

## Modi can't hear anything except voice of 'friends': Rahul

NEW DELHI, June 17:

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not understand what the people of the country want as he cannot hear anything except the voice of his "friends".



He said this day after the Government raised the upper age limit to 23 years from 21 years for recruitment under 'Agnipath', amid protests by youth in several parts of the country against the scheme.

Gandhi also cited schemes such as GST, noteban, farm laws and now Agnipath, saying they were projected to be for the welfare of the people but were rejected by the citizens.

"Agnipath - youth rejected.

Farm laws - farmers rejected. Noteban - economists rejected. GST - traders rejected.

"The prime minister does not understand what the people of the country want, as he cannot hear anything except the voice of his 'friends'," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, too, urged the prime minister to withdraw the scheme as the youth are opposing it with protests.

She said that the BJP Government had to change the rules of the new army recruitment scheme within 24 hours.

"This means that the plan has been imposed on the youth in a hurry," she said.

"Narendra Modi ji, please withdraw the scheme immediately," she said in a tweet in Hindi and urged him to recruit people in the air force, which has been held back.

"Make the army recruitment the same as before by giving relief in the age limit," she said.

The Congress has demanded that the short service recruitment in the armed forces under Agnipath scheme be kept in abeyance and wider consultations be held with experts before taking further action on it. (PTI)

## Ban people from contesting more than one seat : EC to Govt

NEW DELHI, June 17:

Reviving a nearly two-decade-old proposal, the Election Commission has made a fresh push for amending law to bar people from contesting more than one seat and has said that if it cannot be done, then a hefty fine should be imposed on those vacating one of the constituencies and forcing a bypoll.

In a recent interaction with the Legislative Secretary in the Law Ministry, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar made this push for the reform first proposed in 2004.

The Legislative Department is the nodal agency in the Government to deal with issues related to the EC.

As electoral law stands today, a candidate is permitted to contest an election from two different constituencies in a general election or a group of bye-elections or biennial elections. If a person is elected from more than one seat, then the person can only hold on to one of the seats that he or she won.

In 1996, the Representation of the People Act was amended to restrict a person from contesting polls from more than two seats. Before the amendment, there was no bar on the number of constituencies from which a candidate could contest.

The poll panel proposed amendment to certain sections in the RP Act in 2004 to provide that a person cannot contest from more than one constituency at a time.

"However, in case the existing provisions are to be retained, a candidate contesting from two seats should bear the cost of the bye-election to the seat that the contestant decides to vacate in the event of him or her winning both seats," a functionary said citing the proposal.

The amount of fine then was proposed at Rs 5 lakh for state assembly and legislative council election and Rs 10 lakh for Lok Sabha election. The poll panel believes the amount should be appropriately revised.

The Commission believes that when a candidate contests from two seats, it is imperative that he has to vacate one of the two seats should he win both.

## 15 nominations filed so far for presidential election

NEW DELHI, June 17:

Fifteen candidates have filed their nominations for the presidential election with the papers of three of them rejected for want of proper documents, sources said on Friday.

While 11 filed their nominations on the first day of filing the papers on June 15, three filed their nominations on Thursday and only one on Friday.

One nomination was rejected on the first day and two were rejected on the second day.

The poll to elect the successor to incumbent Ram Nath Kovind will be held on July 18. The nomination process began on June 15 and will continue till June 29.

Scrutiny of the nomination papers would be done on June 30.

Sources said one Sanjay Savji Deshpande from Mumbai filed his nomination on Friday for the top constitutional post.

On Thursday, Anand Singh Khushwah of Gwalior, Prateel Sureshchandra Laljibhai of Ahmedabad and Satya Narayan Prasad of Darbhanga in Bihar filed their nominations, two of which were rejected.

Parliamentary sources said a person named Lalu Prasad Yadav from Saran in Bihar was among those who filed their papers.

The nomination of one of the candidates was rejected as the person had not attached a certified copy of the entry showing his or her name in the current electoral roll for the parliamentary constituency in which the candidate is registered as an elector.

The candidates who filed nominations on Wednesday were from Delhi, Maharashtra, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

A nomination paper of a candidate for the election has to be made in the prescribed format and subscribed by at least 50 electors as proposers and at least another 50 electors as seconders. Rs 15,000 as a security deposit should also be deposited. (PTI)

## Govt issues visa to Shivsagar to see his ailing son

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh today complimented Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for taking keen interest in getting visa of Shivsagar Sharma from Basohli J&K arranged whose son Shashwat Sharma a second year MBBS student in Kazakh National University Kazakhstan was hospitalised for certain ailments.

Dr Jitendra Singh in his tweet said that visa has been arranged for Shivsagar to fly to Kazakhstan to be with his son soon after the issue was brought in the notice of his Ministry.

## Tribute paid to Maj Rohit Sharma

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, June 17: Floral tribute were paid to Major Rohit Sharma in a simple function organized by a local NGO in Govt Higher Secondary School, Mandi on the death anniversary of the martyr.

Brigade Commander Poonch, BDC Chairperson Mandi, DDC Member Loran, Commanding Officers of some Army units, several sectoral officers along with prominent people of the area were present on the occasion.

Floral tribute were paid to Major Rohit Sharma who attained martyrdom during an operation in Sathra area of Poonch in 1998.

## 11 bovines seized

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, June 17: The police seized a vehicle and rescued 11 bovine animals in Nowshera area of district Rajouri late last night.

Official sources said that during intervening night of June 16/17 police party from Nowshera intercepted a Mahindra vehicle, carrying 11 bovine animals for its transportation towards Kashmir valley at village Hanjana. Reportedly, the vehicle has earlier intercepted by locals and then they intimidated police.

One Wajid Hussain, son of Babu Hussain, resident of Lah in Thanamandi was arrested while driver namely Mohd Shafiq, son of Manir Hussain, resident of Lah and one Ajaz Ahmed from the same area, managed to escape from the spot. The police seized the vehicle along with cattle and started manhunt for the driver and his associate.

This, apart from the consequent unavoidable financial burden on the public exchequer and the manpower and other resources for holding by-election against the resultant vacancy, would be an injustice to the voters of the constituency which the candidate is quitting from.

The Law Commission, which advises Government on complex legal issues, had supported the proposal of restricting candidates from more than one seat. However, it had not endorsed the Commission's alternative proposal to require winning candidates to deposit an appropriate amount of money being the expenditure for conducting the elections. (PTI)



Children at a special session on 'Art of Cartooning' during a Summer Theatre Camp organized by Natrang.

## Natrang organizes special session on 'Art of Cartooning'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: The theatre group 'Natrang' here today organized a special session on 'Art of Cartooning' during its ongoing Summer Theatre Camp-2022 for children.

Chander Shekhar, eminent cartoonist of J&K was the resource person who very lucidly explained the brilliant art of cartooning to the young enthusiasts who could understand that cartooning is not just an expression of fine-arts but requires a sharp intellect and out of box perspective to be impactful.

They could also relate that how this wonderful art supplements in theatre. Shekhar believes that elegant way to describe the world, cartooning is an art to give a smile on the face of common masses which have seen as 'Humour with a Pinch of Salt'.

A creative medium to correspond is also a visual semiotics and visual persuasion medium. For him, a cartoon can be simple or complex, and can be drawn in almost any style; but it's not an exact duplication of reality.

## Samba police arrests 2 bovine smugglers, rescues 6 animals

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, June 17: District police Samba under the overall supervision of SSP Samba, Dr.Abhishhek Mahajan, foiled two consecutive attempts to smuggle bovines, rescued six bovines and arrested two bovine smugglers in the jurisdiction of Police Station (PS) Ghagwal.

Acting on an information received through reliable sources regarding illegal transportation of bovines, a police party of PS Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty near Naka Tapyal, NHW Ghagwal, intercepted a load carrier auto bearing registration No. JK02CS/7066 for checking.

During checking the vehicle, four bovines were found laden inside the vehicle without any permission and were tied in a

## 2 hurt in car-scooty collision

Excelsior Correspondent

NOWSHERA, June 17: Two persons were injured in a collision between a car and scooty in Thalka area in district Rajouri late last evening.

Official sources said that a Swift car bearing registration No. JK02AS/3232, driven by one Narayan Raina, son of Paras Ram Raina, resident of Kangri near Sunderbani was on way to Nowshera from Rajouri. When it reached near Thalka it was collided with a Scooty driven by Viky Kumar, son of Gouri Shankar, resident of Kote village near Jammu with pillion rider Akshay Kumar, son of Babli Kumar from Dhangri in Rajouri.

Due to accident both the scooty riders sustained injuries and were shifted to GMC Rajouri. The police has registered a case FIR No 136/22 at Police Station, Nowshera in this connection.

## Aspirational district programme should be extended to block and city levels: PM

NEW DELHI, June 17:

Aspirational districts should be 'inspirational districts' of India, and the Aspirational District Programme should be extended to block and city levels, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said.

Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) launched in 2018 aims to transform 112 districts that have shown relatively lesser progress in key social areas.

"Lauding the success of the Aspirational Districts Programme, the prime minister said the government should strive to make these the 'inspirational districts' of India and extend the programme to the block and city levels," an official statement quoted Modi as saying on Thursday.

The prime minister was chairing a three-day national conference of chief secretaries, underway at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The conference began on June 15.

The statement said the prime minister stressed that India's best, young officers should be posted to the aspirational districts to bring about noticeable changes through their creative thinking and fresh ideas.

The experience and learnings gained by them while working in these districts would be unparalleled and prove useful for the entire country, the statement said, quoting Modi.

Speaking on education, the prime minister said teachers' training can be strengthened by leveraging digital technology and learning mobile apps.

He said award-winning retired school teachers could also be roped in for visiting schools and training teachers.

Modi also suggested that there could be a dedicated TV channel for teachers' training.

It may be recalled that in Budget 2022-23, the govern-



Official statement quoted Modi as saying on Thursday.

ment announced that 200 TV channels would be launched for improving access to high quality education in the remotest part of the country.

The Prime Minister suggested organising competitions among young entrepreneurs, startups and youths across states for preparation of quality content in various mediums such as drama, animation, mono-acting, etc. In regional languages.

According to the statement, deliberations were held on 'Crop Diversification and Achieving Self-Sufficiency in Oilseeds, Pulses and Other Agri-Commodities' and 'Implementation of National Education Policy-School Education'.

There were sessions on 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Road to 2047' and the Aspirational Districts Programme, it added.

According to the statement, the issue on "Reducing Compliance Burden" was taken up on each table for deliberations.

Several strategies for 'Aatmanirbhar Krishi' and for a digital mission in agriculture were also discussed, it said, adding that the need for greater Centre-state coordination for driving India's infrastructure growth story through PM-GatiShakti was also highlighted.

The statement has said all the states and union territories actively participated, flagged concerns, highlighted best practices and suggested possible solution in every session. (PTI)



BLSKS artists posing for a group photograph during a Musical Concert at Jammu on Friday.

## BLSKS presents Dogri Musical Concert 'Banjar Dharti'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: To observe 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought', Bhattiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) in coordination with Sangam Tru Art Production here today presented Dogri Musical Concert 'Banjar Dharti'.

The programme in this regard was inaugurated by the chief guest, V.K Magotra, former Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity.

Among the guests of honour were Dr. Tara Singh Charak, former Deputy Director, Health Department J&K; Dr. Anju Kumari Dogra, Health Department and other dignitaries.

Specially prepared items on the occasion to aware the masses were 'Bachao Bachao Banjar Dharti Gi Bachao', skits, songs and dances.

The chief guest said that United Nations General Assembly in 1994 declared June 17 as 'World Day to Combat

Desertification and Drought'.

"It is a unique occasion to remind people that desertification can be effectively tackled, with remedial measures by participation and cooperation at all levels," he maintained adding that the droughts are among the greatest threats to sustainable development, especially in developing and developed nations.

The songs for the occasion were written and directed by Dr. M.L Dogra and the music was composed by Raju Bajjal, Music Instructor BLSKS.

Earlier welcome speech was given by Dr. M.L Dogra, chairman BLSKS.

Singers, musician, actors and students who participated in the musical concert were K.K Joshi, M.C Kotwal, Zulekha Farid, Chahat Chadha, Bindia Okheda, Sudesh Manhas, Druv Pandit, Bodh Raj, Sparsh Sharma, Vandana Gupta, Rahul Kumar and others.

Master Deepak Kumar presented vote of thanks.

## Protest against opening of wine shop near temple, school

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 17: Up in arms against proposed opening of a liquor shop near temples and Girls High School Jaganoo, a strong protest was held by locals, led by Councillor Priti Khajuria and Ex- Councillor Ashwani Khajuria.

The protesting people expressed anger over proposed opening of liquor shops near temple and girls' school in Jaganoo. Ashwani Khajuria alleged that Naib Tehsildar of Jaganoo prepared a wrong report over the issue.

"On the one hand, the Government talks about a Nasha Mukti Bharat, on the other hand, liquor shops are being opened by the Government near schools and religious places," he said.

Priti Khajuria also said that on one hand the Government talks about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and on the other hand it promotes opening of liquor shops near educational institutions. "Govt seems least bother about the society," she alleged.

Panch, Sarpanch and prominent persons of Jaganoo took part in the protest demonstration.

## Bovines smuggling bids foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, June 17: Ramban and Neel Police foiled bovines smuggling bids.

As per official spokesman, a team from Police Station Ramban laid a naka and intercepted a vehicle, which was on its way to Kashmir from Jammu.

During checking, police team rescued 22 bovine animals from the vehicle and arrested two persons, who was identified as Mohd Khalid, son of Mohd Dawood of Baga District Reasi and

Mohd Miya, son of Mohd Yaquob of Mand Tehsil Udhampur.

Meanwhile, a team from Police Post Neel apprehended a man along with 9 bovine animals, which he was smuggling towards Kashmir on foot.

The arrested persons were identified as Sajad Ahmed, son of Gulham Nabi Lohar of Chamalwas.

Cases under relevant sections have been registered at Police Stations Ramban and Ramsoo and investigation started.

### GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PCD (PHQ) J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR INVITING E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/47/2022-23 Dated: - 14-06-2022

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of women's Room, boundary wall at SHO Quarter, Surface drainage System, Path tiling, platform for water storage tank, double storey tower morcha at JIC Humhama ( by way of face lifting/ Up-gradation of JIC Humhama).	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	34.09 lacs	2000/-	68180/-	60 days	24-06-2022	"A" & "B"
2	Repair/ renovation of toilet block, JIC building, Jail block and barracks white washing at JIC Humhama ( by way of face lifting/ Up-gradation of JIC Humhama).	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	31.91 lacs	2000/-	63820/-	60 days	24-06-2022	"A" & "B"
3	Construction of 03 seated toilet with washroom at JIC Humhama ( by way of face lifting/ Up-gradation of JIC Humhama).	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	12.94 lacs	1000/-	25880/-	45 days	24-06-2022	"A", "B", "C" & "D"

1. Date of Publishing 14-06-2022 at 1700 hours.

2. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1730 hours on 14-06-2022

i. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 16-06-2022 to 23-06-2022 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 24-06-2022 on line.

ii. The complete bidding process will be on line.

iii. Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 24-06-2022 at 1100 Hrs.

iv. The lowest bidder i. e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.

v. In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated:- 07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).

vi. The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury challan / receipt and upload the same.

3. Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer incharge.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer PCD (PHQ) J&K Jmu/Sgr.

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DT: 17-06-2022