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### ACB arrests cashier for accepting bribe in Sopore

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SRINAGAR, MAY 27

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday arrested a cashier while demanding and accepting a bribe in Sopore township of Jammu Kashmir's Baramulla district.

ACB in a statement said that it received a complaint against one Mohammad Shafi Bhat senior Assistant Cashier in the office of the Executive Engineer, Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Sub Transmission Division Sopore, alleging therein the demand of bribe of Rs10,000 for release

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### 2 women among three injured in Mysterious Blast in Samba

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, MAY 27

Three people including two women sustained injuries after a mysterious blast took place in Khara Maidana area of Veerpur of Samba district on Monday.

SSP Samba Vinay Kumar Sharma said that there was mysterious blast in the area in which three persons including two ladies suffered injuries.

They were shifted to nearby hospital, where from they were referred to GMC Jammu for advanced treatment, he said.

As per initial investigations, it seems that some old rusted shells were lying under muddy area which exploded and due to which there were some injuries. Further investigation in this incident is being ascertained, the officer added.

### Court convicts 2 accused in bogus insurance claims case in Jammu

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

The Special Judge for CBI cases Jammu today convicted two accused including an investigator on the panel of Oriental Insurance company (OIC) and a claimant in a case related to bogus insurance claims.

According to a statement, issued to the news agency, the case was registered by CBI in 2007 against the accused on the allegations that the persons hatched a conspiracy with one another, submitted bogus insurance claims for dwelling houses reported to be located in Srinagar and were reported to be gutted in fire during in 1997-98.

The statement reads that it was further alleged that the accused obtained undue claim to the tune of Rs 9,52,913 from the insurance company i.e. Oriental Insurance

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## No family member of terrorists, stone pelters will get govt job in J&K: Amit Shah

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 27

Sending a tough message, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that no family member of any terrorist nor close relatives of stone pelters will get Government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah also said that the Narendra Modi Government has not only targeted terrorists but also eliminated the terror ecosystem, resulting in a drastic fall in terror incidents in the country.

"In Kashmir, we have taken a decision that if someone joins a terrorist organisation, their family members will not get any Government job," he told PTI in an interview over the weekend.

Similarly, Shah said,



if someone indulges in stone pelting, his family members will also not get a government job.

He said some human rights activists went to the Supreme Court against the decision but, at the end, the Government prevailed.

The Home Minister, however, said the Government will make an excep-

tion in case someone from a family comes forward and informs the authorities that his or her close relative has joined a terror outfit.

Such families will be given relief, he said.

Earlier, funeral processions used to be taken out in Kashmir after a terrorist was killed, Shah said.

"We have stopped this

trend. We have ensured that the terrorist is buried with all religious formalities but in an isolated place," he said.

The home minister said when a terrorist is surrounded by the security forces, he is first given a chance to surrender.

"We call family members like his mother or wife and ask them to make an appeal to the terrorist to surrender. If he (the terrorist) does not listen, he dies," Shah said.

The Home Minister said terror incidents have gone down significantly in Jammu and Kashmir as the government has not only targeted the terrorists but also eliminated the terror ecosystem.

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## Jammu reels under severe heat wave, mercury settles at 43°C

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

The mercury continued its upward trend in Jammu on Monday with the maximum temperature settling at 43 degrees Celsius, the MeT department said.

According to the news agency, as per the weathermen, the day's temperature in Jammu was recorded at 42.8 degrees Celsius while minimum temperature remained at 24.7 degrees Celsius.

The current weather condition remains from the past 10 days and the maximum temperature in the city crossed the 40-degree Celsius mark for the first time this season on May 16. The upward trend in the temperatures has prompted the local residents to stay indoors during day time and seek early summer vacation in the schools of their wards. The prevailing heat wave conditions



also intensified power and water woes in many parts of the region.

Meanwhile, in view of the prevailing weather forecast and the observation of sustained high temperatures, the metrology department issued an advisory and urged people to take necessary measures and implement the heat wave advisories and follow the "do's and don'ts to address the challenges posed by the heat wave."

The weathermen

advised the general population to stay hydrated, drink sufficient water, carry drinking water, use oral rehydration solution.(ORS), fruit juice some added salt, stay covered, wear loose clothes garments, cover their head, and traditional headgear during exposure to direct heat, stay indoors as much as possible , listen to TV and follow newspapers for local weather updates.

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## Blistering heat in north India pushes tourists to Bhaderwah Valley

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

As the entire north India is under intense heat wave, tourists are making a beeline at Jammu two hilly destinations-- Bhaderwah valley of Doda district.

The place is fast emerging as one of the best tourist destinations. During the month of May so far more than 1.5 lakh tourists have visited the valley also known as "Chota Kashmir".

According to the news agency, Bhaderwah was brought on the tourism map of Jammu and Kashmir by Peoples Democratic Party-Congress coalition government from 2002 to 2008 and especially by Ghulam Nabi Azad, when



he served as the Chief Minister in the coalition government.

Since then the infrastructure started developing and when Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA) came into existence, it improved a lot. At present BDA offers 70 rooms at Teligarh, Gatha lake view resort, Jai valley and at different locations whereas

21 hotels have also come up in and around Bhaderwah town where tourists stay.

People also host tourists as paying guests and offer them the best possible service which has become a source of income for the locals.

According to the officials of BDA, major tourist attraction in Bhader-

wah are Guldanda, Padri, Chattergala, Nalthi, Gatha lake view, Jai valley, Khelani top, Thanthera and Teligarh which provide scenic view to the tourists coming from outside.

"Since the start of the month of May, more than 150,000 tourists have visited Bhaderwah and at present all the hotels and accommodations of BDA are booked. People from Jammu plains, neighbouring Punjab and national capital New Delhi are mostly visiting Bhaderwah whereas few tourists from Gujarat and other states have also arrived," an official of BDA said.

"Many foreign tourists also visit here for adventure tourism and the

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### Expect relief from heat wave after 3 Days: IMD

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 27

Northwestern and central parts of the country are likely to get some relief from scorching heat after three days due to a fresh western disturbance, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday.

According to IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Rajasthan and Gujarat saw nine to 12 heat wave days, with temperatures reaching 45-50 degrees Celsius.

"Expect relief from the heat wave

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## J&K Hajj 2024: Final batch departs, 273 pilgrims leaves for Saudi Arabia



**J NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

The final batch of 273 Hajj pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir departed from Srinagar International Airport on Monday, marking the conclusion of the Hajj departures for 2024. The first return flight from Saudi Arabia is scheduled for June 22, an official

said. A senior officer of the J&K Hajj Committee told the news agency that today the last batch of 273 pilgrims left for the holy pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia from Srinagar International Airport, and that this year over 7,000 pilgrims from J&K took up the holy pilgrimage.

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## 2024 LS polls J&K records highest voter turnout in 35 years: ECI

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

The Election Commission of India on Monday said that the voter turnout in Jammu & Kashmir in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls was the highest in a parliament election in the last 35 years.

The poll-body today said that overall voter turnout for the entire Union Territory in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls stood at 58.46 percent. "In a massive stride for India's electoral polity, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed its highest poll participation in the last 35 years. The combined voter turnout (VTR) at the polling stations for the entire Union Territory (5 Lok Sabha seats) was 58.46 % in the general elections 2024. This significant participation is a testament to the robust democratic spirit and civic engagement of the people in the region," the ECI said, as per news agency.

The Chief Election Com-



missioner Rajiv Kumar said "this active participation is a huge positive for Assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory".

"This achievement sits on a credible weave of 25% increase in number of contesting candidates since 2019, C-vigil complaints showing enhanced citizen involvement and Suvividha Portal showing 2455 requests for rallies etc., reflecting the steady retaking of the election & campaign space away from hesitation and to fuller participation.

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## New power curtailment schedule announced amid heat wave

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

As Jammu is grappling with extreme hot weather conditions for the past fortnight, the authorities on Monday announced a four-hour load-shedding in the urban areas and eight-hour load-shedding in the rural areas on a daily basis.

The Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd (JPDC) said the power curtailment sched-



ule will be in three shifts - morning, afternoon and evening - across the division.

The new schedule was issued on a day when Jammu city recorded the hottest day at 42.8 degrees

Celsius, 3.7 notches above normal during this part of the season.

Jammu, where the night temperature settled at 24.7 degrees Celsius, continues to be the hottest recorded place in the division, an official of the meteorological department said.

He predicted continuation of the isolated heat wave in the region till the month end.

Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting

Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, also recorded a high of 39 degrees Celsius and a low of 24.4 degrees Celsius, which is 3.4 and 2.8 notches above normal, respectively, the official said.

The JPDC officials said the power curtailment was necessitated by the spike in domestic requirement of electricity due to soaring temperatures over the past fortnight, especially after May 16 when

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## Duo briefly halt Shri Shakti Express Train in Jammu over lack of train travel info

**J NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Two individuals, including a woman, briefly stopped the Shri Shakti Express train on Monday by staging a protest at a railway station here.

The protest was sparked by frustration over cancellation of trains and a lack

of timely information about the train schedule.

A young man and his female relative sat on the tracks as the Shri Shakti Express was arriving at the Jammu railway station from New Delhi on Monday, officials said.

The train was stopped briefly at the entry to the station on track

number one. The police detained the duo shortly after and the train resumed its journey following a brief halt, they said.

A relative of the protestors described their action to be a result of extreme frustration and admitted that it was a wrong step.

"We have been visit-

ing Jammu and Kashmir and have been stranded here for days due to train cancellations. We repeatedly asked the railways for updates on our journey, but received no information. With temperatures exceeding 42 degrees Celsius amid extreme heatwave, we reached a point," she said. The

officials said that a case was registered against the duo and they were let off later. The Jammu railway station remains crowded with hundreds of passengers waiting for trains amidst ongoing cancellations caused by the farmers protests in Ambala which have been disrupting services for nearly two weeks.

**Popularizing Gymnastics**

**JKSC to hold series of camps, competitions in Kashmir Division**

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council intends to open a professional gymnastics academy center at Gindun Rajbagh Srinagar, following the pattern of the gymnastics academy center in Jammu, with the objective of promoting gymnastics as a major sport in the Kashmir region. At first, talent scouting and camps will be organised to impart gymnastics coaching in the Kashmir division followed by in-house competitions. Parents and kids are responding reasonably well to the coaching camp that is being organized currently. Over the next few months, more such camps will be conducted in both North and South Kashmir.

According to Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul, the center will feature world

class facilities for the athletes. "The aim is to attract the attention of aspiring athletes from the Kashmir region who want to pursue gymnastics professionally and take advantage of the Sports Policy benefits, which include financial awards, admissions in professional colleges under sports quotas, job prospects under SOI2, and much more" she added.

In an endeavor of this kind, JKSC, with the assistance of Manish Gupta, a well-known gymnastics coach, has organized a summer coaching camp at SKICC Srinagar.

Over the years, notable accomplishments in gymnastics have been made possible by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. Thanks to the Government of J&K for providing state-of-the-art gymnastics facilities established at M A Stadium.

Gymnasts' medal tal-



lies have increased yearly at both the national and international levels.

In 2018, the J&K Sports Council launched the Gymnastics Academy in Jammu. Based on J&K gymnasts' achievements in the Khelo India Games and other national championships, this training center was chosen as a recognized Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy by the Sports Authority of India (the only Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy in India).

Later in 2020, this academy was outfitted with world class gymnastics

apparatuses and equipment, enabling J&K gymnasts to perform better in both national and international competitions and win various awards for J&K.

With the help of these state-of-the-art facilities, J&K gymnasts have represented the country in major international competitions such as the Asian Championships, World Cups, and Commonwealth Games.

Muskan Rana and Baveleen Kaur, both Academy trainees, have won gold for J&K and the Best Gymnasts

of India titles in the Khelo India Games 2021 and 2022. The Junior National Team Championship was won by Muskan Rana, Manya, Vabhavi Sharma, and Jagriti Thakur. In both national and international competitions, such as the World and Asian Championships, J&K gymnasts have improved, won numerous medals, and displayed outstanding performance.

Since 2021, J&K has yielded incredibly successful results in gymnastics. Over the last three years, 13 gymnasts have competed for their country in international competitions and have won almost 80 medals, including 25 Gold, 34 silver, and 21 bronze at national games and other major championships. These successes demonstrate the commitment of the athletes and their coaches supported by JKSC.

**Lok Sabha Elections-2024: Returning Officer Srinagar PC finalizes arrangements for Counting of votes at SKICC-Centaur**



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

Returning Officer (RO) O2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (PC), Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited SKICC-Centaur to review the arrangements put in place for Counting of Vote for Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat scheduled on June 4, 2024. He also took stock of the security measures being made in and around the counting centres.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Khalid Hussain Malik; SP East, Mubashir Bukhari; Additional SP Security, Mohammad Saleem; Nodal Officer Trainings, Riyaz Ahmad; Nodal Officer ETPBS, Mujtaba Ahmad Bandy; Deputy District Election Officer

Srinagar, Mir Imtiaz ul Aziz and other concerned were present on the occasion.

During the visit, the Returning Officer along with the concerned Officer took a thorough inspection of the arrangements with regard to the preparations made in and around the counting centres for a smooth and well organized counting process.

The RO finalized the surveillance and security measures, seating arrangements, transporting of EVMs and the technical setup at the Counting Halls to ensure transparency, accuracy and the timely announcement of counting results.

He also passed directions to the Officers of different line Departments for ensuring

uninterrupted power supply, adequate water supply, proper Internet facility, Media management, entry passes and other necessary measures to be put in place ahead of counting for O2-Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat.

While interacting with the Officers at the venue, the RO stressed on ensuring seamless arrangements and facilities in place for counting centres, strong rooms, CCTV links and training of manpower for upholding the sanctity and integrity of the democratic ethos.

The RO also said that the counting process will be done as per ECI guidelines under video recording and except the observer and Returning Officer, no one will be allowed to take mobile phones inside the counting room.

The EVMs are presently kept under three-layer security cordon in strong rooms at SKICC-Centaur, after the voting process was completed on May 13, 2024 for O2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency.

**Comm Secy HUDD condoles sad demise of Shakeel Ahmad Shah**

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development department (HUDD), Mandeep Kaur has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Executive officer Municipal Committee Uri, Shakeel Ahmad Shah.

In her condolence message, the Commissioner Secretary termed the death of the officer as unbelievable and shocking. She said that the officer was a dedicated official, who performed his duties with utmost sincerity. The Commissioner Secretary expressed her deepest condolences to the bereaved family and said that our hearts goes out to his family, relatives and friends in this hour of grief, adding that his family is not alone during this difficult time and we are all here for them.

Meanwhile, Director Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Kashmir and other officials of ULB Kashmir also condoled the sad demise of Shakeel Ahmad.

**JPDCL issues 'power curtailment schedule' for Jammu division**

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd (JPDCL) on Monday issued new power curtailment schedule Summer-24 for Jammu division.

According to the schedule, there will be 4 hour power curtailment in urban areas and 8 hours in rural areas on daily basis.

It is stated that the curtailment will be in three shifts—morning, afternoon and evening.

**84 Bn CRPF organises "Free Medical Camp" at GDC Karol Ramban**

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, MAY 27

84 Bn CRPF, under the aegis of Jammu Sector CRPF, organized a day long free medical camp at Government Degree College, Karol Ramban.

The Camp was inaugurated by Commandant 84 Bn N Ranbir Singh in the presence of Second in Command 84 Bn, Vikram Singh, Assistant Commandant 84 Bn Y Darpan Singh, Vice Principal of the College Prof Satish Kumar, prominent citizen Anita Devi, members of print and electronic media and Team Hamdard Ramban.

Speaking at the function, Commandant 84 Bn CRPF stated that CRPF is the largest Paramilitary Force in the country, with nearly 250 Battalions. Since



CRPF is entrusted with the responsibilities of Internal Security of the large and diverse country, India, it is deployed across all the 03 major conflict theatres, viz, J&K, LWE region and NE.

The CRPF, since its

Raising in 1939, has played an instrumental role in Nation building and safeguarding the unity and integrity of the nation. He also highlighted the various social outreach programs undertaken by the CRPF all over the country to

establish better connection between the Force and local populace.

Prominent Citizen, Anita Devi expressed her gratitude, on behalf of the people of Karol and adjoining villages, to 84 Bn CRPF, for organizing the free medical camp in Karol area.

The Vice Principal also thanked 84 Bn CRPF, for organizing the camp in their College as many needy college students could also avail the facilities provided.

The camp was attended by approximately 200 needy villagers, including elderly persons, women, children and students of Host College. The participants were attended by Dr Anu Gorke SMO/DC 84 Bn. The locals were provided free medical treatment and medicines during the camp.

**Sankalp Hub for Women Empowerment hosts 3-day Digital Literacy Workshop for Girls**

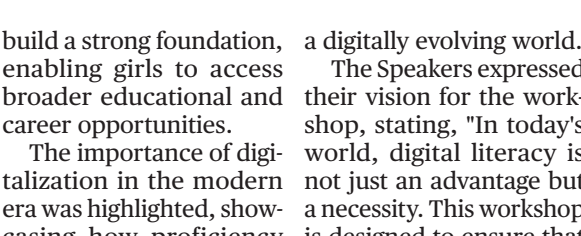
**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, MAY 27

In a significant move to promote digital literacy among young women, the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti Kishtwar has initiated a week-long workshop on Digital Literacy and Basic Computer Skills. The workshop commenced today at Government Girls High School Sangrambhatta here under the guidance of District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Parvez Qazi.

The initiative aims to equip participants with essential digital skills, empowering them to navigate the digital world effectively and improve their personal and professional prospects. The workshop focuses on foundational computer skills, internet usage, and understanding digital tools that are vital in today's technology-driven society.

The opening session witnessed the presence of the Mission Shakti team, resource persons, and eager trainees. The participants were sensitized to the critical importance of computer skill development, particularly for girl students.

The speakers emphasized how such skills



build a strong foundation, enabling girls to access broader educational and career opportunities. The importance of digitalization in the modern era was highlighted, showcasing how proficiency in digital skills can significantly impact various aspects of life, from education to employment. The workshop intends to break the barriers of digital illiteracy and provide the girls with the confidence and competence to thrive in

a digitally evolving world. The Speakers expressed their vision for the workshop, stating, "In today's world, digital literacy is not just an advantage but a necessity. This workshop is designed to ensure that our girls are not left behind in the digital revolution. We aim to empower them with the skills required to succeed in various fields."

The workshop will cover a range of topics with each session designed to be interactive, allowing participants to gain hands-on experience and practical knowledge. The Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, through Mission Shakti, is committed to promoting gender equality and empowering women through various educational and skill development programs. This digital literacy workshop is a testament to their ongoing efforts to create an inclusive environment where girls can achieve their full potential.

The administration and faculty at Government Girls High School Sangrambhatta expressed gratitude to the Mission Shakti team and resource persons for organizing this crucial workshop. The event promises to inspire and empower the young participants, setting a precedent for future educational initiatives aimed at bridging the digital divide.

**Empowering Girls: Self-defence Training Camp held under BBBP**

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, MAY 27

In a significant move towards empowering young girls, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department Ganderbal today organized an impressive self-defence training camp for girl students at GHSS Ganderbal.

This initiative, held under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, was inaugurated by the Principal of BHSS Ganderbal along with other dignitaries.

The camp featured experienced Master Trainers who provided comprehensive self-defence training to the students of BHSS Ganderbal, equipping them with essential skills to boost their level of confidence.

The training sessions will continue tomorrow at the same venue, ensuring ample opportunity for skill development.

In a parallel event, Zone Tullamulla hosted an inter-school zonal-level Kabaddi competition for girls in the U17 and U19 age categories.



The competition attracted 10 teams and 85 student players. In the U17 category, Amafhh Educational Institute Dab Ganderbal emerged victorious over GHS Waliwar.

In the U19 category, BHSS Kurhama clinched the trophy by defeating BHSS Batwina.

The winning teams were honored with trophies in a ceremony officiated by senior department officials.

Zone Tullamulla also organized intramural sports events, including Kho-Kho at MS Waskura,

and Cricket and Tennis Cricket at MS Benhama, with enthusiastic participation from numerous students.

Additionally, Zone Hariganivan conducted an intramural Chess competition at BHSS Kulan and MS Ramvari, drawing a significant number of keen participants.

Overall, the day's activities were highly successful, showcasing the enthusiastic participation of youth in various sports and empowering initiatives.

**J&K Govt orders constitution of Empowered Committee to implement WHO Tobacco Control Policy in UT**

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

In a path-breaking initiative, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has ordered the constitution of an empowered committee for the implementation of Article 5.3 of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) in the Union Territory.

This significant step underscores the government's commitment to protecting public health and advancing tobacco control measures in the region.

The National Tobacco Control Cell, Kashmir, lauds this initiative and

acknowledges the pivotal role played by Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah, Secretary Health and Medical Education, in bringing this policy to fruition. Dr. Shah's unwavering efforts and dedication have been instrumental in this landmark development, demonstrating his commitment to safeguarding the health of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC is critical in protecting public health policies from the vested interests of the tobacco industry. The empowered committees will be tasked with ensuring that the formulation and implementation of tobacco control policies

are free from the influence of the tobacco industry, thus promoting a healthier, tobacco-free environment.

Meanwhile, Tobacco Control Cell of Directorate of Health Services working under the patronage of Director Health Services Kashmir, has expressed its deepest appreciation for this initiative and the strategic leadership of Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah. His vision and proactive approach have set a new benchmark for tobacco control efforts in the region. This initiative marks a significant milestone in ongoing efforts to combat the tobacco epidemic and protect future generations from the harms of tobacco.

## Visit Patnitop Series Marathon 4.0 held to encourage Sustainable Tourism

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, MAY 27

The fourth edition of Patnitop Marathon, held here on Sunday, saw an enthusiastic participation of 600 plus runners and fitness lovers from different parts of the country.

Touted as India's most beautiful hill race, Patnitop Marathon is an initiative of Iron Man Kapil Arora, an International Tri-Athlete, Ultramarathoner, Fit India ambassador and founder of K.A Sports and Events. He is supported by the Patnitop Development Authority, Directorate of Tourism, District Administration Udhampur, and Skyview by Empyrean, Patnitop.

The Half Marathon (21.1 kms) was flagged off at 6:00 AM by Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, as the



chief guest, and Brigadier Shantanu Kashyap - Sena Medal, a Kargil War veteran currently serving at the Northern Command, was the guest of honour, along with Joginder Singh Jasrotia, ADC Udhampur, Devender Singh Bhau, CEO PDA, Sunaina Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu.

Participants in the other categories, the 10 km and 5 km races, were flagged off at 6:30 AM and 7:00 AM respectively. The

marathon en-route the stretching Skyview Terrace to Nathatop, offered participants winding trails, scenic views, and a cool morning breeze, making the experience special for runners aged 18 to 55+ years from 48 cities across 12 states.

In the 21.1 km category, the fastest male runners were Ritik Sharma (18-35 years), Vijay Sharma (35-45 years), Hemanshu Prakash (45+ years), and Ajay Gandotra (55+ years).

The fastest female runners were Rimpay Devi (18-35 years), Sunita Yadav (35-45 years), and Bhavana Salathia (45+ years).

In the 10 km category, the fastest male runners were Brij Bhushan (18-35 years), Abhishek Sharma (35-45 years), Mohd Yahya Khan (45+ years), and Anil Katoch (55+ years). The fastest female runners were Mandeeep Kaur (18-35 years), Prerna Sharma (35-45 years), Manminder Kaur (45+ years), and Rekha Katoch (55+ years).

The DC Udhampur appreciated the spirit of the participants and remarked, "Events like these emphasize the importance of fitness and celebrate the beauty of sports. They lead us towards a culture of healthy living that is in harmony with nature, while promoting our tourism potential."

## District Level Committee meeting on Prison Reforms held at Ganderbal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, MAY 27

A District Level Committee on Prison Reforms held its first meeting today in the office chamber of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Ganderbal.

The meeting was chaired by Pr. District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA), Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey, and was attended by senior officials from the police and administration.

The Committee discussed measures for improving the conditions of prisons in the district, assessing the infrastructure and capacity of existing jails, and introducing modern technologies.

The need for expanding existing subsidiary jails and acquiring land for new district jails was also discussed.

## Weeklong Training Programme on LokOS Transaction Application concludes in Srinagar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

A weeklong training programme on LokOS Transaction Application organized by the Jammu Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) for the officials of the Mission in the Kashmir division has successfully concluded at the Directorate office of JKRLM in Srinagar.

The training programme aimed to equip officials with the essential skills needed to effectively utilize the android based application, 'LokOS system', in capturing the transactions digitally of the community-based organizations (CBOs), with a focus on the end-to-end digitization of SHG transactions and online data.

Conducted by a team of National Resource persons from DAY-NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India, the training provided valuable insights into the LokOS Transaction Application, emphasizing its ability to provide end-to-end, digitization of data for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for perseverance of records and decision making by the rural SHG women, for developing of Business Development Plans and prioritizing the activities under their Annual Action Plan.



Speaking at the concluding function, Additional Mission Director, JKRLM Kashmir, Reyaz Ahmad Beigh, expressed his satisfaction with the training programme and highlighted the importance of online bookkeeping for CBOs to enhance knowledge among field staff in their respective blocks, in a transparent manner.

He emphasized the significance of digitizing CBO transaction activities through LokOS, enabling transparent tracking of all transaction details and informed that LokOS, a system designed by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, aims to maintain digital records of SHGs,

acting as a single source for updated and validated data for CBOs that currently rely on manual methods of record-keeping.

He further said that that LokOS Mobile Application will play a crucial role in achieving NRLM's vision of empowering SHGs through digitization. It is designed to track and facilitate the enhancement of household incomes, with a focused approach to diversifying livelihood activities and elevating every SHG household to a Lakhpati status, he added.

It is to mention that the similar training programme for officials of JKRLM Jammu division is set to commence in two batches during this week.

## IRCS J&K conducts series of health, humanitarian services

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Indian Red Cross Society J&K, in continuation of its humanitarian services and fostering community health and resilience, conducted a series of activities, here today.

In response to the ongoing heat wave affecting the division, IRCS, J&K has flagged-off a comprehensive Shabeel Seva initiative aimed at providing relief to students and the general public.

This timely intervention addresses the acute need for potable water, ensuring hydration and preventing heat-related illnesses. Under this initiative, IRCS J&K distributes water at multiple locations including educational institutions, public transportation hubs and public places ensuring maximum reach and impact.

General Secretary IRCS J&K Rohit Khajuria, while emphasizing the importance of this initiative said "Our primary goal is to safeguard the health and well-being of the community, especially during extreme weather conditions. By providing easy access to safe drinking water, we aim to mitigate the adverse effects of the heat wave and support our students and the general



public."

Similarly, a Youth Red Cross-First-Aid Awareness cum Drug De-addiction Program was organized for the students and staff of Govt. Degree College Akhnoor.

The camp was inaugurated by the College Principal Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat (Prof.) in presence of Dr. Kavita Nijhon, Medical Officer and Veronica Marwah, Field Officer, IRCS, J&K.

In the first half of the session, the staff and students were apprised about the benefits of the youth Red Cross. They were informed about different programs and activities which can be organised to inculcate leadership qualities among the students.

Further, the students were briefed about First aid and its usefulness in their daily life.

Later, the students were

also made aware about the dangers of drug abuse, its impact on physical and mental health, and avenues for seeking help for rehabilitation of drug addicts.

In the end, Dr Romilla Malla Bhat, principal thanked the team of Red Cross for organizing such a knowledgeable session. The programme ended on a fruitful note.

Likewise, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT organized an eight day First-Aid training programme for the Commercial Vehicle drivers and youth of the society. During the 8 day training, the participants were acquainted with the rescue techniques and Disaster Management during Earthquakes, Fires, and Floods.

Emergency technique of handling bleeding patients, Fracture/accident victims, resuscitation

of a patient of fainting and Cardiac Arrest was also highlighted. Emphasis was laid on the Management of injuries, fracture, burns, control of bleeding, practical demonstrations of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Choking. Besides a special lecture on Drug De-addiction was also organized and free eye check-up of the participants was also done.

In a demonstration of community engagement and learning beyond the classroom, students from Mata Vaishno Devi College of Nursing, Katra and Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences, Batra visited Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT to get the understanding of the humanitarian efforts and core activities that underpin the Red Cross's mission worldwide.

During their visit, the students were given a comprehensive overview of the Red Cross's pivotal roles in disaster response, health and safety services, support for vulnerable communities, promotion of international humanitarian law, and community service initiatives. Through an interactive session, the students gained insights into the organization's commitment to alleviate human suffering in times of emer-

gency and distress.

The awareness was imparted to students by Dr. Kavita Nijhon and Dr. Manpreet Kour Medical Officers, IRCS-J&K. The students also learned about how they can get involved with the Red Cross, whether through volunteering, donating or simply spreading awareness about the organization's critical work. Further, the students also opted to become members of the Red Cross.

Further, the IRCS organized a 3 day comprehensive Medical Check-up and First-Aid Awareness camp for the employees of different Hotels which. The initiative is a part of the society's ongoing efforts to promote health and wellness among working professionals.

The camp was held at Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni, Jammu which witnessed enthusiastic participation from the hotel staff. A team of experienced doctors and healthcare professionals from the Indian Red Cross Society conducted health screening including blood pressure check, blood sugar testing, vision checks, HIV, HCV (hepatitis C), HBsAg (hepatitis B) and general health assessments.

## Zonal level Inter-School competition commences at GGHS School Bhandarwah

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, MAY 27

The zonal level inter-school competition for Zone Bhandarwah commenced today here at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHS) Bhandarwah. The event is part of the annual calendar of activities approved by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K UT, for the year 2024-25.

The competition featured participation of students in the under-14 and under-17 age groups. The event was held under the supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Bhandarwah Vijay Kotwal, and Activity Incharge DYSSO Sanjay Kumar.

The competition was officially inaugurated by the School Principal Shafayat Ali as the Chief



Guest. As many as 553 students drawn from Thirty private and government schools are participating in the event.

The sports events include Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess, Carrom, Wrestling, Athletics, and Badminton. In his address, the Chief Guest highlighted the importance of sports and games, encouraging students to participate actively and to maintain discipline and team spirit throughout the

competition. The inaugural matches saw GMS Chakka winning against GMS Puneja by 2 points in Kho-Kho under the 14 age group. In Kabaddi, Higher Secondary School Chinta triumphed over Green Model High School Bhandarwah with a score difference of 8-23 in the under-17 age group. The matches were officiated fairly by experienced physical education masters, teachers, and REK teachers.

## IT department tightens noose on overchargers, cancels licenses of 6 CSCs

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

Tightening noose around the CSCs for overcharging, the inspection teams of Information Technology department have recommended cancellation of 6 licenses in both the divisions of Jammu and Kashmir during surprise check of the same.

The inspection teams, under the supervision of Commissioner Secretary, Prerna Puri, conducted surprise check of various CSCs in twin districts of Samba and Jammu of Jammu division and Budgam in Kashmir division. The inspection was done to cross check and verify CSC's adherence to government notified rates.

The inspection teams were supervised by Aijaz Qaiser, Additional Secretary IT Department.

During the surprise checks, 45 CSCs of Samba and Kathua districts (22



CSCs of District Samba and 23 CSCs of District Kathua) were inspected in Jammu division while 28 CSCs of Budgam district were inspected in Kashmir division. The inspection teams have recommended cancellation of licenses of 6 CSCs, 3 in Jammu division and 3 CSCs in Kashmir division.

Pertinently, the IT Department has notified rates to avail various online services which envisage Rs. 50 per service for government to citizen service and Rs. 75 for government to business services. Based on complaints of overcharg-

ing, 664 CSC licenses have been cancelled in the past 1 year (624 in 2023-24 and 40 in 2024-25).

Meanwhile, the Vice President CSC-SPV J&K has been directed to ensure that the notified rates are prominently displayed at a conspicuous place in each CSC sensitizing all Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) regarding notified rates.

Pertinently, aimed to achieve the goal of Digital India by providing seamless online services to the general public, Chief Secretary, Atal Dullo, had issued directions to set up new

touch points for CSCs in various government offices, Colleges and Universities. Besides, directions have also been issued to all Deputy Commissioners to allocate the spaces in all such offices for setting up of new touch points. Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADCs) of all districts have been nominated as nodal officers to facilitate and accelerate the opening of new touch points.

As on date, 446 new CSCs have been established, and 13081 CSCs including 537 PACs and 2160 FPS are active and providing services on Digi-Seva Portal in the Union Territory of J&K.

Deputy Commissioners, who are the Chairperson of District e-Governance Societies (DeGs) have also been asked to ensure strict enforcement of notified rates in their respective districts so that general public does not suffer on this account.

## 2nd batch of Gardeners complete one year Orientation Program at MFPN Chakroi

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

One year Orientation Program for the 2nd batch of the gardeners/technicians of the department of Horticulture of Jammu Division concluded today at Mega Fruit Plant Nursery, Chakroi.

In this context, a valedictory function was organised in the Mega Nursery. Director Horticulture Jammu C. L Sharma was the chief guest. The Director Horticulture gave away certificates/trophies to the trainees for successfully completing one year Orientation Programme. Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Ashwani Sharma, I/c MFPN Chakroi Vijay Angurana, Divisional Training Officer Pawan Thakur, Assistant Director Satish Kumar and other officers of the department were also present.

The trainees were sensitized on Standard Operat-



ing Procedures, protocol of raising nurseries in open and protected structures; training/pruning of mother plants, basin preparation, different methods of irrigation, hoe-weeding, etc.

Later, the Director Horticulture Jammu had one to one interaction with all the trainees coming from all the districts of Jammu division. The trainees also shared their experiences about the training pro-

gramme with the chair and thanked the department for equipping them technically which will help them in implementing the schemes in field as well as in running departmental nurseries.

The department of Horticulture is also establishing Virus Indexing, Tissue Culture and Bio-control laboratories under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Mega Fruit Plant Nursery

Chakroi. For running these laboratories, 20 trainees were also imparted training at SKUAST-J. The Director also felicitated the trainees of Tissue Culture and Virus Indexing laboratories and directed I/c Mega Fruit Plant Nursery to devise a mechanism for production of Strawberry runners under tissue culture techniques.

The Director also interacted with the trainees of the new batch 2024-25 comprising gardeners/technicians from all the districts of Jammu division and stressed upon them to work with zeal to come up with Horticulture expertise in all relevant areas of scientific production of planting material for High Density plantation.

Further, the trainees were also sensitized about HADP schemes and importance of its various components for the well being of the farming community.

# JKAACL organizes Musical Evening on Poetry of Ashok Angurana

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) hosted a mesmerizing musical evening today at the Writers' Club, celebrating the evocative poetry of Sh. Ashok Angurana (IAS Retd.). This unique event seamlessly blended literature and music, providing a delightful experience for all attendees.

The highlight of the evening was the musical interpretation of Sh. Angurana's poetry, beautifully composed by the eminent music composer Sh. Brij Mohan. The poetic verses found a new dimension and soared on the melodious wings crafted by Sh. Mohan, captivating the audience with their depth and harmony. Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor cum Cultural officer, Gojri, JKAACL welcomed the guests on behalf of Sh. Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL. The



program, orchestrated under Sh. Bharat Singh's insightful guidance, aimed to celebrate and promote the region's rich cultural heritage. Sh. Yog Rahi Gupta, a renowned freelance writer, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The function was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President of Dogri Sanstha, Jammu, who is known for his significant contributions to Dogri literature. The evening featured soulful performances by talented singers including

Sonali Dogra, Vanshika Jaral, Simran Sharma, Damneet Kour, Vivek Mohan, Ram Lal, and Rakesh Kumar. Their voices brought the poetic lines to life, adding a rich, musical texture that resonated with the audience. Accomplished musicians Sunil Sharma (Synth), Rakesh Jasotra (Flute), Amit Anand (Tabla), Vikas Nagar (Guitar), and Khem Kumar (Dholak) provided the perfect instrumental backdrop, enhancing the overall ambience of the evening.

# India triumphs over Argentina in thrilling FIH Hockey Pro League match

AGENCIES  
ANTWERP, MAY 27

In a display of resilience and determination, the Indian Men's Hockey Team clinched a dramatic 5-4 victory against Argentina in their fourth match of the European leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24.

The match commenced with high energy, as Argentina's Federico Monja opened the scoring in the 3rd minute. India responded swiftly, equalising through Arajeet Singh Hundal's brilliant field goal in the 7th minute. Despite India earning a penalty corner in the final minute of the first quarter, they could not capitalize, and the quarter ended with a 1-1 tie.

The second quarter saw India taking control with Gurjant Singh's impressive field goal in



the 18th minute, giving India a 2-1 lead. However, Argentina's Nicolas Keenan leveled the score at 2-2 with a counter-attacking goal in the 24th minute. India's captain, Harmanpreet Singh, then converted a penalty corner in the 29th minute, pushing India ahead 3-2 as the teams headed into halftime.

The third quarter was marked by intense, fast-paced hockey from both sides. Despite several opportunities, including a penalty corner for India, both defenses held strong, and the quarter ended goalless, maintaining India's 3-2 lead. The fourth quarter brought a surge of excitement. India dominated early, earning a penalty stroke that Captain Harmanpreet Singh converted in the 50th minute, extending the lead to 4-2. Just two minutes later,

another penalty stroke allowed Harmanpreet to score again, making it 5-2. Argentina fought back valiantly, with Tadeo Marucci and Lucas Martinez scoring in the 54th and 57th minutes, respectively, bringing the score to a nail-biting 5-4. Despite the late pressure, India held on to secure the victory. India will face Germany at 1430 hours IST on June 1.

# West Indies finalise T20 World Cup squad

AGENCIES  
ANTIGUA, MAY 27

West Indies have replaced the experienced Jason Holder with left-arm fast bowler Obed McCoy. Holder will miss the tournament due to an injury. The 32-year-old sustained his injury during the County Championship 2024 and will require a recovery period that has effectively ruled him out of the tournament. His replacement McCoy was the leading wicket-taker during the West Indies A's recent tour to Nepal, grabbing 8 wickets in five matches.

Squad: Rovman Powell (c), Alzarri Joseph (vc), Johnson Charles, Roston Chase, Shimron Hetmyer, Shai Hope, Akeal Hosen, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Obed McCoy, Gudakesh Motie, Nicholas Pooran, Andre Russell, Sherfane Rutherford, Romario Shepherd.

# NBA grants 3-year accreditation extension to two UG departments at NIT Srinagar

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

National Board of Accreditation (NBA) granted three-year accreditation extension to two undergraduate engineering programs at National Institute of Technology Srinagar (NIT) Srinagar. As per NBA, two undergraduate courses including UG courses in Electronics & Communication Engineering and Mechanical Engineering have been accredited up to June 2027, in accordance with the 'Accreditation of Tier I Engineering Institutions under the Washington Accord'.

"An expert team conducted evaluation of the programs on 13th April 2024 to verify the data of the programs. The competent authority in NBA has decided accreditation of two programs on the basis of compliance reports for the academic years 2024-2025 to 2026-2027," it said. In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, congratulated the faculty, staff, and students on this achievement. "NIT Srinagar has a long-standing tradition of excellence, and this milestone reaffirms our position as a premier institution. We are committed to fostering an environment that nurtures innovation and excellence

in engineering education," he added. Director NIT attributed this achievement to the contributions of all faculty members, especially Dr. Gausia Qazi, Head of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Prof. Adnan Qayaom, Head of Mechanical Engineering, Chairman NBA, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Ahamer, Coordinator Dr. Harveer Singh Pali along with their entire team, for their exemplary work. "It was a team effort, and all stakeholders performed their roles professionally," he added. Institute's Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rahman said that NBA accreditation serves as a hallmark of

excellence, signifying that our institution upholds superior standards in both infrastructure and faculty expertise. "It opens doors to a plethora of opportunities for our students and faculty alike, ensuring that they are well-prepared to excel in their chosen careers and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of knowledge in their respective fields," he said. NBA Accreditation implies that the Higher Education Institution has high-quality infrastructure and teachers. It provides better recognition from organizations for employment and research purposes.

# Boxing World Qualifiers

# Ankushita Boro win opening round clash

AGENCIES  
BANGKOK, MAY 27

Former world youth champion Ankushita Boro prevailed over Namuun Monkhor of Mongolia in the 60kg category while Abhimanyu Loura went down against Ireland's Kelyn Cassidy in the second round of the 80kg weight category in the 2nd Boxing World Qualifiers for Paris Olympics here in Thailand on Monday. Boro, the first Indian woman in action in what is the final chance for the pugilist to book a Paris Olympic berth, began strong against her young Mongolian opponent. She



effectively blunted Monkhor's speedy movements by tactically shifting gears to carve out a 4-1 win after three keenly-contested rounds. However, it was not an outing to remember for

Loura. The National championships bronze medalist came into the second-round clash against two-time Irish champion Cassidy, high on confidence after beating Bulgaria's 10-time national champi-

on Kristijan Nikolov in a thrilling encounter. But Cassidy was well prepared for the long reach of his opponent and went on to win 0-5 despite Loura giving his all in the final round. On Tuesday, Sachin Siwach (57kg), Abhinash Jamwal (63.5kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) will look to continue their march towards their quest for an Olympic quota. Sachin will face Frederik Jensen of Denmark, Jamwal will take on Colombia's Jose Manuel Viazara Forj and Nishant Dev meets Otgonbaatar Byamba-Erdene of Mongolia.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### No family member..

Investigation Agency), we have taken strong action against terror funding and ended it. We have taken a very tough stand on terror funding," he said. In case of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), Shah said the Government has imposed a ban on publication and spread of the terrorist ideology by it. Muslim radical group PFI, founded in Kerala, was banned under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) by the Centre in September 2022 over its alleged links with terror activities. In the case of Amritpal Singh, an alleged pro-Khalistani separatist, "we have put him in jail under the NSA (National Security Act)," he said. Singh, the chief of radical Sikh separatist group 'Waris Punjab De', was arrested in April 2023 in Punjab under the stringent NSA and subsequently shifted to Assam where he is lodged in Dibrugarh jail. He recently filed nomination papers from the jail to contest the Lok Sabha election from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib seat. According to Union Home Ministry data, there were 228 terrorist initiated incidents in Jammu and Kashmir in 2018 and the number came down to around 50 in 2023. There were 189 encounters between security forces and terrorists in 2018 and it came down to around 40 in 2023. As many as 55 civilians were killed due to various terror incidents in 2018. The number came down to around five in 2023. In 2018, a total of 91 security personnel were killed in terror violence in Jammu and Kashmir, with the figure declining to around 15 in 2023.

### Jammu reels under..

They advised additional attention for infants and young children, people working outdoors, pregnant women, and the physically ill, especially heart patients. They advised them to avoid heat exposure and stay indoors. Farmers also advised to avoid working in the fields during day time and recommended irrigation during evening time to save crops. KNO

### Blistering heat in..

Bhaderwah-Chamba circuit provides ample opportunities for them," he added. To ensure cleanliness at tourist places, BDA in collaboration with Bhaderwah Municipal Committee organizes weekly sanitation drives in Padri, Chattergala, Thanthera, Guldanda and Gatha Lake view resort. Bhaderwah town is situated around 200 kilometers

from Jammu and the nearest airport is Jammu airport whereas the nearest railway station is at Udhampur, some 135 kilometers away. The surface connectivity is from national highway 44 upto Nashri and one has to travel on NH244 (Batote-Kishtwar) upto Pul Doda. From Pul Doda onwards, Bhaderwah is just 30 kilometers.

For any medical emergency, the Government Medical College Doda is at the distance of 35 kilometers at Doda town whereas sub-district hospital Bhaderwah also provides emergency healthcare facility. KNO

### Expect relief from..

in northwest and central parts of the country after three days due to a western disturbance and moisture incursion from the Arabian Sea. There could be some thunderstorm activity in northwest India and rain in the western Himalayan region," Mohapatra said in a virtual press conference. Delhi, south Haryana, southwest UP and Punjab recorded five to seven heat wave days, with maximum temperatures ranging from 44 degrees Celsius to 48 degrees Celsius, he said. Assam also experienced a heat wave with record-breaking temperatures on May 25-26. The IMD attributed the heat wave in northwest India and some parts of the central region in the second half of May to the lack of rainfall, stronger dry and warm winds and an anti-cyclonic circulation over southwest Rajasthan and adjoining Gujarat. Mohapatra said only two of the five western disturbances that affected north India were active. (Agencies)

### J&K Hajj 2024: Final batch..

"Today was the last flight of the Hajj schedule, and 273 pilgrims took up the journey to the holy city. Over 7000 pilgrims took up the holy journey, and 39 have embarked their journey from Mumbai airport while 37 are without Mahram," the senior officer said. The officer added that the core Hajj phase will start from 8 to 13 Zilhaj and that the first flight scheduled to return from Saudi Arabia to Srinagar International airport is on 22 June. "The Hajjis from Jammu and Kashmir will start coming back from 22 June, with two flights scheduled on the first day. Each flight will be carrying 322 pilgrims," the officer added. Notably, marking the beginning of the holy journey, the first flight departed from Srinagar International Airport on 9 May 2024 from Srinagar's Hajj house, witnessing emotional scenes. According to the officials, over 7000 Hajj pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir are undertaking the holy pilgrimage to Mecca and Madina, with approximately

6800 departing through Srinagar embarkation and over 500 through embarkation from other airports. As per the officials, collaborative efforts were put across various departments, including health, security, and emergency services, and that the training sessions were also conducted twice to equip pilgrims with essential information and guidance for their pilgrimage. Officials revealed that this year's pilgrimage will commence with a visit to Madina, with all pilgrims accommodated in Markaziya, with enhancements made in Minha, with tents strategically positioned in zones 2, 3, and 4, for elevating the overall experience for the pilgrims. KNO

### New power curtailment..

the day temperature for the first time crossed the 40 degree Celsius mark in Jammu. The JPDCL recently announced purchase of 200 MWs of power to overcome the power crisis created due to extreme hot weather conditions and distress power cuts. Various parts of Jammu and other districts witnessed protests by people fuming over unscheduled power curtailment and water scarcity over the past two weeks.

### J&K records highest..

Compared this outcome of the layered depth of electoral mobilization and participation, as reminiscent of the fame and deft of the legendary Kashmiri artisanal weave. This active participation is a huge positive for Assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory," he said. The Commission said that the voter turnout of 50.86% from the three parliamentary constituencies in the Kashmir Valley echoes the faith of the people in the democratic process. "The poll participation percentage witnessed 30 points jump from the last GE in 2019 where it was 19.16%," the poll-body said. The parliamentary segments of Srinagar, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri recorded voter turnout of 38.49%, 59.1% and 54.84% respectively, which has been highest in last three decades. The other two parliamentary constituencies namely Udhampur and Jammu recorded 68.27% and 72.22% voter turnout respectively. KNO

### ACB arrests cashier..

of security amount to the tune of Rs15560. It was alleged by the complainant that he is running a Firm M/S Print Plus at Hazratbal Srinagar and in 2021

he had supplied stationary items and log books to the office of Executive Engineer, KPDCCL, Sopore for which the Bill payment against the supplied items was made by the Department but the security deposit amount of Rs 15,560 remaining pending. The complainant further alleged that he approached the Department for the release of the security amount many times but the cashier Shafi kept delaying the same on one pretext or another and finally demanded Rs 10000 as a bribe for releasing the payment. Under these circumstances, the complainant approached ACB with a written complaint requesting for legal action against the Cashier. As the contents of the complaint prima facie disclose the commission of offence punishable under section 7 of the P.C Act 1988 (r/w its amendment Act 2018) by the accused public servant, accordingly a Case under section 7 of the P.C Act 1988 (r/w its amendment Act 2018) was registered at Police Station, ACB, Baramulla and investigations were initiated. During investigations, the accused public servant was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe from the complainant by a specially constituted team of ACB. He was immediately taken into custody after completing the legal formalities; the bribe amount was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. Further investigations in the case are going on, the statement added.

### Court convicts 2..

Company Limited, though no fire incident took place during the relevant period as per the records of J&K Fire and Emergency Services Command, Srinagar. "After completion of investigation, chargesheet was filed in 2009. The chargesheet in relation to false claim in respect of residential building of Satish Chander Wasoori, was filed in 2009 against the accused Subhash Saraf, Surveyor; Raj Nath Tickoo, investigator; Satish Chander Wasoori, claimant and Badri Nath Koul, Development Officer, Oriental Insurance Company." It added that charges were framed in 2010 against all the accused. "The accused Subhash Saraf, surveyor and Badri Nath Koul, development officer expired during the trial, hence charges against them were abetted." The statement reads that after trial, the court held accused RN Tickoo, investigator and Satish Chander Wasoori, claimant, guilty. "CBI examined 32 witnesses and 97 documents in support of the charges which stood test of trial in the Court. Quantum of punishment will be pronounced tomorrow," it reads. KNO

## Keshav Chopra organizes Aadhaar Enrollment Camp at Shelter Home

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organized an Aadhaar enrollment Camp for the Children rescued by the Child Protection team during the drive launched by the District Task Force Jammu. The whole drive as conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Jammu. These children's were involved in Begging and Child Labour, The Camp was inaugurated by District Child Protection officer Mamta Rajput (JKAS).

Speaking on the Occasion Mamta Rajput said that the motive of organizing Aadhaar camp is to ensure proper rehabilitation of these children, out of school children shall be enrolled in schools for further studies. To avail the benefits of



govt sponsored schemes Aadhaar card is mandatory. She also appreciated the work of Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for organizing the Camp and providing Aadhaar Services related benefits to the rescued children at one Place.

Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra said that the mission of Samvedna Society is to work for the needy sections of the Society and aim

of organizing this camp was to provide Aadhaar related services to these rescued Children's so that they can also get proper education and live a good life.

Yogita Thakur Superintendent of the shelter Home, Operational Manager Adhaar Sewa Kendra Jammu Peer Mubashir Shah, Operator Rahul Kumar and others were also present during the camp

## Ajaz Jan lauds people of Pir Panjal for enthusiastic participation in LS Polls

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, MAY 27

Ajaz Jan, Former MLA Provincial President of JKNC Youth, today expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of the entire Pir Panjal for their overwhelming participation in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing media persons here today, the senior NC leader highlighted the significance of this participation as a testament to the democratic spirit of the region.

Ajaz Jan particularly commended the first-time voters who turned out in large numbers, demonstrating their enthusiasm and commitment to shaping the future of the nation. "The participation of first-time voters is not just a statistic but a symbol of hope and a bright future for our democratic processes.



Their active involvement is commendable and sets a strong foundation for the vibrant democracy we all strive for," Jan stated.

In his address, Jan also lauded the efforts of the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the civil administration for conducting the elections smoothly and efficiently. He noted that their meticulous planning and execution ensured that the voting process was fair, transparent, and accessible to all eligible voters. "The Election Commission of India and our civil administration deserve our deepest appreciation

for their dedication and hard work in facilitating such a well-organized electoral process. Their role was crucial in upholding the integrity of our democratic exercise," he added.

Furthermore, Azaj Jan extended his gratitude to the party cadre for their unwavering support and efforts in facilitating a smooth election process. He acknowledged the significant role they played in mobilizing voters, raising awareness about the importance of voting, and ensuring that the election day was conducted without any major hitches. "Our party cadre has

shown exceptional commitment and resilience. Their dedication to the democratic process and to our party's values has been inspiring," Jan remarked.

Looking ahead, Jan urged the party workers and supporters to prepare for the upcoming Assembly elections with the same zeal and dedication. He emphasized the importance of remaining engaged with the people, addressing their day-to-day issues, and continuing to build a strong connection with the community. "As we move towards the Assembly elections, it is crucial that we continue to stay connected with the people, understand their concerns, and work diligently to address their issues. Our mission is to serve the people, and this should reflect in our actions every day," he concluded.

## PM Modi resolute in honouring commitments made to people: Kavinder

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
GURDASPUR, MAY 27

Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday asserted that PM Narendra Modi is resolute in honoring all the commitments made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing an election rally garnering votes for the BJP candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu, for Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency.

Kavinder said that Modi Government has transformed J&K in its 10 years rule as peace, prosperity and progress are the buzz words in the Union Territory unlike anti-national slogans which ruled the roost in the past during the weak regimes of Congress and its ilk.

Citing the statement given by Union Home Minister, Amit Shah about BJP Government fulfilling all



promises made in context with J&K, Kavinder Gupta reiterated his party's unwavering commitment to bringing peace, development, and democratic restoration to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He categorically said that the Modi government is dedicated to holding Assembly elections and restoring statehood to the region, fulfilling all promises made to the people. He assured that the BJP government is actively working towards creating a conducive environment for free and fair elections before September 30, 2024, which

will be a significant step towards restoring the democratic fabric of the region. He said it is unfortunate that the so-called Kashmir-centric parties misled the people of J&K for over 70 years and hoodwinked the population just to satiate their vested and dynastic agendas.

Quoting Home Minister Amit Shah, Kavinder said that Modi Government's foremost priority has been to ensure peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have made significant strides in curbing terrorism and creating a secure envi-

ronment for all citizens. The reduction in violence and the return of normalcy are testaments to our efforts. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have launched numerous development initiatives aimed at transforming the socio-economic landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. From infrastructure projects to healthcare and education reforms, our government is committed to the holistic development of the region," he said, adding that the government at the Centre is fully committed to restoring the democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir. "The Assembly elections will be conducted sooner than later ensuring that the voices of the people are heard and represented. The restoration of statehood remains a top priority and we are working diligently towards achieving this goal as well", he maintained.

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grateful to the teachers and Ms. Gurpreet Kaur for their outstanding efforts in making this event a memorable one," said Mr. Arora.

The event underscored DPS Kathua's commitment to providing a balanced education that includes engaging extracurricular activities, fostering both the physical and social development of its students.

## DPS Kathua hosts exciting summer Pool Party, Rain Dance for Kindergarten Wing

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KATHUA, MAY 27

DPS Kathua organized a delightful Summer Pool Party and Rain Dance for the Kindergarten Wing, catering to students from Pre-Nursery to U.K.G. The event, held on the school campus, was a tremendous success, with 200 enthusiastic young students participating and enjoying a day filled with fun and excitement.

The activity, meticulously coordinated by In-charge Gurpreet Kaur, featured a variety of water games, pool activities, and a lively rain dance. The children were thrilled with the refreshing and enjoyable experience, making the day a memorable one for all.

Principal Mr. Vivek Arora extended his heartfelt appreciation to the Kindergarten Wing teachers, the activity teachers,



and particularly Gurpreet Kaur for their seamless execution of the event. He praised their dedication and teamwork, which ensured the safety and enjoyment of all the students involved.

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## CUJ organizes Interactive Session with Industry Expert



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The Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering (DoECE), Central University of Jammu under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, successfully organized an industry interaction with Enthui.ai (Enthu Technology Private Limited). The event took place in the Seminar Hall, ISRO Building, and focused on discussing internship and placement opportunities for the students.

Mr. Parth Verma, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Enthui.ai, addressed the gathering, sharing valuable insights into the industry and the various opportunities available at Enthui.ai. His talk covered the latest trends in technology, the skills required to excel in the field, and the specific roles and responsibilities offered to

interns and new graduates at their company.

The interaction provided a platform for students to engage directly with industry professionals, gaining firsthand knowledge of the expectations and demands of the professional world. Mr. Verma's presentation was followed by a Q&A session, where students eagerly asked questions about career paths, the working environment at Enthui.ai, and the application process for internships and placements.

Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Head, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, emphasized the importance of such interactions in preparing students for successful careers. "Engaging with industry leaders like Mr. Parth Verma provides our students with a unique opportunity to understand the real-world applications of their studies

and the dynamic nature of the technology sector," he said. Mr. Verma's session was incredibly informative and inspiring. It has given us a clearer picture of the career opportunities in the tech industry and how we can align our skills and aspirations with industry needs."

The Central University of Jammu extends its gratitude to Mr. Parth Verma and Enthui.ai for their cooperation and support in making this event a success. Such initiatives are part of the university's ongoing efforts to bridge the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their future careers.

The event was also attended by Dr. Sachin Kumar Gupta, Dr. Sanjeev yadav, Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma, Dr. Misbah Shafi, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Dr. Parvesh Pal, Dr. Priyank Sharma and Haneet Kour faculty members.

## PoJK, a Nehruvian- Congress blunder: Rana

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Describing Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) a Nehruvian- Congress blunder, stemming out of strategic myopia, misplaced priority and appeasement in 1947, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today said Parliament has made a firm resolve by adopting a unanimous Resolution in 1994 to get it back

"PoJK was, is and will be ours and this is BJP's unwavering commitment to the nation", Mr Devender Rana said while addressing a series of election meetings in Dasuya Assembly Segment of Hoshiarpur Parliamentary Constituency in Punjab alongwith Union Minister Mr. Som Prakash in support of the party candidate Anita Som Prakash.

Rana said the BJP has a clear stand and policy on Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and believes it as an integral part of India. The compatriots across the country have always been agitated over the historical blunder committed by the first Prime Minister as a consequence of his bonhomie with a Kashmir based leader. He referred to the illogical ceasefire about 75 years ago, saying the decision was driven by emotions and not the national inter-



est. Over seven and half decades after this blunder, the so-called flag bearers of the Nehruvian ideology are now scaring this great nation by Pakistan's nuke prowess. In a quid pro, the leaders from Islamabad are openly advocating for INDI Alliance leaders Rahul Gandhi and Arvind Kejriwal, which speaks volumes about the bonhomie. He added.

He blamed those holding power for long for fueling the fire by advocating talks with Pakistan and opposing the historic initiatives like abrogation of Article 370, terrorism, supporting separatist tendencies. Though the situation demanded all political parties to speak in one voice over important national issues, especially to foil the Pak machinations, yet the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and others are playing complement and sup-

plement to Pak interests, he added.

Referring to the landmark political developments of August 5, 2019, Mr Devender Rana said that the long due abrogation of Article 370 integrated Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country emotionally and psychologically, ending the era of deprivation of marginalized segments of society besides discrimination of various regions and sub-regions. The abrogation of special status bade farewell to gender bias also. He said the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A demonstrated the firm will of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to accomplish BJP's mission of "One India and Nation First", unlike the Congress, AAP and their ilk "Family First and Nation Last". The determination and resolve with which the

central leadership went ahead with the agenda of transforming Jammu and Kashmir is hugely discernible now, in every sphere of activity, he added.

Devender Rana hoped that the people of the border state of Punjab will foil all the machinations of dividing the society by the Congress and embrace BJP's diversity as a source of strength and resilience in spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas that has emerged as a huge factor for taking the nation to highest pinnacles of progress and development. .

Rana made a passionate appeal to the sagacious voters of Punjab to vote and support Prime Minister Modi in the last phase of elections, like the people across the country did in six phases to steer India as global leader.

## 19 year junior under officer Haroon Imtiaz authors a book on Rashtriya Rifles

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Additional Director General, Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Directorate, Maj Gen Rakesh Kumar Sachdeva reviewed the training of NCC camp being conducted by 5 J&K Bn NCC as well as released the Book "The Forgotten Face of the Guardians of the Valley: Rashtriya Rifles-Indian Army," authored by 19 year old Junior Under Officer Haroon Imtiaz at NCC Training Academy, Nagrota. The General officer also complimented and felicitated the young author who has demonstrated this literary prowess at such a young age.

JUO Haroon Imtiaz, hailing from the village of Potha in District Poonch, embodies resilience forged in the crucible of adversity. Born amidst the turmoil of Jammu and Kashmir, he witnessed firsthand the harrowing loss of his infant brother to the merciless hands of militants-a tragedy that ignited within him an unwavering quest for truth. Educated within the nurturing walls of the Army Goodwill School Potha, Cadet Imtiaz stood witness to the divergent paths of inimical forces and the Indian Army, their agendas starkly contrasting.

Driven by an insatiable hunger for truth, Cadet Imtiaz channelled his fervour into literary pursuits, illuminating the narrative of sacrifice, human rights, and the relentless battle against propaganda. His seminal work, "The Forgotten Face of the Guardians of the Valley: Rashtriya Rifles-Indian Army," unveiled the valorous spirit, unyielding commitment, and unswerving dedication of the Rashtriya Rifles, a bastion of resilience within the Indian Army. This book, now gracing the virtual shelves of Amazon, stands testament to Cadet Imtiaz's dedication to truth.

Recognized by none other than the Corps Commander of the 16 Corps for his sincerity, commitment, and devotion, Cadet Imtiaz is a beacon of hope amidst the shadows of misinformation. With unrelenting resolve, he navigates the labyrinth of propaganda, striving to illuminate the path of truth for his fellow brethren. As he pens his forthcoming works on the Kunan-Poshpora incident and the valour of Havildar Abdul Majid, Kirti Chakra, JUO Imtiaz continues to carve a legacy of courage, enlightenment, and unwavering dedication to his homeland.

## EDITORIAL

## BJP's strategic rejuvenation

The BJP is gearing up for a crucial political contest in Jammu and Kashmir, as the Centre expresses its intent to hold the long-awaited Assembly elections before September 26. The BJP, known for its dynamic election strategies, has embarked on an ambitious plan to profile young, untainted candidates to counteract anti-incumbency and voter dissatisfaction. This move is poised to redefine the political landscape of the region, aiming to enhance the party's connection with the masses and strengthen its position. The BJP's strategy to field fresh faces in the upcoming elections is not merely a cosmetic change but a calculated move rooted in its broader electoral playbook. By seeking detailed profiles of young and new candidates across Jammu and Kashmir, the party aims to replace underperforming leaders who have failed to resonate with the electorate despite multiple opportunities. This approach has previously yielded success in various states across the Hindi heartland, mitigating anti-incumbency and rejuvenating the party's appeal among voters. Since the abrogation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir has experienced significant infrastructural development and a new-found sense of equality among its diverse communities. The BJP has been vocal about its achievements in delivering justice and fostering development, which it believes positions it favorably ahead of the elections. The party's optimism is reflected in its ambition to surpass the 25 seats it secured in the 2014 Assembly elections. Confidentiality surrounds the profiling of young leaders, ensuring that potential candidates are meticulously vetted for their integrity and impact. This pool of new faces includes professionals such as doctors, engineers, academicians, and elected members of the District Development Council (DDC) and Block Development Council (BDC). The emphasis on a clean image and grassroots influence is paramount, as the BJP seeks to build a robust cadre capable of addressing the aspirations of the populace. A notable aspect of this rejuvenation strategy is the anticipated exclusion of senior leaders with lackluster performance records, particularly those who served in the previous PDP-BJP coalition government. This decision underscores the BJP's commitment to accountability and its willingness to adapt for electoral success. By replacing these leaders with dynamic, young candidates, the party aims to inject new energy and ideas into its campaign. In the politically sensitive Kashmir Valley, the BJP's approach is even more nuanced. The party has consciously decided to field candidates with strong, clean reputations from various political backgrounds to enhance its organizational strength and electoral prospects. This strategic patience was evident in the recent Lok Sabha elections, where the BJP chose not to field candidates in the valley, focusing instead on strengthening its organizational base. As the BJP prepares for the electoral battle in Jammu and Kashmir, its strategy of profiling young and fresh faces reflects a broader vision of political rejuvenation and inclusivity. By prioritizing clean images and grassroots impact, the party aims to forge a deeper connection with the electorate, presenting itself as a force capable of ushering in sustained development and equitable governance. This election will not only test the BJP's electoral tactics but also its ability to navigate the complex socio-political dynamics of Jammu and Kashmir, a region at the heart of India's strategic and cultural identity.

## Key takeaways from ICMR's new dietary guidelines

WAJIIHA MEHTAB

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) jointly released a New Dietary Guideline for Indians on 7 May 2024. The comprehensive set of 17 dietary guidelines is aimed at reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as obesity, diabetes, stroke and coronary heart disease (CHD) in the Indian population. According to NIN, under the apex health research body, about 56.4% of the total diseases in India are due to unhealthy dietary habits. They also stated that having a healthy diet and physical activity can lower the risk of CHD, hypertension (high blood pressure) and type 2 diabetes mellitus by up to 80%. The burden of NCDs and resultant mortality is expected to increase unless massive efforts are made to prevent and control NCDs and their risk

factors.

The dietary guidelines for Indians (DGIs), developed by a team led by the director of NIN, Dr. Hemlata R, are evidence-based food and lifestyle-related recommendations. They are logical, sustainable, easy to follow by Indians and provide long-term solutions for fighting against malnutrition and having a healthy life. These guidelines are practical approaches for ensuring diet diversity to meet the requirements of essential nutrients among people of all age groups across the country. Following are some of the important and key takeaways from the DGIs:

## General lifestyle

To ensure a balanced diet, it is crucial to include foods from all food groups, selecting a variety that is appropriate for age, gender, physiological status and physical activity level. At least 50% of cereals consumed should

be whole grains and millets, which are minimally polished to provide adequate nutrients. However, cereals should account for no more than 45% of the total caloric intake. Pulses, eggs and meat should contribute 14-15% of the calories, supplying good quality proteins and essential amino acids through natural food combinations. Avoid protein supplements for muscle mass building, as they are unnecessary if a balanced diet is maintained. Fat intake should be limited to 30% of total calories, with essential fatty acids obtained from nuts, oilseeds, milk products and seafood, which should collectively provide 10% of daily caloric intake. Include non-starchy fresh vegetables, green leafy vegetables and at least 30 grams of fruits in every meal. Vegetarians should consume n-3 PUFA-rich foods like flax and chia seeds to meet their B12 and n-3 PUFA needs. High-fat, high-sugar and high-salt

(HFSS) foods should be avoided. Adults should engage in a minimum of 30-45 minutes of physical activity daily, while children should aim for 60 minutes.

During pregnancy and lactation, maintaining healthy dietary habits and an active lifestyle is essential. Infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months, with no additional feeds, not even water. Lactating mothers should continue breastfeeding even if they have any disease unless advised otherwise by a medical professional.

For cooking and food storage, air-fryers and granite-coated utensils (without Teflon) are preferable. Earthen pots are the safest cookware as they are eco-friendly, require less oil and preserve nutrition. Avoid using non-stick pans at temperatures above 170 degrees and discard any damaged or broken non-stick cookware. Acidic foods should not be stored

in aluminium, iron, or unlined brass/copper containers to avoid chemical reactions that could contaminate the food.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) unveiled new dietary guidelines on May 7, 2024, to combat the rising tide of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in India. These guidelines aim to address the unhealthy dietary habits contributing to 56.4% of the country's disease burden. Evidence suggests that a healthy diet and regular physical activity can significantly reduce the risk of conditions like coronary heart disease, hypertension and type 2 diabetes by up to 80%.

The guidelines, crafted under the leadership of Dr Hemlata R, provide practical, sustainable and culturally appropriate recommendations to ensure a diverse diet that meets the nutritional needs of Indians of all ages. Key

recommendations include balancing food groups, prioritising whole grains and millets, ensuring adequate protein intake through natural foods, limiting fats to 30% of daily calories and including a variety of vegetables and fruits in each meal. The guidelines also emphasise avoiding high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt foods and promoting daily physical activity-30-45 minutes for adults and 60 minutes for children.

Special considerations are given to pregnant and lactating women, advocating for exclusive breastfeeding for infants during the first six months. Additionally, safe cooking and food storage practices are recommended, such as using air-fryers, granite-coated utensils and earthen pots to preserve nutrition and avoid chemical contamination.

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## Biden is the best President that business can hope for

MATTHEW YGLESIAS

No Democratic president since at least Grover Cleveland in the late 19th century has been beloved by American business. But the bleak relationship between Joe Biden and corporate America is remarkable given both the stellar financial market performance during his tenure and the nature of the alternative.

Yes, Donald Trump offers some of what business has always liked about Republicans – vows to lower corporate taxes and reduce regulation – but compared to pre-Trump Republicans, he's put a lot of distasteful items on the menu. He wants a 60 per cent tariff on all goods imported from China and a 10 per cent tax on imports from elsewhere.

Quite apart from any impact on consumer prices, this would crush US exporters who rely on foreign-made intermediate goods and compete with firms in Europe and Asia.

Trump is also vowing cuts to legal immigration and a dramatic increase in the deportation of people already present and working without authorisation in the US.

This kind of posturing is good campaign rhetoric, but in a practical sense would be devastating to

the interests of thousands of US businesses that rely on all kinds of immigrant labor – skilled and unskilled, legal and illegal.

The US unemployment rate is already very low, so the vacancies created by this policy wouldn't be filled by bringing people back into the labor force. The economy's productive capacity would contract, risking higher inflation or interest rates, which would make it harder for all businesses to invest.

Speaking of interest rates Business has always loved the Republican approach to tax policy, but 2025 is not going to be 2017 or 2003 in terms of macroeconomic circumstances. A huge tax cut that increases the deficit would put more upward pressure on inflation and force even higher interest rates. To deal with this, Trump has floated clipping the Fed's independence to force rates down – a disastrous idea that could cripple the US economy for years to come.

And that's just the relatively normal policy stuff. The long-tail risks of bombing Mexico or ending NATO while cutting off aid to Ukraine, for example, are gargantuan. And yet corporate America sees 2024 as a "no win" proposition. Which raises the question: Why doesn't business like Biden more?



The Biden years have been very good for the bottom line. The Biden years have been very good for the bottom line.

Part of the reason may be sheer pettiness. It's completely fair for industry to complain about Lina Khan at the FTC or Gary Gensler at the SEC, or to take issue with stray bits of political rhetoric about price gouging. But corporate America is doing just fine under Biden.

There is also an oddly asymmetrical assessment of the risks involved in the choice between Biden and Trump. Business can live with what Biden has done so far, but it is paranoid about what he might do in the future – such as taxing unrealised capital gains. Meanwhile, it is blithely

confident that Trump won't follow through on his looper promises.

I have no idea where this confidence comes from. It's true that Trump served a full term and the sky didn't fall. But he also led an insurrectionary mob to try to overthrow the government. And it's worth pointing out that the sky isn't falling under Biden, either. Trump, meanwhile, has secured much more control over his party in Congress, whereas it's all but certain that Biden will be checked by a Republican majority in the House, the Senate or both.

As far as I can figure, the best justification for this business coolness toward Biden is just hurt feelings. And that raises the inverse

of my earlier question: Why doesn't Biden like business more?

Biden does not have a business leader in his cabinet. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is an academic, not a friendly face on Wall Street the way Tim Geithner or Robert Rubin was. He does not really pay homage to the entrepreneurial spirit of American business or do much to court the private sector. He should consider changing direction on that, and find a bone or three to throw business on the regulatory front.

Democrats are currently obsessed with the idea that the American public is insufficiently appreciative of the economy. They're not necessarily wrong. But telling people that

they don't know how good they've got it is not a great message, politically speaking. By contrast, recruiting outside validators from the business world to talk about how healthy recent growth has been, and how risky a bet on Trump would be, could actually improve the "vibes."

Biden's former chief of staff, Ron Klain, told an audience of leftist intellectuals last month that the president spends too much time going to ribbon-cutting ceremonies and too little time talking about his vision for the country. Maybe. Or maybe Biden should spend a bit more time schmoozing with business leaders and reassuring them that he's not a communist and doesn't see eye-to-eye with Elizabeth Warren on everything.

The White House often seems overly obsessed with preserving Biden's populist street cred as a way to neutralise Trump. But politicians frequently win by playing against type. Part of Trump's schtick is being more populist, relative to voters' baseline expectations, than most Republicans. Biden can appeal to voters by showing them that, relative to their baseline expectations, he is more business-friendly than most Democrats.

BLOOMBERG OPINION

## Strategies for Inner Peace and Empowerment

RAVI VALLURI

Are we running after a chimaera? Or like Rama and Lakshman are we running after a non-existent golden deer? Or like the Pandavas, (bearing the righteous Yudhishthira) do we partake in water from a poisonous lake?

In all such situations, our mind is fully aware that what we are attempting is incorrect and inchoate, yet we undertake that activity like a kamikaze pilot. There are a couple of reasons for this harakiri or running after the hubris.

A) We are not wakeful (not sleepy in a literal sense) as we are not focused or centred. We cannot differentiate and distinguish between choices.

B) Our mind and thoughts (a human mind on average receives 70k thoughts a day) cannon-

ade us endlessly. Now the company we keep and the food we partake in has a significant impact on the human mind and body.

Negative company drains a person and toxic food and drink enervates and debilitates our system. I was a victim of alcoholism and realised the suffering one goes through. By adopting the techniques of Sudarshan Kriya and Pranayama, overcame the disease. It was a weak mind which fell prey to Bacchus.

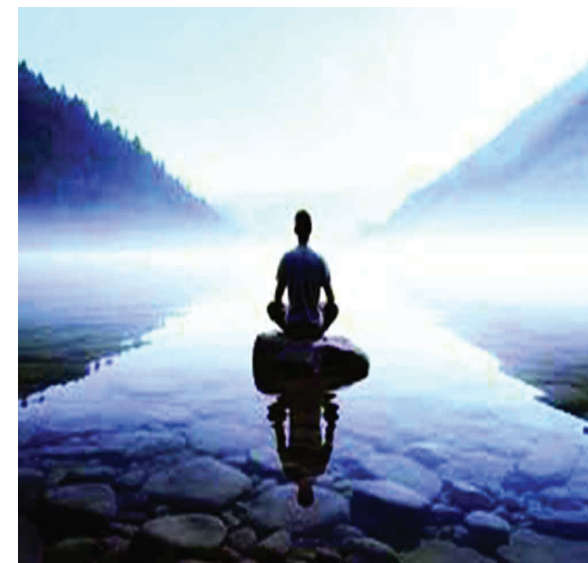
C) Tools for Effective Time Management-

Try the POSEC METHOD - That is to prioritise by organising, streamlining and economising time to be effective.

"Undertake a SWOT analysis to emerge triumphant.

"We should learn to work in teams and practice the art of delegation.

"As a routine, attempt all arduous tasks first.



"Build flexibility in one's schedule or else one would suffer from psychosomatic disorders.

"Develop hobbies and read inspirational and self-help books.

"Every morning and night while being grateful make an inventory of dos and don'ts and must-do lists. Let us learn to say

"NO" and to utter "YES" when an oxymoron kind of situation arises. A "Yes mind" makes an individual take up responsibility. And taking up responsibility can only empower a person.

Live life king-size and learn to celebrate. We can celebrate only if we can quieten our minds. These

are some ways to quieten our mind and develop a relaxation room or space in our mind. For that we can do the following:

Go for long walks, talk out our problems, hug a person (perhaps someone whom we do not like), write down all our both-erations, be in sync with our breath and movement, pursue a passion, be a daredevil, get out of our comfort zone, exercise vigorously (positive endorphins get released which have a soothing effect on the mind and body), have cold water baths to conquer passion and carnal instincts.

Despite practising all techniques, we may not be able to find our place in the Sun.

So, what does one do? Just surrender to the immense power within ourselves and learn to accept.

Realise that "ham Brahmasmi" - "I am the

infinite reality", as written in Brihadaranyaka Upanishad. Our mind has that immense power. It needs to be harnessed and realised. We just need to declutter our minds.

There are several ways to channel this energy. There may be some who may practice meditation, breathing techniques and observing silence to quieten and silence the mind. There may be others who remain focused by playing a game of tennis and sweating it out.

We should feel blessed and feel abundance. Let your mind not be judgemental and complain and cling to negativities. Willingly we provide the hook to hang the coat of negativity.

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## Vikalp SMVDU concludes: A Year in Review



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Vikalp has successfully concluded its services for this academic year, which began on August 16, 2023, and ended on May 24, 2024. It marks the end of another chapter filled with growth, learning, and impactful contributions. As we wrap up, we reflect on the numerous achievements and milestones reached, from organizing engaging workshops on

topics such as Sanitation, environmental awareness first aid to conducting multiple computer labs, and participating in various academic activities. Karwaan 3.0 was a stand-out event of the year, a week-long festival that brought together cultural showcases and sports competitions. It served as a vibrant platform for students to express their creativity, demonstrate athletic prowess, and strengthen community

bonds through a series of performances and tournaments. This year, Vikalp also introduced five village contact programs, which received positive feedback and active participation from both students and faculty. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that every event was meticulously planned and executed, offering meaningful experiences to everyone involved. As we bid farewell to this academic year, we extend

our heartfelt gratitude to all the children, volunteers, alumni, faculties, staff members, and university management teams who have been part of our journey. Your enthusiasm and support have been the driving force behind our smooth functioning and success. We look forward to returning next year with renewed energy and exciting new opportunities for learning and collaboration.

## Death Anniversary of Rama Bai Ambedkar celebrated at Bahu Fort

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Death anniversary of Rama Bai Ambedkar was celebrated by Shelter Home (Home for urban homeless) at Boria Gorkh nagar Bahu fort Jammu alongwith inmates of Shelter Home.



While speaking on this occasion Sham Lal basson former corporator said that Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar dedicated his book Thoughts on Pakistan to Rama Bai (Ramu). In the preface of book Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar said that it is the only Rama Bai Ambedkar who transformed Bhiva-Bhima to Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar. This is the great sacrifice of Rama Bai Ambedkar who lost

her four children at very tender age.

She sacrificed her all comforts for the sake of downtrodden people. Rama Bai was born to Bhikhu Dhatre and Rukmani on 7th Feb 1898 in Maharashtra. She was married to Bhim Rao Ambedkar at Bycull market. She also lost her mother and father in her early childhood life. She faced many hardships and troubles but she never became discour-

aged. She was married to Bhim Rao Ambedkar at the age of 9 years and Baba Saheb was 14years. Rama Bai encouraged Baba Saheb for higher studies and after receiving higher education Baba Saheb framed constitution of India and gave equal rights to women. Baba Saheb always fought for the rights of women and downtrodden people. Lokinder Singh Ravi, Janak Raj Thapa and Veena Bakshi also addressed the gathering and expressed views regarding life and struggle of revered Mata Rama Bai Ambedkar. Those paid tributes included Rita devi Rekha Gupta, Ratan Lal, Anita Gupta, Rajni Devi, Aditya, Rajat Kumar.

## Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Innovation held at GPW, Jammu



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An interaction seminar on the Topic 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' was held today at Govt. Polytechnic for women, Jammu.

Er. Sanjeev Gupta, HOD Mechanical Engineering of Govt. College of Engineering and Technology and Principal Investigator EDC cell at GCET was the guest speaker on the occasion. He exhorted upon the final semester students to explore Entrepreneurship and Innovation as their carrier goal so as to become employers and not employees as the competencies attained

at diploma level are sufficient to establish their Enterprises. He discussed various success stories in the field in order to motivate the students. He also introduced the students about various AICTE sponsored projects and scheme available for technocrats and asked them to take maximum benefits of the scheme.

Er. Naresh Gupta, HOD, Electronics and Communication Engineering. While introducing the speaker thanked Principal Er. Suket Gupta for organizing this seminar. The seminar was attended by the final year students, faculty and the staff of the Institution.

## ABGRF raises serious concern over surge in cow smuggling activities in J&K

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The Core Committee of Akhil Bhartiya Gaushala Research Foundation (ABGRF), Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory today convened a significant meeting under the chairmanship of Advocate P.S Chandel, In-charge ABGRF, J&K UT. The meeting focused on critical issues such as cow smuggling, establishment of Gaushalas (cow shelters) in every district, and raising awareness within the community.

Speaking at the meeting, Adv Chandel raised serious concern over the recent surge in cow smuggling activities. He emphasized the necessity for decisive action against this illegal trade. "Cow smuggling has increased alarmingly in recent times. As the cow is revered as a deity in Hinduism, our organization will not tolerate such acts of smuggling. We must protect Gaumata (Mother Cow) as it holds profound religious

significance," he said. State president vikas bhardwaj anguished the government's practice of granting permissions of shifting of cows without proper investigations. "The permissions being issued without thorough scrutiny are unacceptable. Our organization condemns this practice," he asserted.

He urged the Deputy Commissioner of Kathua to take stern action against the anti-national elements involved in the heinous crime of bovine smuggling. The issue of Gaumata is deeply intertwined with the sentiments of Hindus, and we demand concrete steps from the administration."

The core committee members also discussed strategies to enhance community awareness about the importance of cow protection and the establishment of Gaushalas in every district. "It is essential to foster a culture of respect and protection for cows within our society," added Chandel.

## Parent Teacher Meeting held at Govt Middle School, Sangli Katwalt



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Today on Monday 27th of May 2024 A Monthly parent teacher meeting (PTM) for the month of May 2024 held at Govt. Middle School Sangli under the Chairmanship of kuldeep Kumar Headmaster Govt. Middle School Sangli Zone kalwanta on the theme "Role of parents in prevention of Drug abuse among school going children" where teachers aware parents about their wards' progress in Formative assessment-I and students also signed anti drug declaration forms. In today's event refreshing drinks were also served to students and their parents as a relief from scorching heat\*. Students and Parents are also aware about practicing healthy

habits like getting dressed, brushing teeth, washing face, bathing, combing hair etc. Encouraging problem solving behaviour among children .

The meeting was attended by parents, staff and students. Main Who attends the meeting are Romal singh panch, Hans Raj Panch, Gian Chand , Girdhari lal, Joginder Singh, Makhan Singh, Rinku Singh, Nisha, Kalasho Romesh , Gudo , Sham , Nishu, Ajay ,Moti Ram, Rinku , Joginder , Chanu Ram, Rekha Devi, Nisha Devi Geeta Devi, Baldev Singh Premu ,Sham ,lallo, Mamta Devi, Madhu Devi, Sushma Devi, Ashu Devi, Bam, shonko, Premu, Rekha, Maina, Kamlesh, Archana Jugnwal tr.,, Godavri Devi tr.,, Diksha Makhan Singh sheetal Devi , Rani Devi , Satyam kankal etc.

## JKPCC remembers Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary

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The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Monday paid floral tributes to first Prime Minister of Independent India Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary while highlighting his great contributions and selfless services in the Nation building.

In a function held at Srinagar Party office, Congress Leaders and Workers led by Senior Vice President Ghulam Nabi Monga (Ex.MLC) paid floral tributes to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his 60th death anniversary and highlighted great contributions and the achievements of Pt. Ji made towards Nation building.

Senior Vice President Mohd Anwar Bhat, Vice Presidents, General Secretaries, DCC President and other senior leaders spoke on the occasion.

Monga highlighted the great contributions of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and termed him a man of development and unity . He said Pt. Ji brought India at par with fast developing countries in the globe.

The five-year reconstruction plan of the first Prime Minister after the Independence proved a milestone in the inclusive development of the Nation, which infused self confidence among the country men, who did realize that they would achieve what they desire due to the strenuous efforts and selfless services of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru left no stone turned to make all Indians self-reliant irrespective of their region and religion. Monga said. The best way to remember Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary was to rise to the occasion to fight for safeguarding the democracy and the democratic institutions in the country, Monga added.

## Nehru was architect of modern India: Bhalla

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The 60th death anniversary of first Prime Minister of India Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was observed here today in a function at Congress HQ, Shaheed Chowk, Jammu.

The function was presided over by PCC President & Former Minister Shri Vikar Rasool Wani and attended by Working President PCC Shri Raman Bhalla , senior leaders of PCC, DCC Urban, Mahila Wing and INTUC.

Prominent leaders present include S/Shri Sr. Vice Presidents Shri Mula Ram & Th. Balwan Singh, PCC Vice Presidents Shri Vinod sharma, Shri Ved Mahajan, S Tirlok Singh Bajwa, Smt. Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Shri Narinder Gupta General secretary (org), General Secretaries Pawan Raina, Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali, Narinder Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Balbir Singh, Distt. Presidents Thakur Manmohan Singh (Jammu Urban), Parvez Ahmed Wani ( Ramban), Sheikh Mujeeb (Doda), Working Presidents Jammu Rural Badri Nath Sharma & Charanjeet Singh, Shiv



Kumar Sharma (President INTUC), Vijay Sharma (Chairman Congress Seva Dal), Ajay Lakhotra (President NSUD), Jatin K. Raina (Chairman Social Media), PCC Secretaries Bushan Dogra, Rajveer Singh, Sahil Sharma, Dwarka Choudhary, Vijay kumar Shastri , Distt Sr. Vice President Ram Parkash Magotra, Block Presidents Latish Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Darshan Kumar Rakesh Kumar, Latish Sharma and others.

Paying floral tributes, Shri Vikar Rasool Wani recalled the great contributions of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru in the freedom struggle and in laying the foundations of free India as a strong democratic, secular and progressive nation, for which he is rightly known as the architect of modern India.

Wani denounced attempts by the ruling

party and it's sister concerns to distort the historical facts about the role played by the great stalwart in the freedom struggle and in the building of modern India especially his historical contributions, in bringing Jammu and Kashmir , into the Indian fold at the crucial times.

He lauded the visionary role played by Pt Nehru in defeating the designs of two nation theory by Mr. Jinnah over Kashmir. It was his far-sightedness and his great efforts which ultimately succeeded in lending the popular support in Jammu and Kashmir towards its accession with India by Maharaja Hari Singh on 26th Oct, 1947.

PCC Chief said that in recent times Nehru's legacy has been under attack from his detractors, who are the ideo-

logical descendants of the Non- participants in the freedom struggle. It is time that the congressmen and all those who are aware of the great contributions of Pt. Nehru in the freedom struggle and as a leader of this nation, come together to counter those forces, who are trying to distort history, so that the generation to come are not mis-informed and misguided regarding the core values that he represented and stood for.

Shri Raman Bhalla in his address described Pt. Nehru as the tallest leaders of Modern times after Mahatma Gandhi. He said that contribution of Pt. Nehru to bring the state of J&K to the fold of Indian nation can't be forgotten and there is need to expose the distortions being made by certain forces for vested political interests. He also lamented those who try to belittle the contributions of Pt. Nehru as leader of freedom struggle and as leader of the nation, who not only shaped the future of India but played the very vital rule in the world politics and was instrumental in the creation of third order in the world in the shape of NAM which

emerged as a powerful block in the global politics.

Shri Mula Ram (Sr. Vice President) said that the building of a democratic, social and political system was Pt. Nehru's principal objectives. For him political democracy was a means of solving social problems. He laid the foundation of Panchayati Raj and Community development programmes because he believed that first objective of the state was social welfare and empowerment of the people. He started planning system paving way to growth of public sector with massive investment in basic and heavy industries and resolved into industrialization of the country.

Th. Balwan Singh described Pt. Nehru as the tallest leader of all times, whose contribution in the freedom struggle and as first prime minister can never be forgotten. He said that contribution of Pt. Nehru to bring the state of J&K to the fold of Indian nation can't be forgotten and there is need to expose the distortions of history being made by certain forces for vested political interests.

## Additional Director General Reviews Training at NCC Training Academy

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On 27th May 2024, the NCC Training Academy in Nagrota had the honour of hosting Maj Gen Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva, ADG NCC Dte JK&L, for an inspection, review, and motivational visit. This visit coincided with the ongoing Annual Training Camp of the 5th Jammu & Kashmir NCC Battalion of Jammu Group, where 500 NCC cadets from Poonch and Rajouri District are currently undergoing rigorous training.

Maj Gen Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva's visit carried immense significance, reflecting the commitment of the NCC Directorate towards fostering leadership, discipline, and patriotism among the youth of Jammu & Kashmir. His presence provided an opportunity for the cadets to listen to the life lessons personally from the General officer who elucidated

them with examples which the cadets could relate to their life easily. ADG emphasised on the habit building at home as well as in the school to achieve success. The exceptional qualities of character and competence through involvement of Head and Heart were also focused upon. His inspiring words served to instill a sense of pride and determination among the young cadets, reinforcing their commitment to serving the nation with utmost dedication and integrity. The General Officer, also interacted closely with the participating cadets in IDSSC 2024. He guided them to be focused, select goals/targets and must have interesting competitions to keep themselves motivated.

During the visit, Maj Gen Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva conducted a thorough inspection of the facilities, training infrastructure and fur-

ther improvements in the upcoming years for a better cook house. His keen observations and valuable insights will undoubtedly contribute to further enhancing the training standards and effectiveness of the NCC Training Academy Nagrota.

The Annual Training Camp of the 5th Jammu & Kashmir NCC Battalion serves as a platform for honing the leadership skills, fostering camaraderie, character, discipline and promoting the spirit of service among the cadets. Maj Gen Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva's visit further enriched this experience, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all present.

The visit reaffirmed the NCC's unwavering commitment to nurturing responsible and patriotic citizens who will contribute meaningfully to the progress and prosperity of the nation.



## Six dead as Cyclone Remal ravages West Bengal

AGENCIES  
KOLKATA, MAY 27

Two women, among six people died, in the cyclonic storm in West Bengal after Remal with a wind speed of nearly 150 km per hour left a trail of damages in neighbouring districts, uprooting trees and electric poles and disrupting power services as continuous rains waterlogged vast areas of this metropolis, which largely affected life, official sources said.

Among the dead, four of them died of electrocution, one each at Panihati, Maheshtala (woman), two at Memari, sources said. One person died after portion of concrete from a cornice of an old house fell on him at Entally in central Kolkata and a woman at Mousumi Island in South 24 Parganas died after a tree fell on her following storm. Father and son died at Memari in Purba Bardhaman when they were

electrocuted with a live wire they came in contact with while cleaning fallen banana trees in their courtyard.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has asked the state chief secretary to report to her the extent of damages and ordered immediate relief operation in the affected areas.

Mamata will undertake an aerial survey of the ravaged areas on Tuesday to take stock of the situation.

The Sundarbans area was the worst affected as many mud houses were washed away and electric poles uprooted resulting in darkness and scarcity of drinking waters.

The swelling rivers and salt waters also damaged the cultivated lands in South 24 Parganas.

An updated IMD bulletin said, the "Cyclonic Storm 'Remal' over Coastal Bangladesh and adjoining Coastal West Bengal moved nearly northwards, with a speed of 08 kmph



during past 06 hours and lay centered at 1130 hrs IST of today, the 27th May, 2024 over Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal, near latitude 23.0°N and longitude 89.2°E about 65 km northwest of Mongla (Bangladesh), 100 km north-northeast of Canning (West Bengal), 110 km northeast of Kolkata (West Bengal), 150 km northwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh) and 150 km southwest of Dhaka (Bangladesh).

The system is likely to move north-northeastwards, and gradually weaken further into Deep Depression by evening of today, the 27th May 2024."

However, local weather office at Alipore predicted rains in the neighbouring coastal districts South and North 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly Purba and Pachim Medinipur, Murshidabad, Nadia in the next 24 hours with wind speed of about 40 kmph.

The weather office also gave an orange alert for the entire north Bengal districts tomorrow.

"Many areas of the city have been hard-hit by Cyclone Remal. Our Disaster Management Group personnel and personnel of different police stations have been making efforts all night to remove numerous trees uprooted in the storm to keep traffic moving," a Kolkata Police twitter said.

Kolkata Municipal Corporation Mayor Firhad Hakim, who took over the KMC control room during the night, said efforts were on to dewatering by using water pumps at several places. He said efforts were on to replant those trees, which were not totally uprooted, and added the green Rabindra Sarobar would be closed for the public to replant trees in south Kolkata.

"It is unfortunate that the people are not aware of the bad effect of using plastic as the water logging at Park Street owing to jamming of the manholes of those things," he said.

He said a record 264 mm rainfall was measured in Ballygunge Circular Road. "We need five hours to dewater the waterlogged streets once the rain stops and ends the current high tide," the Mayor said.

Reports said water-logged was seen from north to south of the city where traffic was also affected by the falling trees.

Full stretch Metro Railway services resumed at 1205 hours after dewatering at a place between Esplanade and Park Street underground station.

"Flight operations resumed at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata at 0859 hours, after it was closed for flight operation yesterday in view of the REMAL," Kolkata Airport said.

## Cyclone Remal leaves 7 dead in Bangladesh

AGENCIES  
DHAKA, MAY 27

Cyclone Remal that caused the death of at least one person in India, also wreaked havoc in parts of Bangladesh with heavy rain and strong winds killing at least seven.

The deaths were reported from five southern and southeastern Bangladeshi coastal districts after the cyclone made landfall on Sunday night. Two people have also been reported missing.

Strong winds and storm surged along the coasts of southern Bangladesh and neighbouring West Bengal after the storm came ashore at 8 p.m. local time, Md Shamim Ahsan, deputy director of the Cyclone Warning Center at the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), told Xinhua.

The cyclone damaged crops in about a dozen coastal districts. At least 800,000 people from the 10 most vulnerable districts have already been evacuated to shelters. Television stations Monday showed widespread flooding in coastal areas of Cox's Bazaar, Chattogram, Patuakhali and other districts. Power supply snapped in the coastal areas in Bangladesh after the fierce winds uprooted electricity poles and left wires tangled with logs and twigs. It reportedly left 15 million people without electricity.

Bangladesh State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Md Mohibur Rahman said they have taken adequate measures to support the affected people. In a bulletin on Monday, BMD said Remal has already weakened and was gradually reduced to a depression.

## Gaurav urges separatists to leave path of violence, embrace opportunities for devp, prosperity

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, has expressed strong support for the recent statement made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the stringent measures against terrorists and stone pelters in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here today, Gaurav lauded the Union Home Minister Amit Shah for giving a clear-cut message to the people of the Kashmir Valley that the time has come to shun the path of destruction and join the mainstream.

Amit Shah's announcement that no family member of a terrorist or close relative of a stone pelter will be eligible for government jobs is a bold and necessary step



towards eradicating the terror ecosystem that has plagued the region for decades.

Gaurav emphasized that the Modi Government's commitment to targeting not just the terrorists but also the networks and support systems that sustain them is evident in the significant reduction of terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir. The decline in terrorist activities, encounters, and civilian casualties is a testament to the effectiveness of the Union Government's poli-

cies, he added.

Gaurav stated that it is a fact that the policies of the Modi Government have transformed the entire Kashmir region, which previously witnessed hartals, stone pelting, strike culture, and bandhs. Today, Kashmir is flourishing with tourists, and as per media reports, hotels in the Kashmir region are fully booked for upto next three months.

He emphasized that this drastic change highlights the positive impact of the government's policies, and

he questioned what more the people of Kashmir could want from the government given the current progress and stability.

Gaurav urged the government of J&K to revoke the voting rights and benefits of government welfare schemes for those supporting terrorism and stone-pelting in the Union Territory. He believes that such measures are necessary to reinforce the message that supporting or engaging in terrorism will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Gaurav Gupta reiterated his support for Amit Shah's firm and resolute policies, which are essential for the continued peace and development of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the people of Valley to abandon the path of violence and embrace the opportunities for growth and prosperity offered by the mainstream.

## India stands in solidarity with Papua New Guinea in this difficult time: EAM on landslide deaths

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, MAY 27

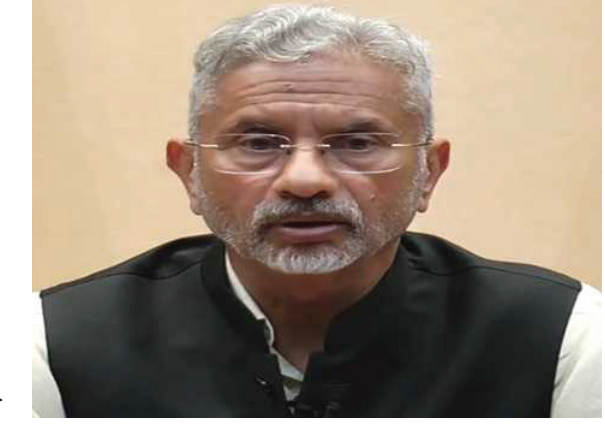
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday expressed sadness at the loss of lives in Papua New Guinea, following a massive landslide that has killed nearly 700 people in the South Pacific Ocean island nation.

In a post on X, EAM said that India stands with the government and people of Papua New Guinea in this difficult time.

"Deeply saddened by the loss of lives in Papua New Guinea following the recent landslide.

"Our thoughts are with the Government and the people. India stands in solidarity with our friends at this difficult time."

According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), more than 670 people are believed to have been killed in a massive landslide in Papua New Guinea, as emergency workers and relatives gave up hope that any survivors would be found. The death toll from the landslide on Friday had been estimated at more than 300, but 48



hours later the IOM said it may be more than double that, with the full extent of destruction still unclear.

Aid and rescue efforts in the South Pacific island nation, about 2,300km north of Australia, are being hindered by dangerous conditions on the ground.

The chief of the IOM's mission to Papua New Guinea, Serhan Aktoprak, said the toll was based on calculations by local and provincial officials that more than 150 homes had been buried by the landslide. A previous estimate had been 60 homes.

"Land is still sliding, rocks are falling, ground soil is cracking due to

constant increased pressure and ground water is running, thus the area is posing an extreme risk for everyone," Aktoprak said in a statement.

More than 250 houses near the stricken area of Yambali village in Enga province had been abandoned and about 1,250 people had been displaced, the agency said, with many taking temporary shelter with relatives and friends.

Meanwhile, a Papua New Guinea government official told the United Nations over 2,000 people were believed to have been buried alive by Friday's landslide and has asked for international help.

## Petition filed in NHRC seeking declaration of Summer Vacations in Schools of Jammu Region

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

In light of the severe heat wave currently affecting the summer zones of Jammu and Kashmir, RTI activist Raman Sharma on Monday filed a petition with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

Sharma's petition dated 27 May 2024 urgently calls for the declaration of summer vacations in schools across the region to safeguard the health and well-being of school-going children. Diary no. 8083/IN/2024 has also been assigned by the NHRC to the Plea of the RTI Activist. The RTI activist in request to the NHRC highlighted the distressing impact of the relentless high temperatures on school going. He pointed out that many Schools lack adequate cooling facilities, turning them into oppressive environments that pose significant health risks such as dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat strokes. In his petition addressed to NHRC Chairman Justice Arun Kumar Mishra, Sharma emphasized the immediate need for intervention to direct the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Department of School Education to declare Summer Vacations at an earliest. He stressed that declaring summer vacations at the given time is a proactive measure necessary to protect children, parents, and educational staff from the hazardous weather conditions.

## Record voter turnout in Kashmir reflects people's resentment against BJP's misrule in J&K: NC

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU MAY 27

The record voter turnout in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls in Kashmir Valley and Poonch-Rajouri is a clear indication of the people's dissatisfaction with the BJP's proxy government. The electorate's enthusiasm is a direct response to the BJP's failure to meet the aspirations of the people over the last one decade.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, Jammu, in a statement issued here today.

The Provincial President asked BJP to wake up from its deep slumber, interpreting the high voter turnout as a strong signal of the public's anger and frustration towards the BJP's misrule in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted that the people's active participation in the elections is a testament to their desire for change and their need to have their voices heard.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been facing severe issues due to unemployment, highest ever inflation, lack of basic amenities, non-holding of Assembly elections, etc.



Their votes are a powerful statement against the unresponsiveness and disconnect of the present administration," he said, adding that the government's inability to address these critical issues has only fueled the people's demand for the restoration of true democracy.

He said people have given 10 years to the BJP, but the saffron party has miserably failed to meet their aspirations, resulting in an overall decline in the quality of life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rattan Lal further criticised the BJP for its contradictory stance on democracy. "On one hand, the BJP claims to be the largest democratic party, yet on

the other hand, it failed to field its candidates in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls in the Kashmir Valley," he remarked.

The senior NC leader expressed confidence that the historic turnout will yield a decisive result in favor of the India Bloc in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. "The outcome of this remarkable voter engagement will be evident on June 4, when the India Bloc emerges victorious," he said, adding that the National Conference remains committed to address the needs and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that their voices are represented and heard in the democratic process.

## Karra remembers Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR MAY 27

Paying rich tributes to Independent India's first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his 60th death anniversary, Senior Congress Leader and CWC Member Tariq Hameed Karra recalled his great contributions in Nation building.

CWC Member said the legacy of Jawaharlal Nehru as a forefront soldier for independence from Imperialist forces shall always be remembered. It was Nehru's far sightedness which led the Nation to inclusive development. We will never forget his legacy, which laid the foundation of democratic institutions guaranteeing equal treatment, justice and equal privileges to common people irrespective of their region or religion.

We should also not forget Nehru's idea of Nation building, which had principally a 'modernist' viewpoint and applied a rationalist thought in every sphere for development of the Nation. Most significantly, Pt.Ji gave dominance to an individual's positive approach on National polity rather than the religion.

## Vice President urges village panchayats to preserve medicinal plants

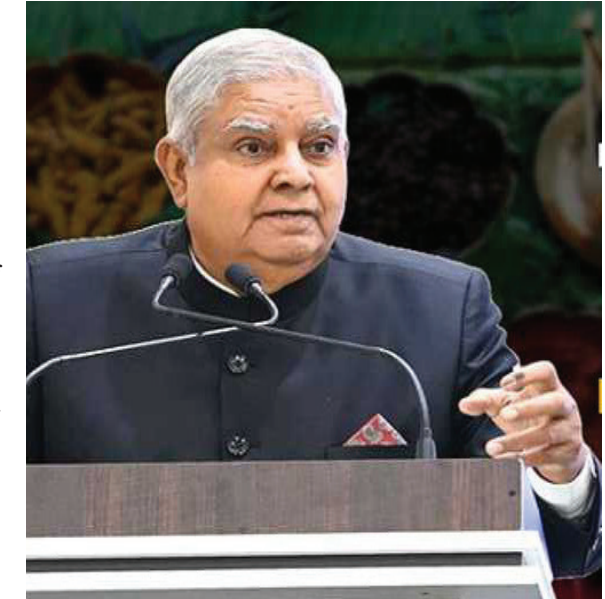
AGENCIES  
BELAGAVI, MAY 27

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar rallied for the conservation of India's biodiversity and traditional knowledge during his address at the 18th Foundation Day celebrations of the ICMR on Monday.

Dhankhar underscored the significance of preserving traditional medicinal practices, urging every village panchayat to join in promoting health awareness. He called for a concentrated effort on medicinal and herbal plants, highlighting their potential to offer crucial healthcare solutions.

In his speech at the NITM event, he stressed the importance of fitness culture and lifelong learning for India's advancement. The Vice President advocated for collective efforts to ensure every Indian's fitness and health, aligning with India's development goals by 2047.

Dhankhar commended researchers at the National Institute of Traditional Medicine for their endeavors in developing afford-



able solutions for modern diseases, urging corporate and public leaders to bolster research and innovation financially.

The events saw the presence of dignitaries including Dr. Sudesh Dhankhar, Karnataka Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot, ICMR Secretary DHR and Director General Rajiv Bahl, along with other esteemed guests.

Following the NITM event, the Vice President addressed the 14th Con-

vocation of the KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (KAHER). Encouraging graduates to prioritize lifelong learning and national service, he urged them to contribute significantly to India's developmental journey.

Highlighting the importance of resilience in the face of failure, he envisioned a prosperous India by 2047, driven by the dedication and expertise of its youth.

"The health and safety of our children should be of paramount importance," Sharma stated. "Immediate action is crucial to prevent further risk of heat-related illnesses and to ensure the overall well-being of the school community."

Sharma, urged the NHRC to recognize the urgency of the circumstances and to take swift action to address this pressing issue.

# Govt should stop irregular Power Cuts in scorching heat: Kapoor

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

State President of Hindustan Shiv Sena Vikrant Kapoor has slammed the government for irregular power cuts in the scorching heat and said that despite the installation of smart meters, the government has completely failed to provide 24x7 electricity to the people of Jammu. He said that while installing smart meters, the government had promised the people that after the installation of smart meters, people would be provided uninterrupted electricity 24 hours a day. The government had also assured that people's electricity bills will not increase but all these claims of the government have proved to be hollow.

Vikrant Kapoor said this while expressing his views during a press conference in Jammu. He said that in this summer season, due to power cuts of 6 to 7 hours, people are suffering



from the heat and in some places, in the name of bad weather, power cuts are being imposed for hours. Apart from this, due to low voltage, people in many areas are facing problems and in some places, people are being given huge electricity bills. He said that the government had claimed that after the installation of smart meters, along with providing 24 hours electricity, the issue of high bills would also be resolved, but all the claims of the government have proved to be hollow and people are upset. He said that this

is also adversely affecting children's education.

Vikrant Kapoor said that the electricity generated in Jammu and Kashmir is sold to outside states but the people of Jammu and Kashmir are yearning for electricity. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have the first right on the electricity generated in the State and the electricity generated here should first be supplied to Jammu and Kashmir and only then sold to outside states. He has demanded from the Central Government and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to take

this matter seriously and give priority to solving the problem of power cuts and other problems faced by the people of Jammu in this summer season. He said that at present the affairs of Jammu and Kashmir are being directly looked after by the Central Government, hence the Central Government should also take immediate steps towards solving this problem of the people so that they can get relief from this problem.

Vikrant Kapoor has warned that if this problem of the people is not solved immediately, then Hindustan Shiv Sena will protest strongly against it in the coming days and the government will be completely responsible for the situation arising out of this. Senior Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders Baba Ram Kaith, Rohan, Abhishek, Himanshu, Amit, women's wing leader Jyoti Devi and others were also present during the press conference.

# Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust organizes Free Medical camp at LMP School, Shiv Nagar, Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

A free medical camp was organized at Lord Mahavira Playway School, Shiv Nagar Jammu by Nat Manch in association with Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust J&K.

During the camp, Dr. Zahid Mirza physician Specialist, Dr. Poonam Pandora MBBS, MD, Obs/Gynae.

Infertility & IVF Doctor, Dr. Shiv Kumar Sharma MBBS, MD(Urology), Andrologist, Kidney transplant surgeon conducted medical examination of the local citizens and gave them information regarding prevention of serious diseases as well as changing lifestyle. Causes, symptoms and prevention of the diseases caused due to diabetes, including heart disease, diabetes, migraine, fatty liver etc., were explained to the visiting people. The medical team also provided medi-



cines for various types of diseases to about 150 citizens as per requirement.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kuldeep sharma, President Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust J&K informed that health checkup of all the citizens has been done and desired medicines have also been distributed to them as per requirement.

Dr. Tarun Sharma, Actor & Director, President Nat Manch, Youth President Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust J&K, Social, Sports and political activist said that Nat Manch and Shri Bhagwan

Parshuram Trust J&K has been organizing such medical camps from time to time as their aim is to ensure that the local citizens living in the area remain physically and mentally healthy.

Surinder Sharma, Tandav Sharma, Munish Arora, Pt. Prabh Dayal, Priyanshu Gupta, Pt. Ashwani Sharma, Pt. R. C Sharma, Pt. Madan Lal Sharma, Neeraj Sharma, Pt. Nitesh Trikha, Neha Sharma, Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Parveen Nagar, Pt. Abhishek Sharma, Pt. Vicky Sharma and others were also present on the occasion.

Olympic Medalist Sushil Kumar, prime accused in Sagar Dhankar murder case prays for modification of interim bail

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, MAY 27

Olympic Medalist Wrestler Sushil Kumar one of the accused in the Sagar Dhankar murder case on Monday prayed for modifications of July 19, and August 1, 2023 interim bail order in Rohini Court, Delhi.

Counsel for Kumar moved an application before the court and sought the modifications of the interim bail order of July 19 and August 1, 2023.

Additional Session Judge Sushil Kumar after hearing the prayer on behalf of Kumar said, "Perusal of the reply received from the office of the Jail Superintendent concerned shows that he had received total cost of interim bail charges of Rs.3,75,555/-, however, only a sum of Rs.80,000/- was deposited on behalf of applicant/accused Sushil Kumar despite intimation".

Modi 3.0 means upliftment of poor, youth, and women power: Dhupal

AGENCIES  
SAMIRPUR(HP), MAY 27

Poor, youth, food givers, and women power are the four castes of this country for whose upliftment Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working said senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Professor Prem Kumar Dhupal here on Monday.

The former Chief Minister in a release said Prime Minister Narendra Modi thought the road map to make India a developed nation by 2047. Under it, the upliftment of these four castes, which he has named knowledge, their prosperity, and empowerment is certain.

Guaranteeing to serve poor families, Prime Minister Modi has said that for the next 5 years, free ration, pucca house, toilet, gas connection, and zero electricity bill will be provided through PM Surya Ghar Yojana. Along with this, Modi guarantees that middle-class families can get good houses at low prices, expansion of health services for their families, and new educational institutions, improving and strengthening the infrastructure to make their lives more convenient. Modi has a guarantee. Along with this, he has also said that he will work for clean air, pure water, and clean environment in cities and villages.

The former Chief Minister said in Modi's government, lakhs of youth have been given employment due to the system of transparent examinations, a strict law has been made on paper leaks and now this law will also be implemented for the youth, infrastructure investment, construction of high-level services, startup tourism and Modi guarantees to create millions of employment opportunities through sports. Not only this, Prime Minister Modi has talked about giving new employment opportunities to youth through Mudra Swandhi, Digital Credit.

# Commemorating Jawaharlal Nehru, Veer Savarkar: A Reflection on Their Legacies

Observing the contrasts and commonalities between two influential leaders as Nation Honours them

BY ER SHUBHAM KOTWAL

As the nation pauses to remember the late Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary and celebrate the birth anniversary of Veer Savarkar, a prominent figure in Indian history, a discussion naturally arises on the disparate yet intersecting paths of these two influential leaders.

Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister and a staunch advocate of secularism and socialism, stood as a towering figure in the country's struggle for independence. His vision for a modern, progressive India laid the foundation for many of the country's institutions and policies.

In contrast, Veer Savarkar, a prominent freedom fighter, emphasized a radical national-



ist ideology and played a pivotal role in India's fight for independence. His staunch beliefs in Hindutva and his contributions to the freedom movement have left a lasting impact on the nation's history.

While their ideologies diverged significantly, both leaders shared a common goal of seeking freedom for India from colonial rule. Their

unwavering dedication to the nation and their resilience in the face of adversity mark them as stalwarts of Indian history, each contributing uniquely to the country's journey towards independence and progress.

In tribute to both Jawaharlal Nehru and Veer Savarkar, Journalist Shubham Kotwal acknowledges the complexities of their legacies and the enduring impact they have had on the nation. As we commemorate these two leaders on this significant day, it is essential to reflect on their contributions and learn from the diverse perspectives they brought to India's struggle for independence.

# Modi government discriminating between Rich and Poor: Rahul

AGENCIES  
PALIGANJ, BIHAR MAY 27

Accusing the Modi government of discriminating between the rich and poor, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has adopted double standards for both classes and had separate policies for them under which the rich were getting richer and poor were becoming poorer.

While addressing a public meeting in favour of the RJD candidate in Paliganj of the Patliputra Lok Sabha constituency on Monday, Gandhi said that all the policies of the Modi government were for the 22 rich people like Adani whose Rs 16 lakh crore loans were waved off whereas the poor section of the society remained ignored during Modi's regime.

Gandhi said contrary to this the INDIA bloc if voted to power would make crores of people "lakhpati" and would immediately start the Mahalaxmi scheme under which a list of poor families would be prepared and one woman



inmate of each family would be given Rs 1 lakh at the rate of Rs 8500 per month. Terming it as a revolutionary scheme, he said the amount would be transferred directly to the bank account of the woman beneficiary till the poor family was lifted from the poverty line.

Blaming the Modi government for contemplating changing the constitution at the tune of the BJP RSS, Gandhi said that the entire INDIA Alliance, poor, farmers, labourers and oppressed section here standing solidly behind the constitution and no force can ever change it.

Speaking against the Agniveer scheme, Gandhi alleged that the Modi government had converted the soldiers into labourers. He

said when the INDIA bloc forms govt, the Agniveer scheme will be junked and removed from the defence services.

Besides implementing a Minimum Support Price he also announced to wave off the loans of the farmers after coming to power at the centre.

He further alleged that the country's economy shattered under the Modi government and announced to give a new lease to the Indian economy by introducing the chain of economy. He also elaborated on his plan for this.

Gandhi appealed to the voters to vote in favour of RJD candidate Misa Bharati contestant from Patliputra Lok Sabha seat for their better future.

# Delhi Excise policy case: CM Kejriwal moves SC seeking extension of interim bail

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, MAY 27

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday moved an application before the Supreme Court seeking extension of his interim bail by seven more days in the Delhi excise policy case.

The top court had on May 10 granted interim bail to Kejriwal till June 1 to enable him to campaign for the ongoing Lok Sabha election.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi had requested the Court to extend the interim bail till June 5 as the Lok Sabha election results were to be declared on June 4.

A Bench comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta had refused to extend the interim bail from June 1 to June 5.

The Apex Court had on May 10 granted interim bail to the (then jailed) Delhi Chief Minister (CM)

till June 1 in the money laundering case registered against him by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and asked him surrender before the jail authorities on June 2.

Kejriwal has now prayed that the same be extended by a week till June 8 so that he can undergo some medical tests.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21 in connection with a case registered by the Central Bureau of Investiga-

tion (CBI) in 2022 on a complaint made by Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena.

Allegations against Kejriwal are that he along with other AAP leaders hatched a conspiracy and siphoned off money in the Delhi New Liquor Policy Scam.

The Supreme Court had, on May 17, reserved its judgment on Kejriwal's plea against his arrest by the ED.

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(Short Term)**

**MHDJ/e-NIT 08 of 2024-25  
24.05.2024**

**Dated:  
Due : 05.06.2024**

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## Creative Workshop for School Children organized at Zone Bhatyas, Doda

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, MAY 27

In continuation of its ongoing efforts, Vishwagram Trust Gujarat, in collaboration with the Zonal Education Office Bhatyas, Doda organized a creative workshop for school children at PS Ahenger Mohalla Thanth zone Bhatyas. This initiative is part of a series of ongoing activities launched by the Trust in Doda District, focusing on the Gandhian philosophy of education and aiming to develop the skills and competencies of children by unlocking their inner potential through engaging, hands-on activities.

Zonal Education Officer Bhatyas Ch Salam Din has expressed gratitude to the trust for organising a series of events to exhibit the talent of the students and teachers at large. He has emphasized the importance of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which focuses on

activity-based learning. He highlighted that art-integration is a cross-curricular pedagogical approach that incorporates various aspects of art and culture into the learning process, making education more joyful and meaningful. This approach aims to imbibe Indian ethos through the integration of Indian art and culture at every educational level, thereby strengthening the linkage between education and cultural heritage.

Rooted in the principles of Mahatma Gandhi's educational philosophy, the workshop emphasized holistic learning that not only imparts academic knowledge but also nurtures moral and ethical values. The Gandhian model promotes self-reliance and practical skill development, aiming to create well-rounded and self-sufficient individuals. The workshop provided children with opportunities to engage in creative



activities that stimulate their imagination and practical skills, embodying the 'learning by doing' approach.

The workshop was led by Geeta Darshan and Ramesh Bhai Barot from Vishwagram Trust, who guided the children through various art and craft activities designed to foster creativity and hands-on learning. These activities were carefully crafted to help children explore their artistic tal-

ents and enhance their cognitive and motor skills.

The workshop highlighted the NEP's emphasis on experiential learning, where art-integrated education is pivotal in classroom transactions. By embedding art and culture into teaching and learning processes, the initiative aims to create joyful classrooms and instill a deep appreciation for Indian culture and heritage among students.

Vishwagram Trust, is

a not-for-profit charitable organization based in Gujarat, has a rich history of humanitarian efforts in disaster-affected areas, including relief work during the Kashmir earthquake, the Indian Ocean tsunami, and the Bihar flood crisis. The Trust's ongoing projects also support railway children, providing them with access to education, security, and a promising future. The Trust's team of doctors, social workers, and children's program facilitators continue to play a crucial role in these efforts.

The workshop also celebrated the contributions of local Teacher Mohd Rafi Ahangar, whose participation was greatly appreciated by the Trust. His active involvement highlighted the collaborative spirit necessary to nurture young minds and encourage their creative development.

The event marks a significant milestone in

integrating practical, art-based learning into the educational framework of Doda District. By focusing on Gandhian educational principles and the NEP's guidelines, the workshop demonstrated the value of experiential and art-integrated education. Vishwagram Trust have set a commendable example of how education can be made more enriching and impactful, fostering a generation of skilled, competent, and culturally aware individuals. The Team leaders exhorted the children of this hilly terrain to focus on the creative art and appreciated the enthusiasm of the children in making the series of events successful.

Nighat Naz, Zonal In-charge Culture (ZICC) Bhatyas, played a pivotal role in organizing and coordinating the series of activities. Others who took part include Imran Majeed Malik, Yassir Arfat and many others.

## ABVP State Review and Planning meeting concluded in Bhatyas, Doda District



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, MAY 27

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad State Review and Planning meeting concluded at Bhatyas on 24 May which began on 23 May 2024. In the meeting, all full-timers, SWC members and all district Conveners of ABVP across the state participated and reviewed the previous year's work and decided on the upcoming events.

State Secretary Akshi Billowria also shared the information that the National Executive Council meeting of ABVP is going to be held on 7 - 9 June 2024 in Surat, Gujarat. ABVP representatives across the country are going to participate in this NEC likewise, delegates from Jammu Kashmir are also going to participate in the meeting and put forward the issues of Jammu Kashmir in the meeting.

In this Press conference NEC Member Chahat Anand, State Joint Secretary Sannak Shrivats and Mahanagar Secretary Arman Khajuria were also present.

During the discussion in the meeting, it was considered that in the present time, health has become an important aspect. After the Covid pandemic, taking care of health is the priority for all of us. Keeping this in mind, Abvp decided that this year in the coming time, many health related campaigns will be conducted in the entire province and focus will be on women's health.

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## DernierCri Mr, Miss & Mrs J&K 2024 concluded

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

The much awaited title of DernierCri Mr, Miss and Mrs J&K 2024 in association with Moda by Mohit Kapoor were concluded here today.

The main event was held in Four A square Resort at Birpur road Samba.

The event was started in the evening in the august presence of participants, sponsors and guests.

Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh was invited as Chief guest & the event was supported by The Runway Diaries & Hari Niwas Palace.

Guest of Honour was Vanita Thakur and Mrs. Tasneem Kouser.

The show was directed by Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Celebrity show director.

Devrishi Krishan Sharma, Founder and Director of DernierCri said, "the main objective of the event was to provide



a platform to the young talented youth of Jammu Kashmir at their home place Jammu Kashmir UT."

He further stated, "Girls and boys have participated so enthusiastically in the event." Whatever we have learned, we want to pay back to the society, he added.

Miss Sonali Dogra performed in the show & anchoring was done by

Miss Amar Chohan. Mr. Anurag Langeh secured the title of Mr J&K 2024, Miss Rahat Singh won the Miss J&K 2024 and Mrs. Ruhi Sharma won Mrs J&K 2024. Whereas the Ujjwal Rajput, Dev Kumar were the 1st, 2nd runner up of Mr J&K 2024 respectively. Miss Sonakshi Sharma, Miss Varsha Nagotra were the 1st, 2nd runner up of Mrs J&K 2024

title respectively and Mrs Madhavi Sharma, Mrs Sonam Gupta were the 1st and 2nd runner up respectively.

The event was sponsored by Mulk Raj Ashok Kumar Jewellers, powered by Hari Niwas, Co-powered by Crescent Public School & other Sponsored were ifix computers, cult, fit, Gold Gym and NIFD.

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## Indian Army organized Drawing Competition At Sagra, Poonch



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, MAY 27

A vibrant drawing competition on 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' for children at Model Academy, Sagra was organised to remember the brave men of Indian Army and fostering 'Creativity and Unity' in the region. Through colourful strokes of imagination, young artists expressed their dreams

and aspirations, showcasing the beauty and resilience of their homeland. The event not only provided a platform for artistic expression but also promoted 'Harmony and Camaraderie' among participants. Amidst the backdrop of scenic nature and lush valleys, children unleashed their 'Creativity, painting a picture of hope and peace for the future'.

## IIM Jammu signs MoU with PD&MD J&K to establish, "Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance"

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

In a significant step towards fostering innovation and driving governance transformation, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department (PD&MD), Government of Jammu and Kashmir, to establish the Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG). The MoU was signed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Mohammad Aijaz, IAS, Administrative Secretary of Planning, Development & Monitoring Department (PD&MD), in the presence of Shri Atal Dulloo, IAS, Chief Secretary, J&K, and Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, on 27th May 2024 at the Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) is envisioned to catalyze positive change and foster innovation in governance practices through cutting-edge research, education, and collaborative initiatives. It aims to empower government institutions,

polymakers, and public servants to tackle complex challenges, drive sustainable development, and enhance the well-being of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) will focus on several key areas, including Economic Transformation by devising strategies aligned with India's vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, promoting Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) to strengthen the development process in the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir, and advancing Future Ready Governance (FRG) through capacity building, e-governance, and data-driven decision-making. Chief Guest Shri Atal Dulloo, IAS, Chief Secretary, J&K, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "The establishment of the Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) marks a new chapter in the governance of Jammu and Kashmir. This initiative will drive innovation and transform governance practices, ensuring that we are well-prepared to meet future challenges."

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, highlighted the institute's commitment: "IIM Jammu is



happy to partner with the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir in this transformative initiative. The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) will leverage our expertise in management and technology to foster innovation, economic transformation, and sustainable development in Jammu and Kashmir."

Shri Mohammad Aijaz, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department (PD&MD), remarked, "The MoU with IIM Jammu will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our governance practices, ensuring a future-ready administration in the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir. The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) will be instrumental in executing key proj-

ects and fostering public-private partnerships."

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, added, "The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) will serve as a hub for research and innovation, providing the necessary support and resources to tackle the unique challenges faced by the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir. This partnership will create a conducive environment for the development and growth of Jammu and Kashmir."

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by several key dignitaries, ranging from Shri Shailendra Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department, Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govern-

ment, Finance Department, Shri Alok Kumar (IRS), Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Ms. Mandeep Kaur, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Housing & Urban Development Department, Ms. Yasha Mudgal, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Tourism Department, Shri Vikramjit Singh, IPS, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Industries & Commerce Department, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson Srinagar Campus, IIM Jammu, and other key officials of the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) has been conceptualized by integrating the State Institute of Transformation, NITI Aayog, PPP Cell funded by the Department of Economic Affairs, and Future Ready Governance, an initiative of the J&K Government. IIM Jammu will serve as the Nodal Agency, Knowledge Partner and implementing body to steer the initiative.

As per the MoU, IIM Jammu will establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) to coordinate Centre for Innovation &

Transformation in Governance (CITaG) activities and provide knowledge support to achieve its vision, mission, and goals. The MoU outlines a two-phase implementation plan where Phase I will focus on PPP projects, agriculture and allied sectors, development of new tourist destinations, job creation, and strengthening fiscal positions. Phase II will address infrastructure development, social sectors, IT, and human resource development.

The collaboration aims to bring Jammu and Kashmir to the forefront of innovation and governance, setting a benchmark for other regions. The Centre for Innovation & Transformation in Governance (CITaG) is expected to drive economic growth, improve governance, and enhance the quality of life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. With this collaboration, IIM Jammu and the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department (PD & MD) of the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir are poised to set new benchmarks in governance and innovation, paving the way for a future of prosperity, growth, and sustainable development in the region.

## SSKT to hold series of programmes to celebrate Kabir Jayanti



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAY 27

To commemorate 626th Parkash Utsav of Shriomani Sant Kabir Maharaj, the Shriomani Sant Kabir Trust (SSKT) is going to organize a series of programmes from June 3, 2024.

Inform the general public particularly the Kabir followers about the programmes during a press conference here today, Dr Preeti Bhagat said that the celebrations of Parkash Utsav of Kabir Maharaj will start with the garlanding of Sant Kabir's statue followed by an impressive Shobha Yatra on June 3, 2024 at R.S. Pura.

"Main event will take place at Sant Kabir Nagar, Village Kotli Gala Bana,

R.S. Pura, Jammu on June 4, 2024," she said and invited wholeheartedly all devotees and the general public to actively participate in the celebration.

The event is being organized with the involvement of all trustees, including Chaman Lal Bhagat (Floria), Bhushan Lal Dogra, Ex. MOS J&K Government, Darshan Bhagat, General Secretary, Som Nath, Balak Ram (Master), Jeet Raj, Adv. Natha Ram, Adv. Nisha Bhagat, Charanjeet Bhagat, Ex. Sarpanch Suraj Parkash (Gara), Surjeet Singh, Dr Ankush, Kartaro Devi, Sushma Bhagat and Anju Bhagat.

The trustees extend an open invitation to everyone to join in the festivities and honour the legacy of Sant Kabir Ji Maharaja.

## Inter Zone District Level Tournament Competitions held

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, MAY 27

On 2nd Day of Inter Zone District Level Tournament Competitions for U17 years girls were conducted in the discipline of Kabaddi, kho-kho, Volleyball, Badminton, chess, TT, wrestling, football and cricket. The girl players showcased their talent in different discipline. They (players) were full of enthusiasm and tried hard to win their respective matches.

Earlier District Youth

Services and Sports officer Sunil Singh Sambyal interacted with players of cricket team and wished them good luck.

Today's Results  
U17 girls  
Kabaddi zone lakhapur won from zone kathua by 9 points.  
Volleyball:  
Hiranagar V/s Sallan zone Hiranagar won by 2-0 sets  
Kho-kho  
Sallan V/s Lakhapur Zone Lakhapur won the match by an inning and 4points.

# DSEJ reviews educational landscape in Kishtwar

## Emphasises Key Reforms, Improvements; Inspects ongoing works

JNEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, MAY 27

Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma, conducted a comprehensive visit to District Kishtwar today, chairing a crucial meeting with Principals and Heads of Institutions (HOIs) to review the educational scenario and discuss key issues. The meeting aimed to identify gaps and formulate strategies for enhancing the educational infrastructure and quality in the district.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director School Education Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Dharinder Sharma, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kishtwar R. K. Vesheshta, DIET Principal Kishtwar Prehlad Bhagat, Deputy CEO Masood Hussain Qazi, along with all Principals, Zonal Education Officers, Heads of Clusters, and HOIs of high schools in the district.

After a detailed presentation on the educational profile of the district, Ashok Kumar Sharma made certain observations

and directed for improvements through proactive measures.

The Director observed gaps in key indicators and deliverables and stressed the importance of bridging these gaps.

Emphasis was placed on mobilizing resources for starting pre-primary classes in alignment with NEP-2020 guidelines, maintaining the student-teacher ratio and strengthening "AGHAZ Labs" in all clusters to spark student interest in science.

The DSEJ underlined the need to intensify enrolment drives, involving teachers, parents and School Management Committees (SMCs) to ensure no student is left out of school, thus preventing dropouts. Strategies for the saturation of the Back to School initiative were also discussed.

Focusing on the Resource Rationalization, the Director emphasized on following a rational approach to utilize available resources efficiently to achieve educational excellence on par with



district standards.

Emphasising the infrastructure development, the Stress was laid on the timely completion of projects under SAMAGRA, UT and District Capex.

Collaborative efforts from district authorities, the School Education Department and SMCs were urged to overcome hurdles in ongoing infra-

structure projects.

The Director called for ensuring teachers/staff punctuality and the implementation of biometric attendance for real-time monitoring. He also recommended forming of Attendance Monitoring Committees in each cluster and taking stringent actions against derelict teachers.

Besides, the discussions included promoting CAL/ICT Centres, strengthening girls' hostels for students from remote areas, and ensuring the on time provision of free textbooks and uniforms at the elementary level at the onset of the current educational session. The need for e-Office implementation, remedial classes and capacity-build-

ing workshops for HOIs, DDOs, and teachers was also underscored during the meeting.

CEO Kishtwar was directed to ensure the timely disposal of regularization cases for ReTs and RRTs and one-time exemption cases. Sharma assured redress of grievances and implementation of effective solutions promptly.

The meeting concluded with a focus on collaborative efforts to foster an efficient and effective education system, driven by the punctuality of teachers and proper monitoring by school heads.

Later, Director School Education Jammu also inspected the ongoing Construction work of Remodeling of GHSS Boys Kishtwar under UT Capex Budget and assessed the pace and progress of the work. He emphasised time bound completion of works by mobilising the men and resources.

During his visit at DIET Kishtwar, he interacted with the staff and reviewed its functioning.

# PTM held in Govt schools across Doda District



JNEWS SERVICE  
DODA, MAY 27

The government schools in District Doda conducted monthly parent-teacher meetings to get feedback and suggestions from parents regarding their children's education, here today.

Chief Education Officer Parkash Lal Thapa said the move is aimed at improving the education system and the well-being of students. The parent-teacher meetings have become a regular feature in government schools of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Every month, schools conduct the meetings, in which academic-related issues as well as mental health, health and hygiene, and personal development and well-being of students are being deliberated upon" he said.

Schools of District Doda conducted parent-teacher meetings on the theme "Role of Parents in prevention of Drug Abuse among School going Students" along with routine academic activities, enrollment drive, academic performance

gained by the students in the examination. The main focus is to gear up maximum enrollment in the schools during the academic year 2024.

Besides, the students were encouraged to sign and submit the Anti-Drug Declaration Form to the Head of Institutions concerned for onward submission.

Parents were also made aware about various aspects of life skills. "The role of parents and teachers has become very important for the lives of students. The feedback by parents helps boost the education in government schools" the parents were told.

Some of the themes included 'Role of parents during examinations', 'Role of parents in ensuring safety and security of school-going children', 'Role of parents in inculcating moral values in children', 'Role of parents in preventing drug abuse among children', 'Emotional wellbeing' and 'Understanding adolescents and parenting during adolescence.'

# Comm Secy chairs JKTPO's 14th BoDs meeting

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, MAY 27

Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, today chaired the 14th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) here at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Rural Development Department, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, who as one of the Directors of the organization, shared his valuable insights on various agenda items discussed in the meeting.

Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director, JKTPO, Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director, Handicrafts & Handlooms Department, Kashmir, Tej Krishan Bhat, Special Secretary, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Association and Rakesh Kumar, Additional Secretary, Finance Department were among the Directors who attended the meeting.

Khalid Jahangir, presented the agenda for meeting and apprised the board of the action taken



regarding previous board decisions.

The Board discussed and deliberated on various agenda items and approved the budget estimates for the financial year 2024-25 along with the action plan for the activities to be undertaken by the JKTPO. It also approved the calendar of events proposed by JKTPO for the financial year. In addition, the meeting approved various activities to promote the ODP products of Jammu and Kashmir, being a flagship initiative. Besides, some

other directions and decisions were also conveyed by the Commissioner Secretary regarding various activities being carried out by JKTPO, to bolster and strengthen the organization's working.

The Board of Directors appreciated the initiative taken by the JKTPO to generate revenue by charging participation fee from the exhibitors. He also advised to further scale up measures to increase the quantum of revenue generation during the current financial year. It also commended JKTPO for organizing

the maiden Jammu Trade Fair in February, 2024 wherein 104 exhibitors from various parts of Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand exhibited their products.

Samita Sethi, Secretary in Industries & Commerce Department, Rayaz Hussain, Director Finance, Industries & Commerce Department, Tarsaim Kumar, Director Planning, Industries & Commerce, Sachin Dev Singh, Additional Secretary, representative from Tourism Department, Dr. Ravi Bharti, Additional Secretary, representative from Higher Education Department, Kulraj Singh, Joint Director, representative from Handicrafts & Handlooms Department, Jammu, Vikas Goyal, CFO, representative from Export Promotion Council of Handicraft, representative from Carpet Export Promotion Council besides officers and officials from JKTPO also attended the meeting.

# Div Com reviews status of Water, Electricity and Irrigation Supply in Jammu Division



JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the status of Water, Electricity and Irrigation supply in Jammu Division amid the summer season.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, Chief Engineer JPDCL, Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control and other concerned.

The meeting discussed measures to augment water and power supply to avoid inconvenience to the public amid scorching summer.

The Div Com directed the Chief Engineers to keep their men and

machinery ready for timely repair of pipelines and replacement of PHE motors and damaged transformers. He further

asked the CE to make Xen and JEs responsible and accountable for delivering the services. Directions were issued to set up a control room and appoint a nodal officer in each district to receive public complaints regarding power and water supply.

Deputy Commissioners were asked to closely monitor the power and water supply situation and resolve the issues, if any, in the shortest possible time.

Directions were also issued for maintaining buffer stock of transformers and water tankers in each district to meet the needs of the people.

The Div Com also reviewed the water supply to farmers via the irrigation canals and issued related directions.

# Udhampur Admin hosts IEC on Eco-Friendly waste management for students

JNEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, MAY 27

A one day Information Education Communication (IEC) activity on Waste Management was conducted today at Common Public Higher Secondary School Sangoor Chowk.

The event was held as part of an initiative launched on the direction of District Development Commissioner Saloni Rai with the objective of promoting waste management in urban establishments (especially wet waste).

A Live Demonstration on vermicomposting method was given to students and teaching staff by District Subject Matter

Specialist-DL Arun Samyial under the guidance of Chief Agriculture Officer Sanjay Anand.

While demonstrating HDPE Vermibed, cow-dung, earth worms (Eisenia fetida) and chopped waste vegetable material were used. All the components of the activity were discussed in detail for overall understanding of the concept of this composting method and its scope and prospects for its utility in converting the domestic waste into a useful manure which can be utilized in productive farming and has the potential of providing sustainable and eco-friendly livelihood.

# Principal Secretary Culture reviews restoration, conservation of heritage sites in Jammu Division

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAY 27

Principal Secretary Culture and Tribal Affairs Suresh Kumar Gupta, in presence of Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Monday reviewed the performance of Culture and Tribal Affairs Departments here at a high-level meeting.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division, Director Tribal Affairs, Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Executive Engineer, MMJHS and other officers.

At the outset, the meeting discussed implementation of the Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of architecture and heritage sites in Jammu and Kashmir introduced by the



J&K Government in 2021.

Threadbare discussion was held on the District wise heritage sites and the scope of work for the revival of heritage in each district. The meeting was informed about the status of physical work completed and the interventions required for starting new works.

The heritage sites identified or on which the restoration works are on included Sumah Temple Akhnoor; Gurudwara Sundar Singh Jammu; Thin

Fort Kathua; Barood Khana at Salal Fort; Bhingarh Fort; Bathing Ghat at Dera Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Shrine; Repair Renovation of General Zorawar Singh Palace in Reasi; Bamuchak Temple Samba Fort; Krimchi Fort; Jaganu Fort; Ladden Kotli Fort in Udhampur, besides other heritage sites in other districts of Jammu Division.

The Div Com asked the Deputy Commissioners to submit new proposals through the respective District level Committees

headed by Deputy Commissioners.

Directions were issued for submitting new proposals under Phase II of the Scheme with recommendation of DLC to be sent to Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museum by June 10, 2024 positively.

It was decided that no new structure of any department/organization shall be allowed in any heritage monument. ADDC (Nodal Officer) and XEN were asked to submit a monthly progress report by 5th of month to Director AAM.

District-wise issues of the Tribal Affairs Department were also discussed with the concerned deputy Commissioners for early completion of Hostels for tribal students.

# Govt GLDM Degree College organises impact lecture series sponsored by Union Ministry of Education

JNEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, MAY 27

IIC (Institutional Innovation Council) of Government Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree College Hiranagar organised Impact Lectures on Innovation - Entrepreneurship-Start-Up and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), sponsored by Innovation Cell, union Ministry of Education. The Programme started with Lighting of the traditional lamp followed by Sarswati Vandana.

The resource persons for the programme were Prof. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Chairman (IIC) and CEO, TBIC School of Business, faculty of Management, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra and Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Coordinator IMPV and Head of School of Mechani-

cal Engineering, SMVDU, Katra.

In her inaugural address, Principal of the College, Dr. Pragya Khanna welcomed the resource persons and highlighted the importance of start-up and Entrepreneurship in the present Scenario. She also apprised the students about the various schemes and initiatives taken by the Govt. of India in these areas.

In his talk, Prof. Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha from School of Business, faculty of Management, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, shared his views about Entrepreneurship as career opportunity, objective of IIC, various schemes launched by Government of India under start-up India like DPIIT, NIDHI, NSTEDB, ATM, TBIs etc.

Assistant Professor, Dr. Yatheshth Anand from

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University also educated the audience regarding IPR (Intellectual property rights). He gave detailed notes on patents, design, copyright, trademarks etc. He motivated the students to choose the path of start-up, Entrepreneurship so that they may be able to get employment in future.

Dr. Bindu Sharma (President IIC) Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the initiative taken by the Institution by inviting a galaxy of experts from time to time to deliver lectures on Innovation/Entrepreneurship/Start-Up/IPR for academic growth and for the welfare of the students.

Students from different semesters also participated in the programme

with great interest. In the interactive session, both the resource persons also cleared various doubts and queries raised by the students and faculty members. Certificates were also distributed among the students by the dignitaries.

Pertinently, the GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar is maiden institution from JK UT to get sponsorship due to its remarkable standing in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF); a methodology adopted by the Ministry of Education (MoE) of the Government of India to rank higher education institutions in the country.

The Proceedings of the Programme were conducted by Dr. Rajni Bala and Prof. Shapia Shameem. The faculty members of various departments were also present on the occasion.