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D.O.B:- 31 March
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NOTICE

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NOTICE

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STATE TIMES

Congress Sewa Dal takes out candle-light protest march against Rahul's disqualification

Rahul's disqualification 'Murder of Democracy': Bhalla



Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla leading candle march at Jammu.

march was led by JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla, who was accompanied by a number of Sewa Dal activists. The march started from Satwari Chowk and after passing through various eminent markets and Bazars, culminated back at Mahatma Gandhi Chowk,

Satwari. Prominent among those participated in the march included Refugees Cell Congress Chairman Amrit Bali, Corporator Dewarka Choudhary, Tamana Heer, Sandeep Dogra, Pawan Bhagat, Gopal Dass, Dharam Pal, Ranjeet Singh, Tarshem

Massi, Suresh Sharma, Bitti Vaid, Ajay Dogra, Anil Kumar, Devraj Kanojia, Jagdish Sharma, Ajit Kumar, Anita Sharma, Premrata Sehgal, Geeta Devi, Sunita Sharma and Soma Devi. Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that disqualify-

ing Rahul Gandhi is an attempt to instill fear in people to show that anything can happen if you go against the government or B.J.P. "His sentencing in 2019 defamation case over Modi surname remark was maximized so that he could be disqualified. It is an act to distract the nation from Adani issue," said Bhalla. Charging that institutions are being attacked in country, Bhalla said it is time for 'all democratic forces to get together'. Dubbing Gandhi's disqualification as a 'murder of democracy', he said that Rahul is one whose grand-mother and

father sacrificed their lives for the nation. Congress Sewa Dal J&K President, Vijay Sharma Babbi said that while Rahul Gandhi has called the action against him politically motivated, Congress Sewa Dal is of the view that his disqualification is a sign that India's democratic system is weakening. Babbi further said that Rahul Gandhi was targeted as he was exposing the loot of public wealth by Adani with support of Government. He alleged that Rahul Gandhi's disqualification is a conspiracy by Narendra Modi Government.

Kashmir woman makes world's smallest 'Mandala' Shikara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS PAHALGAM: Childhood interest in drawing and painting led Mahira Shah to the world of 'mandala' art and today she holds the world record for making the smallest mandala shikara. Mandala is an ancient Indian art pattern which involves drawing of circles in intricate designs. The art form was popularised by Indian artist SH Raza, who created several paintings of the mandala art and became world famous for them. Mahira Shah entered the Indian Books of Records for making the world's smallest shikara in mandala art. The artwork is more or less the size of an A3 sheet. "During my free time, I would try my hand at mandala (art). My husband and

father-in-law noticed that I had some talent and they encouraged me to take it up," Shah told PTI from her Pahalgam home. Born and brought up in Tral township of Pulwama district, Mahira Shah got married to Inamul Haq who hails from Pahalgam. Haq is a proud husband and an unabashed admirer of his wife's work. "She worked with the intention of breaking the world record or to set a new record. She created several mandala art pieces such as shikara, spinning wheel and kangri (a Kashmiri firepot made of wicker and clay). The India Book of Records accepted her entry and also nominated her for the Gold medal. I am thankful to her for making me feel proud," Haq said.

Mahira's father in law, Mushtaq Ahmad Shah said he encouraged his daughter-in-law to pursue her craft when he noticed her talent. "I treat her like my own daughter. I told her to pursue her interest and we are supporting her," Shah, a teacher by profession, said. Shah said for their family, Mahira's record was an early Eid gift. "It is as if we celebrated even before the fast-ing month. We are extremely happy." Mahira is sad, though, as no one from the administration came to appreciate her effort. "This is not just my achievement. This achievement belongs to Pahalgam, Tral, the entire Kashmir, and also India for a world record was made," she added.

PHDCCI Jammu holds interaction over multi-modal logistic park coming up in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: PHDCCI Jammu held an interaction with Naveen Kumar Shukla (IRTS retired), Expert Logistics and Uchit Singhal, Station Director, Northern Railway, Jammu-Tawi (Jammu Railway Station) regarding multi-modal logistic park coming up in Samba. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman PHDCCI Jammu, Rahul Sahai said that Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) is a key policy initiative of the Government of India, led by

National Highways Logistics Management Limited under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to develop Multi-Modal Logistics Parks in hub-and-spoke model to improve the country's freight logistics sector by lowering overall freight costs and time, cutting warehousing costs, reducing vehicular pollution and congestion, improving the tracking and traceability of consignments through infrastructural, procedural, and information technology interventions. Sahai welcomed both the dignitaries and introduced various esteemed executive members of PHDCCI with dignitaries. Naveen Shukla thanked Rahul Sahai for providing him an opportunity to interact with PHDCCI Executive



Chairman PHDCCI Jammu, Rahul Sahai attending a meeting with Northern Railway, Jammu-Tawi officials.

Members at a very short notice. Shukla informed the members that about 30 -35 logistics park are identified in country and one in Jammu region also. "The land parcel has been identified which will be connected with expressway rail track and Delhi-Katra expressway also," he said, adding that Multi Modal Logistics parks will be one-stop solution to take care of all logistics. He further added that local

industry needs are taken into consideration to develop MMLP. A detailed presentation was given on MMLP all over India by his team mate and several queries, questions were also answered. Shukla shared that MMPL will work on PPP model and will be of great benefit for industry and traders. The members appreciated the step taken of developing Multi Modal Logistics parks

(MMLP) in Jammu region and said that good logistic solutions are required here. Uchit Singhal Station Director, Northern Railway, Jammu-Tawi (Jammu Railway Station) briefed the participants about the benefits of Joint Parcel Services. He said that the joint parcel product aims to target the business-to-business and business-to-customer markets by offering a full parcel handling solution, which includes picking up from the sender's premises, booking and doorstep delivery to the recipient. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Samar Dev Singh Charak, Co-Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Chapter. Others present on the occasion included Ashish Jain, Jaspal Singh, Raj Dua, Shantnu Gupta, Vinay Sharma, Amarjeet Singh, Ankush Jain and Amarpreet Singh.

CS lauds Admn for completing appointment of around 10,000 Lamberdars, Chowkidars

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In one of the largest reformatory measures started few months back, J&K Administration has nearly completed appointing about 10000 educated and young persons belonging to different villages of the UT on the significant grassroots level posts of Lumberdars and Village Guards (Chowkidars). The information was revealed in a meeting chaired on Thursday by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and attended by DG, CID; Commissioner Secretary GAD; Commissioner Secretary IT & Information; Divisional Commissioners; Secretary PD&MD; Secretary, Revenue and all Deputy Commissioners of the UT either physically or virtually. Dr Mehta applauded both the Divisional and District Administration for achieving this feat in a record time. He impressed upon the authorities to ensure that a training schedule is framed for these youngsters in order to sensitize them about their vital role as the grassroots level, frontline workers who have to work for the welfare and well-being of their villages. He enjoined upon them that all these youngsters deserves to be given due respect and recognition as they would act



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting at Jammu.

as a bridge between the common masses and higher authorities. He advised them to create a WhatsApp group of these basic workers so that there is continuous communication between them and the District and Divisional Administration. The Chief Secretary maintained that since all of these persons are educated and young with very good reputation in their villages their services with respect to ground level verification about implementation of different welfare programmes in the villages would be authentic, genuine and seamless. He exhorted upon them that their role in reporting of malpractices like encroachment of state land by people and other incidents of laxity or unprofessional conduct on any part of government official in their respective villages would be vital in taking

action against the delinquents. Dr Mehta also highlighted that the role of these basic workers in times of accidents and disasters in their areas would give Administration an instant information about the same for their early intervention and start of rescue operations. He made out that these people would also act as link between people and the administration to raise their genuine grievances before the authorities for the timely redressal of such grievances. The meeting was apprised that there are total 7056 sanctioned posts of Lumberdars and 2718 posts of Chowkidars in the UT. Out of these 2220 previously appointed Lumberdars and 1165 Chowkidars were found eligible to continue doing their work after verifying their character and antecedents. It was further revealed that

4832 Lumberdars and 1553 Chowkidars were found worth replaceable and process was initiated to do so as per the rules in vogue. It was also made out that besides appointing each of them on the merit the character and antecedents of all of them including the old continuing ones has been sought from the concerned authorities. Except a handful of them the suitable candidates against all these vacancies were selected as per law, as was discussed in the meeting. It was also learnt during the meeting that the role and responsibilities of these workers are going to be revamped as per the requirement of modern times. This is going to ensure bringing a change in the administration transforming it towards more responsive, responsible, transparent and accountable in disbursing its day to day affairs.

Court work to remain suspend today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Jammu Bar Association has decided to suspend the work tomorrow as a mark of respect to the deceased, Advocate Gourav Nagotra of J&K High Court, who left for heavenly abode on March 22, 2023. "It is for the information of all the members of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu that on account of sad and tragic demise of a young Advocate namely Gourav Nagotra, the JKHCBA Jammu has decided to suspend work in High court, Subordinate courts, Tribunals, Commissions, all Revenue Courts and Forums on March 31, 2023 (Friday) as a mark of respect to the departed soul," read a communique issued by Parvesh Singh Salaria, General Secretary JKHCBAJ. "The office-bearers join the members of the Association in praying for eternal peace to the divine soul and for courage to the family to bear this immense loss," it added.

Taliban terrorist attack in Pakistan kills 4 policemen, injures 6

■ AGENCY PESHAWAR: Taliban terrorists opened fire at a vehicle ferrying security forces in northwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least four policemen, including an officer, and wounding six others. The terrorists attacked the police mobile van in Lakki Marwat district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. The vehicle was on its way to the Saddar police station when it came under the attack, police said. Four policemen, including a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), were killed and six others were injured in the attack, they said, adding that Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police chief Akhtar Hayat Khan has ordered an inquiry into the incident. Lakki Marwat police spokesperson said the attack was launched in the early hours of Thursday, resulting in an exchange of fire between the police and the terrorists. During the gunfight, six policemen were injured, he said. A police statement said that the militants were equipped with advanced and heavy weaponry; the Dawn newspaper reported. "The police were on alert and the attackers had to flee when the police returned fire," it said. The terrorists fled while taking advantage of the darkness, it added. The outlawed Thbreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed the attack in a statement, the

report said. Condemning the incident, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the sacrifices of police officers in the war against terrorism were unforgettable and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured persons. "Police are performing magnificent duties against the terrorist as the first line of defence. Elimination of terrorism is a must for Pakistan's survival and development," Shehbaz said in a statement. The latest attack comes as terrorism-related incidents are surging in Pakistan. Over the past few months, the law and order situation in the country especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan has worsened with terrorist groups conducting attacks with near impunity across the country. Since the talks with the Taliban group broke down in November, the TTP has intensified its attacks, particularly targeting the police. In January, a powerful suicide blast in a mosque in Peshawar Police Lines killed 84 people and injured many others. According to statistics released by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, an Islamabad-based think-tank, January 2023 remained one of the deadliest months since July 2018, as 134 people lost their lives a 139 per cent spike and 254 received injuries in at least 44 militant attacks across the country, the report said.

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India's borders fully secure, surgical strikes broke back of terrorists: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said India's borders are "fully secure" and asserted that surgical strikes conducted by India have broken the back of terrorists. Addressing a conclave here, he also said that whether it was the "standoff with China or any ill intentions from Pakistan", Indian armed forces have been giving a "befitting reply". Singh further said that India has led the world on issues like terrorism and has been successful in garnering support to eliminate the menace. "Our borders are fully secure. Whether it was the standoff with China or ill intentions from Pakistan, our armed forces have been giving a befitting reply, whenever required.

"The surgical strikes against terrorism have broken the back of terrorists. A strong and clear message has gone to the world that India has the strength and it can strike (against terrorism) on its own soil, and if need be, on their (foreign) soil as well," he said. This is the result of strong will of the government, the defence minister said. He emphasised that countries, which use terrorism as a tool, are well aware of the fact that India never harms anyone unnecessarily, nor does it spare anyone who tries to hurt its unity, integrity and sovereignty. He was speaking at the 'India Rising Conclave' organised by a leading television media network. "This is a conclave on rising India. And, the idea of rising India has been described

differently by different people. Some economists see it as a rising economy of India, while some sociologists describe it as betterment in social living. Some political scientists term the political stability in the country and strengthening of democratic values as rising India," Singh said. However, some people speaking contrary to this too are also active, and for them, 'democracy seems to be on the wane in India', but such people are very few and far between, he said. From secure borders and self-reliance to a strong economy and transformed global image, India is rising as one of the "strongest countries" under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the defence minister said. He termed the

abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir as another example of the strong will of the government, asserting that the Union territory has ushered in a new era of peace and progress due to the decision. "One can assess this from the fact that Congress party while carrying out its Bharat Jodo Yatra' did not face any difficulty. The Yatra left Kashmir without any issue," he said. Singh said that the government is carrying forward the vision of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, under whose leadership nuclear test was conducted in Pokhran in 1998. "Today, we are producing big missiles, tanks, weapons and ammunition on our land. This is also a result of a strong political will," he said.