

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Headache and continuous fever above 102°C
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhoea
- Present vomiting
- A skin rash
- Redness in eyes
- Stomach pain
- Redness on skin
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If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY

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Civilian shot dead in Kupwara



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A civilian was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. They said gunmen suspected to be militants fired

at Ghulam Rasool Magray, 45, inside his residence at Kandi Khas late on Saturday, wounding him critically. "Magray was immediately rushed to a medical facility, from where

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Blood of every Indian boiling, victims will definitely get justice: PM Modi on Pahalgam attack

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that victims of the Pahalgam terror attack will definitely get justice, asserting that terrorists and conspirators behind the killings of 26 civilians will be served the harshest punishment. Blood of every Indian is boiling by looking at the pictures of the attack, he said in his monthly Mann Ki Baat address. Modi said the country's



unity and solidarity of its 140 crore citizens is its biggest strength in this war against terrorism. "This unity is the basis of our decisive fight against terrorism," he said. The prime minister said

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the attack in the famous tourist town in Kashmir reflected the desperation and cowardice of the patrons of terrorism, a reference to Pakistan, at a time when peace was returning to the Valley and there was vibrancy in its schools and colleges. He said construction work had gained unprecedented pace, democracy was getting stronger, the number of tourists was increasing at a record rate,

CM Omar supports decisive fight against terrorism, cautions harming innocents



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Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday supported decisive fight against terrorism and its origin but cautioned against any misplaced action that alienates people who have voiced their concerns over innocent killings after the Pahalgam terror attack. Abdullah's remarks came amid a major crackdown on the terror ecosystem, including the blasting of nine residential houses belonging to active terrorists and their overground workers, and the questioning of hundreds of persons across Kashmir valley in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. As many as 26 persons, mostly tourists, were killed in the attack that sparked an unprecedented outrage and spontaneous protests in the valley - a never-seen-before development in the history of over three-

decade-long terrorism in the region. In a post on X, Abdullah said, "After the Pahalgam terror attack, there must be a decisive fight against terrorism and its origin. The people of Kashmir have come out openly against terrorism and the murder of innocent people, they did this freely & spontaneously. "It's time to build on this support and avoid any misplaced action that alienates people. Punish the guilty, show them no mercy but don't let innocent people become collateral damage." On Saturday, Abdullah questioned Pakistan's offer to join any "neutral and transparent" probe into the terror attack in Pahalgam. His statement came in response to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's remarks, "The recent tragedy in Pahalgam is yet another example of this perpetual blame game, which must come to a grinding

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NIA registers case to probe Pahalgam Terror attack, intensifies search for evidence

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has formally taken over the Pahalgam terrorist attack case, intensifying its search for evidence and questioning eyewitnesses to unravel the terror conspiracy, officials said on Sunday. They said the anti-terror agency registered a case in Jammu on Sunday following orders from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and several teams are involved in the investigation.

After the dastardly terror attack on Tuesday afternoon that claimed 26 lives, a team of NIA officials led by its Inspector General (IG) was rushed to the site to assist the local police, the officials said. They said NIA teams have been camping at the terror attack site since Wednesday, looking for clues. "The entry and exit points are being closely

scrutinised by the investigating NIA teams for clues to the modus operandi of the terrorists. The teams, aided by forensic and other experts, are checking the entire area thoroughly for evidence to expose the terror conspiracy that led to the horrendous attack that has shocked the nation," an NIA statement said. The eyewitnesses

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Pakistanis failing to leave India face 3 years jail or Rs 3 lakh fine or both

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Any Pakistani, who fails to leave India as per the deadlines set by the government, will be arrested, prosecuted and may face a jail term of up to three years or a fine of a maximum Rs 3 lakh or both. The 'Leave India' notice to the Pakistani nationals was issued after 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed by Pakistan-linked terrorists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. The deadline for exiting India for those holding SAARC visas was April 26.



For those carrying medical visas, the deadline is April 29. The 12 categories of visas whose holders have to leave India by Sunday are - visa on arrival, business, film, journalist, transit, conference, mountaineering, student, visitor, group tourist, pilgrim and group pilgrim. According to the Immigration and Foreigners Act 2025, which came into effect on April 4, overstaying, violating visa conditions, or trespassing

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Former members of banned Jamaat launch new political party, says stand with Country

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A faction of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami on Sunday launched a new political party - the Jammu and Kashmir Justice and Development Front - pledging to stand with Country. Several former members of this faction had contested last year's Assembly elections in the Union Territory as Independent candidates. Jamaat-e-Islami, a politico-religious organization, was banned by the central government in 2019 over alleged links to militant groups. Announcing the launch, president of the party Shamim Ahmad Thoker said they had originally scheduled a meeting for April 29 at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), but it was advanced following the recent deadly attacks in Pahalgam and the subsequent national mourning. He expressed deep grief over the killings and offered condolences to the bereaved families, emphasizing that injustice against

innocent civilians is a crime against humanity. Thoker also condemned the harassment of Kashmiri citizens outside Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. He praised the solidarity shown by the people of Kashmir, who shut their businesses, organized protests, and extended hospitality to affected families. Rejecting any attempts to divide people on religious lines, Thoker stressed that sorrow and loss are shared by all humanity. "Our focus must be on unity, compassion, and human dignity," he said while addressing a press conference. The newly launched Justice and Development Front will work to ensure justice for all citizens without discrimination and prioritize development to bring prosperity across Jammu and Kashmir, Thoker said. He announced that political activities would formally begin across the valley and that an inaugural event for the party would be held soon. "Our struggle will

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Prohibition on sale, stitching and storage of army uniforms in Kishtwar

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Authorities have ordered prohibition on sale, stitching and storage of army uniforms and combat pattern dresses in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district to check their misuse by anti-national elements. Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan ordered the prohibition. "Whereas, this threat posed by subversive elements is an imminent danger to public safety, public peace, tranquillity and security that warrants immediate preventive ...,"



he said in an order issued on Saturday. Issuing a set of regulations and restrictions, the district magistrate said all authorised private firms and shops procuring, storing and selling combat clothes shall immediately inform in writing to the nearest police stations regarding their authority to carry on with this business.

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Pak again resorts to unprovoked small arms fire along Kashmir LoC, Army responds

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For the third consecutive night, Pakistan Army posts resorted to unprovoked small arms fire across the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir, Army sources said on Sunday. The firing was reported from the Nowgam sector in Kupwara district and the Boniyar sector in Baramulla district, they said. Army responded "effectively with appropriate small arms fire".



On the night of 26th-27th April 2025, Pakistan Army posts

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Pahalgam: Amid crackdown, Mehbooba, Mirwaiz urge Centre not to punish innocent Kashmiris

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Amid an ongoing intensified crackdown in Kashmir following the Pahalgam terror attack, former J&K chief minister Mehbooba Mufti and Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq urged the authorities not to punish innocent Kashmiri people. Mehbooba Mufti issued a fervent appeal to the Government of India, urging utmost caution and precision in its response to the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam. "The Government of India must tread with caution and carefully distinguish between terrorists and civilians following the recent Pahalgam attack. It must not alienate innocent people, especially those oppos-

ing terror," she said. "There are reports of thousands being arrested and scores of houses of common Kashmiris being demolished along with those of militants. I appeal to the central Government to direct the authorities to take care that innocent people are not made to feel the brunt as alienation aids terrorists' goals of division and fear," she said. Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq urged the authorities, that in seeking justice for the innocent victims of the terror attack, not to punish innocent Kashmiri families. "While Kashmiris collectively condemn the heinous crime at Pahalgam, and it is imperative to bring its perpetrators

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Sat Sharma stresses role of sports to curb drug abuse among youth

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Sat Sharma (CA), President, J&K BJP, alongwith Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East, Arvind Gupta, MLA Jammu West, and Priya Sethi, former Minister inaugurated 'Racket Rush', a state-of-the-art badminton and Pickleball court, near Pillar No. 28, Patel Nagar, Akhnoor Road, Jammu.

BJP State Secretaries Ayodhya Gupta, and Anju Dogra, Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Dr. Maksoo Tickoo, Keshav Chopra, Veena Gupta, Rajesh Dogra, Anil Masoom, Parveen Kerni, Munish Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Puneet Singh Jamwal, Swaran Singh, Arun Dubey, Deepak Kumar and Pankaj Chibber and others were among the prominent present on the occasion.

Owner Yudhvir Singh, alongwith family members Harjeet Singh, Poonam Kour, Abhayveer Singh and others were also present.

Sat Sharma, congratulating the owners, emphasizing the significance of sports infrastructure in nurturing young talent. "Facilities like Racket Rush will not only encourage a healthier lifestyle but will also prepare our youth for national and international competitions," he said.

Expressing satisfaction over the opening of new sports facilities for the youth, Sat Sharma highlighted how such initiatives would help curb the drug culture. He also reaffirmed the owners' commitment to promoting sports and youth engagement in Jammu and Kashmir, and wished them great success in their



Yudhvir Sethi lauded the initiative, stating that investment in sports is an investment in the future. "This facility will serve as a hub for budding athletes and will promote community bonding through sports," he added.

Arvind Gupta stressed the importance of providing modern amenities to support young athletes' aspirations from very early age.

Priya Sethi highlighted the Modi government's ongoing efforts in creating a sports-friendly environment across the Union Territory. Owners shared that

'Racket Rush' offers a professional-grade badminton court and introduces Pickleball, a fast-emerging sport gaining popularity among youth. With a mission to promote fitness and competitive spirit, the facility is open to players of all ages and skill levels.

The launch event concluded with an exhibition match played by BJP leaders, and local athletes, drawing enthusiastic cheers from the gathered crowd. The leaders encouraged young participants to make full use of the new facility and reaffirmed their support for sports initiatives in the region.

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Terror has no place in J&K's Future: Vibodh

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BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, while addressing party workers after listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat, reiterated the Centre's unwavering commitment to restoring peace, prosperity, and democracy in Jammu & Kashmir. He lauded the Prime Minister's efforts in ridding the Union Territory of terrorism and separatism and establishing a development-oriented governance model.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a deep emotional connection with the people of Jammu & Kashmir. His visionary leadership has steered the Union Territory away from the shadows of terrorism and towards a future filled with opportunity, stability, and growth," said Vibodh.

Referring to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Vibodh strongly condemned the act, calling it a sign of desperation by the forces opposed to peace. "The cowardly



attack is a reflection of the frustration of those who patronize terror. As schools, colleges, and democratic institutions in the Valley begin to thrive, and as tourism and youth employment rise, these enemies of progress are trying to disrupt the peace. But they will not succeed," he asserted.

Vibodh also emphasized that the Government's consistent efforts have led to significant improvements in the lives of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, citing the increased infrastructural

developments, educational advancements, and the empowerment of the youth. He reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to ensuring that the dreams of the people of Jammu & Kashmir are fulfilled and that terrorism finds no space in the Union Territory's future.

Speaking on the occasion, State Media Incharge Pardeep Mahotra said that PM Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat is truly inspiring, sparking positivity and hope. He also highlighted various success stories narrated by the Prime

Minister in his Mann Ki Baat.

Speaking on the occasion District Secretary Neelam Nargotra said that the Modi government stands firm against terrorism and remains committed to safeguarding every citizen. At the same time, we continue to see remarkable progress in Jammu & Kashmir through infrastructure development, investment, and integration efforts. Others who spoke on the occasion were Munish Gupta & General Secretary Talab Tillo Mandal, Arun Dubey.

Baldev Singh Billawaria joins booth workers to listen to 121st 'Mann Ki Baat' in Jammu

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Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria listened to the 121st episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular 'Mann Ki Baat' at booth number 36 of Ward 47 Bahu Fort in Jammu. Billawaria accompanied by Booth level workers, villagers, children, women and men joined to listen to the 'Mann Ki Baat' program. Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that the Prime Minister gives a message to the people of the country every month through the 'Mann Ki Baat' program. Through this program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi directly speaks his Mann Ki Baat to the public on various issues of the



country which increases the attachment of the public towards him. He said that the Mann Ki Baat program is very important and the entire countrymen eagerly wait for this program. Billawaria said that PM Narendra Modi has also given a clear message regarding the Pahalgam attack that the

families of the tourists who have been killed will definitely get justice and the terrorists will not be spared under any circumstances. He said that along with the mountains, apple farming has been successful in Karnataka as well. This is an inspiration for farmers that they can make any work success-

ful with their efforts, he added. After this, silence was observed for the peace of the souls of the innocent tourists killed in Pahalgam. Sumit Kumar, Surendra Patyal, Captain Moti Lal, Pandit Kushal Chand, Mukhtiyar Singh, Akshay Sagotra and others were present on this occasion.

Cong's Sympathy for Pak Exposed: Chugh

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BJP national general secretary & Prabhari J&K BJP, Tarun Chugh today said that the Congress leaders' sympathy and support for Pakistan stand exposed.

Chugh said that at a time when the tears of the bereaved families have not yet dried,



senior Congress leaders have started playing the politics of appeasement to run down the nation.

Taking strong exception to the statements made by Robert Vadra, Mani Shankar Aiyar, and Congress leaders in Karnataka, Chugh said that the Congress has always brought shame to the country, beginning from the time of Partition.

At a time when the whole country stands united with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leaders have

been striking a discordant note.

Chugh recalled how the Sonia Gandhi family, led by Robert Vadra, had given an anti-national statement soon after the Pahalgam massacre.

Chugh said that the nation stands firmly united with Prime Minister Modi to teach Pakistan a big lesson and defeat the nefarious designs of Pakistan.

Natrang Stages Hindi Play 'Do Kalakaar' Highlighting Struggles of Creative Artists

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Do Kalakaar, a play in Hindi written by Bhagwati Charan Verma and directed by Neeraj Kant was staged here today at Natrang Studio in its weekly Sunday Theatre series. Though coated with a thick layer of comedy, the play had a very relevant message to share with the audience which was revealed very artistically.

In the play, 'Churamani' and 'Martand' are two friends, both are artists (one poet and another painter) they had once aspired to rule the Bollywood with their respective creative strengths. The poet had dreamt of becoming the top Hindi Film lyricist and the painter had set a goal for himself to become the most sought after art director of the tinsel town. But destiny lands them in a situation where both are forced to use their creative energies in creating situa-



tions and cooking stories just to escape the harassment of their landlord who has not been paid the rentals of a dingy room for the last six months. The playwright has beautifully portrayed the tragic fate of the creative people who are expected to create magic and electrifying artistic experience through their unlimited creative energies are shown wasting their creativity just to ensure survival. The play opens at a situation where both the poet and the painter

have locked themselves in a room which is being visited by the landlord to collect the rent from them. The landlord forcefully makes his entry despite all-out unsuccessful efforts to hold him back are made by them. When caught at the corner both take shelter of their creative mind and start cooking highly logical excuses to impress the landlord so he allows them to continue till they are able to realize their unfulfilled dreams.

Both sell him the dreams

to the extent that the room rented out to them will once become a museum which once hosted the great genius of the world of poetry and painting. Finding the distance beyond measurement between their dreams and reality, the landlord refuses to buy their arguments and throws them out of the room to face further rejection and dejection of the society. Both the poet and the painter get this realization at this point of the time that despite having a civilization of thousand years at our back this world is not meant for creative people.

Natrang artists who presented a wonderful performance included Aadesh Dhar, Mihir Gujral, Adaksh Bagal, Aryan Sharma and Kartik Kumar. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant. The play was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Simran Bhagat.

Religious places can become powerful allies in our fight against heart diseases: Dr Sushil

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In order to educate the masses regarding the ever importance of religion and spirituality in preventing cardiovascular diseases Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac awareness cum health check up camp at Sarv Shakti Chandi Mata Mandir, Dhammi Nagrota, Jammu with a purpose to make people aware of this dimension of healthcare particularly with reference to cardiac ailments.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated Religious places act as platforms where large numbers of people gather regularly. These gatherings present an opportunity to disseminate valuable health information. Religious leaders, often respected and trusted by their communities, can play a pivotal role in delivering messages about CVD prevention, emphasizing the importance of regular check-ups, healthy eating, and physical activity. Religious texts and sermons can be interpreted to promote body care as a spiritual responsibility, reinforcing healthy behaviors. Religious institutions have traditionally been seen as spiritual sanctuaries, but their influence extends far beyond the realm of faith. One significant, yet often overlooked, contribution of religious places lies in their potential to promote public health—particularly in spreading awareness and encouraging prevention of cardiovascular diseases (CVD). Through



various channels, including teachings, community gatherings, and lifestyle influence, religious places can actively shape knowledge and behaviors related to heart health.

He elaborated that previous studies have reported positive relationships between religiosity, general health, and mortality. Some studies suggested that more frequent participation in religious activities led to lower rates of smoking, and others reported that practicing religion may be related to lower all-cause mortality. Religiosity may improve health through several mechanisms. Beyond diet and education, religious communities provide a sense of belonging, emotional well-being, and support. These psychosocial factors are crucial in managing stress, a well-known contributor to cardiovascular disease. People who feel emotionally supported are more likely to adopt and maintain healthy behaviors. Prayer, meditation, and communal worship also contribute to mental

peace, further reducing cardiovascular risk. Interestingly, while religiosity offers numerous health benefits, some studies point out a paradox—greater religiosity has also been associated with higher rates of obesity in some communities. This suggests that while religious involvement promotes certain healthy behaviors, it might also coincide with sedentary lifestyles or unhealthy communal eating habits, especially in the absence of health-oriented guidance. He added

Dr Sushil Sharma in his concluding remarks told that Religious places hold untapped potential as hubs for health promotion, especially in the realm of cardiovascular disease awareness and prevention. They influence not only spiritual lives but also physical well-being through education, lifestyle guidance, emotional support, and communal strength. By incorporating health-based messages into religious teachings and encouraging heart-friendly practices, these institutions

can contribute significantly to the fight against CVD. As such, engaging religious leaders and communities in public health strategies could yield profound benefits for individual and collective health.

Management committee of the Sarv Shakti Chandi Mata Mandir Sanjay Gandotra, Dr Deshvir Singh Jamwal, Vikas Singh Jamwal, Davinder Singh, Gourav Bhasin appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up camp and shows their heartfelt gratitude.

Others who were part of this camp include Dr Yashwant Sharma, Dr Venkatesh Yellupu, Dr Dheeraj Jamwal, Dr Rohit Sharma and Dr Tarun Sharma. Paramedics and volunteers include Raghav Rajput, Rajkumar, Ranjeet Singh, Gourav Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, Rahul Vaid, Makhan Sharma, Paramveer Singh, Mukesh Sharma, Nirvair Singh Bali, Vikas Kumar and numerous volunteers of the Mandir.

SMVDU Design Students Visit Indian Institute of Packaging Delhi

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Bachelor of Design students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra, Today visited the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) Delhi as part of an Educational Visit aimed at imparting industry exposure to Students of Bachelor of Design. The visit was organized under the guidance of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and was coordinated by Prof. Ankush Anand, Coordinator, B.Design Program, Last Year. The Team B.Design also had interactive sessions with Research and Development Experts of IIP Delhi and some industry experts, which broadened their understanding of current trends and innovations in Design and



of their classroom learning. It is worth to mention here that SMVDU started B.Design Program, Last Year. The Team B.Design also had interactive sessions with Research and Development Experts of IIP Delhi and some industry experts, which broadened their understanding of current trends and innovations in Design and

Development of Packaging products and Processes. Prof. Ankush Anand, Coordinator B.Design Program, SMVDU emphasized the importance of such industry-academia linkages in preparing students for professional challenges. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU lauded the initiative, encouraging students to actively engage

with industry practices to enrich their academic experience through Design and called upon students to take up some projects based on real life Design problems and their solutions. The visit served as a major step toward bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application for budding designers at SMVDU.

SMVDU hosts two-day workshop on “Innovations in Tribology and Robotics”

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The School of Mechanical Engineering at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), successfully organized a two-day workshop on “Innovations in Tribology and Robotics” on April 21st and 22nd, 2025. In the era of smart manufacturing and intelligent systems, these domains play a transformative role across industries such as automotive, aerospace, biomedical engineering, and industrial automation.

The event featured two distinguished experts Prof. Shakti K Gupta and Dr. Manjesh Kumar, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. Prof. S.K Gupta delivered a session on Robotics and Industrial Applications while Dr. Manjesh spoke about the material and tribological



aspects of Robotics. The talks were followed by interactive Q&A segments, which sparked lively discussions among participants, including faculty members, research scholars, and students. Further, a panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Ankush Raina on the future of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, which saw active participation from Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Shashi B. Kotwal and Mr. Swastik Gupta from the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Dr. Prabhu Omar (School of

Electrical Engineering), Dr. Vipal Sharma (School of Computer Science Engineering) The panel emphasized emerging AI trends, the integration of intelligent systems in robotics, and the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration. The workshop was jointly coordinated by Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Associate Professor, SME) and Dr. Ankush Raina (Assistant Professor, SME). The event was attended by UG, PG and PhD students of various schools. Dr. Pradeep Singh (Assistant Professor, SME) also participated in the various discussions. The organizers

thanked SMVDU administration and Vice Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar for providing the opportunity and providing all support to organize the event. Pertinently, SMVDU announced that starting from the upcoming academic year, the university will offer a B. Tech in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence. This new undergraduate program is set to equip students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in the rapidly growing fields of robotics and AI, opening up numerous career opportunities in advanced technology sectors.

GDC Thannamandi bids warm Send-off to 6th Semester Outgoing Students

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The Departments of Botany, Economics, Geography and Kashmiri of Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi bade warm send-off to their respective outgoing 6th semester students here this week.

A series of get-togethers for the outgoing students of B.A./B.Sc 6th Semester majoring in Botany, Economics, Geography and Kashmiri subjects organized by respective Departments under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of College. Heads of Botany, Dr. Ashaq Malik, Geography, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Economics, Dr. Nagina Kouser and Kashmiri, Prof. Rizwana Kouser, co-ordinated the Farwell of these students in their respective Departments.

In the farewell pro-



grammes, outgoing students gave passionate views about their cherishing experience in this college and affirmed their commitment towards development of college and nation building throughout their lives.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Ahmed lauded the efforts of coordinating Departments to bid warm farewell to outgoing students to foster deeper bonds of belongingness with their respective Departments

and the College at large. He patiently heard the feedback of students and answered the queries, and underscored the role of future alumni in the development of the institution. Dr. Farooq expressed good wishes to outgoing students for their brilliant educational and career pursuits.

Prominent among others who joined the get-togethers included Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Dr. Naseem Ahmed, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Dr. Nazar

ul Islam, Dr. Gohar Iqbal, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Anuj Bali (Librarian), Prof. Fatima Parveen, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rummy Dar, Dr. Shazia Poswal, Prof. Neeru Sayed, Dr. Ashraf, Dr. Yasmeen Kouser, Dr. Showkat Ahmed, Dr. Aftab Ahmed, Dr. Zabair Ahmed, Dr. Mudasir Ahmed Gori, Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed, Dr. Wahid Ahmed Qazi, Dr. Ateeq Ul Rehman, Zabair Ahmed and Sarfaraz Ahmed.

Da One Sports to launch Da One Sports Academy at The Asian School, Jammu

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In a landmark development that promises to revolutionize sports education in Jammu and Kashmir, Chairman The Asian School Jammu Ankush Mahajan and Da One Sports, an initiative by legendary cricketer Shikhar Dhawan, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to introduce a pioneering integrated sports education program in the region. This collaboration marks a proud moment for Jammu and Kashmir, as it paves the way for a new era of sports development in the region. The partnership will enable students to benefit from a holistic growth model that combines academic rigor with athletic development, fostering both educational and sporting excellence.

The focused in-school sports education program will offer structured sports training embedded within the school curriculum to promote athletic development, holistic growth model balancing academic rigor with sports training to foster overall development. Students will have access to experienced coaches and trainers. This program will provide students with a unique opportunity to develop their sporting skills while pursuing their academic goals. It will also help to identify and nurture talent, early identification and development of sporting talent, promote sports excellence, encourage students to strive for excellence in sports.

Reflecting on the vision behind Da One Sports, Anshita Gupta (CEO DaOne Group) said, we understand the importance of building a strong foundation under the guidance of the right mentors. With Da One Sports, we aspire to extend opportunities



to young, aspiring athletes – to provide them with the environment, expertise, and encouragement they need to chase their dreams. Jammu and Kashmir is home to extraordinary talent, and it is our honor to nurture this potential and guide it toward national and international success."

As part of this dynamic collaboration, Da One Sports is also thrilled to

announce the upcoming launch of the Da One Sports Academy at The Asian School, Jammu. The academy will specialize in Cricket, Football, and Basketball, offering students structured and progressive training programs designed by leading experts and implemented by certified coaches from across the country. The academy aims to lay a strong technical and physical foundation from the earliest stages of a student's sporting journey.

This initiative marks a significant step forward for sports development in the region. By combining The Asian School's academic excellence with Da One Sports' commitment to athletic excellence, the program offers a clear and inspiring pathway for young athletes to realize their full potential. Together, Da One Sports and The Asian School are committed to shaping the champions of tomorrow – one dream, one child, and one success story at a time.

Chairman The Asian School Jammu Ankush Mahajan speaking on the occasion said that signing of this MoU is a significant step towards promoting sports education in Jammu and Kashmir. The Asian School Jammu and Da One Sports are committed to working together to provide students with a world-class sports education program that will help them achieve their full potential.

Only the Power of the Name Can Liberate the Soul: Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj

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Today, the Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi, Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while delighting the congregation with the nectar of his discourses in Ranjdi, said that this man can escape from this ocean of the world by only one means and that is the power of the name. This part of the true man was very strong, but the mind is getting coloured by Maya and is suffering in misery.

The explanation of the soul in all the religious scriptures is very beautiful. The soul is peaceful, eternal, never perishable, without any faults. Then there is something wrong with the body. When we are looking, everything is found to be upside down. What is there in the body then? Everywhere deceit, fraud has increased, faults have increased, crimes have increased. Seeing all this, man is confused. Sahib has clearly spoken. There is only one way to escape from the cycle of time - the essence of the name. And there is no other effort to cross this ocean of the world, no matter how many times someone tries. The need is that we understand



what this essence of the name is. Once I was doing a satsang in England. One person said that without Susamved, no one can cross the ocean of the world. I asked where is Susamved.

If you look, this world will appear like a complete madhouse. A mad person is one whose own mind is not working. This whole world is running on the advice of the mind. Whatever actions you are doing, all are sent by the mind. No person is doing anything different from it. And this mind is a cunning force. It

makes everyone dance. No one can see it. Hypocrites have distorted the teachings of the Sahib for their own selfish purposes.

Everyone's intellect is not the same. The mind is controlling the intellect. This intellect and this mind will never inspire you to reach the soul. For the sake of saying and hearing, we say that we are bound in the mind-illusion. But no one thinks or contemplates on it. This whole world is a fan of the mind. A disciple

is called a mureed. Every human being acts inspired by the mind. The soul is beyond both action and non-action. This is a matter to be understood.

The mind is the doer of all good and bad deeds. If you remove the soul and the mind, spirituality is zero. If there is any doer inside this body, it is the mind. Among the dacoits, dacoit Mansingh has no match. Among the warriors, Ramji and Arjun have no match. Similarly, in spirituality, Kabir Sahib has no match. No one is even near him.

Our soul is beyond action. Sin and virtue are both handcuffs. All the actions that are happening are all the mind. You should understand this properly. What is the basis of the thoughts that arise inside a person? Thoughts related to the body arise. To earn money, for the body. To build a beautiful house, to go on a trip, to get good education, to earn money, all this is for the body only. What kind of a law is this? Sahib has explained it in great detail. All the equipment inside the body is under the control of the mind.

Without the name of truth, no one can conquer this mind.

Shiv Sena leaders meet LG, expressed grief over the Pahalgam terror attack

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SRINAGAR, APR 27

The National and local leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) today met Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha and assured full support on every decision of the Central Government for the restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Party national spokesperson, Anand Dubey, along with state head Manish Sahni and senior

leaders of the state met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar today and expressed deep grief over the disgusting, nefarious and cowardly attack on the tourist place Pahalgam in Kashmir valley by asking about religion and appealed to eliminate terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, which is called heaven on earth, and increase the deployment of army in the most sensitive areas. Along with this, assurance of support was

given on every decision of the Central Government and Lieutenant Governor regarding elimination of terrorism and restoration of peace from Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion Gulab Singh, Vikas Bakshi, Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, Shahsipa were present.

Appeared to maintain brotherhood

Shiv Sena (UBT) national spokesperson Anand Dubey and senior state unit leaders including Jammu

and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni, reached Kashmir with the message of not giving impetus to the agenda of terrorists and Pakistan and maintaining mutual brotherhood, today made a formal visit to the Srinagar residence of former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and MP Dr Farooq Abdullah. Dr Farooq Abdullah and Shiv Sena leaders jointly appealed to strictly crush terrorism and strengthen mutual brotherhood.

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Civilian shot dead...

he was shifted to a hospital in Srinagar, where he succumbed to his injuries," officials said, adding a postmortem examination was subsequently conducted.

Following the attack, joint security forces launched a massive manhunt to trace the attackers.

J&K Police has registered a case and started the investigation of the case.

While the motive behind the killing remains unclear, security sources said that Magray's brother, Ghulam Mohideen Magray, is based in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) after having crossed the Line of Control. Mohideen is believed to be an active operative of the Lashkar-e-Taiba militant group.

The killing of a civilian in Kupwara comes at a time when security forces have intensified operations against militants and their sympathisers in Kashmir in wake of the Pahalgam attack earlier this week.

In the ongoing crackdown, the homes of at least nine militants have been "demolished using explosives", and hundreds of suspects have been detained for questioning.

Since Saturday evening, three more houses belonging to militants were destroyed using explosives.

The houses blasted included that of Adnan Safi Dar in Zainpora Shopian, Jameel Ahmed Sheer Gojri in Bandipora, and Amir Nazir Wani in Tral, Pulwama.

Meanwhile, two "hardcore" Over Ground Workers (OGWs) were detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in Budgam district of central Kashmir.

The PSA allows detention without charge or trial for a maximum of one or two years.

Police said in a decisive move against terrorism and acting tough against anti-national elements (ANEs) District Police Budgam detained two "hardcore" OGWs Tahir Ahmad Kumar of Pakerpora and Shabir Ahmad Ganai of Karpura Pakerpora, under PSA.

"The arrests followed sustained efforts and actionable intelligence indicating the involvement of the duo in providing active support to terrorist outfits operating in the region," police said.

"The detained individuals were instrumental in facilitating terrorist activities, including movement, shelter, logistical support, and their continued engagement in anti-national activities, and their role in motivating local youth to join banned terrorist organisations. The imposition of the PSA was deemed necessary, and their detention marks a significant step towards dismantling terrorist support networks in the district," a police statement said.

Blood of every Indian...

income was increasing, and new opportunities were being created for the youth.

Modi said, "Enemies of the country, the enemies of Jammu and Kashmir did not like that. Terrorists and the masterminds of terror want Kashmir to be destroyed again and hence they executed such a big conspiracy."

The prime minister said his heart is in deep anguish over the biggest terror attack on civilians in Kashmir in a long spell of time, and said the incident has hurt every citizen of the country.

Every Indian is feeling deep sympathies for the affected families, no matter which state one belongs to or which language one speaks, he said.

Modi said, "I can feel that the blood of every Indian is on the boil after seeing the pictures of the terrorist attack. I once again assure the affected families that they will get justice, and justice will be definitely done. The perpetrators and conspirators of this attack will be served the harshest punishment."

He added, "We have to strengthen our resolve to face this challenge before the country. We have to demonstrate a strong willpower as a nation. Today the world is watching that after this terrorist attack the whole country is speaking in one voice."

The prime minister said the attack has drawn condemnation from the whole world, noting that international leaders have called him up, written letters and sent messages. Everyone has strongly condemned this heinous terrorist attack, and they have expressed condolences to the families of the deceased, he said.

Modi said, "The whole world stands with 140 crore Indians in our fight against terrorism."

Terrorist had gunned down at least 26 civilians, mostly tourists, in Pahalgam on April 22, sparking nation-wide outrage and demand for a befitting response from the government, especially against Pakistan which has a history of training and arming terrorists and sending them across the border. (Agencies)

CM Omar supports...

halt. Continuing with its role as a responsible country, Pakistan is open to participating in any neutral, transparent and credible investigation."

Abdullah had told reporters in Ramban, "First they (Pakistan) did not accept that something happened in Pahalgam. Then they even said it was done by India. They were the ones who first accused us, so it's difficult to say anything about them."

Asked about Sharif's remarks, Abdullah said, "I do not want to comment much on their (Pakistani leaders) statements. I regret the incident, which should not have happened."

NIA registers case to...

are also being questioned in minute detail to piece together the sequence of events that led to one of the worst terror attacks in Kashmir, it said.

The teams, overseen by an IG, a Deputy Inspector General (DIG) and a Superintendent of Police (SP) from the anti-terror agency, are examining eyewitnesses who had seen the horrifying attack unfold before their eyes at the peaceful and picturesque Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, according to the statement issued by NIA.

In the targeted attack, a group of terrorists killed male tourists milling around eateries, taking pony rides or just picnicking with their families including young children and parents at the meadow touted as 'Mini Switzerland' for its serene beauty.

Separate teams of NIA officials have been visiting across the country to seek details from survivors of the terrorist attack, said to be orchestrated by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the officials said.

NIA teams have recorded accounts from victims' family members in Maharashtra, Odisha and West Bengal among other states, they said.

Initial investigations into the dastardly terror attack indicate that the number of terrorists involved could range from five to seven, they said.

The attackers were also aided by at least two local militants who received training in Pakistan, the officials said.

Security agencies have released sketches of three terrorists suspected to be involved in the attack. The trio, from Pakistan, are said to be Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, they said.

Jammu and Kashmir Police announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh each for information leading to the neutralisation of the terrorists.

The probe suggested that the terrorists used body cameras to record their barbaric act, the officials said, quoting eyewitnesses. (Agencies)

Pakistanis failing...

in restricted areas could lead to three years in jail and a fine of up to Rs 3 lakh.

"Whoever, -(a) being a foreigner, remains in any area in India for a period exceeding the period for which the visa was issued to him or stays in India without a valid passport or other valid travel document in contravention of provisions of Section 3 or does any act in violation of the conditions of the valid visa issued to him for his entry and stay in India or any part there under;

"(b) contravenes any other provisions of this Act, other than sections 17 and 19, or of any rule or order made thereunder or any direction or instruction given in pursuance of this Act or such order or direction or instruction for which, no specific punishment is provided under this Act, shall be punishable with an imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with a fine which may extend to three lakh rupees or with both," the Act says.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday called up the chief ministers of all states and asked them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in India beyond the deadline set for leaving the country.

After Shah's telephonic conversations with the chief ministers, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan held a video conference with the chief secretaries and asked them to ensure that all Pakistani nationals whose visas were revoked must leave India by the fixed deadline.

The already strained relations between India and Pakistan nosedived further after the Pahalgam terror attack, with New Delhi announcing a barrage of retaliatory steps, including the cancellation of visas, and Islamabad hitting back with a string of tit-for-tat measures.

Pak again resorts...

initiated unprovoked small arms fire across the Line of Control in the areas opposite Tutmari Gali and Rampur Sectors. Our troops responded effectively with appropriate small arms fire," the Army sources said.

This is the third consecutive night when the Pakistan Army opened small arms fire at several locations along the volatile LoC.

The exchange of fire along the LoC comes amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan following the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed the lives of 25 tourists and one local resident.

In wake of the Pahalgam attack, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi visited Srinagar on Friday and reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Former members of...

continue to serve the people and establish a society based on justice, peace, and unity," Thoker said, calling on people to unite against hatred and discrimination.

The former Jamaat leader said that they stand with the Country's moves keeping in mind the parameters of justice and progress.

Meanwhile, Peoples Conference President and MLA Handwara Sajad Lone welcomed the formation of a new political party by former members of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Describing the development as "very good news," Lone emphasized the importance of a diverse electoral landscape that reflects a wide range of ideologies.

"The electoral arena should be exhaustive and represent all viewpoints," he remarked.

Acknowledging the challenges faced by the members in their journey thus far, Lone lauded their perseverance. "Their journey till here has not been painless. Wishing them all the best," he concluded.

Pahalgam: Amid crackdown..

to justice, indiscriminate arrests and videos circulating on social media of demolition of houses and neighbourhoods, is disturbing and distressing. I urge the authorities, that in seeking justice for the innocent victims not to punish innocent Kashmiri families," the Mirwaiz said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Justice and Development Front (JKJDF), which was launched on Sunday, also voiced concern over reports of damages to civilian homes.

"We stand with the nation, but we appeal to the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, and the Lieutenant Governor's administration, to ensure that innocent women, children, and the elderly are not subjected to further suffering due to the blasting of houses," president of the JKJDF Shamim Ahmad Thoker said.

Former Mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu questioned the rationale behind demolition of houses.

"Those who abandoned their old parents and families to choose a path of violence and terror destroyed their homes and the souls dwelling in them long back.

15th Rozgar Mela organized by CGST Jammu; PM Modi virtually inaugurates event

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The 15th Rozgar Mela Tranche was organized by Govt. of India and conducted by the CGST Department, Jammu at Convention Centre, Jammu on 26th April 2025 which was inaugurated by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through virtual medium. On this occasion, appointment letters were given to more than 51000 youth across India. This program was conducted by various de-partments at 47 centers including Jammu. CGST department was given the responsibility for conducting this program in



Jammu. In this programme the Chief Guests was Sh. Gyan Chand Jain, CGST Com-

missioner, J&K and Ladakh and Guest of Honour was Sh. P.K. Bhatt, Commissioner, SGST, J&K and other dignitaries of Jammu Division were also present. The appointment letters were distributed to 48 successful candidates from Dept of Post, DFS, EPFO, CBIC, SSB, PCDA, GSI, CBBT and Defence Estates department under the programme.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest Mr. Gyan Chand Jain Commissioner CGST, J&K and Ladakh presented the importance of Rozgar Mela and also emphasized to share the information of different policies under taken by the govt. of India.

What are being demolished now are the houses that shelter those broken backs and souls. How exactly will it avenge terror?," he asked.

National Conference leader and District Development Council Nasir Lone while reacting to the "blasting" of a house of Farooq Tedwa in Kupwara on Saturday evening said this will not avenge the wrongs committed by militants.

"Farooq Tedwa has been living in Pakistan for the past three decades after abandoning his family, leaving them to suffer alone.

"Destroying the homes of families will not avenge the wrongs committed by militants. It only deepens the wounds, punishes those who have already been left behind," he said on X.

Prohibition on sale...

The time limit for such information will be 15 days from the date of issuance and publication of this order. All authorized persons private firms/shops dealing in

such articles shall submit fortnightly reports of all the sales of combatic/Khadi dress/cloth made by them along with detailed particulars of the Army/Paramilitary/Police personnel to whom the such sales have been made," the order said.

The list shall be provided by the dealer or dealers to Station House Officer's concerned on fortnightly basis.

"The register carrying all such details will be maintained properly by each dealer and shall be made available as and when the inspection of the shop is conducted by competent authorities," the order said, directing all such authorised firms to sell such articles to bonafide members of armed forces after verifying their identity and recording the names and the units where ever employed on the register.

Thesildar, executive magistrate first class or an officer of the police of the rank of Assistant Sub-inspector or above shall have the authority to check and inspect such registers, the order said, adding any person contravening this order shall be punished. (Agencies)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY DIVISION RAMBAN.
FRESH SHORT TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
E-NIT NO.-EE/PMGSY/DR/A2 OF 2025-26 DATED: 25/04/2025

Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Ramban on behalf of The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, invites e-tenders for Stage Contracts on %age Above/Excess (+) OR %age Below/ Less (-) basis (i.e. on Percentage-Rate Basis) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt, CPWD, Railways or equivalent and other State Govts up to **5.00 PM on 01-05-2025** for each of the following works.

S.No	Name of Work/ Package No.	Name of the PIU	Cost of documents (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Validity Period of Contract	Call of tender	Time and date of opening of tenders	Class of contractor
1	Temporary Restoration of roads on emergency basis i.e. (motor paths only) by way of clearance of slips/snow likely to occur during the financial year 2025-2026. 1. Muraag Balhote Adhwa, Package No. JK04-455, Stage-II, Phase-XI, Block and District - Ramban, Length = 19.40Kms. 2. Seri to Sancha, Package No. JK04-456, Stage-II, Phase-XI, Block and District - Ramban, Length = 15.85Kms. Total Length:- 35.25Kms	Ramban	1000.00	10000.00	31-03-2026	3rd	02-05-2025 11:00 AM	Any registered contractor with State PWD/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as per Nit.
2	Temporary Restoration of roads on emergency basis i.e. (motor paths only) by way of clearance of slips/snow likely to occur during the financial year 2025-2026. 1. Batote to Rakh Jarog, Package No. JK04-197, Stage-II, Phase-VIII, Block-Batote, District-Ramban, Length = 3.0Kms. 2. Batote to Chakwa, Package No. JK04-274, Stage-II, Phase-XI, Block-Batote, District-Ramban, Length = 8.15Kms. 3. Champa to Dhaino, Package No. JK04-279, Stage-II, Phase-X, Block-Batote, District-Ramban, Length = 16.00Kms. Total Length:- 27.15 Kms	Ramban	1000.00	10000.00	31-03-2026	3rd	02-05-2025 11:00 AM	Any registered contractor with State PWD/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as per Nit.
3	Temporary Restoration of roads on emergency basis i.e. (motor paths only) by way of clearance of slips/snow likely to occur during the financial year 2025-2026. 1. Maitra to Balwat, Package No. JK04-271, Stage-II, Phase-X, Block and District - Ramban, Length = 10.00Kms. 2. Maitra to Balwat, Package No. JK19-3009, Upgradation, Pmgsy III, Block and District - Ramban, Length = 7.05Kms. Total Length:- 17.05Kms	Ramban	1000.00	10000.00	31-03-2026	3rd	02-05-2025 11:00 AM	Any registered contractor with State PWD/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as per Nit.

1. (a) The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in> from **5.00 PM on 25-04-2025 to 01-05-2025 (5.00PM)**
(b) The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in> from **05.00 PM 26-04-2025 to 01-05-2025 05.00 PM**
(c) A Pre bid meeting will be held on **26-04-2025 12.00 Noon** . in the Office of The Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Ramban to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9 of instruction to bidders of the Bidding documents.

2. The date and time of opening of Financial Bids shall be notified on Web Site <http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in>.

3. For further details Kindly visit our website <http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in>

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MLA Marh tours border area, listen grievances of people

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MARI, APR 27

MLA Marh Satish Bhagat Sunday visited various border villages of Marh constituency and listened the grievances and problems being faced by the people of border area at Zero line border Panchayats Rajpura, Kana Chack, Panjore, Nai Basti, Gangu Chack, Shama Chack, Kalyanpur, Sohagni, Gho Manhasan, Makwal, Summ. He assured the people that BJP government at Centre is committed for the security, safety of the people. He also reviewed arrangements for the people of border people at safer places keeping in view the prevailing situation on IB and LoC. He interacted with the people of different villages and listened their grievances and problems being faced by them. People of these villages demanded surgical strikes on terrorist camps running along LoC in POK.



Bhagat assured the people from villages situated nearer to Line of Control that BJP government is ready to provide every essential commodity to the border people keeping in view the prevailing situation along IB and LoC for safety and security of own people as Indian Army and BSF is fully prepared to thwart the ill designs of enemy and anti-national elements. He asked the concerned authorities and officials to provide adequate essential commodities to border people as BJP government at Centre is much concerned about their security and safety.

Bhagat on the occasion made a scathing attack on Pakistan and compared the

neighbouring country with a "Plaque" for the entire world. He said that Pakistan's policy will lead to its complete destruction. He said Pak's proxy war has given uncalled tragedies to our peace loving border dwelling people but at the same time the brave Indian forces have inflicted heavy casualties on Pakistan's side giving a befitting reply. Bhagat praised the brave people living on borders for their love for motherland.

Bhagat said BJP Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been relying on a radical new approach to accelerate projects to unclog the bottlenecks stopping the

development of border areas. He said that the life of people in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir has for decades been held ransom to shoddy roads and poor infrastructure due to the phlegmatic approach shown by the successive governments. He said that the bad days have gone as Modi Government is committed to provide succor to every household whether in urban area limits or at extreme end of the Union Territory. He said that efficiency and transparency are the two key areas which the Modi Government is focusing on and these two aspects will bring vibrant changes across the UT.

Congress has history of protecting interests of J&K people: Bhalla

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RS PURA, APR 27

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla Sunday asked the party leaders and activists in a meeting held at Simble camp in RS Pura constituency to gear up to expose the BJP's politics of vendetta to divert and digress the attention of people from real issues facing the common man and the youths. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Dr. Subhash Chander, Sardar Ravinder Singh, Sardar Hardeep Singh, Sardar Hargeet Singh, Sardar Taranjeet Singh, Sardar Karamjeet Singh, Sardar Dalvinder Singh. He called upon all party functionaries to mobilize the cadres for participation in the protest rally on May 1st against terrorism by Pakistan besides holding series of rallies in all districts before May 3rd to May 10 and Assembly Segments from May 11 to May 17 and blocks etc up to May end. He asked leaders to mobilize their cadres to organize and participate in the rallies all over the UT.

Bhalla said that Congress shall not take lying down any attack on our leadership and on democracy and constitutional institutions, by the Modi Govt which is out to weaken our constitutional institutions in the country to divert the attention of the people from its communal and divisive and vendetta politics. He expressed grave concern over the failure of the Centre Govt to contain the worsening security situation as a result our security forces are sacrificing their lives and the people especially in the borders, remote and far flung villages in Jammu region are fearing their lives.

Bhalla today empha-



sized that the Congress party has always taken a leading role in addressing the challenges faced by the country. He asserted that the party is well-equipped to discharge its responsibility of making sacrifices for the nation. This was stated by Bhalla while interacting with border residents following the recent Pahalgam attack, Bhalla urged the people to remain calm amidst the heightened tension between India and Pakistan. He emphasized the need for national unity in the face of terrorism.

Bhalla stated that the Congress party extends its full support to the government in taking action against terrorists and their supporters. He emphasized that the party is committed to working together with the government to ensure the safety and security of the nation. The Congress leader's statement comes at a time when the nation is grappling with the threat of terrorism. Bhalla's call for calm and national unity underscores the party's commitment to working towards the greater good of the country.

Raman Bhalla's assertion of the Congress party's leading role in tackling national challenges and its support for the government's action against terrorism reflects the party's unwavering commitment to the nation's unity and integrity. Bhalla asserted that Congress has always

taken a "leading role" in tackling the challenges posed before the country, saying the party "very well knows how to discharge its role of sacrificing everything for the country".

Bhalla said, "Today, the situation of J&K has become adverse owing to the anti-people policies of the government. Spiralling inflation, poverty, malnutrition, crime and challenges before the democratic values, Constitution and Constitutional institutions, can only be tackled by Congress. For this, everybody has to play an active role."

Urging the Congress workers to understand the pain faced by the people, he said, "The history of the Congress has been to reduce the pain of every section of the country. This is our present as well as the future. Hence, our priority is the country and the people. Stand with them, share their pain, and work hard to help them get rid of the pain." He also said that the BJP governments at the Centre and in J&K have "committed the sin of pushing people into problems".

Addressing concerns about job opportunities and nepotism, Bhalla reiterated Congress's dedication to implementing pro-poor and pro-oppressed policies for their upliftment. He assured support for refugees, poor farmers, and marginalized communities. Taking a dig at the

BJP, he accused the ruling party of undermining the constitutional and political rights of J&K residents. He criticized the government for delaying the restoration of statehood and holding Panchayat and ULB elections in the UT.

The JKPCC leader emphasized the need for unity among people in Jammu and the valley to safeguard their rights and interests. He urged the initiation of a movement to demand the restoration of statehood and the reversal of hostile laws affecting the region. Assuring Congress's commitment to protecting Jammu and Kashmir's interests, Bhalla emphasized the party's efforts for peace and prosperity in the region. He urged public support to ensure the effective implementation of Congress's people-friendly agenda.

He underscored the importance of upcoming Panchayat and ULB elections and called upon the people of Jammu to reject divisive forces. He highlighted the urgency for elections, signalling growing alienation in the region at gross root level. Regarding job opportunities, Bhalla criticized the preference for outsiders in developmental projects, pledging to prioritize locals for employment. He called for public support to elect Congress candidates to address the region's issues effectively.

Raman reiterated Congress's vision for the economic empowerment of Jammu and Kashmir's people, promising impartial development and prosperity for all citizens, regardless of their affiliations. He urged party leaders and workers to strengthen their political activities and outreach programs to stay connected with the masses.

Condolence meeting held for Pahalgam terror attack victims at Parshu Ram Bhavan

JAMMU, APRIL 27:

A solemn condolence meeting was organized today at 11 AM at Parshu Ram Bhavan, DBPS Brahma Sabha, to pay tribute to the 26 tourists who lost their lives in the brutal terrorist attack by Pakistani terrorists at Pahalgam on April 22, 2025.



A large number of people from various social organizations and Sansthas gathered to express their grief and condemn the heinous act. The meeting saw heartfelt tributes and emotional messages in memory of the victims.

Sh. Sat Sharma (CA), President of BJP J&K, was the main speaker at the event. He, along with DBPS President Shri Ved

Prakash Sharma, strongly condemned the gruesome killings, describing them as inhuman and deeply disturbing. Ms. Sudershan Behan Ji of Brahma Kumaris Jammu also paid rich tributes and emphasized the importance of Sanatan Dharma during her address.

Several other prominent personalities voiced

their anguish and condemned the killings, including Shri KB Jandyal (Retd. IAS), Smt. Purnima Sharma, Former JMC Corporation Parkash Parihar, Anita Sharma, Kuldip Sharma from Samba, Subash Gupta of Mahajan Sabha, Sunita Gupta, B.S. Jamwal (Retd. DC), Soujanya Sharma (Retd.

JMC Commissioner), Suhash Shastri, Gurdas Sharma, Pt. V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Rajesh Bargotra, Jagdish Dogra, Parshotam Sharma (Advocate), Chander Udhay (Advocate), Kanav Sharma (Advocate), Balbinder Singh Bhatia, Chander Mohan Sharma (Advocate), Sh. Ravinder Bali, Sh. Arun Kumar, Brita Ram, M.L. Padha, Shiv Ram, Jagan Nath, K.L. Sharma, Raman Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Devinder Sharma, Ritz Khajuria, and Ramesh Sharma, who conducted the proceedings.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and a Shanti Path for the peace of the departed souls.

Anti Crime NGO Spreads Kindness with Chabeel During Scorching Summer

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In a heartwarming initiative to provide respite from the intense summer heat, the Anti Crime NGO, under the supervision of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta, organized a "Chabeel" (sweet water distribution drive) for the public. The event was aimed at offering relief to commuters, daily wage workers, and local residents suffering from the scorching temperatures that have gripped the region over the past few weeks.



The Chabeel was organized at a prominent location where volunteers actively served chilled sweet water to hundreds of people throughout the day. The event not only provided physical relief from the heat but also spread the message of compassion, community service, and human kindness - values that the Anti Crime NGO has been championing consistently.

Ex-Corporator Sahil Gupta graced the occa-

sion with his presence and extended his wholehearted support to the noble cause. He praised the efforts of the NGO and emphasized the importance of such community-driven initiatives, especially during challenging weather conditions. Speaking on the occasion, Sahil Gupta stated that such acts of kindness not only help individuals physically but also uplift the community spirit, encouraging others to come forward and contribute to society.

Several active mem-

bers of the NGO, including Rohit Kumar, Bunty Kumar, Jagjeet Kumar, and Monu Kumar, participated enthusiastically in the event. They ensured the smooth distribution of sweet water to all passers-by, maintaining hygiene and order throughout the drive. Their dedication and hard work were clearly visible, as they worked tirelessly under the blazing sun to make the event successful.

Chairman Sham Lal Gupta expressed gratitude to all the volunteers and supporters for making

the initiative impactful. He reiterated the NGO's commitment to serving society not just through its anti-crime awareness programs but also through humanitarian activities that address immediate community needs.

The event concluded on a positive note, with smiles and gratitude from the people who received the service. The Anti Crime NGO's efforts once again highlighted the crucial role that non-governmental organizations play in building a compassionate and resilient society.

Shiv Sena Hindustan holds meeting to discuss terrorism and drug abuse in J&K

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A crucial meeting of Shiv Sena Hindustan was held in Nateral village, Bishnah, under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri. The meeting focused on discussing the growing menace of terrorism and drug abuse in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting saw the participation of prominent figures, including State Deputy Chief Balveer Kumar, Ashwini Kumar, Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, Balwant Fouji, Rinku Baba, Sunil Kumar, Sunil Saini, Darshana Devi, Jyoti Devi, Muskan Devi, Neeru Devi, Vijay Devi, Dhiraj Kumar, Satpal, Captain Om Prakash, Cap-



tain Gara Ram, Sushil, Kewal Kumar and Kumar Saini, along with other village heads.

The participants unanimously agreed to stand united against terrorism and drug abuse. Kesri emphasized the need for collective action to support the government and police

in eradicating these issues from Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that this can only be achieved if everyone develops a sense of patriotism and ownership towards the state. The meeting observed a two-minute silence in memory of the martyrs, and gratitude was expressed to the govern-

ment for providing due respect and assistance to the injured and the families of the martyrs.

The participants urged the Central Government to take immediate action against Pakistan, specifically targeting terrorist factories. They emphasized that this is the right moment to respond to Pakistan and that the government should not let this opportunity slip. The meeting concluded with a resolve to work collectively to combat terrorism and drug abuse, and a demand for decisive action against Pakistan. The participants reaffirmed their commitment to the nation, chanting "Jai Hind Jai Bharat".

On PUCA demand, IKGPTU will conduct special exams for JK students

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A Delegation of Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) led by Dr Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh met Sakina Itoo Education Minister, Jammu and Kashmir at UT Guest House,



Chandigarh Today. Dr. Kataria expressed

gratitude to Minister Sakina Itoo for requesting

the Governor and Chief Secretary of Punjab to provide a special opportunity for J&K students to appear in exams when the situation stabilizes.

It is to be mentioned that IKGPTU has issued a special notification (No. IKGPTU/COE/194) regarding the postponement of exams due to the Pahalgam incident.

EDITORIAL

Bridging aspirations with action

The rugged landscapes of Ladakh are once again alive with the hopes and anxieties of its people. In the latest developments, the Union Territory stands on the cusp of significant administrative and political change, as the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) prepares to notify five new districts by July's end and address pressing concerns regarding domicile status and recruitment policies. This move to carve out Sham, Nubra, Changthang, Zaskar, and Drass as separate districts marks a pivotal step in bringing governance closer to Ladakh's scattered and often remote communities. From just two districts—Leh and Kargil—to seven, Ladakh's administrative evolution reflects the Centre's growing recognition of the region's distinct needs. This restructuring, if complemented by adequate infrastructure, posts, and resource allocation, promises a more inclusive and efficient governance model, long demanded by the people. However, structural changes alone cannot address the underlying disquiet simmering across Ladakh. The lingering uncertainty over domicile definitions and gazetted cadre recruitment remains a thorn in the region's side. The High Powered Committee's scheduled meeting on May 20 with Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance could be a turning point. The proposal to relax domicile conditions from 15 to 20 years is a step forward, but Ladakhis rightfully seek firm assurances that recruitment, particularly for gazetted posts, will prioritize and protect local youth. In a fragile ecosystem like Ladakh's, where opportunities are few and stakes are high, safeguarding local interests must be more than an electoral promise – it must be codified policy. The region's political leaders have wisely coupled their demands for administrative clarity with calls for practical development measures. The plea to restore LAHDC and UT budget allocations highlights an essential truth: governance cannot function on mere promises. Without adequate financial resources, the dream of vibrant, self-sustained border villages and a thriving local economy will remain elusive. Similarly, the push for a dedicated Ladakh Development Corporation underscores a critical need for transparent, efficient handling of Ladakh's development funds. Given the irregularities witnessed under previous setups, a region-specific development body could ensure targeted growth aligned with Ladakh's unique ecological, economic, and cultural identity. Tourism, a lifeline for Ladakh's economy, also demands immediate attention. Simplifying registration processes for foreign tourists is not just a logistical necessity but a strategic move to rebrand Ladakh as a truly global destination. Combined with efforts to update Ladakh's international representation through Indian embassies, these initiatives can cement Ladakh's place on the global map – as both a pristine paradise and a vibrant, autonomous region of India. Today, Ladakh stands at an inflection point. Its people have shown remarkable patience and resilience in the face of geopolitical shifts and environmental fragility. Now, it is the government's responsibility to ensure that the promises made translate into tangible benefits – not just new districts on a map, but new opportunities, safeguarded rights, and a better quality of life for every Ladakhi. The beauty of Ladakh lies not just in its landscapes but in the spirit of its people. As the Centre navigates Ladakh's demands, it must do so with sensitivity, urgency, and respect for that spirit. Only then can Ladakh's future be as breathtaking as its mountains.

Pahalgam Attack an Assault on the Soul of India

OMKAR DATTATRAY

In fact dastardly attack on tourists at the world famous scenic spot is not only an attack on the innocent tourists only, but it was a planned assault on the soul of India. The prime minister Narendra Modi was right when he categorically stated that the Pahalgam attack is not merely an attack on unarmed and innocent tourists but it definitely an assault on the soul of India. The people of India cannot accept the attack on its soul and therefore they are rising against this barbaric terrorist act whose intention and aim is to give a serious blow to the very idea of India and its composite culture that is called Ganga-Jammuni Tehzeeb /culture and therefore such terrorist attacks should be fought jointly, in unison and in coordination as such an attack is unacceptable and uncalled for and has no place in our culture and country. Pahalgam attack is thus also an attack on valued Kashmiriyat and Kashmiri's communal harmony and Hindu-Muslim unity which has been attacked by this sinister and savage carnage. This terrorist attack in the lush green Pahalgam valley has ashamed Kashmiriyat, Insaniyat-humanity as it is an assault on humanity and composite cultural heritage and on the very idea of India. It is an attack on communal harmony, Hindu-Muslim brotherhood, secularism and pluralism and thus has been rightly condemned by one and

all including separatist leader of Hurriyat conference Omar Farooq who is also the chief of Awami Action Committee. It was an attack on humanity and thus people of India including of Jammu and Kashmir, the political parties across the spectrum have expressed their readiness to support the governments retaliatory measures to counter terrorism and to bring the perpetrators to task and also to punish the sponsors, backers and exporters of terrorism to India. It is very unfortunate that the Pahalgam attack is the assault on the doctrine of pluralism and sarva Panth Sambav which is the cardinal principle of the country called Bharat. We have to guard and protect this principle at every cost and give a befitting reply to the forces of doom and mayhem so that the very foundation of terrorism is not only shaken but its back is broken. Pahalgam attack is the direct attack on Kashmiriyat, the very idea of India, communal harmony and sufi culture and traditions and needs to be dealt with an iron hand and there should be no complacency in punishing the terrorists and the epicenter of terrorism which is Pakistan. PM Modi has resolved to trace, identify and punish terrorists of this crime and its backers Pakistan and chase terrorists everywhere up to the close of earth. PM Modi was naturally very angry and he made it clear that no stone will be left unturned to fight terrorism on Indian soil and to punish

its supporters, sponsors and exporters. India has long being a shining example of unity, communal amity, harmony, pluralism, secularism and above all tolerance. India has always assimilated for-eigners on its soil and various faiths and religions flourish side by side thanks to the broadmindedness of the majority Hindu community and at present the majority community should be commended and appreciated for its cool and for maintaining communal harmony despite such a grave and big provocation the Pahalgam massacre which has shamed the whole humanity. Putting up a joint face in the wake of deadly attack on tourists in Pahalgam J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday -April 24, 2025 chaired an all-party meet in Srinagar and passed a joint resolution terming the terror attack "a direct assault on the values of Kashmiriyat and the idea of India, a symbol of unity, peace and harmony in the region." Abdullah said while the spirit of Kashmir was under attack, the people stood united in grief, resilience and determination to uphold peace and harmony. All joint resolution was adopted in the spirit of collective solidarity and firm resolve. "Mr Abdullah said. The participants, the resolution said, stand unwavering in "our commitment to support all efforts in bringing these perpetrators to justice." Modi said in Bihar that India will identify, track, and punish terrorists, their backers and handlers and

give them punishment beyond their imagination and thinking. He also roared that India will not spare the backers and masterminds of the terrorists who carried this heinous crime at Pahalgam against humanity and will not spare anyone. In a powerful address in Madubani Bihar Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared India's resolve to inflict such punishment to terrorists of Pahalgam terrorist attack and on their backers which they have not anticipated in their wildest dreams and such punishment will be beyond their thinking. PM Modi also condemned that Pahalgam terrorist act and said it was not merely an assault on innocent tourists but an attack on the very soul of India. It means that as per Modi the Pahalgam attack was an assault on the foundations of India and its composite culture for which our country is famous across the globe. At any cost we have to maintain, safeguard, protect and further secularism, tolerance and pluralism so that India continues to raise its head high and continues to shine in the world. This gruesome and barbaric terrorist attack at Pahalgam was the attack on the very essence of India and we have rightly resolved to fight terrorism to finish and to dismantle the safe heavens and hideouts in and outside the LOC and we will not spare those abetting, exporting and sponsoring terrorism in our soil. India has resolved to teach the perpetrators of terror a lesson

by striking at the very roots of terrorism and for this India can go to any extent and will inflict untold and un-thinkable punishment on the terrorists, its backers and masterminds. We should shun making empty noises and instead strike at the very roots of terrorism and so the opportune and right time has approached and Indian government should make use of this opportunity and make a strike on the hideouts and safe heavens of terrorists inside and outside our territory and thus even if we should cross our borders and destroy the terrorist launch pads in POK and Pakistan. We should shun the path of peace for some time and inflict maximum damage on the terrorist training camps in the neighboring country. This time India should show its mettle and give a befitting reply to the forces of doom which have full backing of Pakistani army and that country's establishment. Pakistan should be exposed and its terrorists operating in its soil should be destroyed to give the fatal and final blow to terrorism. In no circumstance should India show any leniency but instead jointly destroy the terrorist training camps on Pakistani soil as the Pahalgam terrorist carnage is an assault on the soul and idea of India and as such is unacceptable.

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Ramanujan: Eternal lamp in the temple of mathematics

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When numbers resonate and equations seem to dance with the soul, one name echoes through the very fabric of creation – Srinivasa Ramanujan. On April 26, 1920, a dark day in Indian history, the nation lost this priceless gem.

Yet, in that moment, his mathematical consciousness illuminated the world for eternity. This is not merely a death anniversary; it is a celebration of a saint-like devotee of numbers who elevated mathematics to the realms of poetry, philosophy, and divine connection. Ramanujan was no ordinary mathematician – he was a mystic of numbers, a seeker of hidden truths, a visionary who saw the universe through the lens of infinite equations.

His story is a spark that turns the impossible into the possible. Born on December 22, 1887, in the small town of Erode, Tamil Nadu, Ramanujan's life was nothing short of a modern fairy tale. Raised in a humble Brahmin household, surrounded by financial hardships and lacking formal education, he faced walls that would deter most.

But his genius was a relentless wave that shattered every barrier. From a young age, numbers were his companions and his playground. While other children played with toys, he delved deep into the mysteries of mathematics. School textbooks quickly proved inadequate, and he began exploring advanced mathematical concepts on his own. At the age of 15, he discovered A Synopsis of Elementary Results in Pure Mathematics by GS Carr – a book that became his sacred scripture. It fuelled his imagination and transformed his notebooks into treasure troves of original formulas and theorems.

To Ramanujan, mathematics wasn't just about calculations – it was a spiritual quest. He often credited his insights to his family deity, Goddess Namagiri, saying, "Every formula that comes to my mind is by the grace of the Goddess." To him, mathematics and divinity were two expressions of the same truth. His work – be it infinite series, continued fractions, or partition functions – read like verses of a cosmic poem.

His formulas for calculating p are so elegant and precise that they are still used by modern super-

computers. His partition function transformed number theory, and his discoveries in theta functions and modular equations have found applications in cryptography, physics, and even black hole theory. The world took notice of his genius in 1913, when he sent a letter filled with groundbreaking formulas to the eminent Cambridge mathematician GH Hardy.

Initially sceptical, Hardy was soon astonished. Upon meeting Ramanujan, he said, "Ramanujan's mathematics is beyond the human mind; it is divine inspiration." Ramanujan was invited to Cambridge, and his collaboration with Hardy sparked a revolution in mathematics. The Hardy – Ramanujan formula on the distribution of prime numbers, along with their other contributions, are considered monumental achievements.

Ramanujan's greatest legacy lies in his notebooks – thousands of formulas, many without proofs, that took mathematicians decades to fully understand.

His mock theta functions, penned during his final days, baffled mathematicians for nearly a century but are now essential in quantum physics and

string theory.

His contributions to the Riemann zeta function continue to influence research on one of mathematics' most profound mysteries – the Riemann Hypothesis.

Yet, Ramanujan's journey was not without immense struggle. At Cambridge, he battled cultural isolation, dietary challenges, and the harsh English climate. Diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1917, his health deteriorated, and he returned to India in 1919.

Just a year later, on April 26, 1920, at the age of 32, he passed away in Kumbakonam. But though his mortal life ended, his spirit lives on through his work.

The discovery of his "Lost Notebook" in 1976 reignited excitement and opened new doors in mathematical research. Ramanujan's influence goes far beyond mathematics. His story is a beacon for dreamers and doers who dare to rise above adversity. In 1987, India marked his birth centenary by declaring it National Mathematics Year. His legacy continues in the world's top institutions, and his life inspired Robert Kanigel's biography *The Man Who Knew*

Infinity, later adapted into a global film.

In his honour, December 22 is now celebrated as National Mathematics Day in India. Ramanujan's life is proof that genius needs no degree, wealth, or privilege. His journey is a testament to passion, faith, and the boundless potential of the human mind. His discoveries not only advanced science but also revealed a deep philosophical truth – that within each of us lies the power to touch the infinite.

Today, as we remember him on April 26, we do more than pay tribute – we renew our commitment to nurturing the spark within us. Like Ramanujan, may we turn our dreams into devotion. Equations may evolve and theorems may change, but there will never be another Ramanujan.

He is the eternal lamp in the temple of mathematics – forever radiant. His legacy is not India's alone – it belongs to all of humanity. As long as numbers are written and equations are solved, Ramanujan will remain immortal – a soul who touched infinity and offered its light to the world.

Srinivasa Ramanujan was not just a mathemati-

cian – he was a visionary who transformed numbers into a divine language. On April 26, we don't just mourn his passing; we celebrate a life that elevated mathematics into art, spirituality, and cosmic truth.

Despite humble beginnings and relentless hardships, his passion and genius blazed trails that continue to shape modern science.

His discoveries – ranging from infinite series to mock theta functions – remain cornerstones of mathematics, physics, and beyond. Ramanujan's journey proves that brilliance needs neither privilege nor pedigree.

His life is a testament to what the human spirit can achieve with faith, curiosity, and devotion. Today, his legacy lights the path for dreamers, thinkers, and seekers of truth across the world. As we remember him, we also honour the infinite potential within us all.

Ramanujan lives on, not just in equations, but in the eternal quest for knowledge he so passionately embodied. He is, and always will be, mathematics' guiding flame.

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Towards economy with a conscience

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During the last two decades or so there has been a growing trend towards globalisation of trade and commerce and a free-market economy. The academic economists believe that these steps would give a spurt to forces of competitiveness, efficiency, better job opportunities and generation of more wealth and prosperity.

But one has to take into account not just these benefits but also the overall consequences of globalisation and the free play of market forces. As everyone knows, globalisation is only a small bit of economic philosophy or policy and one must know the all-inclusive worldview or philosophy of which it forms a part. Without viewing it in the full context, one may

have an erroneous view of it.

Like, the globalisation of business and trade without a global view of society as a global family would lead to social tensions and economic strife and this is what we are experiencing today.

Also, globalisation in economics is an outward-looking view and if it has no corresponding inward – looking view, it would unleash bitter competition and in the absence of the inward-looking balancing forces, it would lead to stark materialism and commercialism, diminishing or setting at nought the values of sympathy, kindness, compassion, world-brotherhood, co-operation and so on. Thus, it would not only destabilise the financial markets but create disharmony in human relations as well. Moreover, it's a known fact that

capital tends to flow from countries that have free – market economies to other countries where it has a better chance of profit by employing cheap labour, available resources, etc., whereas labour does not find it as easy to go to places where it has better prospects because labour has emotional ties with family and is affected by family circumstances.

Thus, due to better mobility and flexibility of capital in contrast to that of labour, international portfolio investors, and not the labour, would benefit the most.

Thus, globalisation would result in disproportionate profit to those who can invest capital and it would lead to uneven distribution of benefits and social and economic deprivation. Further, in a free-market economy, every player in the manufacturing

sector would tend to drive others out of the market and thus competition would grow and stiffen and the financial markets, which are inherently unstable, would accentuate instability.

Thus, the whole economy would never return to some kind of equilibrium. In this state of instability, the business and industrial class would tend to adopt all sorts of unfair means to prevent any dwindling of its profit and, thus, the whole atmosphere would be vitiated, for the portfolio investors would try to take the politicians and the bureaucrats also with them to survive or thrive.

This would further give rise to corruption, black money and other evils. Thus, it is strange that our leaders talk of moral values on the one hand and of globalisation on

the other hand without making any efforts to make popular a global spiritual view of society as a global family. One can see that the major economic powers today dominate the multilateral trading system. They define and redefine globalisation to suit their national interests. This leads to clashes of interests and instability. Again, to assess the merits or demerits of a system, one should also go into the ideological base of a policy and take notice of its consequences.

We should ask ourselves the question as to why we want a free-market economy or a state – controlled one. We should be clear in our mind about our desirable goal and see whether a particular form of economy takes us towards that goal. If our goal is to remove poverty and great economic disparity and to have a society based

on economic justice and fair play, then we should sort out whether globalisation or a state-controlled economy can do it better.

This should be judged by those who are neutral and have no vested interests in either form of economy. So, if in the present world situation, we must have globalisation, then we should have a global open society that has some sort of state control in certain sectors and constantly strives to correct and improve. In any case, a happy blend of economics and spirituality – both based on values – is necessary and, in the process of decision-making, involvement of such institutions as are neutral would be beneficial.

(The writer is a spiritual educator and popular columnist. Views are personal)

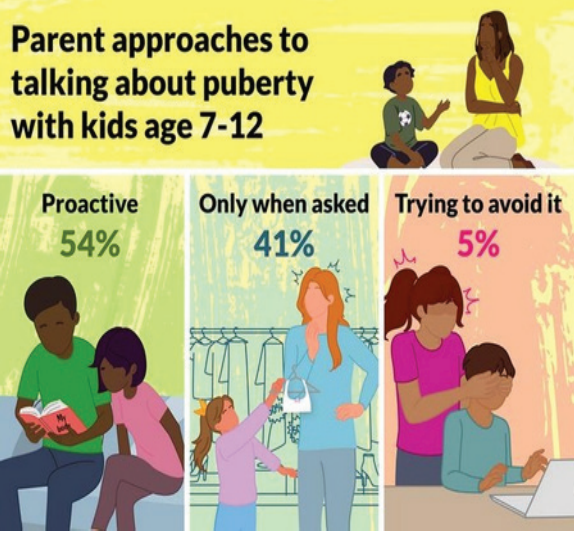
US parents split on right age to talk about body changes with kids: Study

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Parents are evenly split on right age to start talking about puberty with kids, a US study said on Monday, adding that most parents agree that talking to their kids about puberty is important, but when and how to start the conversation is often less clear.

Among the most common challenges for parents: choosing the right age to start talking about body changes and whether to explain sex, according to the University of Michigan Health C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health.

"It's easy to assume a child is too young for conversations about puberty, but many parents are surprised to find their teen already showing signs of puberty or asking unexpected questions about body changes," said Mott Poll Co-Director Sarah



Clark.

Starting the conversation early gives parents a chance to shape the message in an age-appropriate way and help kids know what to expect, so they're not confused or anxious.

If parents don't open the door to these talks, kids may get their information elsewhere, like from classmates, social media, or what they see on TV,

Clark added.

Parents polled shared a range of approaches, worries, and gaps in preparing their teens for this major stage of development.

About half of parents describe their approach to talking with their child about puberty as proactive while two in five say they talk about it only when asked. Another 5 per cent avoid the conversation

altogether.

One in five parents also worried about feeling embarrassed while one in six feared saying the wrong thing when it came to the subject.

Among parents of children 10-12 years, a quarter say their child doesn't want to talk about puberty, and among parents of children 7-9 years, nearly a third believe their child is too young to understand, said the study.

Some of the hesitancy about broaching this subject may stem from parents' own experiences, Clark noted.

"Whether they realise it or not parents may bring their own experiences into their parenting approach," Clark said. "Many parents said they had little or no discussion of puberty when they were young. If puberty was treated as an awkward or embarrassing subject growing up, that can make it harder to know how to begin."

Achieve Glass Skin with These Simple Summer Skincare Steps

The pursuit of glass skin is the holy grail of skincare. Picture yourself with a silky, dewy, and almost mirror-like face that radiates health from within. It might sound like a fabled beauty ideal, but achieving glass skin can be done through a clever and streamlined skincare routine.

Step 1: Cleanse Like You Mean It

Begin your day with a soft gel cleanser that efficiently takes away overnight oiliness without drying out your skin. Double cleanse at night with an oil cleanser and a moisturizing foaming cleanser. This small spa experience will have your skin feeling clean and refreshed.

Step 2: Exfoliate, But Kindly

Exfoliating is essential to help remove dead skin cells and bring out brighter-looking skin. Use a mild chemical exfoliant (PHA or lactic acid) every two weeks to bite away at dead skin cells without irritating your skin.



Step 3: Layering is Key

Picture your face as a small sponge ready to be puffed up. Begin with a watery essence or toner, followed by a hyaluronic acid serum applied to dampened skin. This will seal in every single drop of moisture and leave your skin feeling soft.

Step 4: Moisturize Wisely

In the morning, opt for a lightweight gel moisturizer to avoid a sweaty glow-up. At night, feel free to layer something richer if your skin feels needy. Look for ingredients like

niacinamide for brightness or ceramides for barrier-boosting goodness.

Step 5: SPF is Non-Negotiable

No glass skin without sun protection! Pick a lightweight, dewy-finish SPF that will not leave a white cast. This is an important step in safeguarding your skin against damage and premature aging.

More Summer Skincare Tips

Stay Hydrated: Drink lots of water during the day to keep your skin hydrated from the inside out.

Use a Facial Mist: Keep your skin fresh and reju-

venated with a facial mist, particularly on sweltering summer days.

Avoid Heavy Makeup: Use light, airy makeup products that do not clog pores or accentuate oiliness.

Exfoliate Your Lips: Make sure to exfoliate your lips to maintain softness and smoothness.

Shield Your Skin from Pollution: Apply antioxidant-treated products to shield your skin against environmental pollutants that lead to harm and premature aging.

Final Touch: Facial Mist A facial mist is a summer lifesaver. Store it in the fridge for optimal refreshing effects and reaply it throughout the day to keep your skin alive and hydrated.

By incorporating these easy and effective tips into your routine, you can achieve that all-preferred glass skin appearance and have a radiant, glowing complexion all summer.

Key enzyme to fight deadly brain cancer identified

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Targeting an enzyme can help stop the growth of glioblastoma, the most dangerous type of brain tumour, researchers have found.

This enzyme called PGM3 plays a vital role in the hexosamine synthesis pathway, which is involved in the processes of protein and lipid glycosylation that allow tumours to rapidly grow.

Lipid glycosylation is a process where sugar molecules attach to fats (lipids) in the body.

Researchers with The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - Arthur G. James and Richard J. Solove Research Institute believe that targeting PGM3 can reduce tumour growth and eliminate glioblastoma cells.

"This research is important because it has found a new target called PGM3. Blocking the PGM3



enzyme can break the connection between sugar and fat creation in cells, which helps stop tumours from growing," said lead author Deliang Guo, the founding director of the Center

for Cancer Metabolism, in a study published in the journal Science Advances.

Glioblastoma is a fast-growing brain tumour that develops from glial cells in the brain. An esti-

mated 15,000 people each year are diagnosed with this lethal brain tumour, according to the Glioblastoma Foundation.

The study highlights a promising new approach to fight glioblastoma, giving hope for future advancements in cancer treatment, said Guo.

"Glioblastoma is the most lethal primary brain tumour, with a median survival of only 12-16 months from diagnosis despite extensive treatments," said Huali Su, the first author of the paper, and a researcher with the Department of Radiation Oncology and Center for Cancer Metabolism at OSUCCC-James.

"New molecular targets for glioblastoma are urgently needed," Su added in the paper.

The research team included scientists from France, along with the University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-Irvine and University of Louisville.

Being omnivorous or vegan makes no difference to muscle building after weight training

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Does the source of protein - plant or animal-based - make any difference to muscle gain? The answer is no, said researchers on Monday, adding that being omnivorous and vegan makes no difference to muscle building after weight training.

Also, the team from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the US refuted two more claims about if total daily protein intake is evenly distributed throughout the day and does a moderate but sufficient daily protein intake influence any of these variables. Their findings are reported in the journal Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise.

"The longstanding belief or the current dogma was that animal-based protein sources were better, particularly for the muscle-building response," said Nicholas



Burd, a professor of health and kinesiology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Previous studies that took muscle biopsies after a single feeding found that an animal-based meal provided more of a stimulus for muscle protein synthesis than a vegan meal.

"But measurements taken after a single meal might not reflect the effects of consuming a balanced vegan diet over time," Burd argued.

For the new study, the team recruited 40

healthy, physically active 20-40-year-old adults.

The participants underwent a seven-day "habituation diet" to standardize their nutritional status prior to the clinical trial. Then they were randomly assigned to either a vegan or omnivorous diet.

Roughly 70 per cent of the protein for the omnivorous meals was obtained from animal sources: beef, pork, chicken, dairy, eggs. The vegan diet balanced the amino acid content of the meals, ensuring that participants consumed

complete proteins.

All participants engaged in a series of muscle-strengthening activities in the lab every three days.

Burd was initially surprised to see that there were no differences in rates of muscle protein synthesis between those eating vegan or omnivorous diets.

He also was surprised to see that protein distribution across the day had no effect on the rate of muscle building given results from past studies of acute responses to dietary interventions and weight training.

"It was thought that it was better to get a steady-state delivery of nutrients throughout the day," he said. "I also thought that if you're getting a lower quality protein - in terms of its digestibility and amino acid content - that perhaps distribution would make a difference. And surprisingly, we showed it doesn't matter."

People taking 'Tusi' drug at higher risk of adverse effects: Study

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NEW YORK

A new study estimated that in 2024, 2.7 per cent of electronic dance music-nightclub attending adults in New York City (NYC) used 'Tusi' drug in the past year, with higher use among Hispanic people and people who use other drugs.

'Tusi', also known as 'tucibi' or 'pink cocaine', is a drug concoction that emerged in Latin America and Europe within the past decade and is becoming increasingly popular in the US.

According to the study published in the scientific journal Addiction, consumers often don't understand what 'Tusi' is when they take it.

Tusi is commonly confused with the 2C family of drugs - psychedelics - because it is a phonetic translation of "2C". Tusi is also commonly called "tucibi" or "tusibi" (the



phonetic translation of 2C-B, a particular type of psychedelic). And it is also often called "pink cocaine" ("cocaina rosada" in Spanish). All of these names have the potential to confuse people who use, who may believe they are taking a psychedelic drug or largely unadulterated cocaine.

In fact, Tusi is a drug

mixture that rarely contains 2C family of drugs (or psychedelics) and most commonly contains ketamine and MDMA (ecstasy), sometimes in combination with cocaine. And therein lies the potential danger.

The study surveyed a sample of 1,465 adults attending 124 electronic dance music events

hosted by NYC nightclubs from January through November 2024.

Participants took a survey on an electronic tablet before entering the nightclub. The survey results were used to estimate prevalence of Tusi use among all people who attended an electronic dance music event at a NYC nightclub in 2024.

People who use illicit drugs are often at risk of using drugs adulterated or even replaced by other drugs.

"But 'Tusi' puts people who use drugs at an even higher risk, partly because it is easily confused with two other types of drugs - 2C series or cocaine - and partly because Tusi is pretty much always a concoction of various drugs. This greatly increases the risk of adverse or unexpected effects," said lead author Dr Joseph Palamar, of NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

Fatty liver 'reversible' via adoption of healthy lifestyle: JP Nadda

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Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Monday said that fatty liver is not only preventable but also reversible if people adopt a healthy lifestyle and make better food choices.

Highlighting the importance of liver care, JP Nadda said that the liver is one of the most important organs in our body.

"It helps in digestion, detoxification, and storing energy. If it's not healthy, the entire body suffers," Nadda said while speaking at the 'Liver Health Pledge Ceremony' in the national capital.

The Union Minister also warned that fatty liver increases the risk of serious health problems like heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and cancer.

Nadda stressed that simple changes in daily habits can go a long way in keeping the liver healthy.



"Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently urged everyone to cut down on oil usage in cooking by 10 per cent. This small step can help in preventing non-communicable diseases and improving liver health," he added.

He also called on everyone to take a pledge to care for their liver, go for regular check-ups, and follow a healthy lifestyle.

This year's 'World Liver Day' theme, 'Food is Medicine,' focused on the deep

connection between nutrition and liver health.

The Health Ministry, in collaboration with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), organised a special liver health camp for ministry officials and staff.

FSSAI also set up an exhibition that promoted millets and liver-friendly foods. The stall explained how millets - rich in fibre, antioxidants, and essen-

tial nutrients - help in bile production, reduce inflammation, and support better digestion.

These benefits can prevent liver diseases like Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD).

Other healthy foods showcased included cruciferous vegetables like broccoli and cauliflower, leafy greens, fatty fish, nuts, citrus fruits, and healthy fats such as olive oil - all known for supporting liver health and detoxification.

TCI Max Cement strengthens market presence in Ladakh with dealers meet at TFC Kargil

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KARGIL, APRIL 27, 2025

In a significant move to strengthen its foothold in Ladakh, TCI Max Cement organized a one-day Wholesale and Retail Dealers Meet at the Tourist Facilitation Centre (TFC) Kargil. The event was led by Altaf Ahmad Trambo, who heads TCI's expansion efforts in the region.

Addressing a gathering of wholesalers, retailers, and media representatives, Trambo outlined the impressive journey of TCI Max Cement in Ladakh, noting that within just six months, the brand has captured a substantial share of the market. He attributed this success to the company's unwavering commitment to both product quality and exceptional customer service



– a combination that has already established TCI Max as a leading brand in Kashmir.

“Quality is the foundation of our brand,” Trambo said. “We will never compromise on it. Our focus is not only to meet but to exceed the expectations of the Ladakh market.” He also announced the launch of various schemes tailored to the needs of local dealers and customers, aimed

at further strengthening the brand's market position.

Highlighting the company's community initiatives, Trambo introduced international Taekwondo player Shahnaz Parveen as the brand ambassador for Ladakh. He emphasized that TCI Max is deeply committed to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), with a special focus on supporting youth development and sports

activities in the region.

Sharing his experience with the media, a dealer Shabir Hussain praised the brand's performance, stating, “Once someone uses TCI Max Cement, they naturally become repeat customers and, in turn, ambassadors for the brand. That speaks volumes about the trust TCI has built in such a short span.”

The meet concluded with a celebratory gesture, as TCI Max Cement distributed gifts to wholesalers and retailers in recognition of their support and partnership.

TCI Max's rapid rise in Ladakh not only signals a shift in the local construction material market but also promises greater opportunities for growth and community development across the region.

India-Uzbekistan Joint Exercise DUSTLIK-VI 2025 Concludes in Pune

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India-Uzbekistan Joint Exercise DUSTLIK-VI 2025 culminated with a 48 hour exercise on 27th April 2025 at Southern Command Foreign Training & Military Civil Fusion Training Node, Aundh, Pune. Brigadier Shailender Sharma, VSM was the Chief Guest during the culmination phase of exercise and also declared the exercise closed. The two-week long exercise focused on enhancing interoperability and honing skills in conducting joint counterterrorism operations in a semi-urban environment. Joint exercises between armies are a facet of military diplomacy between nations across the world. It is increasingly becoming an important instrument in developing relationships but also trust and confidence between the Armies which may eventually prove useful during joint military operations to fight terrorism.

The India Uzbekistan Joint Exercise (DUSTLIK-VI 2025) was held from 15 Apr 2025 to 28 Apr 2025 at Pune. The exercise wit-



nessed active participation from contingents of both nations, engaging in a series of tactical drills, simulated scenarios, and knowledge-sharing sessions. The focus was on neutralising terrorist threats, handling hostage situations, and implementing effective strategies for urban warfare while adhering to international humanitarian laws. Both the contingents have displayed great enthusiasm and professionalism while practicing joint drills during the conduct of exercise. It has been a great learning experience for all the participants. The troops have

not only learnt about each other's operational drills and tactics, but have also exchanged ideas and best practices being followed in execution of Counter Terrorism Operations in Semi-Urban Terrain.

The exercise has taught valuable lessons to the troops of the participating Armies on conducting joint operations in support for peace. Both the contingents jointly trained on various aspects of counter-terrorism, including reconnaissance, intelligence gathering, cordon and search operations, and close-quarter combat. The conduct of this Military Exercise is

also an important step to uphold the values of Peace, Prosperity, International Brotherhood and Trust which is in line with Security and Growth for all amongst the Central Asian Republics.

The weapons and equipment used during the exercise were of Indian origin and showcased the indigenous capabilities in defence production and promoting “Atmanirbhar Bharat”. The Chief Guest in his closing remarks to participants and observers also gave impetus to the motto of the Exercise which his “Partnership for Peace, Preparedness for Tomorrow”.

AAP President J&K UT starts rejuvenation of Party hold meeting resolving to revitalize to face challenges

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JAMMU, APR 27

Mr. Mehraj Malik, President, AAP J&K-UT & MLA Doda, who has been assigned to rejuvenate & revitalize the AAP in J&K by the central high command, organized a crucial meeting here at Jammu and threadbare discussion was held dissolving old structure of the Party and decided to activate the old and dedicated founding members so that Party gets a new face in the UT.

More than 100 AAP leaders/volunteers/ workers participated with great zeal & zest resolving to reach the people up to booth level currying the magical policies and programs of Party Supremo Arvind Kejriwal. It was unani-



mously decided to work sincerely from Constituency level in rural areas and from ward level in the Urban areas. Mr. Mehraj Malik in his address to the participants tried his level best to enthuse the Party workers for ushering in new political change in the UT. It was resolved that the

new Parbaries for all the Assembly constituencies from Jammu Province shall be nominated shortly. It was also resolved that Smt Apu Singh Slathia shall be AAP Party spokes person for J&K-UT & Smt. Nirmal Mahana shall be the Party spokes person for Jammu Province & Mr. K.K. Rao

shall be the Media Incharge for Jammu Province.

Mehraj Malik further disclosed that AAP shall contest ensuing Panchyat & Municipality elections as also Assembly elections in the U.T tooth & nail and cautioned the workers to gird up their loins to face the challenges.

Indian Army, locals observe Shahidi Diwas in Mendhar to Honour 1965 War Heroes

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The Indian Army and the local population of Mendhar got together to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by six gallant sons of the soil, while assisting the Indian Army on the war front during the 1965 Indo-Pak conflict. The annual 'Shahidi Diwas' at Mendhar marks the recognition and gratitude of the Army to these brave civilians who laid down their lives in the service to the nation as well as the



continued commitment of the civilian population to work hand in hand with the Indian Army to thwart any nefarious designs of

the enemy. The ceremony included a wreath laying at the 'Shahid Smarak' & Shaheed Abdul Ghani Chowk Memorial. The encourag-

ing response and willing participation by the local populace reflected their support and oneness for the national cause. The ceremony ended with a presentation of gifts to next of kins of the bravehearts. This event was attended by officers of the District and Tehsil administration and other prominent citizens. Such events enhance the bonhomie between the Indian Army & civilians and strengthen the efforts towards peace and harmony in the region.

Indian Army distributes sleeping bags, mosquito nets to Gujjar-Bakkarwals in Poonch

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In a notable humanitarian initiative to improve the living conditions of the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities in the remote regions of Poonch district, the Battalion under the aegis of Romeo Force distributed sleeping bags and mosquito nets at Satharban. These nomadic communities are preparing for their seasonal migration to high-altitude summer Dhoks such as Hill Dhoks, Pathari Dhoks, and Dholewali Dhoks in the Pir Panjal ranges. This initiative is aimed at providing essential comfort and protection against harsh weather and insect-borne diseases during



their stay in these elevated, remote locations. By addressing their basic needs, the Army seeks to mitigate hardships and foster resilience, while also countering the risk of vulnerable populations being influenced by radical elements. This effort is

part of the Army's broader strategy of holistic engagement and nation-building. The gesture has been warmly welcomed by the local population, who expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Army's enduring support and dedication to their wel-

fare beyond traditional security responsibilities. Initiatives like these continue to strengthen the deep-rooted bond between the Indian Army and local communities, reinforcing trust, social harmony, and inclusive development.

Indian Army Conducts Medical Patrol in Klali Village to Foster Harmony and Support Health



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In a spirited initiative to promote harmony and cooperation amongst the aawam, Indian Army conducted a medical patrol in Klali village. This event, aimed at providing medical aid to local people who are living in areas not having road connectivity and have difficulty in obtaining basic medical

aid. One of the primary objectives of the medical patrol is to promote healthy living among the people in these remote regions. With limited access to medical facilities, such patrols play a crucial role in prevailing feeling of harmony and co-operation amongst the aawam. This patrol is an opportunity for the Indian Army to build stronger ties with the local communities.

'Shradhanjali Yatra' honoring Pahalgam martyrs held at Amritsar

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AMRITSAR, APRIL 27

As many as 125 people participated in a Shradhanjali Yatra, honoring Pahalgam martyrs at Company Garden here on Sunday.

Organized by MaitriBodh Parivaar, the Yatra witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of love, unity, and spirit.

The people from all walks of life united to honor the departed souls and stand as one Bharat. In a moving show of solidarity, the atmosphere resonated with the slogan 'Ek Bharat, Hum Bharat' as participants walked hand-in-hand in silent tribute. They also lent their voices, expressing gratitude for this unparalleled initiative.

Emotions ran high as citizens remembered lives lost not to a natural calamity, but to hatred, yet found hope in unity.

A participant said, "Innocent tourists lost their lives here. Through



this Yatra, we honor them with love and respect."

A spokesperson of MaitriBodh Parivaar shared, "At a time of growing divisions, MaitriBodh Parivaar, under Maitreya Dadashreeji's guidance, is creating a sacred space for healing. The Yatra was not just a walk, it was a powerful statement that if hatred can divide, love can unite and heal."

The Yatra concluded with disciplined mauna (silence) for the martyrs. This historic walk will be remembered as the moment Bharat chose love over fear, unity over division, and hope over despair.

PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' has become a movement: Balbir

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JAMMU, APR 27

Balbir Ram Rattan, spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir BJP and former Vice Chairperson, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi connects with the citizens of the country through his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'. This programme is not only a means of communication but also an important effort to inspire the public on issues related to the nation's social, cultural, and developmental matters.



Balbir said that through 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister brings forward the unsung heroes, indigenous efforts, and social initiatives that are working to give the country a new direction. He appreciates and encourages the efforts of youth, farmers, scientists, teachers, and various other sections

of society. Along with this, the Prime Minister draws citizens' attention to critical topics such as environmental conservation, health, sanitation, education, and nation-building.

Balbir said that Prime Minister Modi's message is clear – every Indian must contribute to nation-building. 'Mann Ki Baat' has become an inspiring platform where examples of positivity and public participation are showcased. Through this programme, the Prime Minister encourages citizens to bring about positive change in society

through small individual efforts.

In addition, 'Mann Ki Baat' also reflects India's diversity, rich cultural heritage, and social unity. The Prime Minister's communication is a unique effort to directly connect with the public, wherein he not only shares his thoughts but also proudly highlights the achievements of the citizens.

Balbir further stated that 'Mann Ki Baat' has today become a movement that is leading the country towards the dream of a self-reliant and empowered India.

Time to move from food security to farmer prosperity: V-P Dhankhar

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COIMBATORE (TAMIL NADU),
APR 27

The time has come for national agriculture agenda to move from food security to farmer prosperity and the latter has to rise above just being a producer, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said here on Sunday.



Dhankhar was addressing the students and others at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) on the topic "Fostering Agri-Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Viksit Bharat." While 46 per cent of population supports agriculture, the sector contributes only 16 per cent to GDP. Institutions like TNAU should carry ahead legacy of veteran agri scientist, the late Dr M S Swaminathan in ensuring "there is quantum jump in the contribution of this sector to our GDP," he said.

Swaminathan was an alumnus of TNAU. Dhankhar said India is now a net exporter of agriculture produce with agri food products forming over 11 per cent of our total exports.

"You have to script a new chapter. It is time that our national agriculture agenda must move from food security, which was of prime importance, a national priority at one point of time. Because we had food scarcity, our concern was food secu-

urity." "But now the time has changed. We must move from food security to farmer prosperity. Farmer has to be prosperous and this has to evolve from institutions like yours," he said.

The gap between land and lab should be bridged and there should be a seamless connect.

"Lab and land should be together and for this our 730 Krishi viganendra must be vibrant centres of action with farmers to educate them," he said.

There should be change in curriculum which must align to make farmer an entrepreneur. "You must persuade the farmer to rise above being just a producer," the V-P said.

Further, he said innovation and research initiatives must be evaluated on what impact they have on the farmer. Research has to be applied, must be based on need. It must serve a cause.

"Research must be supported, apart from the government at the Centre and the state, also by industry, trade, business and com-

merce," he said.

He also stressed that agri entrepreneurship needs to be given a great fillip. There are 6,000 such startups but for a country of 1.4 bn this is not enough.

"The government has started innovative schemes. The PM Kisan Nidhi Samman scheme-it is not a freebie, it is distinct from freebie. It is doing justice to a sector that is our lifeline. This is a direct transfer to the farmer," he said.

The US helps its farmers massively but it has only one motto- it will directly help the farmer.

"There will be no intervening situation. In our country also there is massive subsidy for fertilizer. Institutions like yours must think, that if the subsidy given by the government to the fertilizer for benefit for farmer, if it goes directly to the farmer, every farmer would be getting around Rs 35,000 every year. You must do a study on this," he said.

What we need is farmer traders, farmer entrepreneurs, he said.

He called for a bigger role of corporates in agronomy even as more of them are entering the sector. "I would urge them to share their profit with farmer, to connect with the farmer, give back to the farming sector," Dhankhar said.

Corporates should invest in research and development, particularly keeping in mind that value addition must happen at the farm land, for the local populace.

Agriculture has to play a vital role if India has to become a USD 30 tn economy in 2047. The income has to grow eight-fold. This was possible, achievable.

He also pointed out at how the country once suffered from food scarcity-importing wheat from the US, to now becoming self sufficient.

Agro sector has enormous potential that still remains to be tapped and that must begin in institutions like TNAU, he said.

Further, he said India was the world's oldest civilisation, a peace loving nation where inclusivity and freedom of expression and thought are our legacy.

"Traverse history for thousand years and we will find in our civilisation, inclusivity and freedom of expression thrived and blossomed and were respected. In present times, the quotient and gradient of expression and inclusivity is comparably the highest in the world," Dhankhar added.

Exit Deadline Ends Today; Pak Citizens Bid Tearful Goodbyes To Kin, Rush Home Through Attari

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CHANDIGARH, APR 27

"My mother's an Indian and she is not being allowed to accompany us to Pakistan," bawled teenage Sarita, not knowing when she could see her in person. She, her brother and father were among the hundreds queued up at the Attari border point to exit India on Sunday as the clock ticked.

The exit deadline for Pakistani nationals visiting India on SAARC visas ended on April 26, while for the rest, except those on medical visas, it is set to close on Sunday, April 27 amid escalating tensions between the two countries over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people.

Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals are valid till April 29.

At the Attari border in Amritsar district, vehicles queued up as Pakistani nationals rushed to cross over to their country.

Many Indians came to see off their Pakistani relatives at Attari and the pain of separation was palpable.

Sarita's family had come to India for a kin's wedding set for April 29. "We came to India after nine years." She, her brother and her father are Pakistanis while her mother is an Indian. "They (the authorities at



Attari) are telling us they will not allow my mother to go along. My parents got married in 1991. They are saying Indian passport holders will not be allowed," she said, crying bitterly.

Most of the Pakistani nationals told a news agency that they had come to meet their kin in India. Some were here to attend weddings but now have to rush home without participating.

A man from Jaisalmer said his maternal uncle, aunt and their children were visiting them after 36 years but had to rush back ahead of the deadline.

"They came from Pakistan's Amarkot on April 15 with a 45-day visa. No one knew the situation would turn out to be like this. They did not get time to meet all their relatives," he said.

India has warned that

those who fail to exit the country after the deadline passes will face legal action under the newly enacted Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025.

Janam Raj (70) from Peshawar said he had come on a 45-day visa to meet relatives. "I came three weeks ago on my first visit to the country, and look how it turned out," he said.

Mohd Arif, a man from Delhi, had come to drop off his aunt at Attari. Strongly condemning the Pahalgam terror attack, he said the terrorists "murdered humanity and should be publicly hanged".

Another Pakistani national Mohd Salim from Karachi had come on a 45-day visa but had to rush back home like his fellow citizens due to the unexpected gruesome developments.

Gurbax Singh from Pakistan's Buner in the Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan came to India on April 15.

"Half of my extended family, including my cousins, live in India. What happened in Pahalgam is utterly reprehensible. They (terrorists) murdered humanity, but look who has to bear the brunt. There were many Pakistanis who were visiting India for medical treatment, but now all have to rush back," he said.

The already strained relations between India and Pakistan nosedived further after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that New Delhi linked to Pakistani establishments.

Immediately after the bloodbath in the verdant meadows of Baisaran, India announced a raft of retaliatory steps, including the cancellation of visas, and Islamabad hit back with a string of tit-for-tat measures.

China Unlikely To Get Involved In India-Pak 'Instability' Post Pahalgam Attack: Ex-Army Commander

AGENCIES
GUWAHATI, APR 27

China is unlikely to get directly involved in the "instability" between India and Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, due to the current geopolitical scenario and tariff-related "complexities", a former Indian Army commander has said.

He, however, also underscored that China's friendship with Pakistan is a known fact.

"Post the Galwan 2020 incident, after a lot of consultations and deliberations between the two countries, the stand-off at the last of the friction points has been resolved," former Eastern Command chief Lt Gen (ret'd) Rana Pratap Kalita told a news agency.

A "process of normalisation" has taken place after resolution of the



last areas of conflict and bilateral mechanism has picked up, including talks to start direct flights and resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, he said.

Kalita also pointed out that both countries face hiked trade tariffs imposed by the US, which also impacts the global economy.

With India and China being manufacturing countries as well as major consumption markets, the impact of change in tariffs is bound to be felt more, he said.

"Seeing these complexi-

ties and geopolitical developments as well, whether there will be any direct manifestation of the Chinese towards the instability caused by the Pahalgam incident is difficult to predict at the moment. But as of now, I don't see them getting directly involved," the former army commander said.

"The vulnerability of the sea link with Pakistan is known. The importance of access to the Arabian Sea through Pakistan for China is also a known fact," Kalita added.

On vulnerability along

the Bangladesh border, he said it remains and "more so after the change of government in Bangladesh".

"After the Sheikh Hasina government was deposed, we have seen that there is a rising anti-India feeling in Bangladesh, which is being fueled by religious fundamentalists," he said.

The release of leaders of terror groups like Ansarul Bangla from jail after the caretaker government came into power in Bangladesh has also "collectively added to the rise of the anti-India feeling", he said.

The visit by senior Pakistan military officers, "including the DG of the ISI who met various people there adds to the vulnerability", the former army commander said.

Migration from Bangladesh and infiltration to "spread Islamic fundamentalism within the northeast" because of

the existing vulnerability borne by the demographic pattern, particularly in Assam and Tripura where it is sensitive and balanced, are areas of concern, he said.

Kalita said the narrow Siliguri corridor is also an area of vulnerability for India, as it provides strategic connectivity to the northeast.

The possible revival of terrorist camps in Bangladesh, where outfits like ULFA and others had bases, is another aspect of concern, he said.

Kalita, however, asserted that the Indian armed forces are prepared to face any eventuality.

"Periodic threat perception assessments are carried out regularly and a response mechanism is also prepared accordingly. I am confident about the preparation in the Eastern section to tackle any situation," he said.

Cong Extended Support To Centre In Action Against Perpetrators Of Terror Attack: Kcharge

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, APR 27

Congress president Mallikarjun Kcharge on Sunday said his party has extended full support to the central government in its actions against the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack and that they will have to properly utilise it, take everyone into confidence, and move ahead.

The country is important and everyone will have to fight together to protect it and work for its welfare, he said, as he also expressed reservations about Prime Minister Narendra Modi skipping Thursday's all-party meeting that was convened to discuss the terror attack.

The terror attack in Pahalgam of Jammu and Kashmir on April 22 has left at least 26 people dead, including two from



Karnataka.

"I have already said that he (PM) should have come (for the all-party meeting). Him not coming is not right...the country is important, religion, language come later. So all of us should fight together for the country. I have said it several times that we extend support to the government," Kcharge said in response to a question.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, "We will

extend support. Properly utilise it. If they (Centre) take everyone into confidence, further steps will be easy. But going on criticising each other will not go well." "Some people have already started it, it is not right. We have

spoken about what was discussed in the meeting. Some people are speaking giving different meanings to it, which is not right... everything discussed at the meeting cannot be revealed in the interest of the country. I may be there or may go, similar is the case with Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, but the country will remain. So all of us should strive together for its welfare," he added. (Agencies)

Cancer treatment top priority for govt, Rs 3k crore allocated for it: Nadda

AGENCIES
CHHATRAPATI
SAMBHAJINAGAR, APR 27

Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Sunday said cancer treatment is a top priority area for policy makers and a sum of Rs 3000 crore has been allocated for the purpose.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Truebeam facility (linear accelerator used in radiation oncology) at the State Cancer Institute here.

"We have made cancer

treatment top priority. We have increased our baseline for screening and detection. In 1,75,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs), screening for oral, breast and cervical cancer has been conducted. We have made the age of 30 mandatory for screening. Cancer treatment is a priority area for policy makers and we have allocated Rs 3000 crore for the purpose," he said.

Nadda said more than 26 crore people have been screened for oral cancer,



following which 1.63 lakh cases were detected.

"As many as 14.6 crore people were screened for breast cancer, resulting in 57,179 detections. More than 9 crore people were screened for cervical cancer, and 96,973 persons were detected with it. The word cancer scares people, breaking them emotionally and financially. We can at least make timely interventions and improve the lives of patients by making proactive strategies," Nadda asserted.

Income Tax employee, mastermind of extortion-cum-dacoity, held after over a year on the run

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, APR 27

Delhi Police has arrested an Income Tax Department employee, alleged prime conspirator in an extortion-cum-dacoity case, an official said on Sunday.

Accused Deepak Kashyap had been on the run for over a year after being declared a proclaimed offender by the court.

The case dates back to August 1, 2023, when a businessman in Janakpuri

reported that seven people, including a woman, forcibly entered his residence, posing as Income Tax officials.

"They accused him of hiding income from a land deal and coerced his family into restraining communication, creating an atmosphere of fear. The CCTV footage later confirmed the involvement of multiple persons using an SUV," a senior police officer of the crime branch said.

Investigations revealed

that Kashyap, using his official position in the Income Tax Department, orchestrated the entire operation.

He recruited accomplices, who impersonated government officers to lend legitimacy to their illegal actions, he said.

Kashyap was initially arrested, but he later jumped bail and evaded arrest, leading to his proclamation as an offender by the Dwarka court in November 2023, said the officer.

Sat, Sunil, MLAs discuss socio-political and security issues, pay tribute to Pahalgam terror attack martyrs

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JAMMU, APRIL 27, 2025.

Sat Sharma CA, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP National Secretary, and MLAs, discussed the current socio-political and security situation in Jammu & Kashmir.

In the crucial meeting held at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, the BJP leaders also paid tribute to the brave civilians who lost their lives in the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

The leaders observed a moment of silence and prayed for the peace of the departed souls, extending their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

During the meeting, the BJP leaders discussed the current socio-political and



security situation prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir. They acknowledged the need for collective efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region while ensuring that the safety and welfare of the citizens remain the top priority.

BJP leaders, univocally condemning the heinous crime on humanity, said that the tragic attack, which took place in the picturesque town of Pahalgam, sent shockwaves across the nation, with innocent lives falling

victim to targeted killings.

Sat Sharma CA, while speaking on the occasion, condemned the cowardly act of terrorism and emphasized the BJP's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the lives and security of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He prompted the party leaders to continue to work in close collaboration with security agencies and the government to ensure that such incidents do not disrupt the peace and harmony while teaching a tough

lesson to the terrorists, their sympathizers, and their bosses.

Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, expressed his deep anguish over the loss of innocent lives and reiterated the need for strengthened security measures to tackle terrorism and protect the common people. He also emphasized the importance of unity among all political and social factions to address the prevailing security challenges effectively. He asked the fellow MLAs to strongly push the government to plug all sources of aids for the terrorists.

The BJP leaders pledged to continue their fight against terrorism, ensuring that the region moves forward on the path of development and prosperity, free from fear and violence.

Terrorism not a solution, but innocent civilians must not suffer in anti-terror drive: Hakeem Yaseen

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 27

President of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen, on Sunday reiterated that terrorism is not the solution to any issue and that the people of Jammu and Kashmir fully support the administration's ongoing efforts to eliminate terrorism and restore lasting peace.

In a statement to the media, Hakeem Yaseen said that for more than three decades, the scourge of terrorism has brought untold misery to the region, leading to widespread unemployment, poverty, and the disruption of social and economic life.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have suffered enough due to violence. We stand firmly with all measures aimed at rooting out terrorism and ensuring a secure, prosperous future for our youth," he said.

However, Hakeem



Yaseen emphasized that while strong action against militancy is necessary, it must be implemented with caution and sensitivity.

"Innocent civilians who have no involvement in terrorism should not be made to suffer. Demolishing the homes of families who have no direct connection to militant activities can create unnecessary resentment and undo the gains made toward peace," he cautioned.

He pointed out that a large section of Kashmir's youth and society has wholeheartedly rejected violence and returned to the mainstream. "It is important that the administration distinguishes between those involved in

terrorism and those who have embraced peace and democracy. Those who have chosen the path of reconciliation should be encouraged, not alienated," he added.

Appealing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, Hakeem Yaseen urged the government to ensure that counter-terror operations are conducted in a manner that is just, lawful, and humane.

"There must be a clear effort to avoid collateral damage, and every action should take into account the rights and dignity of innocent civilians," he said.

Hakeem Yaseen reiterated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are committed to peace and development and that every step taken must strengthen this bond of trust.

"Terrorism must be defeated with determination, but it is equally important that justice, empathy, and fairness guide us in this journey toward lasting peace," he

concluded.

Highlighting another growing concern, Hakeem Yaseen condemned the recent incidents of violence against Kashmiri students, traders, and workers in some states outside Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our students, traders, and workers are being attacked without any fault of theirs. This is unfortunate and must be stopped immediately. We are all citizens of the same country, and every Indian, regardless of region, deserves safety and dignity," he said.

He urged authorities in different states to ensure the protection of Kashmiris and promote a spirit of brotherhood and national unity.

Reiterating his party's commitment to peace and reconciliation, Hakeem Yaseen said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want to move forward with the rest of the country. "Terrorism must be rooted out, but justice, empathy, and national unity must be our guiding principles," he concluded.

Trikuta Nagar Development Council celebrates Foundation Day with great zeal

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The Trikuta Nagar Development Council celebrated its Foundation Day with great enthusiasm, marking a significant day of unity and progress. The event was graced by MLA Vikram Randhawa, MLA Yudhvir Sethi, former Minister Priya Sethi, CCI President Arun Gupta, Sanghchalak RSS Jammu Kashmir Prant Dr Goutam Mengi, senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan and District President Naresh Singh.

The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by symbolizing the start of a prosperous journey ahead.

On the occasion, the participants paid homage to the victims of Pahalgam terror attack.

Shubh Chandra Verma, while addressing the gathering, reaffirmed his commitment towards the development of Trikuta Nagar, promising dedicated efforts for the welfare of senior citizens.

On this memorable occasion, many distinguished personalities were honoured for their contributions, Sunit Kumar Gupta, President of J&K



Rekha Mahajan said, "The Foundation Day of the Trikuta Nagar Development Council is not just a celebration of the past, but a commitment to our collective future. It reflects the power of unity and the spirit of service. I feel proud to be part of this journey and assure my continued support towards the growth and prosperity of this region."

Bank, Manoj Chopra Cartoonist, Nitika Aggarwal, Vishal Aggarwal, Suneel Mahajan, Dharamveer Gupta, Ratran Chand Gupta (Ratto Shah), Dr Umang Jammwal, Manzul Raizada, Ajay Sabbharwal, Vijay Lakshmi, Aman Baba, Ashok Gupta, Surjeet Pappu Choudhary, Ashish Gupta, Shreyainsh Jain, Sarpanch Ravinder Singh, Deedar Singh President Vasant Vihar,

Ashok Gupta Chairman, Shubchander Verma President Trikuta Nagar Development Council, K.L. Gupta, Narinder Gupta Patron SCRC, K.S. Samyal President SCRC, T.C. Taggar General Secretary, T.R. Puri Vice President and team members.

The memory of veteran artist Shri Vijay Gupta was fondly recalled, with his

family presenting honors to outstanding artists of the state – Mr. Yogendra Gupta, Mr. Manoj Chopra, and Ms Pallavi Ghosh – celebrating their artistic excellence. Delivering the welcome address, K.S. Samyal expressed heartfelt gratitude to all present. The vote of thanks was delivered by T.C. Taggar appreciating the overwhelming support.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Vikram Randhawa emphasized the importance of community development and assured full support to the residents of Trikuta Nagar. Arun Gupta reaffirmed that the Chamber of Commerce and Industries stands ready to assist the citizens in every possible way.

The program was graced by a mesmerizing classical dance performance by Pallabi Ghosh and a heartfelt song rendition by Deep Sehgal.

On this special occasion, heartfelt tributes were paid to Vijay Aggarwal, the esteemed founding member of the Trikuta Nagar Development Council. His immense contributions and lasting legacy were warmly remembered and celebrated.

In his honor, Nitika Aggarwal, his daughter-in-law, graciously accepted the recognition on his behalf. The event concluded with a strong resolve to work towards a brighter and united future for Trikuta Nagar.

Proceedings of the programme was conducted by Dr Mitali.

Rekha Mahajan listens to PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat at Booth No. 147

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Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan today participated in a special session to listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat at Booth No. 147, an event organized under the leadership of Shakti Kendra Parmukh Ajmer Singh.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from booth workers, local residents, and BJP supporters who gathered to hear the inspiring address of the Prime Minister, who emphasized the importance of people's participation in nation-building. Rekha Mahajan, while interacting with the participants, highlighted the transformational impact



of Mann Ki Baat in bridging the gap between the government and the grassroots.

"Mann Ki Baat is not just a program; it's a movement that connects the Prime Minister directly with the people of India," Rekha Mahajan said. She lauded the tireless efforts of Shakti Kendra Parmukh

Ajmer Singh for mobilizing the booth workers and fostering a sense of unity and purpose among them.

Rekha Mahajan urged the booth workers to take inspiration from Mann Ki Baat and work with renewed dedication towards strengthening the BJP at the grassroots level. The gathering also

included discussions on the key points raised by the Prime Minister, focusing on community service, youth empowerment, and cultural pride. The event concluded with a pledge by all present to continue spreading the vision and mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a stronger, self-reliant India.

Suresh Sharma inaugurates developmental works and distributes sports kits in Chowki Choura

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Senior BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Pandit Suresh Sharma today visited the Panchayat Ghar, Majoor and Ghaneri, situated in the remote hilly areas of Block Chowki Choura. During the visit, Suresh Sharma inaugurated several development works completed at a cost of 28 lakh, which included the construction of roads, culverts, and improvement of local infrastructure and facilities. He also inaugurated a newly constructed hand pump at Baba Sandhur Devsthan Chadeyasi, developed at a cost of 5 lakh from his DDC allocation, ensuring better water supply for the local residents. Further encourag-



ing youth participation in sports, cricket kits worth 1.50 lakh were distributed among the youth of the three Panchayats. Addressing the gathering, Suresh Sharma highlighted the vital role of sports in maintaining mental balance, physical fitness, and promoting overall positive development. He urged the youth to stay away from societal evils, particularly drug abuse,

and dedicate themselves to building a healthy and prosperous future.

Suresh Sharma also spoke about the Modi government's relentless efforts to connect every village with all-weather roads. He noted that over the past four years, numerous new roads and culverts have been constructed in Block Chowki Choura and Maira Mandrian, bringing significant relief to

the people and improving connectivity in these hilly regions.

The residents and youth of the area expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards Suresh Sharma for his proactive approach in addressing their long-standing demands. Prominent personalities present on the occasion included BJP leader Captain B.D. Sharma, BJP Mandal President Ashok Kumar Sharma, former Sarpanch Chunnilal, Madan Lal, Purushotam Lal, Satpal, Sunil Kumar, Captain Jagdish Raj, Captain Paras Ram, Darshan Lal, Kuldeep Kumar, Suraj Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Chaman Lal, Baburam, Suresh Kumar, Omkar, Yashpal, Rajiv Kumar, alongside enthusiastic youth and other distinguished members from the Panchayats.

SRCO, Dabur India distribute Juices, toothbrushes among slum children

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Social Reform and Charitable Organisation (SRCO), in collaboration with Dabur India Ltd, organized a juice and toothbrush distribution program under its Nutrition Health Support Program for slum children at Rajinder Nagar, Jammu.

The program was graced by Dr. Daizy Parihar, Founder of SEHYODHARA and a well-known social activist, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Parihar, who has adopted these slum children under her care, personally distributed juice packs and oral hygiene kits to the children. Her compassionate gesture was warmly received and appreciated by the community.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Daizy Parihar emphasized the importance of nutrition and hygiene in a child's development and reiterated



her commitment to the welfare of underprivileged children. "We believe that every child deserves a healthy start to life, and this small initiative is a step in that direction," she said.

Sanjeev Parihar, President of the Social Reform and Charitable Organisation, said that such initiatives are aimed at bringing

meaningful change to the lives of underprivileged children. "We are grateful to Dabur India for their support, and we will continue to organize similar programs to ensure every child gets access to basic health and hygiene essentials," he added.

Prominent among those who were present included Ashok Kumar Bhat,

and S. Amarjeet Singh, who extended their support and encouragement to the cause.

The event concluded with a sense of joy and gratitude among the children, who were not only given nutritious refreshments but also made aware of the importance of personal hygiene through this thoughtful initiative.

MI beat LSG by 54 runs, surge to second on points table

AGENCIES
MUMBAI, APR 27

Mumbai Indians delivered a dominant allround performance to thrash Lucknow Super Giants by 54 runs in their IPL 2025 encounter at Wankhede Stadium on Sunday.

The victory saw MI surge to second place on the points table, level on 12 points with Gujarat Titans, who are top by virtue of a superior net run rate.

With a complete team effort, MI boosted their playoff hopes, while LSG's chase of 216 fell short as they were bowled out for 161 in their 20 overs.

Chasing a daunting target of 216, LSG could only muster 161 in their 20 overs, despite some lusty blows from Ayush Badoni (35), David Miller (24) and Ravi Bishnoi (13). Jasprit Bumrah (4/22) and Trent Boult (3/20) dismantled the visitors' batting lineup, with Corbin Bosch also claiming his maiden IPL wicket.

Boult fittingly sealed the victory when he bowled Digvesh Singh Rathi with a full delivery in the final over, disturbing the furniture to spark wild celebrations among the MI players and the enthusiastic spectators, who had turned out in large numbers.

Earlier, Bosch had knocked over Bishnoi with a perfect yorker in the 19th over to leave LSG



nine down.

The rot had set in much earlier, though. Bumrah set the tone by dismissing the dangerous Aiden Markram for 9, while Will Jacks delivered a decisive double blow in the sixth over by removing Nicholas Pooran (27) and Rishabh Pant (4) off successive deliveries. Pooran, who had earlier smacked Deepak Chahar for three consecutive sixes, perished while trying another big shot.

Mitchell Marsh and Badoni offered brief resistance with some clean hitting. Marsh smashed Boult and Hardik Pandya for a series of boundaries, including a massive six off Chahar that sailed out of the stadium. However, just when LSG looked to rebuild, Marsh fell for 34, pulling Boult straight to Tilak Varma at deep square

leg.

Badoni kept the scoreboard ticking with two sixes and two fours but eventually mistimed a slice off Boult to Will Jacks at backward point. From there, it was a procession. Bumrah returned to rip through the middle and lower order, dismissing David Miller, Abdul Samad and Avesh Khan in quick succession with a masterclass in death bowling – nailing yorkers and mixing in deceptive slower balls.

Earlier, Mumbai Indians' imposing total of 215 for 7 was built on a blazing 58 off 32 balls from Ryan Rickelton and a typically enterprising 54 from Suryakumar Yadav. After Rohit Sharma departed early, Rickelton and Jacks added quick runs, before Suryakumar took charge with his innovative strokeplay, including a memo-

orable sweep-scoop for six.

Corbin Bosch (20 off 10) and Naman Dhir (25* off 11) provided the late acceleration, smashing boundaries in the final overs to lift MI well past the 200-run mark. Mayank Yadav and Avesh Khan picked up two wickets apiece, but LSG's bowlers struggled for control throughout, conceding 17 fours and 15 sixes in all.

In the end, MI's comprehensive all-round effort ensured a commanding victory, keeping their playoff hopes firmly alive.

Brief Scores:
Mumbai Indians 215/7 in 20 overs (Ryan Rickelton 58, Suryakumar Yadav 54; Mayank Yadav 2/40, Avesh Khan 2/42) beat Lucknow Super Giants 161 all out in 20 overs (Ayush Badoni 35, David Miller 24; Jasprit Bumrah 4/22, Trent Boult 3/20, Corbin Bosch 1/26) by 54 runs.

GT look to pile more misery on struggling RR

AGENCIES
JAIPUR, APR 27

Gujarat Titans (GT), riding high on the unstoppable form of Orange Cap holder Sai Sudharsan, will look to extend their dominance over Rajasthan Royals when the two teams clash in Match 47 of IPL 2025 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Monday.

While Gujarat have won six of their seven encounters against Rajasthan – including a 58-run thrashing earlier this season – RR are battling a desperate slump, having lost five matches on the trot since April 5, often crumbling under pressure during crucial phases. With Sudharsan leading the charts at 417 runs in nine games and Gujarat's bowlers firing collectively, they start clear favourites against a Rajasthan unit struggling to stay afloat.

Gujarat, currently at the top of the table with six wins from eight outings, have stitched together a well-rounded unit with contributions across departments. Sudharsan's



blazing form has been complemented by skipper Shubman Gill (305 runs at a strike rate of 153.26) and the experienced Jos Buttler, making Gujarat's top order one of the most formidable in the tournament.

In the bowling department, the pace duo of Mohammed Siraj and Prasad Krishna has delivered consistently, accounting for 28 wickets between them. Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore, meanwhile, has tightened the screws in the middle overs, conceding at just 8.22 runs an over. With Rashid Khan beginning to find rhythm again, Gujarat's bowling attack looks well-equipped to exploit the conditions at

Jaipur, where the pitch has offered consistent bounce but tends to ease out under lights.

Rajasthan, on the other hand, find themselves in dire straits. With just two wins from nine matches, RR campaign has veered completely off course. Despite the best efforts of Yashasvi Jaiswal (356 runs at 39.66), Rajasthan's batting unit has failed to fire collectively. Skipper Riyan Parag has struggled to convert starts, while the likes of Shimron Hetmyer and Nitish Rana have been largely inconsistent.

On the bowling front, the burden has fallen squarely on Jofra Archer's shoulders. While the English pacer has picked up

nine wickets, Rajasthan's attack has leaked runs at crucial junctures, with the spin department proving particularly unreliable. Changes such as bringing in Fazalhaq Farooqi have had little impact, and RR's inability to close out games has been a recurring theme this season.

The Sawai Mansingh Stadium has typically favoured chasing sides, with 38 of 60 domestic T20 matches here being won by the team batting second. The average first innings score at the venue this season has hovered around 175, suggesting that a total in excess of 190 would be necessary for the team batting first to feel safe.

With the Royals low on confidence and Gujarat Titans brimming with momentum, the visitors will back themselves to keep their winning run going. Rajasthan, meanwhile, have little choice but to summon their fighting spirit and play for pride as the race for the playoffs slips further out of reach.

Karna Kadur, Musa Sherif top APRC, INRC for a grand double

AGENCIES
CHENNAI, APR 27

After a gap of three years, Bengaluru's reigning National champion Karna Kadur of Arka Motorsports won a round of the FIA-Asia Pacific Rally Championship 2025 at the Madras International Circuit, at Irungattukottai, about 40 km from here, on Sunday.

It was a near-flawless drive in the Volkswagen Polo by the 36-year-old Kadur who was greatly aided by his experienced co-driver Musa Sherif from Kasargod as the duo combined beautifully to also clinch the crown in the first round of the Blueband FMSCI Indian National Championship.

Finishing second in APRC was Kadur's teammate and England-based former National champion Amitrajit Ghosh (co-driver Ashwin Naik, Mangaluru) while Delhi's Harkrishan Wadia (co-driver Harish KN, Bengaluru) completed the APRC podium after Philippos



together about three days before the event after his Mahindra XUV 300 packed up during testing. "We had issues with the car throughout the weekend. Today, we lost the clutch, and it slowed us down. But considering everything, including having only a few days to prepare this VW Polo, we did pretty well."

Wadia could hardly believe his luck in finishing third in APRC and topping the INRC2 category. "The two-minute penalty I copped yesterday for early check-in at the start, hurt me a lot. Though I was on pace through the two days, two minutes kept getting added to my time. However, I guess, I got lucky in the end with Philippos retiring while I made 50-plus seconds on my rivals today."

Another notable performance came from Bengaluru-based Tarushi Vikram (Vybhav Mukund Rao) who took the honours in the Women INRC class, displaying good pace and control.

India wins big at 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship with record 83 gold medals

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

India delivered a historic performance at the 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship, sweeping the medal tally with a record 83 gold medals at the prestigious event held at the KD Jadhav Arena, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi.

The championship saw participation from over 21 countries, including Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and others.

While India dominated with an unprecedented 83 golds along with three silver and a solitary bronze, Japan followed with three gold, three silver and four bronze medals, while Mongolia, Oman and Nepal rounded off the top five standings.

The championship concluded with a grand closing ceremony attended by Harsh Malhotra, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, Government of India, and Ajay Chaudhary, Additional Commis-



sioner of Police, Delhi, along with senior officials from the Asian and World Yogasana federations.

Umang Dawn, Secretary General of Asian Yogasana, opened the ceremony with a warm welcome, followed by an overview of the championship presented by Dr Sanjay Malpani, president of Asian Yogasana. Dr Jaideep Arya, Secretary General of World Yogasana, shared insights on Yogasana's growing global stature.

Dr Sanjay Malpani, president of Asian Yogasana emphasised, "Yogasana not only strengthens

the body but also nurtures mental resilience and focus qualities essential for holistic well-being and societal progress. Events like these spread this important message far and wide."

Udit Sheth, president of Yogasana Bharat, delivered the closing remarks, congratulating all participants and celebrating the growing momentum of yogasana as a recognised sport.

Final Medal Tally Highlights:

- India – 83 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze (Rank 1)
- Japan – 3 Gold, 3 Silver, 4 Bronze (Rank 2)

- Mongolia – 1 Gold, 11 Silver, 6 Bronze (Rank 3)

- Oman – 1 Gold, 3 Silver, 7 Bronze (Rank 4)

- Nepal – 0 Gold, 27 Silver, 12 Bronze (Rank 5)
Countries such as Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Kazakhstan and Bhutan also showcased strong performances, highlighting the growing footprint of yogasana as a competitive sport across Asia.

The event concluded with a medal ceremony honouring the athletes and a formal farewell to the dignitaries, marking the end of a highly successful championship.

Sudirman Cup Finals 2025: Tanisha-Shruti win but India Go Down 1-4 Against Denmark

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

Women's doubles combination of Tanisha Crasto and Shruti Mishra came up with an impressive win, but injury-hit Team India could not avoid a 1-4 loss against the formidable Denmark in their Group D opener in the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2025 in Xiamen, China on Sunday.

With India missing the

services of their first-choice men's and women's doubles combinations, they needed the bench strength to step up. Up stepped Tanisha and Shruti, showing what they are capable of with a 21-13, 21-18 win over Natasia Anthonisen and Alexandra Boje in the last rubber.

Earlier, former world champion PV Sindhu came closest to bagging another point for India against Line Kjaersfeldt. The 29-year-old

showed glimpses of her old self as she took the lead in both games, but could not maintain the momentum and lost narrowly 20-22, 21-23.

The tie began with mixed doubles, where India's Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crato faced opponents Jesper Toft and Amalie Magelund. Dhruv and Tanisha started strong but went down 13-21, 14-21 in straight games, giving Denmark the

early advantage.

Asian Games bronze medallist HS Prannoy, then, took the fight to Anders Antonsen in the men's singles rubber, but ended up on the wrong end of the 15-21, 16-21 score line.

India will now look to bounce back in their next Sudirman Cup tie against Asian heavyweights Indonesia, which will be played on Court 1 of the Fenghuang Gymnasium on Tuesday.

Churchill Brothers awarded I-League title against CAS orders, AIFF claims late notice

AGENCIES
PANAJI, APRIL 27

Churchill Brothers' I-League 2024-25 presentation ceremony was concluded in Goa on Sunday even after the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) ordered the All India Football Federation (AIFF) not to declare the winner of the I-League or organise a medal ceremony until the present arbitration is concluded.

According to a statement by the AIFF, the federation learnt of CAS' decision only after the ceremony due to it being a holiday in the AIFF Secretariat.

During the event, the champions' trophy and winners' medals were formally presented to Churchill Brothers FC Goa, as per Appeals Committee order and representation made by AIFF to Delhi High



Court on April 23.

"The All India Football Federation (AIFF) would like to clarify that, with regard to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) order, due to a holiday in the AIFF Secretariat,

the Federation was only informed of the order at a time when the ceremony had already been concluded in Goa," the AIFF said in a statement on Sunday.

The Churchill Brothers were crowned champions

of I-League 2024-25 after being labelled the provisional winners, following the conclusion of the campaign, by the Appeals Committee of the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) on April 19. Inter Kashi later said that they would be appealing to CAS.

Inter Kashi had finished on 39 points from their 22 matches, one behind provisional table toppers Churchill Brothers FC Goa, who drew Real Kashmir 1-1 in their last match of the season and were banking on receiving three points for clinching the title.

Special enforcement drive conducted across Jammu city

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A special enforcement drive was carried out today across Jammu City, from South to North, under the supervision of Regional Transport Officer Jammu, Jasmeet Singh. The drive aimed to curb overcharging, overloading and ensure compliance regarding e-rickshaw driving licenses and other mandatory vehicle documents.

During the drive, as many as 750 vehicles were inspected. A total of 87 vehicles were e-challaned and 56 vehicles were seized for various violations under the Motor Vehicles Act and the rules framed thereunder. Fines amounting to Rs 3,46,200 were imposed on the violators.

In addition to enforce-



ment activities, awareness sessions were conducted at multiple locations for drivers and passengers to sensitise them about road safety regulations and provisions of the

Motor Vehicles Act. Special instructions were also issued to e-rickshaw operators regarding adherence to their designated areas of operation.

The enforcement drive

was led by ARTO FS Er. Bipen Singh Charak and ARTO Mohd Salim Manhas, along with MVI Er. C. S. Billowria, SMVI Amanish Sharma and MVTA Taranjot Singh.

Kathua Admin provides immediate relief to fire-affected families

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KATHUA, APRIL 27

In a swift and compassionate response to a tragic fire incident at Ward No. 21, Kathua, the District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas extended immediate relief to the affected families. The devastating fire led to the complete destruction of twelve jhughis (makeshift dwellings), leaving families homeless and in urgent need of assistance.

Recognizing the criti-



cal situation, the District Administration promptly organized and distributed essential supplies to each of the twelve affected families. The team of District

Administration Kathua extended solidarity with the affected families and assured them of continuous support from the administration. "The loss faced by

the families is heartbreaking. We stand with them in this hour of need and will ensure that all necessary support is extended to them" official said.

Tony asks farmers, border dwellers to remain vigilant, don't panic

Suchetgarh: Senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony today conducted an extensive tour of the border villages along the zero line in Suchetgarh sector, reassuring residents and farmers amid rising tensions along the International Border.

During his visit, Tony interacted with local farmers and border dwellers urging them to remain vigilant but not to panic. "Harvesting is currently underway, and crops are standing right on the zero line. Despite the tense atmosphere, farmers must continue their work with caution," he said.

Tony expressed concern over a series of fire incidents that broke out in the border areas today. "Crops were severely damaged in three separate fire incidents reported from Gharani, Hansa, and Abdullah. This is a major setback for the farmers who depend entirely on



these yields," he stated.

Calling attention to the inadequate safety infrastructure, Tony appealed to the district administration to immediately undertake repairs and renovation of the bunkers along the border. "Many bunkers have broken or damaged roofs. In their current condition, they are more of a death trap than a shelter. Immediate action is required to safeguard the

lives of border dwellers," he warned.

He further condemned the repeated unprovoked firing from across the border, holding Pakistan responsible for violating the ceasefire. "It is always Pakistan that initiates unprovoked firing, endangering the lives and livelihood of our people," he added.

Appealing to the border dwellers, Tony urged resi-

dents not to pay heed to rumors. "Please verify any information with civil or police authorities before reacting. In these sensitive times, misinformation can do great harm," he advised.

Tony reiterated his commitment to standing by the people of Suchetgarh and all border residents, assuring them of his continued efforts to raise their concerns at every level.

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FICCI FLO JKL organizes medical camp at Sarv Shakti Chandi Mata Mandir Nagrota

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FICCI FLO JKL organized a free Multi Specialty Health Check-up Camp at the premises of Sarv Shakti Chandi Mata Mandir, Dhami Nagrota, to mark the 9th Annual Day Celebration of the temple.

The Medical Camp witnessed a significant amount of devotees and local residents, who availed free medical consultations, blood pressure check-ups, sugar level monitoring and medicines. The initiative was supported by prominent healthcare associates including Amandeep Hospital, Starmed Hospital, Sharo Sight Eye Hospital and Path Square. The camp was also supported by Eeetoo, Colour Trends Makeover Studio, Top FM and SIBA and UNNATI MULTI STATE COOP SOCIETY and Amar Ujala was the Media Partner.

The celebration also included Bhandara, Kirtan, and various Cul-



tural Performances, Creating a vibrant and spiritually uplifting atmosphere. Devotees from all walks of life Participated wholeheartedly, adding to the sense of togetherness and devotion that marked the occasion.

On this auspicious occasion, Aarti Chowdhary, Chairperson FICCI FLO JKL along with her team members Ruchika Gupta Imm Past Chairperson, Varuna Anand Past Chairperson and National Initiative Head Partnership and Collaborations, Sona

Mehta Treasurer, Purnima Chowdhary, Tanish Pallan and Tina Malhotra paid obeisance at the temple and sought blessings at the sacred temple and sought blessings of Maa Chandi and prayed for peace and strength for the families affected in the unfortunate events in the Valley.

She said "Our main objective behind organizing this medical camp was to extend accessible healthcare services to the underserved sections of society. Through the initiative, we aim to pro-

mote preventive care, raise health awareness and ensure that no one is left behind when it comes to basic medical support.

Aari Chowdhary also reaffirmed her commitment towards community welfare through this noble initiative, aligning with its vision of "The Power To Empower". She further said that true progress can only be achieved when every individual, especially women and youth, are equipped with the resources, skills, and opportunities needed to shape their own futures. She emphasized that such initiatives not only uplift communities but also foster a sense of unity, resilience, and shared purpose.

She further assured that FICCI FLO JKL will continue to undertake such impactful initiatives in the future, focusing on health, education, and skill development to empower communities and bring about sustainable change at the grassroots level.

J&K wins 14 medals with 10 in Gatka in 68th National School Games

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MANIPUR, APR 27

Adding another feather to the already colourful cap of the Department of Youth Services and Sports and keeping J&K's flag high at the national scene, J&K Gatka team bagged 10 medals including a gold, while Thangta athletes won 3 medals, besides clinching a bronze medal in Boxing in the prestigious 68th National School Games at Delhi.

With this performance J&K emerged overall third in Gatka and won a total of 14 medals, taking the tally of medals to 66 in the current season.

In Gatka U-19 Boys and U-17 Boys and Girls, J&K clinched one Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze medals.

Kuljeet Singh clinched gold medal, while the silver medal was bagged by Rajveer Singh and the team of Sehakpreet Kour, Harjas Kour and Harpreet Kour, besides the team of



Rajveer Singh, Amarjeet Singh, Samanpreet Singh and Sehajpreet Singh. The Bronze medals went to Jashanpreet Singh, Dillpreer, the team of Bhupinder Singh, Kanavjot Singh, Kuljeet Singh and Gurpreet Singh, the team of Sneha, Taniya and Manpreet Kour, the team of Prabjot Singh, Harkirat Singh, Sarpreet Singh and Dilpreet Singh, besides an individual

Bronze medal by Navpreet Kour.

Apart from Gatka, three athletes from the Valley bagged Bronze medals in Thangta and one from Poonch claimed Bronze in Boxing.

Commissioner/Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sh Sarmad Hafeez and Director General Youth Services and Sports, Sh Rajinder Singh Tara con-

gratulated the medals winners and the support staff for this brilliant achievement.

They said the young talent of Jammu and Kashmir has made us proud, adding the Department of Youth Services and Sports is inching closer to making J&K a sporting hub.

With 66 medals in their kitty this season, Jammu and Kashmir has so far won 16 medals in Fencing with 3 Gold, 5 Silver and 8 Bronze; 15 medals in Wushu with 5 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze; 7 medals in Judo with 4 Silver and 3 Bronze; 4 medals in Taekwondo with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze; 3 medals in Soft Tennis with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze; 6 medals in Thangta with 1 Gold and 5 Bronze; 2 medals in Gymnastics with 2 Bronze; 2 medals in Weightlifting with 1 Gold and 1 Bronze medal, 10 in Gatka with 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze and one in Boxing.

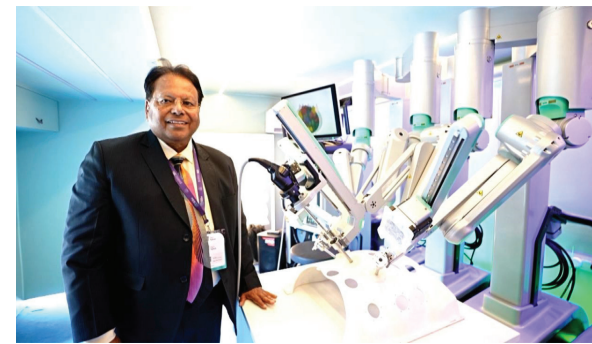
SS Innovations International, Inc., Makers of SSI Mantra, Makes Historic NASDAQ Debut

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JAMMU, APRIL 27

In a defining leap for Indian medical technology on the global stage, SS Innovations International – the makers of the indigenous SSI Mantra surgical robotic system – has been listed on NASDAQ. Trading is expected to commence on April 25, 2025, with the company's shares listed under the ticker symbol 'SSII'.

SS Innovations International reported impressive financial growth for the year ending December 31, 2024, with revenues reaching \$20.6 million – a 3.5-fold increase from the previous year's revenue of \$5.9 million. Gross margins also showed significant improvement, rising to 40.9% from 12.3% in 2023, highlighting the company's robust financial performance and expanding market presence.

Furthermore, SS Innovations International has made remarkable progress with its clinically validated and patented SSI Mantra Surgical Robotic System, which has been installed in 80 hospitals across 75 locations in India, as well as expanding its footprint in countries including Nepal, Ecuador, Guatemala, the Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and



Ukraine. The SSI Mantra Surgical Robotic System is transform-ing access to advanced robotic surgery, offering a cost-effective solution to a broader patient population. With plans to expand into Europe and the United States, SSII is positioning itself as a global leader in the field of medical robotics, further solidifying India's role in advancing healthcare technology worldwide.

Expressing immense happiness and gratitude over SS Innovations International's debut on NASDAQ, Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, Founder, Chairman, and CEO, said, "Uplisting to NASDAQ marks an exciting milestone for SS Innovations International and reflects our team's achievements in developing the world-class SSI Mantra Surgical Robotic System. This system offers top-tier quality, safety, efficiency, and

af-fordability, enabling cutting-edge robotic surgical procedures for a wider range of patients globally. As a proud 'Made in India for the world' innovation, we are helping elevate India's presence in the global healthcare landscape."

"The timing of our uplisting coincides with our global expansion beyond India into multiple countries worldwide. We are pursuing the EU CE Mark and U.S. FDA approval for our SSI Mantra surgical robotic system, which we expect to receive in late 2025 and early 2026, respectively. We believe that this up-listing to NASDAQ will enhance market awareness of our growth story, improve transparency, expand our potential investor base, and ultimately increase share liquidity, all while showcasing India's innovation on the global stage." Dr. Srivastava added.

With over 3,700 surgeries performed using the SSI Mantra, including more than 200 robotic cardiac procedures, the system has demonstrated an impeccable safety record, with zero reported device-related mortality, injuries, or complications. Furthermore, SS Innovations became the first and only company in India to receive regulatory approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) for telesurgery and tele-procuring procedures, marking a significant milestone in the company's global expansion strategy.

Since receiving approval from India's CDSCO, SS Innovations has successfully conducted 16 telesurger-ies using the SSI Mantra Surgical Robotic System, including the world's first robotic cardiac telesurgery and a landmark cardiac procedure performed across a distance of 2,000 kilometers – from North to South India. These groundbreaking surgeries, powered by the Made-in-India SSI Mantra Surgical Robo-bot, not only underscore the company's leadership in robotic and telesurgery but also highlight India's emergence as a global innovator in advanced medical technologies.