the electoral process. Among others who were present on the occasion were, Vice Chairman G.M.Saroori, Provincial President Mohd Amin Bhat, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Lok Sabha Candidate Adv Saleem Parry, DDC Bilal Deva and others.

ZPEO Sunderbani organizes Sports Competition

JI NEWS SERVICE
SUNDERBANI, MAY 14

Department of youth services and sports zone Sunderbani organised inter school zonal level sports competitions in the discipline of Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess & Wrestling U/14/17 yrs boys at Government Higher Secondary School Bajabain Tournament inaugurated by chief guest District Youth Services & Sports officer Rajouri Sukhdev Raj Sharma along with

Zonal physical Education officer Sunderbani Ram Murti, Zonal Physical Education Officer Rajouri Gulbir Singh, Lect. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Lect. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Lect. Sanjeev Sharma and all field staff of zone Sunderbani. The event was organised under the supervision of Ram Murti, Zonal Physical Education Officer Sunderbani. The Department of Youth Service and Sports Rajouri is committed to promoting sports talent in the community.

Army, BWF organize Medical Camp to provide healthcare services to border villages

JI NEWS SERVICE
AKHNOOR, MAY 14

Indian Army and Borderless World Foundation organised a medical camp to provide much-needed healthcare services to border area villages in Pallanwala. The medical camp was held at Pallanwala and was attended by healthcare professionals including six specialists and other medical staff.

A range of specialists including Gynaecologists, Orthopaedic, Paediatrician, Dermatologist & Physicians provided medical care to the border villages. The medical professionals also provided education on various health topics such as hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention while spreading aware-



ness on various Govt initiatives like mission Indradhanush, Janani Suraksha Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana and National Health Mission among others.

Due to their remote location, these villages often have limited access to healthcare services. The medical camp was aimed at addressing this gap in healthcare

services and providing essential medical care to those in need along with distribution of medicines, free of cost. Woman health and safe motherhood were also central themes of the camp. More than hundred villagers were benefited through this camp. The Army and Borderless World Foundation are com-

mitted to continuing their efforts to provide quality healthcare services to communities in border areas. The Army and Borderless World Foundation would like to extend their sincere thanks to all the healthcare professionals who participated in the medical camp and made it a success. Saved success-

Bumper voting in Srinagar marks an important milestone in J&K's democratic journey: Gaurav

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Gaurav Gupta, Former General Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, expressed profound admiration for the voters of the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency for their exemplary participation in the electoral process, marking the highest voter turnout of 38 per cent since 1989.

In a statement issued today, Gupta extended his gratitude to the residents of Srinagar for exercising their fundamental right to franchise in large numbers, reflecting a significant milestone in the region's democratic journey. He emphasized the historic nature of this turnout, underscoring its significance in fostering a vibrant democratic culture.



Acknowledging the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, Gaurav attributed the restoration of democracy in the Valley to the policies and initiatives undertaken by the central leadership. He lauded PM Modi for his unwavering

commitment to ensuring the democratic rights of all citizens, particularly in regions like Jammu and Kashmir.

Furthermore, Gaurav credited the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, for his instrumental role in facilitating peaceful poll-

ing in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted that the absence of boycotts and strikes during the polling process in the Kashmir Province, for the first time, is a testament to the positive strides being made towards stability and inclusivity in the region.

Gaurav affirmed that Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory is witnessing unprecedented progress and development under the visionary leadership of PM Modi. He expressed optimism about the future trajectory of the region, emphasizing the transformative impact of government policies on the lives of its residents.

He also highlighted the vital role played by the ECI, District Administration, Police Department and security forces for peaceful conduct of Lok Sabha polls.

Brahmpura urges Sikhs, residents of J&K to use voting rights against dictatorship



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR MAY 14

Ravinder Singh Brahm-pura, the Vice President of Shiromani Akali Dal and former MLA for Khador Sahib Legislative Assembly Constituency in Punjab, has issued a heartfelt appeal to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Sikhs, amidst the challenges of dictatorship and oppression prevalent in the state. Brahm-pura emphasized that the most effective response to such circumstances is through the democratic process of voting in the ongoing LS polls.

In his address, Brahm-pura highlighted that supporting the regional party National Confer-

ence holds the key to the development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir. By casting their votes in favor of the National Conference, residents can actively contribute to shaping a brighter future for the state.

"He demanded that the people of Jammu and Kashmir exercise their voting rights to stand against tyranny and injustice within the state," Brahm-pura underscored, urging citizens to use their voices to bring about positive change and seek justice.

"Brahmpura Said that aligning with the National Conference through voting signifies a collective effort towards building a prosperous and inclusive future for

Jammu and Kashmir," he reiterated, emphasizing the transformative potential of each vote in shaping the destiny of the region.

"He added that active participation in the electoral process is crucial for driving progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir," Brahm-pura stated, encouraging residents to recognize the power they hold in influencing the state's trajectory towards a better tomorrow.

In conclusion, Brahm-pura's message resonates with the spirit of democracy and empowerment, underscoring the pivotal role of citizens in charting a path towards unity, peace, and advancement for Jammu and Kashmir.

Vikramaditya holds direct interaction, discussion with Pujaries, Pandits of Shree Raghunath Ji Temple



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Vikramaditya Singh, former MLC and Trustee of the J&K Dharmarth Trust, along with Rajkumar Martand Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, convened a direct interaction with the Priests and Pandits of the iconic Shree Raghunath Ji Temple in Jammu city which is managed by the J&K Dharmarth Trust.

Vikramaditya Singh during the interaction, sought suggestions and grievances of the Pandits and Pujaries who highlighted various issues, shedding light on matters related to the management and smooth operation of the iconic temple and facilitation of Yatris

and Devotees.

Vikramaditya Singh personally noted all the issues and concerns raised by the Pandits and Pujaries and assured them that the same would be addressed by the J&K Dharmarth Trust Management in a timely manner. He also emphasized to the Pujaris and Priests that safeguarding these ancient and sacred Temples such as Shree Raghunath Ji Mandir is a shared duty and responsibility of the Management and the Priests and Pujaris of the Temple.

Vikramaditya also stated to the Pandits and Pujaris that the Trustees of the J&K Dharmarth Trust would hold regular interactions with the Pujaris of the major Temples to

directly gain feedback and hear grievances.

Furthermore, Vikramaditya urged the Pujaris to play a key role in nurturing and preserving the temple's legacy. He emphasized the indispensable role they play in fostering a conducive environment for devotees and maintaining the sanctity of the spiritual space.

Later, Vikramaditya Singh and Martand Singh had lunch with Pujaris and Pandits after the meeting.

On the occasion, Brigadier R.S. Langeh [Retd.], President of the Trust, Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma IPS [Retd.], Secretary of the Trust, Th. Varinder Singh Jamwal, Additional Secretary of the Trust and other officials accompanied the Trustees.

Encouraging 38% turnout in Srinagar PC reaffirmed faith in democracy: Seth

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Vishal Khatri Sabha today applauded the people of the Srinagar parliamentary constituency for the "encouraging turnout" of 38 per cent, which is more than double the 14.43 pc polling in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and also appreciated Election Commission of India and security forces as on Monday polling ended peacefully without any law & order incident and with all polling stations recording a good voter turnout. Vishal Khatri Sabha J&K President Devender Seth in a handout issued here said that voters have participated enthusiastically to express their potential and aspirations to find full expression. Happening at the grassroots level, it is great for the people of J&K, in particular the youth, said Seth. "Polling personnel, including security personnel, worked tirelessly to ensure that an atmosphere of calm, peace and festivities welcomed voters at the polling stations," he said. Seth further said that this is first time that there has been no stone pelting, no boycott and there is no polling station where



the polling percentage is zero." "Incidents of violence been reduced significantly over the last five years and the government and the administration have played a major role in restoring people's confidence by enabling them to exercise their franchise." Seth observed that people came out in large numbers to cast their votes in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency and reaffirmed their faith in democracy and the Constitution. He commended the hard work by all the stakeholders for free, fair, peaceful and smooth conduct of the polling. Seth appreciated the enthusiasm of electors and expressed hope that turnout in the next two phases in Baramulla and Anantnag parliamentary constituencies on May 20 and 25, respectively will see increase in voter turnout. He appealed to all to vote without fear and vote with responsibility and pride," he said.

Sex scandal: Kumaraswamy labels K'taka Dy CM 'shark'; UP cop gets himself shot to marry woman

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, MAY 14

The political slugfest continued in Karnataka on Tuesday over the developments surrounding the alleged sex video scandal involving former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's grandson and JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna.

Former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, who is also Prajwal Revanna's uncle, indirectly dubbed Karnataka Deputy CM, DK Shivakumar a 'shark' and demanded his arrest.

In response, Dy CM Shivakumar stated, "They are a big family. I really wish this had not happened to them. Whatever they (Kumaraswamy) wish for me, I will not wish any harm upon their family."

He expressed pity over the plight of JD(S) MLA and Deve Gowda's son HD



Revanna, who is Kumaraswamy's brother.

"I am a believer in the rule of nature and justice. I have also been a victim of political conspiracy. Only I know how confident I was and how I stood my ground then. God has protected me. However, I will address my brother Kumaraswamy in the Assembly," Dy CM Shivakumar added.

He further clarified that he did not need to stage

protests or issue statements through legislators.

"I am busy in election campaigning, and I am the state President of a political party. I am ready to face consequences if any interference on my part is proven. I won't talk about that now; time will answer all questions," Dy CM Shivakumar stated.

Earlier, Kumaraswamy launched an attack on the Karnataka Congress Presi-

dent and compared him to a 'shark'. He alleged that BJP leader G Devaraje Gowda was arrested following the release of an audio clip exposing him.

Kumaraswamy asked, "What document was Devaraje Gowda about to release? Which document is the Congress government trying to obtain from him? If the shark is arrested, truth will come out. Legislators had been asked to issue statements against me by this shark."

BJP leader Devaraje Gowda, who had contested for the Holarasipur Assembly seat during the 2023 polls, claimed that he possessed video and photo content related to Prajwal Revanna.

However, the content was leaked by unknown individuals ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

He blamed Congress lead-

ers for the leak and circulation of the objectionable content.

Kumaraswamy also highlighted the significance of the case registered with the National Commission for Women.

"Who has threatened the victim to lodge a complaint against Prajwal Revanna? Why is the case not being investigated?" he questioned.

AGENCIES
BJNOR (UP), MAY 14

A constable of UP police, Ajit Kumar has been arrested for getting himself shot by his accomplices to exert pressure on his lover's family.

The police found out that he wanted to marry the woman he was in a relationship with, but her family was against the

marriage.

The incident, on Nagina Road at Dhampur on May 7, came to light after police received information that a man was lying on the road after he was shot.

Police found Ajit Kumar in an inebriated state and took him to the district hospital for treatment. Kumar claimed he had been shot when he

came to Dhampur. However, police probe later revealed the truth.

Bijnor SP Neeraj Kumar Jadaun said: "Police have arrested the accused and three accomplices identified as Junaid, Jubair and Qasim. They confessed to their crime. A case has been registered against them under sections 182, 195, 211, 420, 388, 120b of IPC."

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S.No.	Name of Camp	Name of Polling Station	Name of Nodal Officer	Name of BLO
1.	Zone Nanak Nagar	Women College Gandhi Nagar Jammu	Sh. Aqeel Ahmed Mob. No:9858648280	Sh. Sunil Kumar Zutshi Mob. No. 9596618223
2.	Zone Digiana	Govt. High School Miran Sahib (Sagoon)	Sh. Gourav Sharma Mob. No:9419129449	Sh. Virender Kumar Mob No. 9858721878
3.	Zone Bhagwati Nagar	Indian Institute of Management College Canal Road	Sh. K.K.Bagati Mob. No:9419177063	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Mob. No. 8825005238
4.	Zone DC-A			
5.	Zone/Camp Muthi	Directorate School Education Muthi, Jammu	Sh. Ateeq Ahmad Wani Mob. No:9906366388	Sh. Satish Bindroo Mob. No. 9419206101
		Govt. Mixed Higher Secondary School, Muthi, Jammu		Sh. Mohd. Sohail Choudhary Mob. No. 9419111406
6.	Zone DC-B	Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Janipur Jammu	Sh. Aqeel Ahmed Mob. No:9858648280	Sh. Ajay Sudan Mob. No. 7889966427
7.	Camp TRT Purkhoo	Migrant School Purkhoo, Jammu	Sh. Tarsem Lal Mob. No:9797383918	Sh. Murad Ali Mob. No. 7051123602
8.	Zone Talab Tillo	Agriculture Complex Talab Tillo Jammu	Sh. Ramesh Bakshi Mob. No:7006767270	Sh. Vinod Gagroo Mob. No. 9797390494
9.	Camp Nagrota	Migrant School, Nagrota, Jammu	Sh. Vishwinder Gupta Mob. No. 9797374469	Sh. Dalip Kumar Jalali Mob. No. 7889602402
10.	Camp Jagti-A	Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti-A Jammu	Sh. Omi Raj Sombria Mob. No. 6005484607	Sh. Vinod Kumar Raina Mob. No. 7006125970
11.	Camp Jagti-B	Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti-B, Jammu		Sh. Vijay Kumar Saproo Mob. No. 9596964212
12.	Camp Jagti-C	Govt Middle School (Migrants), Jagti Community Hall Jagti.	Sh. Vishwinder Gupta Mob. No. 9797374469	Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat Mob. No. 9419124298 Sh. Manoj Bhan Mob. No. 7889441724
13.	Zone Sarwal	J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu (A)	Sh. Romesh Bakshi Mob. No. 7006767270	Sh. Ashwani Kumar Bhat Mob. No. 9419312000
14.	Zone JKBOSE	J&K Board of school Education, Rehari, Jammu (B)	Sh. Atiq Ahmed Wani Mob. No. 9906366388	Sh. Ashok Raina Mob. No. 8803219708
15.	Zone Mini-Stadium	J&K Board of school Education, Rehari, Jammu (B)	Sh. K.K.Bagati Mob. No. 9419177063	
16.	Zone Talli Morh	Govt. Girls Middle School Check Changerwan Chinore Chowk, Jammu	Sh. Kumar Ji Raina Mob. No. 9419835822	Sh. Dileep Kumar Koul Mob. No. 7006184174
17.	Zone Ghomanasa	Govt. Primary School Ponichak	Sh. Raman Kumar Chalotra Mob. No. 9419204117	Sh. Bansi Lal Raina Mob. No. 9419115009 Rakesh Koul Mob. No. 8082131252
		Anuradha Higher Secondary School Barnai Jammu		
18.	Zone Bari-Brahmana	Govt. Girls Primary School Gangyal	Sh. Gourav Sharma Mob. No. 9419129449	Sh. Amit Tutoo Mob. No. 7006846495
19.	Zone Bakshi Nagar-B	Agriculture University Complex, Udhaiyawa, Jammu	Sh. Raman Kumar Chalotra Mob. No. 9419204117	Sh. Suresh Kumar Bhat Mob. No. 9596711233
20.	Zone Channi Himmat	Govt. Higher Sec. School Channi	Sh. Narinder Kumar Mob. No. 9906067381	Sh. Inder Raj Langoo Mob. No. 7006861104

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Ireland set for historic tour of Pakistan in 2025

AGENCIES
DUBLIN, MAY 14

Ireland have confirmed their men's side will tour Pakistan for the first time in 2025.

While exact details of the tour are yet to be finalised, Cricket Ireland released a statement on Monday to indicate they will travel to Pakistan next year for a tour that has been provisionally set to be held in August/September.

The two teams are currently battling it out in a three-match T20I series in Ireland in preparation for next month's ICC Men's T20 World Cup and Cricket Ireland's Chair Brian MacNeice held discussions with PCB Chair Mohsin Naqvi in relation to their tour of Pakistan in 2025.

MacNeice indicated the discussions were healthy and it had been agreed that Ireland would tour Pakistan next year, in what would be the first visit of their men's side to the Asian country.

"We are delighted to have welcomed Chairman Naqvi to Dublin and we had a very productive meeting. The pres-



ence of the PCB chairman in Ireland was very much appreciated and is a strong indicator of the excellent relationship between the two boards," MacNeice said.

"Discussions were wide-ranging, and included exploring men's, women's and Wolves-level fixtures in the future. I'm very pleased that we were able to agree a men's tour next year - this will be yet another historic first, coming after the tour to Pakistan by our senior women in 2022."

The ongoing series between Ireland and Pakistan is currently locked at one-game apiece, with the third and final match of the series scheduled to be held in Dublin on Tuesday, an ICC report said.

"The Pakistan squad have been excellent

ambassadors for their country over the last week and have been very generous in their interactions with fans throughout their time in Ireland. We very much look forward to the deciding game in the series tomorrow and of course our meeting in the T20 World Cup next month," MacNeice said.

"The cricketing friendship between Ireland and Pakistan runs very deep - indeed, the first meeting between the two sides was in 1962 here in Dublin, and Pakistan has been our opponent for both our inaugural women's and men's Test matches," he said.

"We look forward to this auspicious tour and thank Chairman Naqvi and the PCB for their ongoing friendship and support," MacNeice added.

Bopanna-Ebden secure straight-set win in Italian Open

AGENCIES
ROME, MAY 14

Following a string of disappointing exits from ATP Masters events in Monte-Carlo and Madrid, the doubles pairing of Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden found redemption as they commenced their campaign in the Italian Open 2024 with a resounding straight-set triumph over Italian duo Matteo Arnaldi and Francesco Passaro on Tuesday.

Bopanna and Ebden, erstwhile World No. 1 doubles partners, endured a challenging month after early eliminations in their previous two tournaments. However, the Indo-Australian tandem displayed their mettle by vanquishing Arnaldi and Passaro with a commanding 6-2, 6-2 victory, consummated in just 52 minutes.

Capitalising on their form, the duo seized four out of six break-point opportunities while staunchly denying their opponents any chance to convert the three break-point chances they encountered.

No other Prime Minister served his constituency way PM Modi served Banaras

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 14

The grand visuals of Prime Minister Narendra Modi -- from standing on the Assi Ghat on the banks of Ganga in Banaras to praying before the holy river with all associated rituals on Tuesday morning -- were overpowering.

Since time immemorial, these ghats attracted pilgrims and sundry visitors from all across the country and abroad. But many would return with a sense of regret triggered by the unclean ghats lying in a state of despair, the mesh of wires in the narrow bylanes, or the difficult approach way to the Vishwanath temple.

However, the spirituality associated with the place was so overwhelming that people did not complain much.

Over the decades, the state and the district administration found a convenient alibi for their apathy and neglect in five words -- "Banaras toh aisa hi hai" (Banaras is like this only). Sections of the local people too started believing this manufactured theory.

Anyone who visited

Banaras in the pre-2014 era when Narendra Modi had first filed his nomination from there as a BJP Prime Ministerial nominee and now, after he served the constituency as its representative for 10 years, would vouch that the right vision and strong will can make possible what was commonly perceived to be impossible.

The city's core values, what they call 'Banarasi mizaz', have remained intact but in terms of infrastructure, cleanliness, and hygiene, things have transformed to an entirely different level.

For many in Banaras, the BJP's 2019 poll slogan "Modi hai toh mumkin hai" started becoming a reality there after 2014 itself.

The magnificent Kashi-Vishwanth Corridor envisioned and built by PM Modi justifies a sports brand catchphrase -- 'Impossible is Nothing'.

No wonder, support for PM Modi has only grown in the last 10 years.

Banaras has been almost on its feet in welcoming PM Modi since late Monday afternoon, when the Prime Minister landed there for a

roadshow, followed by the puja of Baba Vishwanath at the renovated Kashi-Vishwanath Dham, before visiting the Kal Bhairav temple and performing Ganga Puja on Tuesday which was followed by the filing of nomination seeking a third term in the Parliament.

The massive crowd on the streets didn't just comprise curious onlookers, it consisted of people from all sections of the society who believed in him as a leader, as the Prime Minister, and some even with faith seeing the divinity ingrained in him. PM Modi has earned all this in the last 10 years of his rule for the work he has done for Banaras and the rest of the country, and for making a difference in people's daily life with his developmental schemes.

It is noteworthy that on April 24, 2014, when Narendra Modi first landed in Banaras to file his nomination as a BJP candidate, he was denied permission by the district administration to hold a public rally, to address people about his thoughts and ideas in a bid to convince them to vote for him. The BJP's complaint to the EC did not yield any

desired results.

Ahead of filing his nomination, Narendra Modi and the BJP then planned a roadshow. A sea of humanity defied the heat, sweat, and dust to extend a warm welcome to him, prompting him to declare, "Na mai aaya hoon, na mujhe kisi ne bheja hai, mujhe to Maa Ganga ne bulaya hai" (I have neither come on my own, nor have I been sent by anyone... I have been called by Maa Ganga).

With these lines, he struck an instant rapport with the people of the region who swear on two names -- 'Maa Ganga' and 'Har har Mahadev'.

He even had to wait for about an hour to file his nomination, because some Independent candidates had arrived before his arrival to submit their papers. He waited patiently.

The rest is history.

Before Narendra Modi, eight Prime Ministers, including Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Chaudhary Charan Singh, Chandra Shekhar, Rajiv Gandhi, V.P. Singh, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, have represented Uttar Pradesh, but none has served his or her constituency like PM Modi.

Tiny Scholar School, Kathua celebrates 100% result of Class X, XII

JI NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MAY 13

Continuing its dominance in the CBSE class 10 and 12 exam, students of Tiny Scholars School have come out with flying colours. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared the results on Monday, May 13.

The school registered a cent percent result as all the students of the school appeared for the class 10 exam cleared it with flying colours. And since 2014, we have been celebrating the tremendous result of the 10th and 12th class. Students of Tiny Scholars have given a stupendous result for the session (2023-24). Their hard work has finally paid off. According to Managing Director MRS. MANISHA GUPTA, this is going to be the 25th year of the school.

Announcing the result, PRINCIPAL of Tiny Scholars told that RIDHIMA WALIA (MEDICAL) gave



a phenomenal performance in 12th class by securing 94.5%, followed by NAVNEET KOUR (MEDICAL) who secured 88% and ANAMIKA SHARMA (MEDICAL) who secured 85%.

Proud to announce MATRICULATION RESULT

One of our brilliant students DIVYANKA GUPTA secured 97%. HARSHIT GUPTA secured 94% fol-

lowed by DIVYANSHI GUPTA, who secured 91%. EKLAVYA SINGH and PARDEEP SHARMA, both got 90%.

Heartless congratulations to the remarkable and outstanding students who have made the school and their parents proud with their achievements.

Success is no accident. It's the path you have travelled so far!

Langer lauds historic voter turnout in Srinagar PC

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Sham Lal Langer, Convener of BJP Trade Cell, Jammu & Kashmir, lauded the remarkable voter turnout of 38 per cent witnessed during the fourth phase of Lok Sabha polls in the Srinagar Parliamentary constituency.

Amidst the backdrop of unprecedented participation, Sham Langer expressed his profound appreciation for the citizens of Srinagar who turned out in large numbers to exercise their democratic right. He emphasized the significance of this turnout as a testament to the vibrant democratic ethos flourishing in the region.

In a statement issued here today, Langer attributed this significant surge in voter engagement to the transformative leadership of Prime Minister



Narendra Modi. He underscored PM Modi's visionary policies and unwavering commitment to the welfare and development of Jammu & Kashmir as pivotal factors that have inspired renewed faith and enthusiasm among the electorate.

Sham Langer highlighted the government's tireless efforts in promoting peace, stability, and inclusive growth in the Valley. He applauded the initiatives aimed at foster-

ing grassroots democracy, empowering local communities, and nurturing a conducive environment for progress and prosperity to thrive.

Furthermore, Sham Langer reiterated the BJP's steadfast dedication to representing the aspirations and interests of the people of Jammu & Kashmir on the national stage. He pledged continued support and collaborative efforts towards realizing the region's full potential and ensuring its seamless integration into the mainstream development narrative of the country.

As the democratic process unfolds, Sham Langer encouraged all stakeholders to uphold the principles of transparency, fairness, and accountability, thereby strengthening the foundations of democracy and fostering a brighter future for generations to come.

BJP Kashmir displaced district delegation advocates electoral reform with relief commissioner

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Today, Kashmir Displaced District delegation engaged in a transformative dialogue with Relief Commissioner (M) Arvind Karwani to confront pressing issues arising from the recent Parliamentary election in the Srinagar constituency.

The BJP Kashmir Displaced District committee who look after administrative issues in parliamentary elections include General Secretary H K Razdan, Vice Presidents Chetan Wanchoo and Vimal Raina, the delegation fervently championed the cause of electoral reform, heralding a new era of transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

In a symphony of impassioned voices, the delegation articulated a comprehensive array of concerns and unveiled a visionary blueprint for the revitalization of electoral

integrity. From advocating for the appointment of additional Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) to fostering greater inclusivity and accessibility for voters in migrant-populated areas, to emphasizing the meticulous supervision required at Shankar Building to ensure the fidelity of voter lists, every proposal resonated with the collective ambition for a fairer, more equitable democracy.

The delegation's clarion call for tailored strategies in Baramulla, Anantnag, and Rajouri constituencies underscored their unwavering commitment to amplifying diverse voices and aspirations, paving the way for a more representative political landscape.

With unwavering determination, the delegation emphasized the imperative of timely dissemination of authenticated voter lists to political parties, ensuring transparency and empowering

informed decision-making. Furthermore, their impassioned plea for the facilitation of voters holding Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) through the deployment of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) epitomized their steadfast dedication to upholding electoral integrity and fostering inclusivity.

Proposing proactive measures such as pre-checks of voter numbers at polling stations and ensuring the provision of essential amenities like water and tents, the delegation laid the groundwork for a seamless electoral process that prioritizes voter dignity and participation.

In response, Relief Commissioner (M) Arvind Karwani expressed his unwavering commitment to addressing these pressing concerns, reaffirming his dedication to collaborative action and effective reforms that safeguard the sanctity of the electoral process.

Youth, Women are now game changers in Kashmir: Pathania

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG (DOORU), MAY 14

While addressing a meeting of party cadres at Dooru area of Anantnag parliamentary constituency, Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania, BJP spokesperson, was at the best of his elocution in professing 'democracy defeats forces enforcing poll-boycott' in Srinagar. If you go by the statistics of yesterday's poll percentage in Srinagar Lok Sabha, it has been, since the onset of militancy, the highest voter turnout of entire Kashmir valley. This is a direct dividend of the historic decision of 5th of August, 2019, and the various tith-by-bits initiatives and endeavors of Modi Sarkar, which have virtually created an atmosphere and an ecosystem, which has facilitated such dividends. And the biggest catalysts in this change are the youth and women folk of Kashmir, who want to write a new script for the Kashmir.

Now, the people of Kashmir have given goodbye to bloodshed, unemployment, dynasty politics, politics of populism and rhetoric. They want to bank on politics of employment, development, tour-



ism promotion and a new realm where Kashmiris are able to achieve lofty goals under the sky. He exhorted upon the party cadres to spread out up to the farthest nooks and corners of the area and transcend the message against the corrupt and dynasty-based political parties. BJP is committed to the principles of nationalism, democracy, and inclusive development. With a strong presence across the nation, BJP

works tirelessly to uphold the interests of all citizens and promote the growth and prosperity of India. We will stand by and support such forces. He made veiled, self suggestive references to 'bat and ball' and sought for votes in the name of a local political party. Rumaisa Wani, BJP Mahila Morcha, Vice President, Pinka Malik, Bashir Dar, Nissar Ganai, Nissar Khan and a galaxy of local leaders addressed the meeting.

Through high voter turnout, people have sent a message to Delhi: Mehbooba

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said that good voter turnout in Srinagar Lok Sabha seat was a message from people to Delhi that the decisions taken in 2019 were not accepted by the people of Kashmir.

"The polling percentage for the Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency held yesterday was good and people have sent a message to Delhi that the decisions taken in 2019 (abrogation of Article 370) are not accepted by the people of Kashmir. And the decisions taken regarding the state subject, land and employment are also not

acceptable to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Mehbooba told media in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday.

On Monday, the Srinagar Lok Sabha recorded a voter turnout of 38 percent, the highest since 1996. She alleged that polling was disturbed in the places where people gathered to vote for the PDP.

"The polling was deliberately made slow", she alleged.

The PDP President is contesting the Lok Sabha election from Anantnag-Rajouri seat where polling is likely to be held on May 25.

"I wish the people of Rajouri, Poonch, Anantnag, Kulgam, and Wachi would know if they have to wait

for ten hours in the queue during voting for the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat, stand and don't come back until they vote", she said.

"The suffocation people were feeling in Srinagar and wanted their voice to reach Parliament to aware the people of the country that we (people) have been suppressed and facing troubles", former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said and added, "I am sure that voice will encourage the people of Anantnag, Kulgam, Rajouri and Poonch people will come out and vote in a big way".

Mehbooba said the polls of Srinagar would have its impact in other Lok Sabha seats "

JKP in Jammu arrested two drug peddlers, 26 grams of heroin (Chitta) seized

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Continuing its war against drugs under operation SANJEEVANI In a significant operation conducted by the police party of Police Post Gadigarh, two drug peddlers were apprehended and 26 grams of narcotics-like substance were seized.

Acting on a tip-off, ASI Swaran Singh and his team established a naka at Dharap for vehicle checking duty. During the operation, a Swift car bearing registration number JK 01 AB 4108 was signaled to stop for checking. Upon personal search, 13.86 grams of heroin-like substance were recovered from the possession of the driver, identified as Asrar Ahmed Wani, son of Gulam Nabi Wani, resident of Batwara BB Cantonment Srinagar. Additionally, 12.38 grams of heroin-like substance were found on Tariq Hussain, son of Mohd Ramzan, resident of Batwara Srinagar.

The total haul of 26.24 grams of narcotics was



recovered from the two individuals. Upon further questioning, they failed to provide any reasonable explanation for the possession of the contraband. In light of these findings, a case FIR No 89/24 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Sat-

wari, and investigations are underway.

Jammu Police remains committed to combating the drug menace in our communities and will continue to take stringent action against those involved in illegal drug trafficking.

Vijay Bakaya expresses concern over missing of names from voter lists

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU

On completion of the third phase of election to the Parliamentary seat of Kashmir, Apni Party's General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya has congratulated the Kashmiri Pandit displaced voters for exercising their franchise in larger numbers than ever during their 34 years of forced displacement from Kashmir.

In a press release, Bakaya said there were long lines of voters to be seen at polling stations throughout the day including aged and first-time voters, and at the end of the day nearly 7000 votes had been polled.

He said this number constituted nearly 39% of the total migrant votes mapped in the constituency.

He however expressed dismay that at least more than a thousand voters were turned back from the booths because their names were missing from the voter lists.

"These voters were not allowed to cast votes even though they showed the

voter cards. Hence, this created a chaotic situation at many booths," he stated, expressing his deep concern.

He further added that the authorities concerned at the highest level were informed but redressal came after polling time was over and there were very few voters left waiting.

He said that there has been bungling in preparation of voter lists which has shocked the KPs. While being facilitated by removal of the need to fill up M-forms, the KP voters were denied the right of franchise.

He urged "The CEO and the Relief Commissioner (Migrant) to ensure that such a situation does not arise in the remaining two phases."

He finally urged the voters to come out in more numbers to the polling booths on 20th and 25th May to express their determination to seek political empowerment and become active stakeholders in the political process of the Union Territory of J&K.

Alert against incidents of 'Blackmail', 'Digital Arrest' by Cyber Criminals impersonating State/UT Police, NCB, CBI, RBI, other Law Enforcement Agencies

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 14

A large number of complaints are being reported on National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) regarding intimidation, blackmail, extortion and "Digital Arrests" by cyber criminals posing as Police Authorities, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Narcotics Department, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Enforcement Directorate and other Law Enforcement Agencies.

These fraudsters typically call a potential victim and inform that the victim has sent or is the intended recipient of a parcel, which contains illegal goods, drugs, fake passports or any other contraband item. Sometimes, they also inform that a near or dear one of the victim has been found to be involved in a crime or an accident and is in their custody. A demand for money is made to compromise the "case".

In certain instances, unsuspecting victims are made to undergo "Digital Arrest" and remain visually available over Skype or other video conferencing platform to the fraudsters, till their demands are met. The fraudsters are known to use studios modeled on Police Stations and Government offices and wear uniforms to appear genuine. Across the country,

several victims have lost large amounts of money to such criminals. This is an organized online economic crime and is learnt to be operated by cross-border crime syndicates.

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, coordinates activities related to combating cybercrime in the country. MHA is closely working with other Ministries and their agencies, RBI and other organizations to counter these frauds. I4C is also providing inputs and technical support to Police Authorities of States/UTs for identifying and investigating the cases.

I4C has also blocked more than 1,000 Skype IDs involved in such activities, in collaboration with Microsoft. It is also facilitating blocking of SIM cards, Mobile devices and Mule accounts used by such fraudsters. I4C has also issued various alerts through infographics and videos on its social media platform 'Cyberdost' for e.g. X, Facebook, Instagram and others.

Citizens are advised to be alert and spread awareness about these types of frauds. On receipt of such calls, the citizens should immediately report the incident on cybercrime helpline number 1930 or www.cybercrime.gov.in for assistance.

Shastri Judo Club celebrates Mother's Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Shastri Judo Club, a prominent establishment in promoting martial arts and holistic development, marked this year's Mother's Day with a special program dedicated to honoring the mothers of its students. The event, held today at the Jammu North Assembly.

The program was graced by the esteemed presence of Uday Chib, National General Secretary of Indian Youth

Congress who presided as the Chief Guest.

Through various activities and expressions of appreciation, the Shastri Judo Club community came together to acknowledge the unwavering support, sacrifices, and unconditional love provided by mothers. From heartfelt speeches to personalized gestures, each moment underscored the profound impact that mothers have on the journey of their children, both within and beyond the realms of judo training.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: DEO Kulgam reviews preparedness for Lok Sabha Elections scheduled for 25th May

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 14

The District Election Officer (DEO) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired a meeting of Officers at DC Office Complex, here to review the preparedness for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 scheduled to be held on 25th May in the district.

At the outset, the DEO took a firsthand appraisal from all designated Officers with regard to tasks assigned to them for smooth and peaceful conduct of Lok Sabha Elections-2024 in the district.

The DEO also reviewed the preparations made by all concerned Nodal Officers aimed at ensuring seamless elections in the District.

During the meeting, it was informed that there



are a total of 364 polling stations including 03 women polling stations, 03 PWD, 03 youth manned polling stations and 15 Model polling stations in the district, and elaborated arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth conduct of elections in the district.

The DEO directed all the officers to work with due diligence and dedication to ensure smooth, free and fair elections. He stressed them to work with a proactive approach

and execute allotted tasks on ground and maintain cooperation and coordination with the line executing departments.

He further asked them to go through comprehensive ECI guidelines regarding duties and responsibilities during the election period.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Bashir Ahmad Wani; AROs, Dy-DEO, Nodal officers, Zonal and Sectoral Magistrates and other concerned officers.

DDC reviews progress of Pre-Construction activities on NH-244 in Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 14

District Development Commissioner, Doda, Harvinder Singh today chaired a meeting to assess the pre-construction activities on National Highway 244 (NH-244) in the region.

The meeting was attended by ACR, Dy SP Headquarters, SDM Assar, SDM, GM NHIDCL, Tehsildars, and other concerned officials of NHIDCL.

The discussions focused on the necessary steps to be taken for the smooth and efficient pre-construction of NH-244.

The DDC emphasized the importance of timely and quality construction work to ensure the development of the highway for the benefit of local residents and commuters.

A range of preliminary requirements related to land acquisition, environmental clearances and



other administrative procedures were discussed to expedite the pre-construction process.

The officials also deliberated on the allocation of resources and coordination among different agencies involved in the project.

The DDC directed the officials to start a campaign of afforestation in their jurisdiction, especially on landslide-prone areas. He asked the GM NHIDCL to identify other

landslide prone locations on the highway and intimate the concerned departments.

The DDC stressed on regular monitoring and supervision to oversee the progress and meeting any challenges that may arise during the execution phase. He urged all stakeholders to work in close coordination and adhere to the timelines to ensure the successful execution of the pre-construction activities.

Director YSS Tours Kupwara; takes stock of under construction sports projects

JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 14

The Director Youth Services and Sports J&K, Subash Chander Chibber undertook a comprehensive tour to far-off District Kupwara to assess the progress of ongoing activities and evaluate the ground-level situation of various developmental projects being constructed by the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K.

During the visit, the Director engaged with various stakeholders, including local youth, officials of the Department of YSS and community representatives, to gain insights into the execution of ongoing projects and initiatives of the Department.

The primary focus was to ensure the effective utilization of resources and infrastructure to promote youth engagement and sports development in the district.

He visited under-construction playfield at Anderhama in sports zone Drugmulla, Galizoo stadium Kupwara, Haqanabad Punzwa and Kralpora to assess the progress and status of various ongoing development sports projects in the district.



While addressing the Press at Galizoo stadium Kupwara, Director expressed satisfaction with the ongoing efforts of the field staff of the District in fostering a vibrant sports culture in Kupwara. He assured that every step will be taken to nurture sports talents of the Kupwara youth in the best possible manner.

Emphasizing the importance of sports in holistic development, the Director reiterated the Department's unconditional support towards providing ample opportunities for the youth to excel in vari-

ous sporting disciplines.

Director assured continuous support and assistance from the YSS to address any challenges or requirements in identifying and channelizing sports talent in J&K youth. He further reaffirmed the commitment to the overall welfare and empowerment of the youth in the region through games and sports.

The Director was accompanied by District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kupwara and other senior field officers and officials of the Department of YSS&S.

Day & Night Cricket Match organised at Gulabgarh -Kishtwar to promote National Integration

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 14

The district administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services & Sports, organized a Day & Night Cricket Match at the Sports Stadium Gulabgarh Paddar.

The event aimed to foster national integration through the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

The match was played between C G Lines and Virus Gulabgarh and won by former by defeating the opposite side by 50 runs. The C G Lines had set a target of 155 runs.

The Day & Night Cricket Match represents a significant step towards strengthening bonds and bridging cultural divides. As the sun sets and the floodlights illuminate the stadium, players will embody the spirit



of sportsmanship, transcending barriers and fostering a sense of belonging.

The district administration extended a warm invitation to all residents and visitors to join this cel-

bration of national integration at the Sports Stadium Gulabgarh Paddar, Letting everyone to unite in the love of cricket and the shared values that bind all together as one Nation.

CEO Doda inspects newly constructed building block at GHSS Beraru



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 14

Chief Education Officer Doda Parkash Lal Thapa today inspected the newly constructed 4 room building and Sports Changing room completed in all respects here at Higher Secondary School Beraru. The newly constructed block was handed over to school management after completing all codal formalities.

The building was constructed under Samagra

which includes one library, one Science Lab, one art and craft room and one computer lab to augment the accommodation infrastructure in the school.

Principal Anjeel Singh Thakur Students and staff of the school expressed their gratitude towards the Education Department in general and Chief Education Officer Doda in particular for providing additional accommodation which was badly needed in the school.

While speaking on the occasion Chief Education Officer Doda exhorted the students and staff members to make proper and full use of additional infrastructure of the school to improve teaching learning process and achieve better learning outcomes.

Meanwhile, a grand Farewell party was organized by the staff and students of the Government Higher Secondary School Beraru to accord warm send off to Principal DIET Doda Purshotam Gouria who is going to attain the age of superannuation on 31 May 2024.

On the occasion Principal Higher Secondary School Beraru Anjeel Singh Thakur praised the work of the officer during his tenure as CEO Doda and as well as Principal DIET Doda and said that Purshotam Gouria was always helpful and cooperative to the cause of students and teaching fraternity.

Aijaz Asad reviews implementation of Border Area Development Programme



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14

Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department, Aijaz Asad today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the progress under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP).

The Secretary reviewed the physical and financial progress achieved under the ambitious programme in the border districts of the J & K. The districts include Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara.

He had exhaustive interaction with each of the District Development Commissioners regarding the implementation status of the Scheme in their respective districts.

While reviewing the functioning of BADP, Secretary emphasised upon updation of physical/ financial progress on

BADP Online Management System in line with actual figures within the stipulated time.

The Secretary exhorted upon all stakeholders to work in tandem so that desired targets under Border Area Development Programme are achieved in time. He asked the District Development Commissioners to ensure full utilization of funds available with the districts, besides completion of all the ongoing works implemented by the district authorities under BADP. He said that all ongoing works have to be taken to the end point within the set timelines.

While reviewing the financial progress, the concerned DCs were asked to submit Utilization Certificates (UCs) against the funds utilized during 2023-24. They were also asked for submission of Red Accounts against the funds utilized during 2022-23 & 2023-24.

Timely Action by Firemen saves lives, property

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Timely and swift action by the Fire and Emergency Services Department saved lives and property worth crores amid massive fire that broke out in a Cold Storage and Ice Factory here at Gole Pulley.

The incident of Fire was reported at around 17.45 hrs last evening and immediately Two Stations FES Canal and FES Gandhinagar responded.

The firemen bravely evacuated people to safety, controlled the leaping fire flames and prevented the situation from going out of hand by preventing leakage of hazardous Ammonia gas.

It took Hours to restore the situation and the operation was called off after hectic efforts of the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

More fire tenders from FES City and FES Gandhinagar, Roopnagar and Gangyal were deputed under the supervision of Kanwal Peshin i/c DFO City who was assisted by Mohammad Jaffer Sheikh Station Officer FES Gandhinagar. Fire was brought under control swiftly and suddenly it was found that ammonia gas was leaking which could have proven disastrous as a dangerous health hazard.

Immediately BA sets were donned by the officers risking lives and tried to plug the knob. Both the officers found that the control Valve had busted and it was almost impossible to plug the leakage. Some minor injuries (cold burns) were reported by Mohammad Jaffer Sheikh Station officer and different alternate mechanisms were adopted by

RK Raina DD Jammu who also reported at the scene of occurrence including water mixture with baking soda was sprayed.

In the meantime, the entire area full of residents was evacuated to safeguard lives in a professional manner. The operation continued all night.

Police administration, SDRF and NDRF teams also visited the spot to coordinate and assist in the operation but couldn't control the gas leakage as the valve had been extensively damaged.

Fire and Emergency Services with the support of other agencies after continuous and efficient strategic efforts throughout the night by Firefighters controlled the gas leakage by emptying the tank and closed the operation. Teams from the Medical Department provided much needed medical aid to all crews as the working in such an ammonia rich atmosphere created health issues as well many Firefighters collapsed during the operation.

The operation was successfully conducted under the supervision of RK Raina Deputy Director Fire and Emergency Services assisted by Kanwal Peshin i/c DFO City and Mohammad Jaffer Sheikh Station officer FES Gandhinagar, Alok Kumar IPS ADGP Director Fire and Emergency Services was monitoring the operation from Srinagar Kashmir with important inputs. He later appreciated the role of Firefighters for effective and efficient management to control the Fire and situation besides evacuation of people from the area. The operation was called off at 02 PM today on 14.05.2024.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Home voting commences in Baramulla

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'Vote from Home' facility for the voters aged 85-years plus (AVSC) and Persons with Disabilities (AVPD) in Baramulla district commenced from Tuesday, 14th May with 449 registered elderly and PwD electors of the district exercising their right to vote from within the confines of their homes.

A total of 155 elderly residents above 85 years of age and 294 PwD voters with over 40% locomotive disabilities from across all the seven assembly segments of the district have opted for the Postal Ballot facility from home.

During the home voting process which will continue till 16th of May, the

poll parties along with voting facilities are being dispatched to the house of eligible voters at the



addresses mentioned on their already filled 12D forms, to collect their votes.

A total of 39 dedicated teams have been constituted in the district, with each team composed of two polling officials, Micro Observer, Videographer and Security personnel, collecting votes of

eligible voters under the prescribed guidelines of ECI. Besides, the Political Parties and Contesting Candidates have also been informed to appoint their representatives to watch the process.

The teams are also visiting the Border villages of 09-Uri AC viz. Dudran, Chotali, Gager Hill, Maidan-an, Darakunjan and Tough Terrains of upper Belt of Rafiabad AC to facilitate all such AVPD and AVSC voters to exercise their right to franchise.

District Election Officer, Baramulla, Minga Sherpa said that meticulous arrangements have been made by the district administration to facilitate the eligible voters to exercise their democratic right through the postal ballot facility.