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5 soldiers killed, officer injured in blast in Rajouri: Army

■ M S Nazki

JAMMU, MAY 5: Five soldiers were killed and an officer injured after militants triggered an explosive during an ongoing encounter in Kesari area of Kandi hamlet in Rajouri district on Friday, officials said.

They told HT that two soldiers were killed on the spot and four others including an officer were injured in the explosion. The injured were shifted to hospital where three of them succumbed to wounds, taking the toll to five.

They have been identified as L/Nk Ruchin Singh Rawat of Uttarakhand, Paratrooper Siddhant Chettri

Of Darjeeling, (WB), NK Arvind Kumar of Palampur Kangra (H.P.), Hav Neelam Singh of Jaurian, Aakhnoor

Jammu and Paratrooper Pramod



Negi of Shillai Sirmaur (H.P.).

Earlier army in a statement said that Indian Army columns have been conducting relentless intelligence based operations to flush out a group of militants involved in ambush on

an army truck in Tota Gali area of Bhata Dhurian in Jammu region", army said in a statement.

"On specific information about presence of (militants) in the Turn.....5 Soldiers killed.....Pg 02

25 yrs old Para Regiment Jawan martyred in Rajouri

■ HT News Network

NAHAN, MAY 5: A 25-year-old Para Regiment Jawan Pramod Negi was martyred in an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district in the early hours of Friday. Pramod joined the "4" Para Regiment in 2017 and was serving in the "Special Force" protecting India for the last two years. Pramod Negi was part of a search operation team in Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir.

During the search operation, Pramod Negi Turn.....25 yrs old Para.....Pg 02

BJP returning to power in K'taka with thumping majority: PM Modi

■ HT News Network

TUMAKURU, MAY 5: Beginning the speech by chanting Bharat Mata ki Jai and Bajrang Bali ki Jai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the double-engine government is coming back with a thumping majority in Karnataka as per poll surveys. "With the blessings of the people of Karnataka, it is certain that the double-engine government will come back with a thumping majority. If you see all the surveys, then it will be known whose victory is certain. It is not becoming visible," he said, addressing a public rally in poll-bound Karnataka.

PM Modi made these comments in the light of



several poll surveys broadcast in Kannada news channels predicting BJP coming back to power with a thumping majority, except a few.

On the Congress lodging a complaint with the Election Commission against him for chanting Bajrang Bali ki Jai, PM Modi said the grand old party has now started objecting to it because it has become a slave appeasement and vote bank politics, and such a party can never do any good to Karnataka.

Launching an indirect tirade against Gandhi

Turn.....BJP returning to.....Pg 02

NEWS BRIEF

2 JeM militant associates arrested in Awantipora

SRINAGAR, MAY 5: Security forces have arrested two militant associates of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Jammu and Kashmir's Awantipora sub district, police said on Friday.

They said arms and ammunition was also recovered on their disclosure.

The arrests were made by joint parties of Police, Army and CRPF on Thursday following a specific input.

"Based on a specific input, an operation was carried out on Thursday by joint parties of J&K police, 42 RR, 3 RR & 180 Bn CRPF leading to arrest of two terrorist associates namely Bashir Ahmad and Gulzar Ahmad residents of Tral Awantipora," a police statement said.

It said on their disclosure, an AK-56 with a magazine and 56 live rounds, four pistols with six magazines and 24 live rounds were recovered.

A case FIR under section of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Explosive Substances Act and Arms Act was registered in Police Station

Turn.....2 JeM militant.....Pg 02

Hand washing prevents infections, saves lives: DAK

SRINAGAR, MAY 5: Hand washing is one of the most effective ways to prevent infections and save lives, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) said on Friday.

"Hand washing acts like a vaccine that prevents deaths," DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan said on the world hand hygiene day.

Every year May 5 is celebrated as world hand hygiene day with the aim of raising awareness among general public and healthcare workers about the importance of regular and proper hand washing both at community level and hospital setting.

He said various studies have found that the simple act of washing hands with soap and water can reduce the incidence of diarrhea in children by almost 50 percent and cut respiratory infections by 25 percent.

Diarrhea and respiratory infections are two leading causes of death in children in Kashmir, he said.

"Reducing the number of these infections by washing hands would also help prevent the overuse of antibiotics—the single most important factor leading to antibiotic resistance which has reached to unprecedented levels in the valley," he said.

Turn.....Hand washing.....Pg 02

Pakistan's credibility depleting faster than its forex reserves: EAM tears into Pak FM

■ HT News Network

NEW DELHI/PANAJI, MAY 5: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday did not mince words as he slammed Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's criticism of India, terming the Pakistan FM as the "spokesperson of a terrorism industry which is the mainstay of Pakistan" and that "Islamabad's credibility is depleting even faster than its forex reserves" on the issue of terrorism.

Addressing a press conference on

the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign ministers' meeting held in Panaji, the EAM fielded several questions on the Pakistani FM and his press conference held in Panaji where the latter raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, of India set to host a G20 event in Srinagar, and the abolition of Article 370.

On the significance of the visit of the Pakistan FM, coming as five Indian soldiers have died following an encounter in Rajouri, the EAM said:

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COVID-19 No Longer A Global Emergency, Says WHO

■ HT News Network

GENEVA [SWITZERLAND], MAY 5: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that Covid-19 pandemic is over as a global health emergency.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, made the announcement while addressing a media briefing on Covid-19 and global health issues.

"It is therefore with great hope that I declare #Covid19 over as a global health emergency. However, that does not mean Covid-19 is over as a global health threat. Last week, Covid-19 claimed a life every three minutes – and that's just the deaths we know about," he said.

"As we speak, thousands of people around the world Turn.....COVID-19 No Longer.....Pg 02

All 05 Medical Colleges & AHs to be complete by year end: CS

AIIMS Jmu to be dedicated to public by Oct this year

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, MAY 5: During a review of the progress of works on all the newly established Medical Colleges across J&K besides the ongoing work on the two All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) being established at Vijaypur (Jammu) and Awantipora (Kashmir) here with Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, it was stated that all five Medical colleges approved during phase one shall be completed before end of the financial year.

The meeting was attended by Sec-



retary, Health; MD, JKPC; Chief Engineers of PWD Kashmir/Jammu besides

other concerned officers.

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DC Srinagar inspects progress of works in City parts, on Gupkar-IG Road Axis

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, MAY 5: In order to review the progress of Spruce up works ahead of G-20 Summit in District, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in the evening hours undertook onsite visit and inspection of various beautification works being carried out in different City parts and enroute to the Srinagar International Airport.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation and CEO, SSCL, Athar Amir Khan.

During the visit, the Deputy



Commissioner took stock of beautification, upgradation and redevelopment works at Zero

Bridge, Raj Bagh, Lal Mandi, LD Hospital Road, Gogjibagh, Turn.....DC Srinagar inspects.....Pg 02

CLEAR WEATHER FORECAST TODAY, RAINS TILL MAY 8 FROM TODAY

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SRINAGAR, MAY 5: Amid forecast for "mainly clear" weather with chances of "brief spell" of rain and thunderstorm in the evening, the night temperatures continued to hover below normal in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday.

A meteorological department official

Turn.....Clear weather.....Pg 02

BOTTOM

Florist Rubina Tabasum, a successful business woman and a role model

■ Qiesar Baba

SRINAGAR, MAY 5: 45-year-old Rubina Tabasum of Chadoora Budgam takes pride in being a successful florist, a business woman, an inspiring face and a role model for the educated women of the valley.

Born in a small village of Devbagh in Chadoora tehsil in central Kashmir's Budgam district, Rubina got married when she had just completed 12th standard.

"I got married at an early age when I was studying in 12th class and there were strong feelings and devotion to do something positive for the future in me which somehow encouraged me to continue my studies before getting married", Rubina told UNI.

Rubina has a number of state and national awards in her kitty including "Women Entrepreneur of the year" 2007 given on the women's day, "Champion Farmer", Best Rose

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In a first, foreign artist performs in Kashmir, seeks donations with his mate, video goes viral

Will look into issue, if found violating visa terms or law, action will follow, says Tourism deptt official

SRINAGAR, MAY 05: In a first, a foreigner along with his mate was seen seeking donation on the bank of Dal Lake here while performing on the Guitar—a musical instrument, leaving everyone puzzled. As per news agency—Kash-

mir News Observer (KNO) said that street artists from Russia, who are on a visit to Jammu & Kashmir, are performing at the busiest places while placing a placard in front, seeking donations from the passerby. The placard reads 'Hi I am

Ivan from Russia, I travel all over the world. Plz help me by donation'. A video of one of their performances has also gone viral on social media, inviting different reactions from the netizens. One of the netizens, Aqib

Amin wrote, "Foreign beggars are also found in Kashmir". The netizens were amazed to see the foreigners performing on the roadsides and expressed their views by writing different posts. A top official from the

Tourism department when contacted said that they are not aware about the issue. "We will look into the matter. If he is violating his visa terms or engaging in any illegal activity, the law will take its own course," he said.

Pollen allergy hits northern Baramulla district

BARAMULLA, MAY 05: Despite freaky weather conditions in Kashmir, north Kashmir's Baramulla district is gripped with pollen allergies which is now turning into a perennial health hazard with people alleging that they are falling prey to allergies due to government apathy to cut down the Russian female Russian poplars.

Though pollen allergies in the spring are common, but the roads, streets and corners across north Kashmir particularly Baramulla and Sopore - where thousands of poplars line up is giving a tough time to people.

Talking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a group of students from GDC Boys Baramulla said that the government's inaction over cutting down the trees is taking a heavy toll as they are not able to attend their classes due to pollen that leads to various forms of allergies.

"The government needs to take more steps as we face such kinds of issues every year. It becomes quite irritating," the students said. Similarly, local traders have been complaining about the same, stating that they face great inconvenience as pollen-induced allergies are hitting their market as fewer people turn up while the majority prefers to sit in their homes.

They said that every year administration claims of cutting down the Russian female poplars, the main source of producing pollen, but nothing is witnessed on ground. "It's high time to act on it as people including school/college going students, elderly persons are becoming soft targets of allergies," they said.

Speaking to KNO, Dr. Javaid Bhat, a Kashmir-based physician posted in Sopore hospital said, that the person affected with the pollen-induced allergy needs proper medical advice especially for those who are battling Asthma else it could exacerbate, which may have serious consequences.

"The common symptoms of pollen-induced allergy include nasal irritation, running nose and watery eyes coupled with redness and skin rashes. These symptoms may further exacerbate in patients having Asthma - in which a person's airways become inflamed, narrow and swell and produce extra mucus, which makes it difficult to breathe," he said. "The patients suffering from allergies are advised to take precautionary measures like wearing masks, medicines include anti-allergic tablets and in case the infection is high then antibiotic is prescribed."

Meanwhile, deputy commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish while speaking to media over the issue said that every year they are taking measures and old/toxic trees are being axed. She assured that people will not face pollen issues along Srinagar-Baramulla national highway, as they have taken up the process of cutting down the trees in a phased manner.

About army cantonment areas, the DC said that the government has a role to play over state land rather than private. In terms of privacy, people better can play a great role themselves, she said.

Pertinently, in 2015, High Court passed directions banning plantation and trade of pollen producing poplar trees particularly Russian poplar trees across Kashmir. However, the government has miserably failed in stopping the perennial health hazard by cutting down the said trees.

Will fine all those who have illegally painted walls of Rawalpura Power Grid Station: SMC Commissioner

SRINAGAR, MAY 05: Srinagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ather Aamir Khan Friday said that all those commercial establishments who have unauthorizedly painted the boundary walls of power grid station Rawalpura with huge commercial advertisements will be fined soon.

Earlier the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Muhammad Aijaz Assad acting on the complaint of a social activist Arshad Dijoo had personally informed the Municipal Commissioner Srinagar about the unauthorized painting of commercial advertisements on the grid station walls which comprises of sensitive government department at a prime location.

Dijoo upon finding the power grid station boundary walls painted with huge fluorescent commercial advertisements had taken up the matter with the district administration Srinagar and also with the Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation officers.

While talking to this reporter Arshad said that he had also talked to the Station Incharge Power Grid Rawalpura Er.Owais Ahmed who acknowledged that "indeed the painted commercial advertisements on government property was illegal and without their permission".

"Today morning I was surprised to find out that the boundary walls of the Power Grid Station Rawalpura an exclusive government property was painted in different hues with mega



commercial advertisements of different firms on full display.

In disbelief I tried to find out how was it possible that a government property is being used to display private commercial advertisements.

Therefore I contacted the officers at the helm in the Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation and was surprised to know that the advertisements were illegal & unauthorized.

And immediately I brought the same into the notice of the district administration and the Municipal Commissioner". Arshad said.

Arshad said that the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Muhammad Aijaz Assad on his own had also informed

the Municipal Commissioner Srinagar who assured action by imposing penalties on these deviant commercial businesses.

It's pertinent to mention here that the Srinagar city is hosting a G20 meet and the UT administration is in the process of beautifying the city on a war footing.

In such a scenario some commercial agencies disfiguring boundary walls of a government establishment in the heart of the city is bizzare and unheard of. Moreover the Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has already banned painting of highway surroundings with advertisements as it deviates the attention of drivers and leads to accidents.

Adbi Markaz Kamraz Jammu and Kashmir holds 'Eid Milan'

BARAMULLA, MAY 05: Adbi Markaz Kamraz on Friday organised Eid Milan at its head office in Baramulla. Gathering was attended by the representatives of different organizations associated with AMK. On the occasion a meeting of the executive members was also held under the chairmanship of the President AMK Muhammad Amin Butt. Dr Rafiq Masoudi was also honoured with 'Dastaar Bandi' on becoming the patron of the amalgam. Pertinently a discussion on the challenges on Kashmiri Language and Literature was held during the meeting. Participants expressed concern over non-availability of Kashmiri text books in govt schools. The matter was taken up with authorities however the board officials assured that the shortage of books would be resolved within a few days. At the end of the program a 'Mehfil



Mushaira' was also organised which was presided over by Syed Nadeem Bukhari while as Qazi

Ghulam Mohammad Gulshan was also present in the presidium. Around 30 poets presented their Kalam in the mushaira. Secretary AMK Farooq Shaheen anchored the Mushaira session. Finally President AMK Mohd Amin Bhat thanked the attendees. Those poets who took part in 'Mushaira' include Shakir Shafi, Rashid Roshan, G.D.Bahaar, Farooq Shaheen, Abid Ashraf, Syed Nadim Bukhari, Maqbool Bulgami, Mohsin Manzoor Lolabi, Gh.Mohd Gowhar, Dilshad Mustafa, Saleem Yousuf, Farooq Sumbli, Majrooh Kashmiri, Qazi Gh Mohd Gulshan, Mir Tariq, Masroor Muzaffar, Sagar Sarfaraz, Jawaid Iqbal Mawri, Zahoor Hygami.

AMK General Secretary Shabnam Tilgami, Majeed Majazi, Jameel Ansari, G.M.Dildar and Adil Ismail was also present on the Eid Milan Occasion.

Pipeline scheme laid a month ago in Handwara village defunct

HANDWARA, MAY 05: The people of the Guloora village in north Kashmir's Kupwara district have complained that the pipeline scheme laid a month ago is lying defunct, leaving half of the population without water supply.

Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Advocate Abdul Rashid, a local,

said the locals said the Jal Shakti Department received funds from PRI members for laying pipelines for the Guloora Panchayat Halqa. The work was outsourced to a contractor, and the estimated cost of the work was between 23 to 24 lakh rupees, they said.

They accused the authorities of neither completing the

work nor connecting the laid pipelines with the water supply.

Advocate Abdul Rashid, a local, told KNO that the work began in March this year. "The work started at a rapid pace considering the fear of lapse of the amount. Pipelines were laid in Panchayat Halqa Guloora that are yet to be put beneath the

upper surface of the earth, causing immense inconvenience to locals," he said.

"Initially, there was a haste to finish the work to withdraw the bills only," Advocate Rashid alleged, adding, "Public priorities have been left for personal benefits. Still, half of the panchayat is without a portable water supply."

Aijaz Ahmad Dar, another local from Dar Mohallah, Guloora, alleged, "Not only these 23 to 24 lakh rupees; even before this, about 1.50 lakh rupees were spent for laying pipelines. Those water supply pipes are still laying at the house of one of the ward members. Without potable drinking water, our women are forced to fetch water

from the Kultoor village."

Dar said the pipelines laid are still on the upper surface of the ground. "People continue to face hardships because of that as well," he said.

The locals have demanded early action on the issue, saying they are suffering a lot without drinking water.

"We hope the Lieutenant

Governor-led administration will look into the matter without any delay," Aijaz said.

Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara Nazir Ahmad told KNO that he doesn't have any such information.

"I will verify the issue from the concerned department," the ADC said.

Mission Youth organizes interactive session, career guidance for PARVAAZ scheme candidates

Dr. Shahid emphasizes understanding of multifaceted job requirements before entering into public service

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SRINAGAR, MAY 5: Jammu and Kashmir Mission Youth, organized a one day interactive session and career guidance programme for candidates undergoing coaching under PARVAAZ scheme in Srinagar. Secretary, Tribal Affairs and Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, was the chief guest on the occasion. Director, CCPC, University of Kashmir, Professor Ishaq Ahmad Geer and officers from Mission Youth, Sajad Ahmad (CAO), Dr. Mohammad Maqbool Deputy Director (P&M), OSDs Tabish Saleem and Dr. Murtaza Rashid and domain experts were present on the occasion. The event was aimed to provide exposure to the candidates selected



under the PARVAAZ scheme through direct interaction and a question answer cum feedback session. The event was attended by around 400 candidates who are presently undergoing coaching at various institutes empanelled with Mission Youth along with faculty members from the coaching institutes.

On the occasion, Professor Ishaq Ahmad Geer, Head CCPC University of Kashmir, spoke on the important topic of career guidance. He

stressed upon the importance of managing stress in hyper-competitive examinations like IAS and JKAS for performing well in these examinations. The most significant event of the program was the direct one to one session of candidates with Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary. During the interactive session, Dr. Shahid Iqbal focused on candidate's expectations and aspirations which were taken in the form of questions from the candidates.

The candidates were also asked about how they relate themselves with the role, responsibilities and expectations from the public servants. Dr. Shahid emphasized the importance of understanding the multifaceted requirements of the job before entering into public service. He encouraged the students to remain open-minded, mindful of their strengths and weaknesses and avoid herd mentality while preparing for these competitive exams.

Furthermore, Dr. Shahid emphasized on the significance of having a backup career plan right from the day first. He encouraged the candidates not to feel disheartened for not clearing such competitive exams rather take the experience as a learning opportunity to become better individuals and citizens.

DC Anantnag Convenes meeting of District Development Council

Farooq Rather

ANANTNAG MAY 05: Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, S.F. Hamid held an introductory meeting with the District Development Council at Dak Banglow Khanabal. The meeting was attended by all the DDC members and BDC Chairpersons.

During the meeting, the District Development Commissioner emphasized the important role that council members play in implementing developmental programs and welfare schemes for the betterment of the general public.

He stressed the need for planning and monitoring of developmental projects and welfare schemes to achieve assigned targets in a timely and efficient manner.

The council members raised several public-oriented demands, including the macadamization of roads, the upgrading of health facilities in rural and remote areas, the rationalization of staff in educational institutes, and issues related to roads, water supply,



and health facilities.

The DC assured council members that all genuine demands would be examined and incorporated into projected plans. He also stressed the importance of sectoral officers remaining available to the call of PRI's and taking them on board in planning, execution, and monitoring of developmental works under District UT and centrally sponsored schemes.

The chairman, vice-chairman, and other members appreciated the initiative taken by the DC for having an

introductory meeting and expressed their willingness to work together for the development and welfare of the district. Overall, the meeting was a productive and positive step towards achieving the goals of the District Development Council and improving the lives of the people of Anantnag.

The meeting was attended by DDC chairman, Vice Chairman, DDC members, DDC Anantnag, ADC Anantnag, JD Planning, BDC chairpersons, BDC members and all other sectoral officers.

All Minority Employees Association Kashmir calls on Lt Governor

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SRINAGAR, MAY 05: A delegation of All Minority Employees Association, Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today at Raj Bhawan.

The delegation headed by its President Sh Sanjay Koul projected various issues of employees of minority community under PMDP and other employment schemes, who are working in Kashmir division.

The members of the delegation also expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT administration for promptly resolving many of the issues of the minority community employees.

The Lt Governor assured the delegation of appropriate redressal of the genuine issues and demands projected during the interaction.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi calls on Lt Governor

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SRINAGAR, MAY 05: Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

Dr Andrabi discussed with the Lt Governor the developmental works & reformative measures taken by the Board, particularly in education sector and to boost the religious tourism through coordinated projects of Waqf Board, Tourism & other departments. She also apprised the Lt Governor on various issues of public importance.

The Lt Governor assured Dr Andrabi of all possible support of the government departments in the future endeavours of the Waqf Board. The Lt Governor assured Dr Andrabi of all possible support of the government departments in the future endeavours of the Waqf Board.

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Basha Sangam: SCERT's Tamil Quiz Promotes Language Diversity, Multilingualism

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SRINAGAR, MAY 05: The Department of Education in Languages wing of the State Council of Educational Research and Languages (SCERT), Thursday, conducted an inter-district quiz competition on Tamil language wherein scores of students from all the 10 districts of the Kashmir Division took part.

The "Basha Sangam" initiative, launched by the Government of India, aims to foster linguistic diversity and multilingualism within the country. The program's primary goal is to

establish a platform where different languages can converge and interact, as the name "Basha Sangam" suggests, which translates to "confluence of languages."

In his inaugural speech, the academic head, Unit-1, Zahoor Ahmad Dar said that Basha Sangam is an essential initiative that would go a long way in promoting linguistic diversity.

"It would eventually help in preserving endangered languages, and encourage multilingualism in the country," he said. "The program has a significant impact on society by promoting cultural under-



standing, enhancing cognitive abilities, and improving communication skills."

The Wing's head, Ms Shabnum, who is also the Basha Sangam's divisional nodal officer, said that Basha

Sangam celebrates the linguistic diversity of India by providing a platform for various languages to come together and interact.

"The initiative helps to promote cultural under-

standing and social harmony by fostering an environment where people from diverse backgrounds can communicate and learn from each other," she said.

Academic officer Masood Ali said that Basha Sangam empowers teachers and students to appreciate the importance of languages beyond the official and regional languages of India.

The quiz was conducted in multiple stages, where the participating students were subjected to a rigorous evaluation of their grasp of the Tamil language. It was inspiring to witness them answer complex questions with ease, considering that

Tamil was not their native language, and they were not proficient in its script.

Upon the conclusion of the quiz, the participants received certificates to acknowledge their active involvement in the event. The certificates served as a symbol of recognition for the students' hard work and accomplishments in enhancing their understanding and knowledge of the Tamil language.

Furthermore, the winners of the quiz were also presented with trophies, which were a symbol of their exceptional performance and proficiency in the Tamil language.

Police seizes illicit timber in Baramulla & Handwara, 02 accused arrested

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Baramulla, May 05: Police have seized illicit timber in Baramulla & Handwara and arrested 02 accused persons involved in the commission of crime.

In Baramulla, a police party of Police Station Uri under the supervision of SDPO Uri Shri Shokat Ali-JKPS assisted by SHO PS Uri, arrested 02 timber smugglers identified as Hakim Din son of Faqir Mohd Sheikh & Qadeer Ahmad son of Hakim Din Sheikh both residents of Choolan Kalsan Uri who are being involved in cutting down forest timber illegally and were selling at higher rates. Illicit forest timber measuring about 40 CFTs were recovered from their possession in Choolan Uri. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

In Handwara, during the intervening night of 4/5 May, Police Post Chogul seized 3 logs of illicit timber from the possession of one person namely Aijaz Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Rajab Dar resident of Haran Takibal. However, the accused person involved in



the commission of crime taking advantage of the darkness managed to flee from the spot and efforts are on to effect his arrest.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective Police Stations and investigation initiated.

The drive against timber smugglers will continue to ensure protection of green gold. Our consistent actions against anti-social elements should reassure the community members that we are making every effort to keep our society free of crime. Police have resolved to act as per law against those who indulge in criminal & anti-social activities.

Laparoscopic enucleation of hydatid cyst of liver performed at district hospital shopian

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SHOPIAN, MAY, 05: In a first, laparoscopic liver surgery of a 45 year old hypertensive female patient with radiologically diagnosed huge hydatid cyst of right lobe of liver was operated successfully at District Hospital Shopian

The surgery laparoscopic en-enucleation of hydatid cyst of Liver was performed under the meticulous expertise of laparoscopic surgeon Dr Seth Mujtaba and the anaesthesia team comprising of Dr Ajaz wani and Dr Aatif nabi shah.

The paramedical staff assisting comprised of Mr Fayaz, Mr Ajaz, Miss Sameena, Mr Umar, Mr Nasir and Mr Gulzar.

It is pertinent to mention that laparoscopic hydatid cyst surgery is a procedure that is usually performed at tertiary care centers in view of the surgical expertise needed and high anaesthetic risk in view of potential anaphylaxis.

The team thanked Dr Rubina Maqbool, MS DH Shopian, for providing proper logistical support for the procedure. Dr



Shafi, consultant surgeon, also played very crucial role. The surgery laparoscopic enucleation of hydatid cyst of Liver was performed under the meticulous expertise of laparoscopic surgeon Dr Seth Mujtaba and the anaesthesia team comprising of Dr Ajaz wani and Dr Aatif nabi shah.

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DC Srinagar flags off Swachhta Carvaan in District

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SRINAGAR MAY 05:- With a view to promote cleanliness and hygiene among the public, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Friday morning flagged off a Swachta Carvaan vehicle here from Gupkar Junction to spread the cleanliness and hygiene awareness in all the Panchayat Blocks of the district.

The Swachta Carvaan in an initiative aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene, creating awareness among the people about the importance of keeping their surroundings clean and hygienic under Swachh Bharat Mission.

The Swachta Carvaan initiative "Ek Kadam Safai Ki Aur" also aims to ensure that the open defecation free behaviours are sustained and that solid and liquid waste management facilities are accessible.

Assistant Commissioner Development, Srinagar, Syed Farooq Ahmad, Block Development Officer, Majid Iqbal and other concerned were present on the occasion. With a view to promote cleanliness and hygiene among the public, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Friday morning flagged off a Swachta Carvaan vehicle here from Gupkar Junction to spread the cleanliness and hygiene awareness in all the Panchayat Blocks



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DDC Anantnag visited GMC Dialgam Anantnag

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ANANTNAG, MAY 05: DDC Anantnag SF Hamid, today visited Govt. Medical College Dialgam, where he was welcomed by Principal, Faculty members and students of the Medical College. He was briefed by the Manager, JKPC regarding outlay and completion of works of the college. Thereafter, District Development Commissioner along with Principal Medical College, Prof. (Dr.) Tariq Syed Qureshi and Faculty members visited all nine (09) individual Departments. The infrastructure, equipments and developmental work of departments was appreciated by the District Development Commissioner and expressed hope that these well-developed departments will go in a long way to impart practical knowledge to upcoming Doctors and Paramedics. DDC congratulated GMC Anantnag for starting post graduate DNB Courses and hoped that more number of seats could be allotted to GMC Anantnag during the current year. Moreover he visited the central library and appreciated its working for 24x7 which is highly beneficial to students. He directed Manager JKPC that the deadline of 15th May, 2023 as fixed by Shree Rajiv Rai Batnagar, Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor should be followed in letter and spirit and advised them to work in double shifts so that the project including landscaping will be completed by 15th of May 2023.

PM's Rehabilitation package for POJK DPs Div Com directs DCs to organize village level camps to receive applications for claim settlement

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JAMMU, MAY 05: Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today directed Deputy Commissioners to organise village level camps to receive applications from PoJK Displaced persons (DP) of 1947, 1965 and 1971 to settle their claims under Prime Minister's Development Package.

The Divisional Commissioner issued these directions while chairing a meeting convened to review the disposal of claims received in the districts under the PM Package.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Additional Commissioner Jammu, Pankaj Katoch; Provincial Rehabilitation Officer Jammu and

other concerned officers, while Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Rajouri and Udhampur along with other concerned officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

The Deputy Commissioners apprised the Div Com about the total number of families of Displaced persons in their respective districts, number of claims received, number of applications approved and recommended for relief assistance.

It was informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs GoI has extended the date for receiving claim cases from the PoJK Displaced Persons of 1947, 1965 and 1971 to enable left out entitled families to avail the benefits.

The Div Com asked the DCs to expedite the process of identification of left out families in their respective



districts. He also directed them to submit all completed cases to his office for providing relief assistance to eligible families under the Prime Minister's Development Package.

The Div Com stressed on organizing village level camps for sensitizing the DP families and to receive the applications of eligible beneficiaries and settle the pending claims of DP fami-

lies.

The Div Com instructed the DCs to expedite the process to provide claim assistance to the beneficiaries and ensure that no eligible family is deprived of the same in their respective districts. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today directed Deputy Commissioners to organise village level camps to receive applications from PoJK Displaced persons (DP) of 1947, 1965 and 1971 to settle their claims under Prime Minister's Development Package.

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Former CM of Uttarakhand calls on Lt Governor

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SRINAGAR, MAY 05: Sh Vijay Bahuguna, former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

Sh Bahuguna discussed with the Lt Governor a range of issues of public importance and the developmental scenario of Jammu & Kashmir.

Eye Camp organised in Boys Pahari Hostel Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 05: An eye camp was today organised by Government Boys Pahari Hostel, Jammu here under the guidance of Sapna Kotwal, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People.

The event was organised in collaboration with Rotary Eye and ENT Hospital, Udhampur, wherein eye testing was done for the hostel inmates. Secretary J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People was the Chief Guest.

Boys Pahari Hostel Warden Jammu, Ankush Tripathi; Ab. Hamid, Warden Govt. Hostel Rajouri, Ab. Majid Khan Zindail, Senior Pahari Leader, staff of Government Boys Pahari Hostel Jammu, along with all the inmates of the hostel attended the event.

The Team from Rotary Eye & ENT, Hospital Udhampur tested almost 70 inmates and all were issued prescription slips.

In A First, Women Cops On Night Duty In Jammu

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Jammu: In a move aimed at ensuring women's safety as well as keeping tabs on women drug peddlers, female constables have been deployed at various vital checkpoints in Jammu city during night hours, officials said.

This is for the first time that women constables have been deployed during night hours, they said.

"We are deployed at various checkpoints in the city to ensure safety and protection of women at night," a female head constable said.

Anita, a constable, said that women cops have been deployed to do proper verification of women during night time.

"Our duty involves keeping tabs on movement of women residents, since male (constables) can't question them too much, so that there should be no (illegal) activities," she told PTI. According to senior police officials, the deployment of women constables has been done not only to ensure the safety of women citizens but also to check instances of drug peddling by women.

As per sources, over 50 to 60 female constables along with male cops have been put on duty under new the set-up in the city.

Special Summary Revision 2023 DEO Ramban reviews progress of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls- 2023

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RAMBAN, MAY 05: District Election Officer, Ramban Musarat Islam today reviewed the progress achieved under ongoing Special Summary Revision-2023 of Electoral Rolls in the District here at a meeting of EROs, AEROs and Supervisors convened through virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by EROs, AEROs, Supervisors and officials from the Election department.

At the outset, the DEO took a detailed review of the progress achieved in the District under ongoing SSR-2023 and sought details about the number of fresh applications received, as well as the number of claims

and objections. He emphasised upon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to conduct revisions according to guidelines of ECI as per notified schedule and expedite the process for achieving targets. He also asked them to ensure timely disposal of claims and objections.

The DEO also enjoined upon the concerned EROs and AEROs to complete the revision of the special summary with 100 percent enrolment of eligible voters, including the addition of new voters and deletion of duplicate voters, besides to ensure no elector is left unregistered keeping in view the limited time period to conduct the exercise.

District Administration's IVRS -Hello Kishtwar gains much Popularity among Masses 45 Calls received in 4th Session; 5th session on May 9

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KISHTWAR, MAY 05: The District and Police Administration of Kishtwar, led by Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav and SSP Kishtwar Khalil Ahmed Poswal today conducted IVRS, Hello Kishtwar to address the grievances and queries of people residing in far-flung areas of the district.

The fourth session of the IVRS was conducted and received an overwhelming response from the people.

A total of 45 calls were received by Senior & District Officers of District & Police Administration Kishtwar within a span of one hour from 11 am to 12 noon on the IVRS phone number



8470-800-900.

Besides the District Officers, the Deputy Commissioner and SSP Kishtwar also attended the calls and patiently listened to the grievances of the people. The officers assured the callers of prompt redress in a transparent and hassle-free manner.

The IVRS is a significant step towards providing quick and efficient redress of public grievances of

people of far-flung areas who cannot afford to attend district offices frequently. The district administration is committed to make this initiative a success and urges the people to make the most use of this system to ease out their life.

All the callers received a unique Grievance ID via SMS, which they can use to track the progress of disposal of their complaint on the district administration's

website.

The upcoming 5th session of the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) is scheduled to take place on the 9th of May, between the hours of 11 am and 12 noon. Citizens can utilize this opportunity to voice their genuine grievances and concerns by dialing the designated number, 8470800900. The IVRS is equipped with a feature that allows callers to directly connect with relevant officers of line departments, such as the Deputy Commissioner (DC) by pressing #1, SSP by pressing #2, ADDC by pressing #3, ADC by pressing #4, ACR by pressing #5, ACD by pressing #6, CEO by pressing #7, CMO by pressing #8, and AD Food by pressing #9.

Panthers Party Founder's Son Removed From Blacklist, Gets Emergency Visa

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Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) founder Bhim Singh's son has been removed from a blacklist and issued an emergency visa to attend his mother's funeral after he apologised to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for participating in an anti-government protest in London last year.

Ankit Love (39), who is based in London, was given a three-month emergency visa on Thursday to attend his mother's last rites, which, according to him, will take place on the banks of Devika river in Udhampur district on Friday afternoon.

"I am reaching Jammu tomorrow (Friday) morning to say the final goodbye to my mother," Love told PTI on the phone from Delhi on his arrival from abroad.

He said he is happy that his apology was considered by the government and he was provided with the visa to perform the last rites of his mother, whose body is lying in



a mortuary for the past week.

Earlier, Love shared a copy of his visa on Facebook with the message, "Thank you India for taking me off the blacklist so that I may go and attend my mother's funeral. God bless".

The only son of JKNPP founder Bhim Singh has apologised to Prime Minister Modi for participating in an anti-government protest in February last year that led to him being blacklisted by the High Commission.

Ritu Singh, K D Hospital organise medical camp

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Jammu, May 5 (UNI) Dr Kunwarani Ritu Singh along with K D Super Speciality on Friday organised a medical camp at Balgran and Muskan Home here.

The medical camp called "Amanat" started on an auspicious note invoking the blessings of Shiva and Shakti with a prayer jointly sung by the inmates and the team of volunteers believing that prayers and medicines go hand in hand.

The event was organised on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima.

The medical camp aimed to provide general physical, gynaecology, eye check-up and dental services to the children and inmates by an expert team of doctors from K D Super Speciality hospi-

tal, who included Dr JP Singh Ophthalmology, Dr Sumit Sharma CEO, Dr Pooja Padha Emergency Physician, Dr. Rupam Gupta Dental Surgeon and Dr. Sohal Goni Medical Officer.

The medical camp benefited 117 children from Balgran and 49 inmates of Muskan Home, said a hand-out.

It further said that the registered 117 children from Balgran will receive lifelong medical facilities free of cost, including inoculation as and when required under the hospital's CSR program.

It further added that such initiatives are vital for the overall well-being of children and inmates of such homes. Dr Kunwarani Ritu Singh urged society to come forward and engage in the inclusion of these individuals into society.

She emphasized on the need for collaborative work with hospitals, doctors, nutritionists, educationists, and counsellors to provide sustainable support systems for children with special needs, destitute children, and the elderly.

In addition to the health facilities, for their overall development Dr Kunwarani Ritu Singh assured to provide academic and co-curricular support to the children on weekly basis such as, block printing skills, craft work etc to empower the children with a skill set that could make them independent.

She extended gratitude to the team of doctors from K D Super Speciality Hospital, President Balgran and In-charge 'Muskan Home' for their support in this noble cause.

Delaying elections violates democratic values of country; R S Chib

HT News Network

Jammu, 05-May, CNS: The Democratic Progressive Azad Party & General Secretary RS Chib expressed his disappointment over the delay in Assembly elections and said that depriving people of their elected representatives tantamounts to violating the democratic values. He said that violating democratic values doesn't augur well to a country like India which has a rich history of democracy. However, Chib directed his party members to intensify the membership drive and by the time elections in Jammu and Kashmir are held, DPAP shall emerge as one of the largest political parties in the UT. "Our district presidents must visit extensively to their respective



areas and intensify the drive of membership," he said while chairing an office bearers meet in Jammu. Meanwhile, Chib sought the intervention of the government and adequate compensation to the farmers who lost their wheat crop in extensive rains. "The farmers who are affected have lost the crucial crop of the year. The worst affected are the farmers living in border areas who have no other source

of income. They need fully to be compensated," Chib said. Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President directed all District Presidents to chalk out the tour programme of their Districts in consultation with the Zonal presidents in order to create awareness regarding the mission of our Party. He also stressed upon them to make Party offices in their Districts functional in order to address the issues raised by people from time to time. Among others who attended the meeting were, Ch Gharu Ram, P.S. Manhas, Zahid Malik (Zonal Presidents), Ashok Sharma, VP Province, Ashok Bhagat, Balbir Singh, Gourav Chopra, Brijeshwar Singh Indoo, Thankur Dharam Chand, Sushil Sharma, Surinder Bhagat (Distt Presidents) Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, Sobat Ali Gen Secretary.

Prolonged bad weather delaying Mughal Road opening

HT News Network

Rajouri: Prolonged bad weather conditions, rainfall, and moderate snowfall in May is delaying the opening of Mughal Road which otherwise used to get operational for traffic in March-April. Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M Choudhary paid a visit to Mughal Road on Thursday. He said that the road could not be opened for the movement of vehicles till weather conditions improve and slide debris is cleared at Dugriyan. The 90-km Mughal Road connects Surankote sub division of Poonch district with Heerpura in Shopian district. The road has been lying closed for the past six and a half months after it got closed in the last week of Novem-



ber while snow clearance work was started in the second week of March with the Mechanical Engineering Department of the J&K government deploying its men and machinery. It acts as an alternate to Srinagar-Jammu National Highway but remains closed for five to six months during winter.

The Centre recently announced the construction of tunnels on the Mughal Road to make it an all-weather road.

The road was cleared of snow between Bufliyaz and Pir Ki Gali in the first week of April but fresh snowfall started thereafter and snowfall at regular intervals in the last month caused the prolonged delay in the road opening.

The DC Poonch accompanied by Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Surankote, Rizwan Zargar and other officials of the administration also visited the Mughal Road upto Pir Ki Gali and examined the status of snow clearance. The DC Poonch said that the prolonged bad weather conditions and a heavy slide at Dugriyaan were the reason behind the delay in road opening. He also appealed to the people not to venture on the Mughal Road till the administration officially notifies and permits the movement of vehicles.

EDITORIAL

PCOS Pandemic....

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a common hormonal disorder that affects women of reproductive age. It is a condition that affects a woman's ovaries, causing an imbalance of hormones that can lead to irregular periods, acne, weight gain, and infertility. In recent years, there has been a rise in PCOS cases in Kashmir, and it is becoming a major concern for the health of women in the region.

The reasons behind the increase in PCOS cases in Kashmir are complex and multifactorial. Some of the factors that are thought to contribute to the rise in PCOS cases in Kashmir include lifestyle changes, lack of physical activity, poor diet, and stress. The modern lifestyle of the people in Kashmir has drastically changed over the years, with a shift towards a more sedentary lifestyle and an increase in the consumption of processed foods. This has led to an increase in obesity, which is a major risk factor for PCOS.

Moreover, the lack of awareness and education about PCOS in the region is also a major contributor to the rise in cases. Many women in Kashmir are not aware of the symptoms of PCOS and the need for timely diagnosis and treatment. This often leads to delayed diagnosis and treatment, which can result in complications and worsen the condition.

The consequences of the rise in PCOS cases in Kashmir are significant and can have a long-term impact on the health of women in the region. PCOS can lead to various complications, including infertility, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Infertility is a major concern for women with PCOS, as it can affect their ability to conceive and have a healthy pregnancy. In addition, PCOS can increase the risk of developing gestational diabetes and preeclampsia during pregnancy, which can lead to complications for both the mother and the baby.

The impact of PCOS on the mental health of women should not be overlooked as well. PCOS can cause depression and anxiety, which can have a negative impact on the quality of life of women. Women with PCOS often struggle with body image issues, which can lead to low self-esteem and social isolation.

The prevalence of PCOS is high among Kashmiri women and is probably the highest in a published series globally. A countrywide systematic prevalence study is warranted to reconfirm the findings.

PCOS has assumed an alarming status in Kashmir as some experts warned that nearly 30 percent of adolescent females are facing the risk of infertility and other complications.

To address the rising cases of PCOS in Kashmir, there is an urgent need for increased awareness and education about the condition. This should include awareness campaigns, workshops, and seminars to educate women about the symptoms of PCOS and the need for timely diagnosis and treatment. The healthcare system in the region needs to be equipped with the necessary resources and expertise to diagnose and treat PCOS effectively.

Moreover, lifestyle changes are crucial in preventing and managing PCOS. Women should be encouraged to adopt a healthy diet and engage in regular physical activity to maintain a healthy weight and prevent the development of PCOS. Stress management techniques, such as meditation and yoga, can also be helpful in managing the condition.

In conclusion, the rise in PCOS cases in Kashmir is a major concern for the health of women in the region. There is an urgent need for increased awareness and education about the condition, along with lifestyle changes and improved access to healthcare. The consequences of PCOS can have a significant impact on the health and quality of life of women, and addressing this issue should be a top priority for the healthcare system in Kashmir.



VIJAY GARG

Do you love your language courses and truly feel interested in studying languages all your life even though you have an analytical brain? Do you belong to a rare group of youngsters who think grammar is not boring? Are you looking for a career that is beyond the horizon of the popular science, engineering and commerce careers? Do you really enjoy reading books for hours at a stretch? If the answers to all the above are an emphatic 'yes', then you may think of a career in Linguistics, a very important but not commonly pursued field with quite a few opportunities across diverse areas of occupations.

Linguists study the origin, evolution and development of languages to apply their knowledge in real-life and business situations such as the interpretation of historical documents, deciphering the encrypted or coded text, development of natural language processing computer software, and interpretation of written/spoken foreign languages. Linguist study to understand how people learn speech and languages, how do they use languages to communicate and how languages vary over cultures, communities, regions, and countries.

Why Become a Linguist?

You will study languages – how different languages originated, how they evolved over the ages, the different properties of speech and languages, and how they change and develop. You will apply your knowledge in various areas – from History and Anthropology to Sociology and Computer Science.

As a Linguist, you will research and study about the following areas and many other areas:

Phonetics – Phonetics is the study of the sound of human speech. It is concerned with the actual human sounds, and how they are produced and perceived.

Phonology – Phonology deals with how different sounds of speech are organized systematically to form and convey what one wants to say.

Syntax – Syntax deals with how words and phrases are arranged and structured using grammatical rules to form meaningful sentences.

Semantics – It deals with the study of semantics which is the science of conveying meaning through signs, symbols, analogies and metaphors. It studies how meaning is conveyed in languages by use of words, signs and symbols.

Pragmatics – It is a part of semantics and involves the study of context or situation which influences the meaning of spoken and written languages.

Morphology – It studies how words are formed and their relationship to other words. For example, it examines the structure of words- the prefixes, suffixes, root words etc.

Discourse analysis – This involves the analysis of discourses in languages- written, spoken or sign languages.

Popular Specialization in Linguist Profession

Computational Linguists help develop various algorithms and software for natural language processing – such as speech recognition, speech-to-text, text-to-speech, speech synthesis, etc. They are involved in developing Artificial Intelligence in the processing of human languages.

You will study and research in your specialized area of Linguist to publish research papers on theories of Linguistic or applications of linguistics in different fields such as Cryptology, Natural Language Processing (an area of Computational Science), Human Development, etc.

You will work with Computer Scientists and Engineers to help them develop speech recognition software, text-to-speech software, algorithms for developing Artificial Intelligence in human language processing, and so on. You will help government depart-



ments, defense forces, and business enterprises interpret foreign language; help intelligence agencies to decipher coded language; help police and investigative agencies in interpreting communication of alleged criminals to gather evidence.

You will Help Historians and Archaeologists in interpreting ancient languages; help Anthropologists in understanding a tribal language; help Development Workers to use appropriate languages to communicate with a community or tribe.

Undergraduate studies after school

To be a Linguist, after your school, you can study for an undergraduate degree in any Language or in Linguistics. In India, very few undergraduate degrees in Linguistics are available. But if possible, you can study in UK, USA, Australia and other countries. Many undergraduate programs in Linguistics or a dual degree program in Language and Linguistics are available in Universities in these countries.

It may make better sense to complete an undergraduate or bachelor's degree in a language, preferably in English or a Foreign Language or an ancient Language like Sanskrit and Pali. You can also study a modern Indian Language at the undergraduate level.

Alternatively, you can also study for an undergraduate degree in Physics, Biological Sciences (such as Physiology and Zoology), Mathematics, Computer Science, or Anthropology. Even, if you have a bachelor's degree in Engineering/Medicine, you can switch to a career in linguistics after doing an M.A. and Ph.D. in a specialized area of linguistics.

Post Graduate Studies

As a career in Linguistics requires specialized and even super specialized knowledge, you must have a Post Graduate/Graduate Degree (as they call it in USA and Canada) in Linguistics/ Applied Linguistics with a specialization in an area of your choice such as Computational Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, Phonetics & Phonology, Clinical Linguistics, Developmental Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, etc.

You can do a Post Graduate Program in Linguistics after having an undergraduate or Bachelor's degree in the areas mentioned under 'undergraduate studies after school'.

Pre-Doctoral and Doctoral Studies:

Let's put it straight. To have a really rewarding career in Linguistics, you will need a Ph.D. But in certain applied areas such as Computational Linguistic, Translation and Interpretation, etc. as well as in teaching, you can do with a Post Graduate/Graduate (as in USA, and Canada) degree. But the excitement in opportunities begins after your Ph.D. Before a Ph.D., you can do an M.Phil. as well.

Job Opportunities

Most of the job opportunities in this career are in academic research, in applied research or in teaching. You may also choose to be in translation/interpretation work. Following are some of the opportunities:

- **In Universities involved in theoretical or applied Linguistic research and teaching – you can join as a Research**

Fellow/Assistant Professor and grow into other positions

- **In Information Technology firms as a Language/Linguistic Specialist in the area of Computational Linguistics, Natural Language Processing, etc.**
- **In colleges, language schools, and other institutions as a Language Teacher, Accent Trainer, etc.**
- **In publishing companies in the role of a Sub-editor/Writer/Translator**
- **In various companies as a Writer/Content Developer/Content Analyst/Content Writer**
- **In Business Process Management companies as a Language Coach/Trainer or as an Accent/Voice Trainer**
- **You can take up various opportunities as an Interpreter and work with various companies, foreign consulates, Government departments, Government agencies, etc.**
- **Find opportunities in Defense forces and intelligence forces.**

Work environment

You will mostly work in academic and research settings – in Universities, Colleges, Language Schools or in similar settings in offices of Government, Defense forces, Police forces and business enterprises.

Some jobs may require you to travel occasionally to the field to help other professionals interpret foreign languages, help Defense/Police/Investigative agencies or for your own academic or applied research work.

Academic workplaces when you are in teaching such as Universities, Colleges and Language schools.

Salary of a Linguist

During your Ph.D. in India, if you qualify in the UGC NET examination, you will get a stipend of Rs. 35,000 per month in the first 2 years and then Rs. 38,000 per month for the remaining years.

During your Post-Doctoral Fellowship, you may get about Rs. 40-45,000 per month.

In India, if you join a University or College as an Assistant Lecturer after your Post Graduate degree and clear UGC NET examination, you will earn about Rs. 60,000 a month.

If you join in a research position in an enterprise, including Government agencies, private sector companies, etc., then in the beginning, after your post-graduation, you may expect to earn about Rs. 40-45,000 a month in the beginning. If you join after your Ph.D. then you may earn about Rs. 60-80,000 per month.

As an Associate Professor or in an equivalent research position, you can earn about Rs. 100,000-1,80,000 a month.

Mid-level positions in the industry can fetch you about Rs. 1,20,000-2,50,000 or more per month.

As a Professor or in an equivalent research position, you can earn about Rs. 1,60,000-2.25,000 a month.

Senior-level positions in the industry can fetch you about Rs. 1,80,000-500,000 or more per month.

Career Progression in Linguist Profession
Most of the job opportunities in this

career are in academic research, in applied research or in teaching. You may also choose to be in translation/interpretation work. Following are some of the opportunities:

In Universities, you can join as a Research Fellow and then after getting a Ph.D., join as a Post-Doctoral Fellow. In teaching roles, you start as an Assistant Professor, then become an Associate Professor, and finally a Professor.

In Information Technology firms you can join after your Master's in domain specialist roles as an Analyst / Associate Analyst / similar. You will progress from a Senior Analyst to an Associate Consultant and become a Consultant. After your Ph.D. you can join as an Associate Consultant and grow through the ranks.

In colleges, language schools, and other institutions you can join as an Assistant Language Teacher, Accent Trainers, etc. and then grow into various senior roles such as Teacher, Senior Teacher, Teacher-in-Charge, Principal, etc.

In publishing companies, you can join as a Copy Editor and then become a Sub-editor. You can then grow as a Deputy Editor / Associate Editor and then become an Editor. You can also find work as a Writer / Translator.

You can join various companies as a Writer / Content Developer / Content Analyst / Content Writer and grow into senior-level roles.

In Business Process Management companies, you can grow from being a Language Coach/Trainer or as an Accent / Voice Trainer to Senior Trainer and then to Head of Voice/Accent Training or similar positions.

In Defense forces and intelligence forces.

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What does Industry Trends Say - Future Prospects

Linguists, and especially Computational linguists, find many opportunities in one of the most important and challenging areas in Computer Science and Engineering, i.e., NLP or Natural Language Processing. This is a certain area of growth as more and more regional and local languages will be used for access to the internet and using computers.

Computational Linguists will also find opportunities in developing artificial intelligence – speech recognition, learning, assimilation, and speech synthesis are some of the biggest challenges in creating artificial intelligence that can interact with humans like humans.

With increasing globalization, and more so over the next few years, Interpreters and Language Teachers will have many opportunities for work. But over the very long term period (10-20 years), the jobs of Interpreters may reduce as they could be replaced by artificial intelligence.

The overall prospect is moderate now and in the long term (5-10 years) and could remain moderate over 10-20 years period. Prospects for Computational Linguists will remain quite high though.

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Current Situation in Afghanistan: Taliban Bans Women from Universities and Restricts Rights



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The Taliban in Afghanistan has recently announced a ban on women attending universities in the country, further restricting women's education. This comes after girls were already excluded from secondary schools since the Taliban regained power in 2021. Women in Kabul protested the ban, but were quickly shut down by Taliban officials. The Taliban has defended the decision, claiming it is in the interest of preserving "national interest" and women's "honor." However, female students have expressed their distress over the ban, with some arguing it goes against their rights under Islam. The ban has been widely condemned by the United Nations and several countries, and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has warned that there will be consequences. Western countries have demanded that the Taliban improve female education to be recognized as Afghanistan's government. The ban has caused concern and frustration among female students and their families, and is likely to worsen the already existing humanitarian crisis. Education is a fundamental right, and it is crucial that everyone,



regardless of gender, has access to it.

In addition to the ban on women attending universities, the Taliban has also imposed several other restrictions on

women's rights since they returned to power in Afghanistan. Women are required to wear burqas in public and are not allowed to travel without a male relative. They are

also prohibited from participating in sports and some forms of employment. These restrictions have been widely criticized by human rights groups and other countries.

The situation in Afghanistan has been unstable since the US withdrawal in August 2021, with the Taliban regaining power and the government collapsing. There have been reports of violence and human rights abuses, including targeted killings of journalists, activists, and members of ethnic and religious minorities.

The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is also dire, with millions of people facing food shortages, displacement, and lack of access to basic services such as healthcare and education. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated the situation, with low vaccination rates and limited access to medical resources.

The international community has been providing aid to Afghanistan, but the Taliban's restrictions on women's rights and the humanitarian crisis have raised concerns about the effectiveness of this aid. Some countries have also imposed sanctions on the Taliban, further complicating the situation.

The future of Afghanistan remains uncertain, with many women and girls facing an uncertain future under the Taliban's rule. It is crucial for the international community to continue to support the Afghan people and advocate for the protection of human rights, especially for women and girls.

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A fortnight with Northern Command Indian Army!



M S NAZKI



Readers this would be a strategically affair because other than the operational point of view they still do their utmost as far as humanity and the younger generations go!

My Dad used to send me to the recreation room in the unit he commanded! The unit was in Shillong but for me leading a disciplined life was an issue! Perhaps a child hood one!

'Sanik Samachar' was probably the first magazine I read as I sat! The next was Amrit Bazaar Patrika (newspaper), in the officers mess I read magazines like, 'Infantry, Commando, Life, so on and so forth!'

But I never knew where I would end up to be!

From a child to a student to an army career to a writer it (the journey) has been smooth but not flawless!

Anyway that is beyond the point! I sent my friend a huge amount of pictures which the Northern Command in the past fortnight! I had an idea in mind and here it is on display!

Female or Male: Army officer's responsibilities, duties and leadership can only be expressed on the War ground! So I decided that why not I start from New Delhi! Hope so my brother in arms of pen has put the collage together!

The first report said: New Delhi

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in Exercise INIOCHOS-23, a multinational air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force. The exercise will be conducted at the Andravida Air Base in Greece from 24 Apr 2023 to 04 May 2023. The Indian Air Force will be participating with four Su-30 MKI and two C-17 aircraft.

The objective of the exercise is to enhance international cooperation, synergy and interoperability amongst the participating Air Forces. The exercise will be conducted in a realistic combat scenario involving multiple types of air and surface assets. It will also enable the participating contingents to engage in professional interactions, providing valuable insight into each other's best practices. This obviously has to be sensational!

The second was even grater because this

was not in air but on ground! It read, 'Indian Army Conducts Lecture on Mumkin Scheme in Akhnoor! 10 Div is the dearest to me. I have in my diaries plenty of stories about the exploits and the doings of the Division!'

Several youths participated in lecture conducted by Indian Army on Mumkin scheme at Kundrah Village in Akhnoor. They were informed about the small finance scheme and how they could use it to secure a sustainable and respectable livelihood. The engaging session focused on socio-economic development of J&K through skill development and livelihood generation. The gesture by the Indian Army was positively appreciated by the village locals and also by the Sarpanch of the village.

The Third one before a small water break: The Indian Army celebrates Iftar with the local community. This was from Jama Masjid Ramban!

Keeping up with the traditions of religious harmony and integration with all religions, Indian Army celebrated Iftar with local populace at Jamia Masjid Mangat of Ramban district, Jammu and Kashmir. The celebration was a manifestation of the Army's commitment to fostering mutual respect and religious harmony between Indian Army and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The event was attended by a large number of locals and civil dignitaries.

Army personnel offered sacred prayers along with local populace at Jamia Masjid Mangat for continued environment of safety and prosperity in the area. Troops offered meals to the fasting people as a mark of solidarity.

The celebration was a unique opportunity for Indian Army to connect with the local Awam of Jammu and Kashmir and to reinforce its unwavering dedication to the welfare of the local community. The local community appreciated the Army's heartwarming gesture, and expressed that such events strengthen the bond between the Indian Army and the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

I think I have to take a stroll to my SUV! Jeep is not my forte any more! Just fingers on key boards are!

I have an old association with life and what I say I do it 'In Life, You have to fight and fight to win, There is no room for the loser Now.' I did it but lost somewhere!... Unknown soldier!

Yes I was on on the newsletter and the next episode was a stunner:

It was christened as Quiz and mock parliament organized to promote aware-

ness about G-20 Nations at Nirmala Convent High School Dhangar, Akhnoor!

The Mock Parliament session, allowed students to step into the shoes of national leaders of G-20 Nations and discuss on key issues of global importance. The students showed great enthusiasm and interest illustrating impressive zeal and knowledge. The event was aimed at promoting global awareness and fostering a spirit of leadership amongst students. It also provided opportunity to the students to learn about the diversity and richness of different cultures and economies around the world.

The event was a great success, and the students left with a better understanding of the G-20 Nations and their role in shaping a better future for all. Principal of Nirmala Convent High School as well as the Local authorities invited to the event expressed their satisfaction to see the enthusiasm amongst the students and thanked Indian Army for having organised such an event.

Army Mela at Kalal Nowshera

We were travelling on a silver colored bullet after meeting my pal Ms. Nazki! The roadways have distinctly changed for the better! I told Aseem a bHaderwahi kid of mine because he is a son of a Teacher as my brother is! It was just nearer to Nowshera I told Aseem 'Waqt Ho gaya hai' It was time for late evening lunch and my time to have the magical ingredient of Lord bacchus!

A lecture and awareness drive on the theme "Know Your Army Mela" was conducted for students at Kalal, Nowshera. The day long programme gave an insight to the attendees about the functioning, traditions and the life in general in the Indian Army and also included a weapons display. The young Armed Forces aspirants were also briefed about various entries available to join the defence forces. The vibrant gathering appreciates the efforts of the Indian Army for conducting such an event and guiding the fertile minds towards a path of excellence, discipline and patriotism.

Episode

'In Life, You have to fight and fight to win, There is no room for the loser Now.- Indian Army conducts a lecture on World's Heritage day -!'

This was in Udhampur: A lecture on "World Heritage Day", at Dungi Brahmana, Rajouri District, organized by Indian Army encouraged the local residents to celebrate cultures of the world and bring awareness about important historical monuments and sites. It also emphasised on the impor-

tance of preserving these monuments and sites for generations to come. The audience expressed their sincere gratitude towards the Indian Army for educating them about such events celebrated all over the world.

Now we travel to Poonch:

Rally on Anti Drug awareness at Kalas village Poonch

Various remote villages of Poonch district are conducting impactful campaigns against drug abuse. The Slogans on Nasha Mukta Bharat are dampening the nefarious intentions of our neighbouring nation to push/ smuggle drugs in our country. In view of the same, villagers and children of a small Kalas village along LoC undertook the responsibility of creating awareness among civil population by conducting an awareness rally & public speech. The first step in preventing drug abuse is educating people & passing a strong message against drug abuses. It is important to educate youth about the risks associated with drugs and to promote healthy lifestyle that does not involve drug use. The villagers promoted drug free environment & demonstrated their strong resolve to address this serious issue. The self-interest of villagers in this campaign is very motivating.

Individuals moving with placards in their hands & sloganeering against drugs indicates a paradigm shift in efforts against drug menace. The rally by villagers of Kalas was a clear message to our youth & future generation to abandon drugs & its use.

I do not know why the people from Olive green's are different! One reason I will spell out!

Tiranga mountain Rescue Team: Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, Chief of Staff, HQ Northern Command interacted with the Tiranga Mountain Rescue team led by Col Satish Sharma, SC, VSM (Retd) and 21 Members at HQ Northern Command, Udhampur. Tiranga Mountain Rescue Teams (TMR) were deployed in High Altitude Areas to provide specialised avalanche and mountain rescue cover to the troops during the winter season from November 2022 to April 2023.

Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta congratulated the team for their commendable work and lauded the efforts in protecting the troops and the civil population in remote areas from natural calamities. He referred to 'TMR' as a source of strength for soldiers deployed in high-risk and threat-prone areas. He also emphasised that seamless synergy has brought down the casualties in mountainous areas due to natural calamities in Northern Command. Tiranga Mountain Rescue Team members

received a special appreciation for saving the lives of Armed Forces Personnel by increasing awareness to safeguard themselves from natural disasters.

Indian Army Organizes Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan at Manjot, NowsheraQ 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' or 'Clean India Mission' at Mangiot, Nowshera organized by the Indian Army generated awareness in the local youth about maintaining clean and hygienic surroundings to lead a healthy life style. The awareness drive also highlights various Government schemes and incentives promoting rural hygiene and sanitation to the participants. Prominent locals, Sarpanchs, Panchs, applauded the efforts of Indian Army for their efforts to spread the message of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to such a remote area of the country.

Indian Army organizes artificial limb fitment and health checkup camp at Rakhmuthi Akhnoor!

The Indian Army took an initiative of organising a one day Artificial Limb fitment and fresh artificial Limb Measurements Camp with the help of KIWANI Group, New Delhi. This camp was organised for specially abled people of border area village of Jourian and Akhnoor.

The Artificial limbs measurement was undertaken as part of Phase-I on 30th Jan. As part of Phase-II of the same, limbs were fitted and distributed to all affected individuals on 17th April. A total of 16 limbs were distributed and four new measurements were undertaken.

The Medical Campaign also had presence of Medical and Child Care Specialist from Nirmal Khanna Memorial Society for providing no cost treatment and advice to the local villagers

A total of 32 adults and 15 children were examined and given free treatment and medicines. The camp was able to achieve the positive goal of giving a new perspective towards leading a normal and healthy life. The event saw a huge participation and smiling faces. Local's forwarded their heartfelt gratitude for the Indian Army for organising welfare schemes in addition to safeguarding the nation.

To conclude I will say that this is my brain child! As sleeping giants we seeping giants can do a lot but selfishness is a must and selfishness cast aside!

Finally I will say that The government and the people of the country have a big role to play in the growth of army's morale. Indian Army will use its full power to protect the sovereignty of our states. This will be a fortnightly column!

India, Russia, Pakistan Urge Taliban to Respect Rights of All Afghans

HT News Network

GOA, India (Reuters) - The foreign ministers of India, Russia and Pakistan on Friday called for a representative government in Afghanistan and the protection of women's rights, almost two years after the Islamist Taliban swept to power in Kabul.

They were speaking at the day-long meeting of foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the Indian coastal resort state of Goa, just ahead of a meeting scheduled over the weekend in Pakistan between the foreign ministers of Pakistan, China and Afghanistan.

"The unfolding situation in Afghanistan remains at the centre of our attention. Our efforts should be directed towards the welfare of the Afghan people," Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said.

"Our immediate priorities include providing humanitarian assistance, ensuring a truly inclusive and representative government, combating terrorism and drug trafficking, and preserving the rights of women, children and minorities," he said.

Political Cartoons on World Leaders View All 210 Images

No country has recognised the Taliban who took over Afghanistan in August 2021, after a 20-year insurgency against U.S.-led forces, with a speed and ease that took the world by surprise, following which President Ashraf Ghani fled the country.

Russia's Sergei Lavrov said Moscow



expected the Taliban leadership to "deliver on their promises to come up with an inclusive government".

"The assurances that were given in regards of human rights, security in the territory of Afghanistan, and the eradication of terrorist threats, drug trafficking, we are keeping an eye on this," Lavrov said.

Pakistan's Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said the situation in Afghanistan presents new challenges as well as opportunities.

"After being the playground for great powers, time and time again, we owe it to the people of Afghanistan to not repeat the mistakes of the past," he said. "A united international community must continue to urge the Afghan authorities to adopt universally accepted principles of political inclusivity, and respecting the rights of all Afghans, including girls' right to

education."

Concerns over the stability of Afghanistan are growing as the country struggles with its economy and humanitarian crises under Taliban rule.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres this week warned of a severe shortfall in financial pledges for its humanitarian appeal this year, which is just over 6% funded, short of the \$4.6 billion requested for a country in which most of the population lives in poverty. The Taliban have also tightened controls on women's access to public life, including barring women from university and closing girls' high schools. The SCO is a political and security union of countries spanning much of Eurasia, including China, India, Pakistan and Russia, and is seen as a counterweight to Western influence in Eurasia.

Citing The Kerala Story, Modi accuses Cong for standing with terror tendencies

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Ballari, May 5 (UNI) Beginning his speech with Jai Shri Ram and Jai Bajrang Bali chants, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched an all-out attack on the Congress by accusing it for standing with terror tendencies by opposing docu-film The Kerala Story, which is based on a terror conspiracy.

"The sound of bombs, guns and pistols is heard but there is no sound of terrorist conspiracy to hollow the society from within. Even the court has expressed concern over this form of terror. There is a lot of discussion these days about the film 'Kerala Story' based on such a terrorist conspiracy.

"It is said that the Kerala story is based on terrorist conspiracies in just one state. The terrorist conspiracy going on in Kerala, such a beautiful state of the country, where people are so hardworking and talented, has been revealed in this film. But, look at the misfortune of the country that today the Congress is seen standing with this terroristic tendency which is destroying the society," he



said, addressing a public rally here.

Not only this, the Congress is also doing political bargaining through the backdoor with those with such terrorist tendencies, Modi said, hinting at the nexus between Congress and SDPI, which is a political arm of the banned People's Front of India.

Modi said law and order is the most important requirement to make Karnataka the No.1 state of the country, and it is equally important for Karnataka to remain free from terrorism.

BJP has always been tough against terrorism, but whenever action is taken against terrorism, the stomach of the Congress starts aching, he said.

Modi said today the

whole world is worried about terrorism, but to save its own vote bank, Congress has kneeled down before terrorism. "Can it protect Karnataka?" he asked.

On Congress politising Sudan crisis where many Indians were held up due to the civil war there, PM Modi alleged that the grand old party deliberately exposed the stranded Indians in the African nation to the miscreants there.

"Right now there is a situation of civil war in Sudan, there used to be firing from somewhere and bombs used to explode from somewhere. It was difficult to get out of the house. Thousands of our Indian brothers and sisters were stuck in Sudan and hundreds of our brothers

and sisters from Karnataka were also there.

"The situation in Sudan is such that even big countries have refused to evacuate their citizens from there. Despite this, we deployed our entire Air Force, made the Navy stand.

"Congress did not support the country in such difficult times. The Congress deliberately exposed the stranded Indians in Sudan to the miscreants there. Is this the sensitivity of the Congress towards the citizens of the country?" he questioned.

Modi said the Congress ignored the Banjara and Lambani communities for decades.

"Congress has done nothing, but deprivation and humiliation to the Banjara and Valmiki communities. Toilets, houses, water, education, hospitals were not provided. From the last 9 years your prime servant has been working hard to provide you with all the facilities," he said.

"I want to congratulate Yediyurappa and Bommai ji for giving Haku Patras to the Banjara community and for giving revenue village status to Lambani Thandas.

India logs 3,611 new Covid cases

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New Delhi, May 5 (UNI) India has recorded 3,611 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, as per the Health Ministry on Friday. With this, the active caseload stood at 33,232 which is 0.07 percent of the total cases, as per the Health Ministry. The death toll has risen to 53,164 with 27 new deaths reported in the last 24 hours in various parts of the country. As many as 6,587 patients recovered from the disease in the last 24 hours. The total number of people who have recuperated from the disease is 4.43 crore (4,43,99,415). The COVID-19 recovery rate stood at 98.74 per cent, whereas the fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent. Meanwhile, the daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.08 percent while the weekly positivity rate was pegged at 2.88 per cent. The Ministry said 1,930 vaccine doses of COVID have been administered during the last 24 hours under the nationwide vaccination drive.

MP: 5 killed in firing in Morena

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Morena, May 5 (UNI) At least 5 members of a family were shot dead, and three others injured in a clash between two groups in Madhya Pradesh's Morena on Friday, police said. Police sources said that due to an old rivalry, some people attacked people belonging to the other side with sticks and weapons in Lepa village under Sihonia police station area. During this time there was a conflict from both sides. Five persons, including two women, were killed and three to four others were injured in the clashes. On receiving information about the clash, senior police officials rushed to the spot along with the force, the sources said. Both sides had an old dispute over land and at least three murders have taken place in the past. The side that was attacked today is accused of these murders.

RDO scientist arrested by ATS, suspected of espionage to Pak

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Pune, May 5 (UNI) In a shocking information, a scientist of the Defence Research Organization (DRDO) in Pune has been arrested by the Maharashtra ATS.

It is suspected that the scientist was found in a honey-trap and provided information to Pakistan.

A DRDO scientist, who was working in one of the facilities of DRDO in Pune, has been arrested by ATS on the charges of espionage. The arrested accused has been identified as PM Kurulkar, Director, Research & Development Establishment (Engrs.), [R&DE(E)], a premier Systems Engineering Laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Pune. He was found to have had contact with the operatives of Pakistan's Intelligence Agency through social media via WhatsApp messages, voice calls, video etc said Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) Friday. The concerned persons are reportedly in touch with Pakistan Intelligence operatives through social media and WhatsApp from DRDO's office in Pune. Officials have expressed suspicion that very sensitive information has been provided to Pakistan in terms of the country's security. Interestingly, the concerned officer has been caught in the honeytrap with 6 months left for his retirement.

SCR breaks record with electrification of 1,017 Route Kms in 2022-23

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Hyderabad, May 5 (UNI) South Central Railway (SCR) has achieved a remarkable feat in electrifying its network during the 2022-23 fiscal year, completing 1,017 Route Kilometers (RKM) of railway electrification works, which is an all-time record in the history of the Zone. A SCR release here on Friday said, the achievement also marks the second-highest RKM of electrification done by any zone across the Indian Railways during the same period. Indian Railways has given special attention to electrifying its network, with 286.4 km of the total electrification falling under Telangana, 133.7 km under Andhra Pradesh, 546 km under Maharashtra, and 50.8 km under Karnataka jurisdiction of SCR. The completed electrification work includes the following sections: Bhavanapalem - Sattupalli, Manoharabad - Nizamabad, Mahbubnagar - Alampur Road, Kosai - Ambari, Jankampet - Basar in Telangana; Dharmavaram - Kadiri, Aravalli - Nidadavolu, New Piduguralla - Savayapuram, Alampur - Kurnool City, Gooty Bypass cabin in Andhra Pradesh; Washim - Purna, Kamalnagar - Parli, Ambari - Mudkhed, Rotegaon - Din-



egaon, Parli - Parbhani in Maharashtra, and Khanapur - Kamalnagar in Karnataka.

The electrification work has also led to continuous electrified rail connectivity between Secunderabad/Hyderabad to Bengaluru and Chennai, and the operation of the first electrified train in sections like Bhadrachalam - Sattupalli in Telangana, Dharmavaram - Pakala in Andhra Pradesh, and Aurangabad to Dinagao in Maharashtra. Electrification of rail lines reduces enroute detention of both the coaching and freight trains, improves the average speed of the trains, and enhances the sectional capacity, enabling more trains to be introduced in these sections. Additionally, it provides an eco-friendly means of powering the trains with zero carbon emissions while saving fuel costs.

India, Russia reaffirm commitment to boosting counter-terror cooperation

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New Delhi, May 5 (UNI) India and Russia held the 12th JWG on Counter Terrorism and India-Russia bilateral consultations on UN and multilateral issues in Moscow during which the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation in bilateral as well as multi-lateral platforms.

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and regional level. The Russian side expressed appreciation for India's role as Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the UN Security Council in 2022 and welcomed the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration that had focussed on combating the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.

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The India-Russia bilateral consultations on UN-

related issues were held on May 4 with Sergey Vershinin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Both sides held wide ranging discussions on several issues pertaining to the UNSC, including its reform. Russia reiterated its support for India as a permanent member in a reformed UN Security Council, it added. India and Russia held the 12th JWG on Counter Terrorism and India-Russia bilateral consultations on UN and multilateral issues in Moscow during which the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to

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Sharad Pawar Takes Back His Resignation As NCP Chiefport

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Mumbai: Sharad Pawar today said he would continue as chief of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), hours after his resignation was rejected by top party leaders in the backdrop of emotional protests from cadre in Maharashtra. "After reconsideration of everything, I announce that I will continue as the president of the party. I take back my previous decision," Sharad Pawar, 82, said this evening. The dramatic resignation, and equally dramatic takeback, capped a three-day drama that has reaffirmed the veteran politician's absolute hold over the party amid talk of his nephew Ajit Pawar's dalliance with the ruling BJP.

Ajit Pawar was, significantly, absent when Mr Pawar reversed his decision and spoke of "organisational changes to the party, assigning new responsibilities and creating new leadership". His shock resignation had triggered fierce speculation that his daughter Supriya Sule would take over his role, leaving the question of Ajit Pawar's role wide open. "Even though I am continuing in the post of president, I am of the clear opinion that there has to be a succession plan for any post or responsibility in the



organisation. In future, I will focus on making organizational changes in the party, assigning new responsibilities, creating new leadership. I will also work vigorously for the growth of organisation and take our ideology and goals of the party to the people," Mr Pawar said. He also made it clear he was ready to resume his other job, that of uniting an opposition pulling in all directions against the BJP in 2024. "It is very important to unite all the political parties. From Rahul Gandhi to CPIM's Sitaram Yechury, everyone called and asked me to continue," Mr Pawar said.

This morning, an NCP panel led by Praful Patel rejected Mr Pawar's resignation and told him he should continue as president for the sake of lakhs of workers.

PM Modi to attend Bastille Day Parade in Paris as Guest of Honour

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New Delhi, May 5 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be travelling to France to attend the Bastille Day Parade in Paris as Guest of Honour on July 14.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership milestone, an Indian armed forces contingent will participate in the Bastille Day Parade alongside their French counterparts.

An official statement said: "On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accepted President Emmanuel Macron's invitation to attend this year's Bastille Day Parade as Guest of Honour on 14 July 2023 in Paris, a statement said.

To mark this important milestone, an Indian armed forces contingent will participate in the Parade alongside their French counterparts.

Prime Minister Modi's visit is expected to herald the next phase in the India-France Strategic Partnership by setting new and ambitious goals for our strategic, cultural, scientific, academic, economic cooperation, including in a wide range of industries. India and France have a shared vision on peace and security, especially in Europe and the Indo-Pacific and uphold the objectives and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which are also the basis of our cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

This historic visit will also deliver common initiatives in order to respond to the key challenges of our time, including climate change, biodiversity loss and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and will be an opportunity for India and France to reaffirm their commitment to multilateralism, including in the context of India's G20 Presidency, the statement said.

Russia Says Kremlin Attack Impossible Without US Knowledge, Vows "Concrete" Action

■ HT News Network

MOSCOW: Moscow on Thursday accused the US of masterminding a drone attack on the Kremlin, a charge denied by Washington, and said Ukrainian sabotage on Russian territory had reached "unprecedented momentum".

Moscow said President Vladimir Putin was working from the Kremlin the day after the attack, which it said was a Ukrainian attempt to kill him.

"Decisions on such attacks are not made in Kyiv, but in Washington," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"Kyiv only does what it is told to do... Washington should understand clearly that we know this," he said. Ukraine has denied responsibility, with President Volodymyr Zelensky saying, "We do not attack Moscow or Putin".

Washington calls Moscow's claim 'lies, ludicrous'

The US has also denied any involvement. "Peskov is just lying there, pure and simple," John Kirby, spokesperson for the White House National Security Council, said on MSNBC.

"Obviously it's a ludicrous claim," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said. "The United States has nothing to do with it. We don't even know exactly what happened here, but I can assure you the United States had no role in it whatsoever," Kirby said on CNN.

Kirby said the United States does not encourage or enable Ukraine to strike outside its borders, and does not endorse



attacks on individual leaders.

Throughout its more than year-long offensive in Ukraine, Moscow has maintained that Kyiv is taking orders from the US — accusing the West of leading a war against Russia by proxy.

Another Ukraine ally, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell warned Moscow "not to use this alleged attack as an excuse to continue the escalation of the war".

'Unprecedented' sabotage

The Kremlin attack came as Russia prepares to mark one of its main holidays of May 9 — celebrating the Soviet victory over the Nazis — with a traditional military parade on Red Square.

It came after five days of apparent sabotage attacks, including trains derailed by explosions and massive fires in annexed Crimea.

On Thursday, Russia's southern Krasnodar and Rostov regions, both near Ukraine, reported drone strikes that caused fires. And early Thursday evening, Russia-installed authorities in Crimea, a peninsula annexed by Russia in 2014, said their forces had downed a drone near an airbase in the region.

The Kremlin has insisted Moscow's May 9 parade will go ahead, despite the attacks in border regions and in the heart of Russian power, but under "strengthened" security. Russian television on Thursday showed Putin in the Kremlin for the first time since the drone attack. The Russian leader does not plan "any address on this topic", said his spokesman.

Moscow did however acknowledge that the country was facing an "unprecedented" wave of sabotage.

Russia has opened a terrorism probe into the Moscow attack.

It has not released official images of the attack. Unverified social media images showed a drone hitting the Kremlin Senate building.

Peskov said "two copper sheets" on the dome of the 18th-century building had been damaged by fire. "They have been or will be replaced, everything will be like new. There is no other damage."

'Criminal actions'

As Moscow accused the US of planning the Kremlin attack, Ukraine's Zelensky arrived on a surprise visit to The Hague.

He visited the International Criminal Court, which in March issued an arrest warrant for Putin over the alleged illegal deportation of Ukrainian children.

"We all want to see a different Vladimir here," Zelensky said, referring to the Russian President, his namesake, who he believes "deserves to be sanctioned for his criminal actions here, in the capital of international law".

A special tribunal should be created to hold Russia to account for its "crime of aggression", he said.

"There should be responsibility for this crime. And this can only be enforced by the tribunal," Zelensky told diplomats and officials at the court.

The Netherlands has pledged both financial and military support to Ukraine since Russia launched its offensive in February 2022. Zelensky, who also met Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, said Ukraine was "realistic" that it would not be able to join Nato while still fighting Russia.

Hindu Temple In Sydney Vandalised Ahead Of PM Modi's Australia Visit

■ HT News Network

Melbourne: A prominent Hindu temple in Sydney was defaced by "anti-social elements" on Friday with anti-India graffiti at the walls, in the latest incident of vandalism against Hindu temples in Australia ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the country later this month.

The incident took place at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Rosehill, Sydney. However, the time is not yet known.

Temple authorities also found a Khalistani flag hanging on the gate, and reported the matter to New South Wales (NSW) police, the Australia Today newspaper reported.

"We are deeply saddened by the anti-India graffiti on the walls of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Rosehill, Sydney by anti-social elements," the temple said in a statement.

"We are further disheartened that BAPS temples in Australia have been targeted. For the last 23 years, the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir has been a cornerstone of the local community and a prominent Hindu Temple which, like all BAPS temples worldwide, is an abode of peace and harmony, equality, selfless service and universal Hindu values," it said.

Member of Parliament for Parramatta Andrew Charlton reached the BAPS Temple as soon as he was informed of the Hindu Hate incident, the Australia Today newspaper reported.

Charlton along with Temple authorities helped to repaint the wall.

"This morning, the BAPS temple in my electorate of Parramatta was vandalised by religious extremists. I am deeply shocked and saddened by this act of mindless vandalism. Everyone in Australia has the right to practice their faith in peace," he was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

"At this time, the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha prays for peace and unity and has appealed to all devotees and well-wishers in the community to maintain peace. We are thankful to the local police command, the Department of Home Affairs, State and Federal Members of Parliament, the Indian High Commission and the Consul General of Sydney for their continued support," the temple said.

11,000 stolen artefacts seized in Europe crackdown

HT News Network

PARIS: Law enforcement officials across Europe arrested 60 people last year in a crackdown that retrieved over 11,000 trafficked artworks and artefacts including ancient books, sculptures and coins, Interpol said on Thursday.

As part of an annual operation codenamed Pandora VII, forces led by Spain's Guardia Civil police swooped on the art criminals from September 13 to 24 last year in a slew of European nations, the international police cooperation body said.

The items recovered included 77 ancient books in Italy stolen from a monastery, thousands of historic coins in Poland, and 48 religious sculptures and other artefacts in Portugal, believed to have been nabbed in a string of church robberies in the 1990s and early 2000s.

In all, police from 15 countries took part: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden.

France-based Interpol oversaw coordination between the different forces, along with the EU law enforcement cooperation agency Europol.

"Some 130 investigations are still ongoing, as a result of which more seizures and arrests are anticipated as investigators around the globe go after those spoiling and destroying cultural heritage," Interpol said in a statement.

Pandora operations to recover stolen art and artefacts have been carried out every year since 2016.

North Koreans burn effigies of 'dotard' Joe Biden

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Joe Biden effigies are being burnt in North Korea after it lashed out over a new nuclear cooperation deal between South Korea and the US.

The effigies of the US president and his South Korean counterpart, Yoon Suk Yeol, were burned at youth rallies denouncing "war monster dotard" Mr Biden and "his special-class puppet traitor", according to Seoul-based NK News, citing its analysis of North Korean state media.

The outlet also reported an uptick of anti-US and South Korea propaganda posters being erected in the North amid attempts by the authorities to whip up public anger over the strengthening ties between Seoul and Washington and the regime's perception of a rising military threat against Pyongyang.

South Korea and the US signed the landmark "Washington Declaration" during a state visit by Mr Yoon last week, which pledges to give Seoul a stronger voice in nuclear planning operations and to periodically deploy US nuclear-armed submarines to the Korean peninsula.

In return, South Korea has agreed to not develop its own nuclear weapons, despite growing public calls for it to do so.

The deal was immediately denounced by Pyongyang, where Kim Jong Un's powerful sister Kim Yo Jong warned it would lead to "more serious danger", adding that the North's nuclear deterrent "should be brought to further perfection".

Ms Kim's outburst was followed by state media reports of government-backed rallies this week calling for "exterminating" the allies, and propaganda posters and slogans "posted all around the country" in order to "rev up the hatred and desire for thousandfold revenge that has accumulated over the years," reported NK News.

Press group: China biggest global jailer of journalists

■ HT News Network

WASHINGTON — China was the biggest global jailer of journalists last year with more than 100 behind bars, according to a press freedom group, as President Xi Jinping's government tightened control over society.

Xi's government also was one of the biggest exporters of propaganda content, according to Reporters Without Borders. China ranked second to last on the group's annual index of press freedom, behind only neighbor North Korea.

The ruling Communist Party has tightened already strict controls on media in China, where all newspapers and broadcasters are state-owned. Websites and social media are required to enforce censorship that bans material that might spread opposition to one-party rule.

Xi, China's most powerful figure in decades, called during a 2016 meeting with journalists who had been awarded official prizes for them to adhere to "the correct orientation of public opinion."

Xi is pursuing a "crusade against journalism," Reporters Without Borders said in a report Wednesday. It called China's decline in press freedom "disastrous."

Beijing operates what is regarded as the world's most extensive system of internet controls. Its filters try to block the Chinese public from seeing websites abroad operated by news outlets, governments and human rights and other activist groups.



Chinese journalists have been prosecuted on charges of spying, leaking national secrets and picking quarrels, a vague accusation used to jail dissidents. Others are subjected to surveillance, intimidation and harassment.

Journalist Dong Yuyu, who worked at a ruling party-affiliated newspaper and is a former Harvard University fellow, faces espionage charges after being detained for more than one year, his family said last week.

In 2022, Chinese-born Australian journalist Cheng Lei was tried in China on national security charges but has yet to learn the verdict, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said in March.

Cheng worked for CGTN, the English-language state TV channel aimed at foreign audiences. She was detained in August 2019 and accused of sharing state secrets.

In Hong Kong, the Communist Party forced a prominent newspaper, Apple Daily, to shut down as part of a crackdown on pro-democracy sentiment.

In World's First, US Doctors Perform Brain Surgery On Baby Still In Womb

■ HT News Network

A team of American doctors has performed groundbreaking brain surgery on a baby who is still in the womb to treat a rare blood vessel abnormality inside the brain, according to CNN.

This rare brain condition is known as "Venus of Galen malformation," and the operation was conducted at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. The condition occurs when the blood vessel that carries blood from the brain to the heart doesn't develop correctly. The malformation results in an overwhelming amount of blood stressing the veins and heart and can lead to a cascade of health problems, reported the news outlet. "Tremendous brain injuries and immediate heart failure after birth are the two big challenges," Dr. Darren Orbach, a radiologist at Boston Children's Hospital and expert in treating VOGM, told CNN.

Giving the details of the complication, he said that typically, infants are treated after they're born using



a catheter to insert tiny coils to slow down blood flow. However, the treatment often happens too late.

"Despite advancements in care, 50 to 60 percent of all babies with this condition will get very sick immediately. And for those, it looks like there's about a 40 percent mortality rate. About half of infants that survive experience severe neurological and cognitive issues," Orbach said.

According to CBS News, Baby Denver was growing normally inside her mom when, on a routine ultrasound, doctors discovered she had this rare blood vessel abnormality inside the brain. Many babies with this condition develop heart failure or brain damage and often don't survive. In fact,

Denver's heart was struggling, and the malformation was getting dangerously large. So, at 34 weeks of pregnancy, a team at Boston Children's and the Brigham were able to repair her malformation while she was still in the uterus, using ultrasound guidance, a needle similar to those used for amniocentesis, and tiny coils that were placed directly into the abnormal blood vessels to stop blood flow. According to Boston Children's Hospital, a vein of Galen malformation (VOGM) is a type of rare blood vessel abnormality inside the brain. In VOGM, misshapen arteries in the brain connect directly with veins instead of connecting with capillaries, which helps slow blood flow.

8 people dead in Serbia's second mass shooting, suspect arrested

HT News Network

Eight people were killed and 14 wounded in Serbia's second mass shooting in two days and a suspect was arrested, authorities said on Friday, causing horror in a nation that had just started three days of mourning for victims of the first shootings.

The latest incident occurred late on Thursday in the village of Dubona, 42km (26 miles) south of Belgrade, authorities said.

State broadcaster RTS said the suspect, a young man, had been involved in an altercation in a schoolyard. He left and then returned with an assault rifle and a handgun, opened fire and continued to shoot at people at random from a moving car.

"The suspect U.B., born in 2002, has been apprehended in the vicinity of the city of Kragujevac, he is suspected of killing eight people and wounding 14 overnight," Serbia's Interior Ministry said in a statement. An investigation was ongoing.

An off-duty policeman and his sister were among those killed, RTS reported. "This is sad, the young policeman is my daughter's age, born in 1998," said Danijela, a middle-aged woman in Dubona. "My daughter is taking sedatives, we could not sleep all night. They grew up together."

Police used a helicopter, drones and multiple police patrols to hunt down the suspect.

UK's Ruling Party Suffers Losses In Rishi Sunak's First Electoral Test

■ HT News Network

London: Britain's ruling Conservatives suffered high-profile losses as results poured in Friday from Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's first major electoral test since he took office last year.

In the depths of the worst cost-of-living crisis in decades, the local council elections held Thursday across swathes of England illuminated the main parties' standing ahead of a UK-wide general election expected next year.

Mr Sunak admitted it was not looking good for his Tories.

"It's always disappointing to lose hard-working Conservative councillors," the prime minister told Sky News.



But he vowed to press ahead with the "people's priorities" -- including halving double-digit inflation, restoring economic growth, and stopping boatloads of migrants crossing the Channel.

The vote counting will only be complete later Friday, just as Britain gears up for Saturday's coronation of King Charles III.

But the main opposition

Labour party crowed that the trend was already clear from the 230 English districts electing more than 8,000 council seats.

"These results have been a disaster for Rishi Sunak as voters punish him for the Tories' failure," said Shabana Mahmood, Labour's national campaign co-ordinator.

"These results show that we are on course for a majority Labour govern-

ment," she added.

By 9:20 am (0720 GMT), 62 councils had declared their results. Mr Sunak's Conservatives had lost 228 seats -- one-third of the total they were defending so far.

That trend would put the centre-right party on course for its worst defeat in local elections since the mid-1990s, before Labour took power nationally in a landslide under Tony Blair.

Transport minister Huw Merriman indicated that his party was paying the price for the chaotic few weeks last year when it ditched Boris Johnson and then Liz Truss as leader in quick succession.

Local constituents have been "talking about older news about former prime ministers -

KU's South Campus gets e-Rikshaw from J&K Bank under CSR

HT News Network

Anantnag, May 5: The Jammu & Kashmir Bank under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative has provided a battery operated e-Rikshaw to the South Campus, University of Kashmir. Zonal Head, Anantnag Mr. Khurshheed Muzaffar handed over the keys of 4+1 seater E-Rikshaw to Director, South Campus, Prof Mukhtar Ahmad Khanday at a small function held at South Campus, Anantnag. The E-Rikshaw will cater to the needs of specially-abled students and female staff of the Campus. The function was attended by faculty members, officers of the Cam-

pus, and a team of officials and officers from J&K Bank. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Mukhtar Khanday expressed his gratitude to J&K Bank for acceding to the request of dedicating a battery operated E-Rikshaw to South Campus. He further said that South Campus will try to further build a strong relationship with J&K Bank and promote entrepreneurship and help the campus in various economic initiatives. He said that under the National Green Corps programme launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the Campus is mulling collaborating with the JK Bank to make South Campus a



Green and Carbon-Free Campus. Dr Khanday requested the Bank authorities to support the campus students by providing bus service

in future under the CSR scheme. Zonal Head, Mr. Khurshheed Muzaffar while speaking on the occasion said that J&K Bank is happy to provide financial services to University of Kashmir and its students to excel in the field of education. He said that J&K Bank will try to come up to the expectations of the employees and students of the varsity in terms of providing them educational loans and other facilities to carry out their academic and research activities. He agreed to the request of South Campus for an MoU to strengthen the relation with JK Bank. Earlier, Dr Mohammad Iqbal Bhat, Associate Professor at the Department of Mathematics, presented a brief account of the South Campus

and later delivered a formal vote of thanks. He further said that South Campus will try to further build a strong relationship with J&K Bank and promote entrepreneurship and help the campus in various economic initiatives. He said that under the National Green Corps programme launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the Campus is mulling collaborating with the JK Bank to make South Campus a Green and Carbon-Free Campus. Dr Khanday requested the Bank authorities to support the campus students by providing bus service in future under the CSR scheme. Zonal Head, Mr. Khurshheed Muzaffar while speaking on the occasion.

Role of media central, crucial in curbing cross border terrorism, fake news, drug menace, corruption, communalism and divisive forces: DC Poonch

HT News Network

POONCH, MAY 05: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary on Friday held an interactive meet with media persons of the district here in the Dak Bunglow Poonch after assuming office as Deputy Commissioner.

Seeking proactive role of media fraternity for overall development of the district, the Deputy Commissioner extended full cooperation to the media community and highlighted the role of media in flagging vital developmental issues which otherwise remain unattended. "Role of media becomes more important in the border and mountainous districts like Poonch where media can be



the voice of remote population" he added. Deputy Commissioner Yasin M. Choudhary, while highlighting the role of neutral journalism and media ethics, urged the media persons in-house to maintain highest level of media standards and become harbingers of change and development, guards of peace and harmony,

crusaders against fake news, yellow journalism to cut nefarious designs of anti social and anti national elements. "Next couple of years will be more challenging for media houses in the wake of various national and international developments like possible elections, G-20 summit where there will be attempts to dent the

image of the country and Poonch in particular given its proximity to border", he further added. On the occasion, the representatives of various print and electronic media organizations interacted with the DC and warmly welcomed the Deputy Commissioner in the district. They discussed several issues of public interest and some specific issues concerning the media fraternity. They also briefed the DC about the difficulties they face while covering events at ground level and put forth the demand for the establishment of a press club at district headquarter Poonch. The DC assured the media persons that their genuine demands, including the establishment of a press club, will be considered on priority and

soon the press club will be a reality. Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasized the importance of media in the overall development of the district and also in highlighting the initiatives of the Government aimed at curbing the menace of drug abuse and said the role of media is indispensable in holding administration accountable for effective governance. He also urged the media persons to play a proactive role in disseminating the information on Government schemes meant to give livelihood/self-employment opportunities to the youth. Deputy Commissioner said that the media is the important and fourth pillar of Democracy and media works as an interface between Government and public.

DC Anantnag interacts with media fraternity

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ANANTNAG MAY 05: DC Anantnag S.F. Hamid conducted an interactive session with the media fraternity, which was attended by DIO Anantnag and all the representatives from electronic, print, and social media in South Kashmir.

During the session, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the pivotal role of the media as the fourth pillar of democracy. He highlighted how the media shapes and mobilizes opinions and ideas, acting as a bridge between the administration and the public.

The DC appreciated the role of journalists in various social security schemes, including COVID-19, disaster management, electoral enrollment drives, Nasha Mukth Bharat, and Swatch Bharat Abhiyaan. He called the media fraternity the eyes and ears of the administration.

He appealed to the media fraternity to discourage social evils that can spoil the social fabric and ethos of civilized human society, such as drug addiction, cultivation of poppy and cannabis, and other such issues.

During the session, the media fraternity introduced themselves and put forward their demand for the construction of a press club for Anantnag.

People trust Azad, we will sweep chenab valley; Saroori, Nizami

HT News Network

Banihal, May 5: In a move to reach out the people across the corners of Banihal, the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Friday kick started the massive membership drive in Banihal under the presence of party Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami,

District President Thakur Dharam Dhand, Secretary Arun Singh Raju, Munner Bhatt, Ilyas Banihali, Farooq Wani Block President, Ch Mohd Farooq, Asghar Rasool Bhat, Sheikh Shabir, Ayoub Naik & others.

Mr Saroori stressed for the maximum reach by the party leaders during the membership drive and said that DPAP shall be the household

name in the Union Territory. He said Party Chief Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad made tremendous efforts to build up the infrastructure of otherwise overlooked mountainous town when he was the Chief Minister. He said while serving as Union minister, Mr Azad ensured good number of projects are sanctioned for Banihal like Degree College, Hospital, Distt for Ramban, Roads.

Molvi Imran Ansari strongly condemns the killing of 8 teachers in Parachinar

Surkhhab Zehra

Srinagar May 05 Strongly condemning the barbaric attack on teachers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Parachinar District) by Takfiri groups, President All J&K Shia Association Molvi Imran Reza Ansari has said that such heinous attempts serve no purpose in Islam and is totally against



humanity. Expressing his deep sorrow over the loss of precious human lives, saying that targeting teach-

ers is indeed a tragic incident and killing nation builders clearly exposes the real moto of these takfiri

groups. Such inhuman acts have exposed the real intentions of these groups regarding future generations whom these terrorists want to put on a path of violence instead of prosperity and education.

Paying rich tributes to these martyrs Molvi Imran Ansari has prayed for eternal peace and expressed sympathies with their bereaved families.

HADP Awareness prog on Post harvest held in Kaprin, Shopian

HT News Network

SHOPIAN, MAY, 05: Department of Horticulture Planning & Marketing Shopian today organized an awareness Camp on Post harvest schemes/management with special focus on Strengthening of Agriculture Marketing under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in Block Kaprin at Panchayat Halqa Partabpora Shopian.

Besides a large gathering of locals, representatives of line departments attended the Programme.

Area Marketing Officer Shopian presented a detailed overview of the schemes being implemented in the District under HADP by this department. The audience were urged to come forward and reap the benefits of the scheme.

The Participants were also made aware about other schemes like PMFME and Support for Grading & Packaging Scheme of this department. Also a presentation about the working of e-NAM was brought before the Participants.

Social forestry organizes Plantation drive at Magam Budgam

HT News Network

BUDGAM, MAY 05: In view of the forthcoming G20 meeting in Srinagar, a plantation Drive was organised here at Magam Budgam today by the Social Forestry Department under the supervision of DFO Division Srinagar Tanveer Paray.

The drive was attended by Mushtaq Ahmed, Range Forest Officer Range Budgam, Municipal Councillor of Magam, Mustafa Mir along with other Municipal Council members, J&K Trade Union Council President, Abdul Majeed Paray and other shopkeepers of the locality.

SP College remember academican late Prof G. M. Bhat

HT News Network



SRINAGAR, MAY 5: The Dean Students Welfare of Sri Pratap College, Srinagar organized a lecture in honour of late Prof G. M. Bhat who was a great innovator, academician and a role model to the student community and teaching fraternity.

The programme was attended by the Principal Sri Pratap College, Srinagar Prof. (Dr) Gh. Jeelani Quersh, Guest of honour Dr Tasleema Jan W/o Late Prof G.M Bhat, Prof Rabia Ahmad Head Department of English, Dr Muqabil Burhan Associate Professor IIM Jammu, Dr Shahid Jibaran Program officer IIM Jammu, Dr Azra Mufti (State Resource coordinator MGNF), Ms Farah Farooq (State Resource Co-ordinator, Ladakh), Dean Student Welfare (Girls), Dr Khalida Hassan & Dr Shazia Mushtaq, Dean Student Welfare (Boys), Dr Jan Shabir & Dr Mohammad Raies ul Haq. The programme was further moderated by Dr Shazia Mushtaq and the Rapporteur of the programme was Dr Syed Javid Ahmad Andrabi. The programme started with an address by the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Gh. Jeelani Quersh. The Principal highlighted the role of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development. He briefed the students about the importance of business management in Science and Technology and how economic aspects can be important in day to day life. The Principal addressed the contribution of Late Prof G. M Bhat by highlighting the monumental contribution in Technology and Science. Guest of Honour, Dr. Tasleema Jan W/o Late Prof. G.M Bhat addressed the audience about the contribution of Prof Bhat and thanked the administration of the college to organize lecture in honor of him. The programme highlight was the audio/ video lecture by Dr. Muqabil Burhan, an Associate Professor in the area of Business Policy, Strategy and Entrepreneurship and Chairperson of IIM Jammu's Srinagar Campus and also Chairperson.

J&K Bank Records Highest-Ever Net Annual Profit Of Rs 1,197 Crore

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, May 5: Jammu and Kashmir Bank has announced its highest-ever net annual profit of Rs 1,197 crore in the results for the financial year 2022-23.

With a decade-high capital adequacy ratio of 15.39 per cent and NPAs at an eight-year low of 6.04 per cent, the bank also recorded its highest-ever quarterly profit of Rs 476 crore in the last quarter.

"Jammu and Kashmir Bank has recorded Rs 1,197 crore as net profit for FY 2022-23 which is the highest ever annual profit," a bank spokesperson said. "The bank's gross and net NPA as percentages to gross and net advances improved



considerably to 6.04 per cent and 1.62 per cent respectively, compared to 8.67 per cent and 2.49 per cent recorded last year." The growth of advances outpaced the increase in deposits.

While advances grew by 17 per cent to 82,285 crore, deposits increased by around 6 per cent to Rs 1,22,038 crore. "It is a great feeling to deliver better-

than-promised annual numbers. Looking back to March 2022 with these set of numbers, I see an unmistakable shift in performance, as well as the functioning of the bank," Managing Director and CEO Baldev Prakash said. He said after revamping the business strategy to reduce concentration risk, the loan book in return on investment has grown by more than 20 per cent during 2022-23.

"While making our balance sheet stronger on a daily basis, we have now entered into a progressive phase wherein business growth coupled with process excellence is all set to yield better returns to all stakeholders of the bank," Prakash added. (Agencies)

Prize Distribution Event of Qariyaan-e-Quran held at Zadibal By Go Study

Surkhhab Zehra

Srinagar .Go Study Educational Consultancy held a Prize distribution event at Zadibal srinagar to provide an official platform and attract youth towards the Quranic teaching. It's worth mention here the Online Recitation Competition of Quran e Kareem was held in the month of Ramadan this year where the youth of different countries participated. The event was directed by CEO of the organization Mr. Mir Muntazir Mehdi. The special guests in th Event were Moulana Aga Syed Abid Hussain Hussaini, Moulana Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Moulana Syed Aijaz Hussain Razavi. The others who partici-



pated in the event were Dr Ali Muhammad Rather ,

Imran Ali Imran, Hakim Suhail Abbas kashmiri .

Eye health issues during summer and expert tips to prevent them

ByZarafshan Shiraz

Our eyes are extremely vulnerable to summer heat. Eye care experts reveal the most prevalent eye issues we face during this hot season and how to treat them. With summer comes a lot of heat and dry winds and a lot of dust and pollen where heat causes faster tear evaporation and dust causes allergy making our eyes extremely vulnerable to summer. As summer is approaching, our body gets more vulnerable to heat strokes and dehydration.

You'll be taking extra care of your skin but don't forget to take care of your eyes from the dry, dusty, hot weather. Your eyes are extremely vulnerable to summer heat as well.

In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Prabhakar GV, Consultant-Cornea, Cataract, Lasik at Sankara Eye Hospital in Hyderabad, revealed some of the common eye problems due to the extreme heat -

Dry Eyes:

The heat causes faster tear evaporation making eyes more prone for dryness. It results in irritation and often, a burning sensation in your eyes. This can be avoided by using artificial tear drops and decreasing screen time.

Allergies:

The humidity combined with elevated temperature and dust leads to various eye allergies. The common symptoms of an allergic reaction in the eyes are itching, redness, inflammation, and irritation. This can be prevented by using sunglasses to avoid dust, also ensure that eye rubbing should be totally avoided.



Conjunctivitis:

Conjunctivitis, also known as pink eye, is an inflammation of the conjunctiva, caused by a virus or bacteria. This is very contagious and can be eluded by maintaining good hygiene.

Lid Styte:

Caused by a bacterial infection, a sty is the swelling in one or both eyelids accompanied by pain and redness commonly seen in children. This needs doctor consultation and treatment.

He suggested the following tips to avoid summer eye diseases:

Maintain good personal hygiene. Do not touch or rub your eyes.

Do not share towels, handkerchief, cosmetics etc.

Wear swimming goggles when swimming.

Stay hydrated.

Use UV protection sunglasses when going out in sun.

Avoid sunscreen lotion touching your eyes.

Bringing her expertise to the same, Dr Priyanka Singh (MBBS, MS, DNB, FAICO), Consultant and

Eye Surgeon at Neytra Eye Centre in New Delhi, highlighted the the most prevalent eye issues we face and how to treat them.

Allergic conjunctivitis:

We receive many patients especially children during the month of April-May having serious allergic conjunctivitis. The usual symptoms are redness, itching, and a burning sensation in eyes. All these leads to inability to focus on work and studies.

Precautions to take to reduce the chances of eye allergies are -

i) Take care of eye hygiene
ii) Avoid touching your eyes frequently or rubbing them

iii) Use sunglasses while going out on two wheelers or on a dusty/windy day.

iv) In case symptoms develop, show it to an ophthalmologist. Do not self-medicate.

2. Dry eyes: The usage of air conditioner and fan increases during summer due to which people experience the worsening of their

dry eyes as a result of the low humidity in the air.

Symptoms include feeling of dryness in eyes, excessive watering, and burning sensation in eyes, pain or redness.

Precautions:

i) Keep AC and fans to tolerable level

ii) Use humidifiers while keeping AC on
iii) Lubricating eye drops to keep eyes moist

3. Conjunctivitis: As the growth of virus bacteria and pathogens are more during summers and changing weathers, people are more prone to get conjunctivitis, also known as Pink eye. Symptoms are redness of eyes, watering, yellow discharge, pricking sensation in eyes.

Precautions:

i) Avoid touching or rubbing your eyes often

ii) Avoid sharing towels, handkerchief, and eye cosmetic once you develop conjunctivitis.

iii) Do not touch children's eye with dirty hands.

iv) Do not use over-the-counter medication. In case you develop symptoms, it is advisable to meet an ophthalmologist.

4. Sty: It is an infection of eyelids caused by bacteria leading to a small bump on eyelids which is painful.

Precautions:

Avoid touching eyes with dirty hands. If you develop a sty, do hot fermentation with a towel soaked in warm water and show it to an ophthalmologist for correct treatment.

5. Phototoxicity: Extreme sun rays and high temperature can cause retinal phototoxicity (can cause damage to the retina).

Precautions:

Try to wear sunglasses while going out between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to protect your eyes from UV radiations, which may be very harmful to your eyes.

Additionally, she recommended some general precautions and take-home message -

Stay hydrated: Drink 2 to 3 litres of water in a day

Use sunglasses: When going out, wear sunglasses

Wear goggles while swimming
Avoid sharing Towels, Hankies, pillows and eye cosmetics.

Using the air conditioner moderately

Do not rub your eyes, especially with dirty hands. In case of puffiness, redness of eyes, use ice/cooling packs or wash your eyes with cold water. Do not self-medicate in case of infections. Please remember, your eyes require special care during the scorching summer heat.

Therefore, it is imperative to take appropriate care during the hot weather as it can cause serious eye issues. It is also advisable not to self-medicate and meet an experienced ophthalmologist in case of any eye infection or problem.

NEWS

Top 6 Ayurvedic remedies for managing low blood pressure



From chewing tulsi leaves to having soaked raisins, here are top 6 Ayurvedic remedies that can help with low blood pressure. Low blood pressure can put one at risk of heart attack, strokes among a variety of other health problems. It occurs when blood flows through your vessels at a lower than normal pressure. A reading lower than 90 millimetres of mercury (mm Hg) for the top number (systolic) or 60 mm Hg for the bottom number (diastolic) can be termed as low blood pressure. When the BP drops too low, your body organs may not get the required oxygen and nutrients which requires immediate attention. While many people almost always have a low BP, for others it could signal a health trouble. Confusion, dizziness, feeling tired, blurry vision, headache, neck pain, nausea, heart palpitations can be symptoms of low blood pressure, however, many people do not show any symptoms at all. (Also read: Ayurveda expert on best ways to consume black pepper) Dr Dimple Jangda, Ayurveda & Gut Health Coach, in her recent Instagram post talked about Ayurveda remedies or dietary practices that can help control low blood pressure. According to Dr Jangda, low blood pressure could also be due to lack of nutrients in the diet and one must add the necessary vitamins and minerals to get relief from the condition.

"Due to low blood pressure, there is a lack of nutrient supply in the body and thus a deficiency of Vitamin B 12, folate and iron, which means your body doesn't have enough reserves to make RBC, the red blood cells and thus there is low blood circulation, low sugar levels and other symptoms like fatigue, exhaustion, dizziness and giddiness and even inability to focus," says Dr Jangda. LOW BP SYMPTOMS

Common symptoms to look out for:

Blurred or fading vision
Dizziness or light-headedness
Fainting
Fatigue
Trouble concentrating
Nausea

AYURVEDA HOME REMEDIES FOR LOW BLOOD PRESSURE

Here's what the Ayurveda expert suggests one should do:

1. Overnight soaked raisins consumed on an empty stomach is very beneficial. Soak 5 raisins overnight and have it next morning along with the water it is soaked in. It is a great way of getting your iron levels up.

2. Drink sufficient amount of water to maintain hydration levels in the body.

3. Include plenty of fruits and vegetables in your diet for necessary vitamins and minerals.

4. Carrot and spinach juices are amazing when suffering from Low BP.

What is the average baby weight by month?

According to the WHO, the average birth weight of a full-term male baby is 7 pounds (lb) 6 ounces (oz) Trusted Source, or 3.3 kilograms (kg). The average birth weight of a full-term female is 7 lb 2 oz Trusted Source, or 3.2 kg.

The average weight of a baby born at 37–40 weeks ranges from 5 lb 8 oz to 8 lb 13 oz. This is 2.5 to 4 kg.

At delivery, experts Trusted

Source consider a low birth weight to be less than 5 lb 8 oz, or 2.5 kg.

It is common for babies to lose around 10% of their weight shortly after birth. This decrease is mostly due to fluid loss and usually nothing to worry about. Most babies gain back this weight within 1 week.

Baby weight chart by age
Weight charts can help a person tell what percentile their baby's weight falls into. For example, if their weight is in the 60th percent-



tile, it means that 40% of babies of the same age and sex weigh more, and 60% of these babies weigh less.

This does not necessarily mean

that any baby weighs too much or too little. It can simply indicate where a baby's weight falls on a spectrum.

The chart below shows baby weights in the 50th percentile. This is the average weight. Male babies tend to weigh a little more than female babies, so the chart is divided by sex. What to expect

Babies grow and gain weight the fastest within the first 6 months of life. Although this can vary, babies tend to gain around

4–7 oz, or 113–200 grams (g), per week in the first 4–6 months.

Weight gain then slows slightly, with an average gain of around 3–5 oz (about 85–140 g) per week when the baby is 6–18 months. On average, babies triple their birth weight by their first birthday.

Growth patterns do not follow a clear schedule, however.

Some babies gain weight steadily and stay in the same percentile, or close to it, for several months. Others gain weight rapidly.

What does a right-sided headache mean?

A headache on the right side of the head may be caused by:

Neurological issues

Various issues in the brain can cause a one-sided pain.

The following neurological conditions may be responsible for headaches on one side:

Occipital neuralgia: This occurs when nerves running from the top of the spinal cord to the scalp (occipital nerves) become damaged or inflamed. Symptoms include sharp pain in the back of the head and neck, pain behind the eye, and sensitivity to light.

Temporal arteritis: Arteries in the head and neck become inflamed with temporal arteritis. Along with muscle pain, it causes a severe headache on the side of the head. Other symptoms include fatigue, jaw pain, and tender temples.

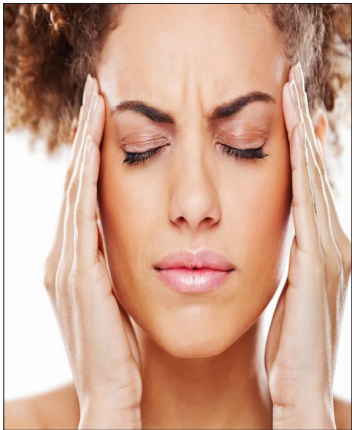
Trigeminal neuralgia: This causes intense pain in the face and head. The pain usually affects only one side at a time. It is caused by disruption to the trigeminal nerve at the base of the brain.

Medication use

Headaches can occur as a side effect of prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications. They can also be caused by overusing medication, including OTC painkillers such as:

acetaminophen (Tylenol)
aspirin
ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)

This type of headache is called a medication overuse headache. According to the World Health



Organization Trusted Source, it is the most common type of secondary headache disorder. A secondary headache is a headache that is caused by another condition.

Headaches caused by medication overuse are often at their worst upon waking.

Other causes

Other causes of headaches can lead to pain across the entire head or just one side.

These include:
allergies
an aneurysm, a weak or bulging artery wall
fatigue
head injury
infections, including sinus infections

fluctuations in blood sugar levels caused by missing meals
muscle strains or knots in the neck
tumors

What types of headache affect the right side?

There are over 200 types Trusted Source of headache. Some are primary headaches, where headache is the main symptom. Some are secondary, where headache occurs as a symptom of another condition.

However, a migraine or a cluster headache are the most likely causes of a headache on the right side of the head. Tension headaches may also cause pain on one side in some people.

Migraine

Genetics are thought to play a role in migraine. Migraine involves a type of severe headache that causes a pulsating sensation or throbbing pain in the head. It may affect a specific side of the head.

The severe pulsating sensations or throbbing are usually accompanied by:

blurred vision
nausea
sensitivity to light
sensitivity to sound
vomiting

Up to a third of people that get migraine experience visual disturbances or temporary loss of vision

(known as an aura) before the onset of the pain. Symptoms can last for up to 72 hours Trusted Source if untreated, with the pain typically affecting only one side of the head.

The following factors can trigger migraine:

bright lights
changes in weather (humidity, heat, pressure)
emotional stress or anxiety
foods and drinks, such as alcohol, chocolate, cheese, and cured meats
hormonal changes in women
loud noises
skipping meals
strong smells
tiredness
too much or too little sleep

Early treatment is key to reducing the length and severity of symptoms. Treatments include OTC or prescription medicines. Prevention involves avoiding triggers and using preventative medications, in some cases.

Cluster headaches

Cluster headaches are rare but severe headaches that occur in cyclical patterns. The pain is intense and usually located around one eye. It may also radiate to other areas of the head and face, as well as the neck and shoulders.

People typically experience frequent headache attacks (clusters) for weeks or months before a period of remission.

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Ramadan Cosco Tournament Wanigam

Shahid's Allround Show Helped Affarwat-XI Beat Mama-XI By 5-Wickets

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BARAMULLA, MAY 05: Shahid Shine in Affarwat-XI's five-wicket Ramdan Cosco Tournament Wanigam over Mama-XI Tapper.

Earlier Mama-XI Tapper won toss opt bat first and set a



huge target of 76 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in allotted 10 overs.

Affarwat-XI fielders dropped crucial catches and run outs which helped Mama-XI to set the huge target on board.

Shahid took 2-wickets for Affarwat-XI. In reply Affarwat-XI loses their opening pair for 13 runs in very second over of their innings. Shahid hold the nerves and played an unbeaten winning knock of 45 runs for Affarwat-XI.

Affarwat-XI chased down the allotted target in 9.3 overs for the loss of 5-Wickets and won the match by 5-Wickets. Shahid was adjudged player of the match for his all-round show.

KL Rahul ruled out of the IPL and World Test Championship final with thigh injury

NEW DELHI: KL Rahul, the captain of the Lucknow Super Giants, has been ruled out of the IPL, and India's World Test Championship final in June against Australia, with a thigh injury that he sustained earlier this week. He took to Instagram to say he will need surgery and was "absolutely gutted" to not be able to play at the Oval next month.

"My focus will be on my rehabilitation and recovery in the coming weeks," Rahul's post said. "It's a tough call to make, but I know it's the right one to ensure a full recovery."

Rahul tore a tendon in his right leg while chasing a ball in the second over of their match against Royal Challengers Bangalore on Monday. He had to be helped off the field at that point, and did not return until a chase

of 127 got unexpectedly tense. The 31-year-old walked out to bat at No. 11 in the hopes of winning the game. But he was unable to run between the wickets, which resulted in the No. 9 Amit Mishra facing every single ball of the last over. LSG eventually lost by 18 runs and then the game got mired in the Virat Kohli vs Gautam Gambhir controversy, which Rahul tried to mitigate by separating the two men.

"As the team captain, it pains me deeply not to be able to be there during this crucial period," he said. "But, I'm confident that the boys will rise to the occasion and give their best performance as always."

Super Giants are in second place on the IPL points table, with five wins from 10 games. Their push for a second straight play-



off appearance will now be spearheaded by Krunal Pandya, who takes over the captaincy on an interim basis. He has already led the team in one game, against Chennai Super Kings, although it got washed out.

This injury puts an end to


Rahul's efforts of scoring 500-plus runs for a sixth successive IPL. He is the only Indian to have even gotten as far as five, and was 226 runs off the mark this time around.

Rahul's career has recently hit crossroads. India took away his

vice-captaincy and dropped him from their Test XI after the first two Border-Gavaskar Trophy matches in February 2023. And he hasn't played a T20I for them in almost a year. It's only in 50-over cricket that he commands a spot in the team, where he also doubles up as their wicketkeeper. All of this was reflected in his moving down from Grade A to B when the BCCI handed out central contracts two months ago.

This is the second major injury Rahul's had in two years following a sports hernia in 2022 for which he needed surgery. "The last few days have been really hard, but I'm determined to come out on top," his post also said. "Injuries are never easy, but I'll give it my all as always. Thank you for all the support and good wishes."

Sad Demise



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Bashir Ahmad Khan S/o Late Mohammad Sultan Khan R/o Safakadal** shifted to Khar masjid Saidpora Srinagar who passed away on 04th May 2023. In this regard, his Fateh Khawani will be held on Sunday 07th May 2023, at 10:30 AM. Ancestral Gravyard Waniyar Srinagar Near Police Station

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