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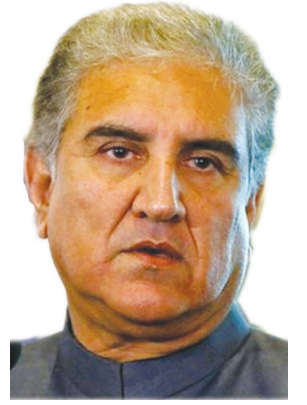


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## BRIEFLY

### High Court Dismisses 'Deserter' Paramilitary Man's petition challenging termination

SRINAGAR, Aug 7 (Agencies): Justice Sanjay Dhar of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court has dismissed a writ petition challenging the termination order issued to an erstwhile Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) member. Shahnawaz Ahmad, a resident of Chawlgam in Kulgam had challenged the termination order on the grounds of being unauthorisedly absent from duty. The petitioner, serving CRPF since 1995, had applied for 15 days of casual leave with effect from September 18, 2000, which was sanctioned. However, during the leave period, he claimed he was kidnapped by unidentified masked gunmen from his native village and subjected to torture, impacting his nervous system. As a result, he was unable to return to duty and, subsequently, was declared a 'deserter' under the CRPF Act.

The petitioner contended that the termination order was arbitrary, passed without following due procedure and violating principles of natural justice. He asserted that there was no intention on his part to overstay the leave and that the order was passed without his knowledge or participation in the enquiry. The CRPF, in response, stated that the petitioner had failed to report for duty despite being directed to do so, and thus, committed an act of disobedience amounting to misconduct under the CRPF Act. The respondents further explained that an enquiry was conducted, providing the petitioner ample opportunities to participate, but he failed to respond, leading to the issuance of the termination order.

Justice Sanjay Dhar, after hearing arguments from both sides, upheld the respondents' preliminary objection regarding the lack of territorial jurisdiction to entertain the writ petition. He clarified that the facts mentioned in the petition did not constitute a cause of action within the territorial limits of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, as the

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## Govt will take care of power bills of poor, 'but' those having palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-G must pay as per usage: LG Sinha

Top News Report

KULGAM, Aug 7: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Monday made a big announcement stating that the government will take care of poor man's power bill but those having palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-internet service and other gadgets have to pay power tariff as per their usage.

"Let me announce today that the government will take care of the poor who can't afford to



pay bills. But those who have palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-G internet data and other gadgets will have to pay power bills as per their

usage. They shouldn't at least make excuses in paying the power bills," the LG said addressing a gathering at Mini-Secretariat in Southern

district of Kulgam. He, however, did not elaborate further on this.

He said that in the last 70 years, 3400 MW power was generated locally in J&K and in the next three years equal MWs will be produced.

The LG said that wherever a feeder is 100 per cent metered, power disruption won't be just for a minute let alone an hour or so. "I urge people to cooperate with us in getting the smart meter installation process completed as soon

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## Two terrorists killed as army foils infiltration bid in Poonch



POONCH/JAMMU, Aug 7 (Agencies): Two terrorists are believed to have been killed in

a gunfight after Army troops guarding the Line of Control (LoC) scuttled an infiltration attempt

from across the border in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district early Monday, officials said.

Troops in Degwar sector noticed the movement of some terrorists attempting to sneak into this side under the cover of darkness in the early hours of the day and engaged them in an encounter, the officials said.

They said two terrorists are believed to have been killed in the gunfight but their bodies are

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## Rahul Gandhi's disqualification as Lok Sabha MP revoked

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): Ahead of the crucial no-confidence motion against the government on Tuesday brought by the Opposition parties on the Manipur issue, the Congress got a shot in the arm with the Lok Sabha secretariat on Monday restoring Rahul Gandhi's membership of the House.

Gandhi, who had earlier visited Manipur, is expected to open the debate when the no-confidence motion is taken up for discussion in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat, in a notification issued on Monday, said that in view of the Supreme Court order dated August 4, the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi ordered on March 24 "has ceased to operate subject to further judicial pronouncements".

Rahul was disqualified from the Lok Sabha after a trial court at



Surat in Gujarat convicted him in a defamation case and sentenced him to two years in prison for his remark pertaining to people with Modi surname.

Citing that Gandhi was disqualified within 24 hours of the Surat court order, the Congress and its

allies were demanding that Gandhi's membership of the Lok Sabha be restored with equal promptitude following the relief given to him by the Supreme Court.

The apex court, in an order on Friday, had put a stay on Rahul Gandhi's

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## Editors Guild of India expresses concern over Press & Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): The Editors Guild of India has expressed concerns over certain provisions of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill, saying they can have an adverse impact on press freedom.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Guild said the DPDP Bill creates an enabling framework for the surveillance of citizens, including journalists and their sources.

The Guild has asked the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to refer the Bill to a parliamentary standing committee. It has also written about its

concerns on the Bill to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and leaders of political parties in Parliament.

The government tabled the DPDP Bill in Lok Sabha on August 3. The proposed legislation aims to protect the privacy of Indian citizens by suggesting a penalty of up to Rs 250 crore on entities for misusing or failing to protect digital data of individuals. The Bill comes six years after the Supreme Court held that right to privacy is a fundamental right.

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## Fresh Batch Of Pilgrims Leaves From Srinagar For Amarnath Yatra

SRINAGAR, Aug 7 (Agencies): Another batch of pilgrims left from Pantha Chowk base camp in Srinagar for their onward pilgrimage to Amarnath cave shrine on Monday morning.

The pilgrims were heard shouting 'Bam Bam Bhole' Slogans on their way to the holy shrine.

"The arrangements made for the yatra are very good, I have not seen such a facility anywhere, I would like to

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## Four former J&K legislators, 3 DDC members among 21 leaders join Congress



NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): Over 20 leaders from Jammu and Kashmir, many of

them from Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Azad Party, joined the Congress in

the presence of party chief Mallikarjun Kharge here on Monday. Congress president

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## Cricketer Sarfaraz Khan gets married in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Aug 7 (Agencies): Indian wicketkeeper batsman Sarfaraz Khan has tied the knot with a girl from the Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Videos shared on various social media platforms, showed Khan, who plays for Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy and for



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## 25 dengue cases reported in Jammu

JAMMU, Aug 6 (Agencies): The Jammu region has thus far witnessed 25 cases of vector-borne dengue infections.

Although patients are experiencing mild symptoms, health officials are taking measures to prevent the potential spread of an epidemic.



Dr Harjeet Rai, the State Malariologist, revealed that since January, a total of 25 cases of dengue have been documented.

Among these cases, he said, the majority are concentrated in Jammu District, with only a few

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**OBITUARY AND 10TH DAY KRIYA**

With deep grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Anil Kumar Koul** S/o Late Mohan Lal Koul of Veeri Nownbugh, Anantnag Kashmir, presently residing at Flat No. 03, Block No. 101, Lane No. 19, Jagti Colony, Nagrota, Jammu (J&K) on 30/07/2023 at about 7 PM.

The **MOURNING** will be held at his parental house, H. No 2, Lane No, 2, Kailash Vihar, Udehewala, Jammu, opposite K C Sports Club.

The **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat, Jammu on 08/08/2023 at 8.30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

- Rashmi Koul - **Wife**
  - Prisha Koul - **Daughter**
  - Chatresh Koul - **Son**
  - Bimla Koul W/o Late Mohan Lal Koul - **Mother**
  - Parmeshori Koul W/o Late Badri Nath Koul - **Aunty**
  - Paray Lal Koul - **Uncle**
  - Archana Koul and Rakesh Kumar Koul - **Bhabi and Brother**
  - Dazy Koul and Sanjay Kumar Koul - **Bhaji and Brother**
  - Usha Pandita and Ashoni Pandita - **Sister and Jija Ji**
- AND SAMAST KUL PARIVAR OF VEER NOWBUGH, ANANTNAG.**  
**CONTACT NO. 9419148433, 9796826927, 9419122083**



**ANIL KUMAR KOUL**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we mourn the loss of **Shri Mohan Krshen Wakhlu**, originally resident of Bhana-Mohalla/Shivpura, Srinagar, Kashmir presently residing at Bypass Santra Morh, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 31st July, 2023.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** shall be performed at Muthi Ghat, near office of Director School Education, Jammu on Wednesday, 9th August, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

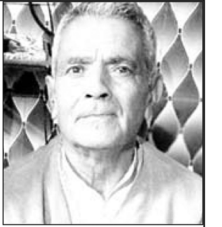
- Smt Sumittra Wakhlu (**Wife**)
  - Dr. Meenakshi Wakhlu (**Daughter**)
  - Mrs. Sushma and Sudhir Wakhlu (**Daughter-in-law and Son**)
  - Mrs. Renu and Randhir Wakhlu (**Daughter-in-law and Son**)
  - Smt. Sarla and Sh. P.L. Wakhlu (**Sister-in-law and Brother**)
  - Dr. Nancy and Sh. Roop Wakhlu (**Sister-in-law and Brother**)
  - Prazul, Arya and Parth (**Grandchildren**)
- All Near and Dear Relations & Friends**  
**Cell: 9622220542, 9419218835**



**SHRI MOHAN KRSHEN WAKHLU**

**OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Omkar Nath Raina S/O Lt. Sh. Sarwanand Raina originally resident of Sagam (Anantnag) present H. No. 51 Lane No. 4(A) Laxmi Vihar Tolmal Anand Nagar Bhrhi. The **Tenth Day** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 11.08.2023 at 08.00 hrs.



**Sh. Omkar Nath Raina**

**TENTH DAY**

Ten days have passed that you dear **Pranav Jamwal** left for heavenly abode leaving all behind your loved ones crying and missing you badly. May the Almighty bless your there also with an immense peace to eternity.

**Date:** 05th Aug 2023  
**Time & Place:** 10 AM at their residence at Rani Talab, Digiana, Jammu

**Kriya - 08th Aug 2023**

- GRIEF STRICKEN**
- Mr Pawan Singh Jamwal (Father)
- Nisha Jamwal (Mother)
- Tal Jee & Jas Jee
- Neelam Devi W/o Lt. Krishn Kaur
- Wood Singh Jamwal & Sunita Devi
- Brother & Bhabhi
- Varun Jamwal & Neha Jamwal
- Sandeep Singh Jamwal & Dr. Shalini Jamwal
- Sonu Jamwal & Seema Jamwal
- Randeep Singh Jamwal & Deepika Jamwal
- Ajay Jamwal & Shiksha Jamwal



**PRANAV JAMWAL**

Amit Chib, Abhi Jasrota & Krish Jasrota  
Sister's  
Prachi Jamwal, Sneha Jamwal  
Neha Sharma W/o Varun Sharma  
Tanuja Pathania W/o Ashish Pathania  
**CONTACT: 7006143342, 906604384**

**TENTH DAY / KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that **Sh. Shadi Lal Pandita** S/o Lt. Prem Nath Pandita R/o Ranipura Kulgam A/P H.No. 229 Lane 2A Suryavanshi Nagar Lower Roop Nagar Jammu expired on 03-08-2023.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 12-08-2023 at Akhnoor Ghat. Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director Office at 9.00 a.m.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

- Smt. Kiran Pandita (**Wife**)
  - Rockey Pandita and Yogni Bhat (**Son and Daughter-in-law**)
  - Robin Pandita and Dhamini Raina (**Son and Daughter-in-law**)
  - Sh. Bal Krishan and Smt. Suman Pandita (**Brother and Bhabhi**)
  - Smt. Phoolo Pandita and Lt. Makhlan Lal Pandita (**Sister and Brother-in-law**)
  - Smt. Girja and Sh. Poskhar Nath Koul (**Sister and Brother-in-law**)
  - Smt. Sumittra and Sh. Rattan Lal Koul (**Sister and Brother-in-law**)
  - Smt. Sweety and Sh. Ajay Koul (**Sister and Brother-in-law**)
- and from all Pandita family of Ranipura Kulgam



**Sh. Shadi Lal Pandita**

**MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE**

With heavy heart and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Chander Kanta Razdan** W/o Shri Autar Krishan Razdan originally resident of 85 Shallakadal, Srinagar (Kmr) and at present 149/B, Wazirbagh Bohri Jammu on 1st of August 2023.

**Mourning** is being held at 149/B, Wazir Bagh, Opposite Anand Nagar Bohri Jammu.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 10-08-2023 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

- Smt. Nancy Thathoo W/o Lt. Sh. Mohan Lal Thathoo R/o Sopore (Kmr) - **Bhabhi**
  - Smt. Sonu & Sh. Shubhan Lal Thathoo R/o Sopore (Kmr) - **Bhabhi / Brother**
  - Smt. Jija Thathoo W/o Lt. Sh. Ashok Kumar Thathoo R/o Sopore (Kmr) - **Bhabhi**
  - Smt. Vijay Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Vijay Kumar Bhat R/o Bandipora (Kmr) - **Sister**
  - Smt. Shoky & Sh. Opinder Krishan Lidhoo R/o Sopore (Kmr) - **Bhaji / Brother**
- Thathoos / Bhats/ Lidhoos**  
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**Smt. Chander Kanta Razdan**

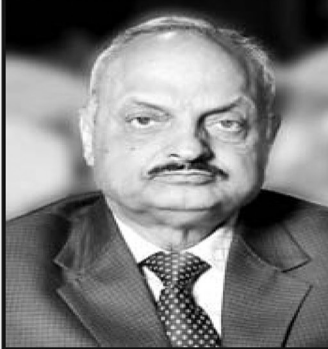
**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of the pillar of our family, our beloved father **Shri Uttam Singh Baloria (Retd Deputy Conservator of Forest)** S/o Late Thakur Pritam Singh Baloria R/o Kursari, Bhaderwah, at present House No. 25/C, Vasant Vihar, Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 30 July, 2023.

The **Tenth Day** will be performed at our Residence 25/C Vasant Vihar, Jammu on Tuesday, 08 August 2023 at 10:00 AM.

**DEEPLY REMEMBERED & MISSED BY:-**

- Smt Vipan Baloria (**Wife**)
  - (**Son & Daughter-in-Law**)
  - Tilak & Pooja (**Son & Daughter in Law**)
  - Dinesh & Naina
  - Neeraj, Hitesh (**Sons**)
- Mobile: +91 8800503347**



**SHRI UTTAM SINGH BALORIA (Retd Deputy Conservator of Forest)**

**CONDOLENCE / 10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief, pain and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Shuban Lal Raina (Baji)**, S/o Late Sh. Narayandas Raina of Gotingoo Kupwara, at present H.No 61 Gul Gujral, Talab Tilloo, Jammu on 5th August 2023 at Dwarika, New Delhi.

The **CREMATION** took place at Om Vihar Cremation Grounds New Delhi on the same day. **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be held at Chota Haridwar GANGA GHAT MURAD NAGAR on Monday 14th August 2023. **Assembly** at E-7 Nawada Housing Complex Kakrola Mor (Near Metro pillar no 795) New Delhi-59 at 11.30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

- Shyama Raina (**Wife**)
  - Sagar & Shobika Raina (**Son & Daughter-in-Law**)
  - Sahil Raina (**Son**)
  - Sabhyata & Sharad Tikoo (**Daughter & Son-in-law**)
  - Dileep & Sweetie Raina (**Brother & Sister-in-Law**)
  - Sarojini & Ashok Kumar Pandita (**Sister & Brother-in-Law**)
  - Baby Koul (**Sister**)
- CONTACT: 9103178724, 600533815, 91949738484**



**SH. SHUBAN LAL RAINA (BAJI)**

**KRIYA/13TH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Asha** W/o Panjab Chand (Retd. Under Secretary) R/o W.No.15, Patel Nagar Kathua, N.H. Street, RS Furniture Industry who left for her heavenly abode on 30-07-2023.

**Kriya** will be performed at our residence on 11/08/2023 (Friday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

- Panjab Chand - **Husband**
  - Sons and Daughter-in-laws**
  - Dr. Rajesh and Smt. Sunita Basotra
  - Jatinder Kumar and Smt. Veenu Basotra
  - Daughters and Son-in-laws**
  - Smt. Vinay Kumari W/o Lt. Sh Ram Singh
  - Smt. Neelam Kumari W/o Sh. Sunil Sobti
  - Bharti Basotra W/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar
- Grand Children:** Era, Riya, Saamarth, Maahira, Pankaj, Priyanka and Vinod, Simran, Tania, Himani, Sakal and Angelina, Maahira, Reya.



**Smt. Asha W/o Panjab Chand (Retd. Under Secretary)**

**OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Ram Rattan Lal Bhat** of Nagam, District Budgam, Kashmir at his present residence H.No-248/249 Sector-2, Anuradha Puram, Barnai Jammu on 03-08-2023.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on Friday 11-08-2023 at 8:30 a.m.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

- Smt. Rattan Rani Bhat - **Wife**
  - Jai Krishan & Usha Bhat - **Son & Daughter in-law**
  - Kuldeep Kumar & Rinki Bhat - **Son & Daughter in-law**
  - Nirmala & Vijay Koul - **Daughter & Son in-law**
  - Anjali Pandit - **Daughter**
- MOBILE NO. - 9419783682, 9419753232**



**SH. RAM RATTAN LAL BHAT**

**TENTH DAY**

With heavy heart and, profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Basanti Wangoo** W/o Shri Chand Ji Wangoo originally from Traperpora, Shopian, Kashmir and presently at Flat No 23, Block No 176, Lane No 27, Jagti migrant colony, Jammu on 30-07-2023.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 08-08-2023 at Muthi Ghat near sabzi mandi, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

- Chand Ji Wangoo - **Husband**
  - Smt Diksha & Sh Deepak Koul - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
  - Martyr Deepu & Smt Sweety - **Son & Daughter-in-law**
  - Smt Vijay & Sh Shubhan Lal Wangoo - **Bhabhi & Brother-in-law**
  - Smt Bimla & Late Sh Bhushan Lal Dhar - **Sister-in-law & Jija Ji**
  - Smt Babil & Sh Mahraj krishan Bhat - **Sister-in-law & Jija Ji**
  - Smt Daisy & Sh Roshan Lal Bhat - **Sister-in-law & Jija Ji**
- Deeply Remembered By:**  
**Wangoo's, Kouls, Bhats, Dhars**  
**Ph: 9622287069, 9419209170, 9622163560**



**Smt Basanti Wangoo**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our beloved **Sh. Roshan Lal Koul (KAS)** S/o Lt Sh. Niranjan Nath Koul & Lt Smt Janak Rani Koul R/o Rangteng Ali Kadal Behind Rishi-Peer A/P H. No 285 Niranjan Kutir Laxmipuram Chinore, Near Telephone Exchange Bantalab Jammu passed to Heavenly abode on 01-08-2023 at 11.25 PM.

**Cremation** took place on 02-08-2023.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 10-08-2023 (Thursday) at 8.30 A.M at Muthi Ghat Near DSE Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

- Smt Shakuntala Koul (**Wife**) - 6006836472
  - Sh. Makhlan Lal Koul (**Uncle**)
  - Smt Bimla Raina W/o Lt Sh. Vijay Kumar Raina & Family
  - Smt Arti Koul & Sh. Shaleen Koul (**Son & Daughter in Law**)
  - Shashank Koul & Sukant Koul (**Grand Children**)
  - Smt Sheela Mattoo (**Mother in Law**)
  - Smt Piarey Sharabi & Sh. Lal Ji Sharabi (Koul)
- MOBILE NO: 9796223635, 7006970018**



**ROSHAN LAL KOUL (KAS) (SABA JI)**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Mohan Lal Pandita (Bhoba Sahab)** S/o Lt. Shrikanth Pandita of BATAGUND BIJHBEHARA A/P L. No. 10, B.No. 52, F.No. 6.7 JAGTI TOWN-SHIP on 31st July.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** of BHOBHA SAHAB and assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION at 8:30 AM sharp on 9th OF AUGUST.

**Deeply remembered by**

- Smt. Sharika Pandita (Hangalgund) - **Wife**
  - Brothers And Sister's In Law
  - Lt. Sh. Roshan Lal Pandita H/o Smt Jyoti Pandita
  - Sh. Shubhan Lal Pandita H/o Smt Sudesh Pandita
  - Sister's And Brother's In Law
  - Lt. Smt. Sharika Raina W/o Lt. Sh Damodhar Lal Raina (Akingham)
  - Smt Sarita Koul W/o Sh Bharat Bhushan Koul (D.H. Pora)
  - Smt Sudesha Pandita W/o Bal Krishan Pandita (Rama)
  - Smt Sushma Mirza W/o Opendar Mirza (Karannagar)
- Son's and Daughter-in-law**  
Pankaj Pandita H/o Shally Pandita  
Neeraj Pandita H/o Priyanka Pandita  
Deeraj Pandita H/o Malvika Pandita  
Avinash Pandita



**Sh. Mohan Lal Pandita (Bhoba Sahab)**

**Daughter's & Son's In Law**  
Meenakshi Raina W/o Saranjeev Raina  
Rachna Koul W/o Atul koul  
Sujata Pandita  
**Grandchildren's**  
Krishna, Bhoomi, Diya, Vidhi, Sai, Shulini, Dhriti  
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**BHOG/ANTIM ARDAS**

Son. Kulwant Kaur W/o S. Amar Singh (Medical dept ret) R/o H. No. 125F Jawahar Nagar, New Post, Jammu has expired The Bhog and Antim Ardas will be as follows:  
Arambh Sri Akand Prath will be performed at our residence at 9:30am on 11/08/2023 (Monday). **BHOG** SRI AKAND PRATH at residence 9:30 am on 08/23 (Wednesday). **KRIYAN AND ARDAS** at residence upto 10 am

**ANTIM ARDAS** will be performed from 11am to 12:30 pm at Gurudwara Sri Guru Kalghat Sahib, C. R. Road, Rehari, Jammu on 09/08/2023 (Wednesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

- S. Amar Singh (husband)
  - S. Salsal Singh & Sdn. Gurjeet Kaur (Son & Daughter in law)
  - (Medical dept)
  - S. Hanmeet Singh & Sdn. Gurjeet Kaur (Son & Daughter in law)
  - (Medical dept)
  - S. Rajinder Singh & Sdn. Poojam Preet Kaur (Son & Daughter in law)
  - Lt. S. Zorawar Singh-Kala & Lt. Sdn. Preetam Kaur (Brother in law and Sister)
  - S. Surinder Singh Raina and Lt. Sdn. Narinder Kaur (Brother in law and Sister)
  - S. Gurjit Singh (Bhola Nagraj) and Sdn. Jaginder Kaur (Brother in law and Sister)
  - S. Shambhar Singh Bati and Sdn. Gurneet Kaur (Brother in law and Sister)
  - S. Dheeraj Singh and Sdn. Gurdip Kaur (Brother and Bhabhi)
- MOB: 906073300, 959691867**



**SDN. KULWANT KAUR**

**Tenth day /Kriya/Rasampagri**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mr Anurodh Gupta (Munna)** S/o Sh Om Prakash Gupta who left for heavenly abode on 30th of July 2023.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed on Tuesday on 8th of August 2023. at our Residence House No. 343 Ward no 1 Subhash Nagar Udhampur.

**KRIYA** will be performed on Friday 11th of August at Devika Ghat Udhampur.

**RASAM PAGRI** will be performed at 5pm at our Residence

- GRIEF STRICKEN:**
  - Sh Om Prakash Gupta & Smt Shanti Gupta (Father and Mother)
  - Sh Prashant Gupta & Smt Meenakshi Gupta (Brother & Bhabhi)
  - Sh Sanjeev Gupta & Smt Sneha Gupta (Jija Ji & Sister)
  - Sh. Ved Prakash Gupta & Smt. Darshana Nayyar (Chacha & Chachi Ji)
  - Sh. Jyoti Prakash Gupta (Chacha Ji)
  - Mani, Priyanshu & Kashvi Gupta (Nephew & Niece)
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**MR ANURODH GUPTA (MUNNA)**

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# Time not far when entire terror-ecosystem will crumble in J&K: LG Sinha

## TOP NEWS REPORT

KULGAM, Aug 7: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said terrorism and separatism is on the death bed and the time is not far when "terror-ecosystem" will crumble fully in the UT.

Addressing a gathering at Mini-Secretariat to attend the inaugural ceremony of Veshaw Literary Festival in southern district of Kulgam, the LG Sinha said that separatism and terrorism is on its deathbed in J&K.

"Its high time that every

house of the UT must rise to an occasion to reject terrorism so that the entire terror-ecosystem falls down. I believe time is not far when the terror-eco system will crumble fully," he said.

The LG said that people must reject terrorism and its eco-system and join the march of peace. Reaching out to the artists, the LG said that recently writers and artists from across the country exchanged views with each other in Srinagar.

"Now its time for the writers and artists from J&K to rise and paint



the changing picture of J&K through their art and writings," he said. "Administration is seriously working to provide platform to every community including youth to shape their future

by being the part of journey of peace and change. The society that was choked for three decades has now started to breathe freely."

He said that J&K at present is ahead of other States in terms of development and infrastructure building. Without naming anybody, the LG said that those whose hands are drenched with the blood of innocents can no more be fool people. "Enough blood of innocents has flown in J&K," he said.

He said that in Kulgam district, 29 people were

provided land under Prime Ministers Awas Yojna (PMAY) and not a single person is non-J&K resident.

"Not a single resident has been given land or home under PMAY as claimed by some politicians. Those who grabbed and encroached State land are misguiding people and creating confusion. I want to tell them that their days of playing politics of deceit are over," he said, adding that there are 8000 families who have no land at all and majority of them are Bakerwals (Nomads).

# NSF pays tributes to Rabindranath Tagore

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, 7: National Secular Forum (NSF), Jammu unit on Monday paid rich tributes to Rabindranath Tagore on his death anniversary.

A programme in this connection was organized wherein Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Secretary Central Zone JKNC was the Chief Guest while TR Sharma KAS (Retd), Presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist, Secretary NSF, was the Guest of Honour.

The activists of NSF paid tributes to Rabindranath Tagore and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Rabindranath Tagore and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

Dr. Vikas Sharma expressed that present day youth was frustrated due to lack of job opportunities and neck deep corruption in the recruitment process being followed by the UT administration. He mentioned that people have suffered a lot during the last four years especially after the abrogation of Article 370, bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and downgraded of State to a Union Territory. Dr Vikas urged the young generation to strengthen the hands of J&K National Conference (JKNC) enabling it to redouble its efforts to get the status of Jammu and Kashmir statehood restored. TR Sharma KAS (Retd) stressed upon the youth to shun their self-centered outlook and contribute to the development of the nation. He also threw light on the achievements of Rabindranath Tagore who was a Bengali poet, philosopher, artist, playwright, composer, novelist and India's first Nobel laureate.

# DPAP holds protest against Prepaid Electricity System, smart meters

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: On the direction of DPAP chairman Gulam Nabi Azad, District Committee Jammu (Urban) held protest against Prepaid Electricity System and smart meters at Bakshi Nagar, here.

Protesters blocked the main road of Bakshi Nagar for hours. A large number of women, residents of Bakshi Nagar, Gurah and shopkeepers of the Ward 28 took part in the protest.

They raised slogans against PDD/JPDCL. Gourav Chopra, District President Jammu, Urban DPAP & Councilor of Ward, who led the protest, lambasted PDD for issuing hefty bills to the people of Jammu.

He said that common



man is facing hardships due to the wrong policies of LG Government.

He said that LG Govt have proved to be failure on every step as it stopped old age/Widow/handicapped pensions and poor people are in great financial crises.

DPAP is protesting regularly for the rights and relief to the people

since one month, but this duff and dumb LG Government is sleeping like Kumbkarna, he said.

Anil Kohli, District Vice President, Jammu Urban said DPAP is on the roads for the sake of people of Jammu.

If LG government doesn't revoke the prepaid electricity system and smart meters, we will call for Jammu

Bandh, he warned.

Others present were Anil Nargotra, Rampal, Akshay Tak, Akhil Tandon, Satish Jolly, Rinku Jamwal, Bhanu Jamwal, Amit Gupta, Ashwani Gupta, Rimpu Singh, Sonu, Satya Devi, Shalu Gupta, Ritu Kumari, Sunny Verma, Indu Gupta, Varinder Sharma, Ravi Dhamir, Anmol kholi and Yuvraj Singh.

# North Tech Symposium 2023: IIT Jammu to host landmark Army-Academia-Industry Partnership at Jagti campus

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: The prestigious North Tech Symposium, a platform that fosters synergy between the Indian Army, academia, and industry, is all set to mark a historic milestone as it convenes at the esteemed Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu's picturesque Jagti Campus from 11th to 13th September. This year's edition will be distinct as it finds its abode in a civil establishment for the first time since its inception 15 years ago.

The symposium, a joint initiative with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) under the aegis of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII),

endeavours to bridge the gap between the needs of the Indian Army and the capabilities of academia and industry. SIDM, formalised in 2017, plays a pivotal role as an advocate, catalyst, and facilitator for the growth and capability building of India's defence industry. Their active involvement in the North Tech Symposium 2023 promises to elevate the event's impact and effectiveness.

Among the highlights will be a grand exhibition boasting the latest products from over 200 industry participants, with special attention given to burgeoning startups. Additionally, there will be product unveilings meticulously

crafted to cater to the distinctive needs of the Armed Forces.

One of the Symposium's core objectives is to facilitate one-on-one structured interactions, fostering seamless engagement between industry representatives and academia. The event will also feature invigorating Technical Seminars, designed to ignite the spark of creativity and foster the exchange of novel ideas and concepts.

Moreover, attendees can look forward to an enthralling Ideas and Innovation Display, showcasing the brilliance of students and the Army, with meritorious recognition and awards to inspire even greater excellence. To

instil a profound sense of national pride, the Armed Forces will stage a spectacular Military Equipment Display, affording the general public, industry stakeholders, and academia an immersive and patriotic experience.

With IIT Jammu playing the gracious host and the collaborative spirit of the Army, academia, and industry at its zenith, the North Tech Symposium 2023 promises to be an unforgettable confluence of intellect, innovation, and patriotism. The event aims to propel India's Defence capabilities to new heights and set a precedent for successful Army-Academia-Industry partnerships.

# District Poonch Taekwondo Championship to begin from August 10

## TOP NEWS REPORT

POONCH, Aug 7: District Poonch Taekwondo Association under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association is going to organise District Poonch Taekwondo Championship 2023-24 under the theme Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav at Indoor Complex Sports Stadium, here from August 10, 2023. The championship is being supported by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

It was decided unanimously by all the office bearers of the District Association in a meeting held at Poonch under the

supervision of President District Poonch Taekwondo Association Makhan Lal, Senior Vice President Premparkash Luthra and Joint Secretary PDTA, Amit Sharma. All the interested players of District Poonch asked to confirm their entries by August 9, 2023.

Moreover all players are advised to reach at Sports Stadium Poonch Indoor Complex on August 9, 2023 at 4:30 PM for weighing along with Complete Registration forms signed by Parents, Date of Birth certificate issued by Municipality Poonch or Concerned Sarpanch of the village.

# Hold three tier Panchayat elections simultaneously: Shafiq

## TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Aug 7: Shafiq Mir chairman All J&K Panchayat Conference (an organization of Panchayat members of Jammu and Kashmir) has demanded the holding of simultaneous elections for all the three tiers in Jammu and Kashmir saying that it was the time to set the system once for all.

It is pertinent to mention here that first tier (Halqa Panchayat) elections in Jammu and Kashmir are due in November-December 2023 and government is in preparation to hold the fresh elections. However, the term of other two tiers i.e Block Development Councils and District Development Councils will be ending in 2024 and 2025 respectively because there was one year gap in each tier

elections in the past.

In a detailed statement issued here today at Summer capital Srinagar, Shafiq Mir said that all the Panchayat members of Jammu and Kashmir want simultaneous elections of all the three tiers of PRI system so that the term of all the three tiers ends simultaneously in future.

In this connection, large number of Panchayat members of Kashmir valley have already submitted a memorandum with State Election Commissioner at his office in Srinagar in which Panchayat members have demanded the simultaneous elections of all the three tiers.

Mir said that it was the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir that three tiers PRI system was established here, but due to secu-

rity reasons all the three tier elections were not held in the same year as per PR act and there was gap one year in each tier.

The first tier elections were held in 2018 while the second tier elections were held in 2019 and the third tier elections were held in 2020. With this, there was a gap of one year in each tier.

"We want system should be set for ever so that the term of all the three tiers ends simultaneously in future". Not only we demand even the amendment made in PRI act by union Home ministry in 2020 also says that for equal term of all three tiers elctions can be held simultaneously. "We request Jammu and Kashmir government to set the system for ever by holding simultaneous elections of all the three tiers," he said.

# Under present dispensation, tourism sector is getting ignored in Jammu region: Rattan Lal

## TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Aug 7: J&K National Conference today launched a scathing attack against the present dispensation for its hollow claims with regard to the unprecedented development witnessed in the tourism sector.

Addressing a meeting of party functionaries of District Udhampur Rural, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu said tourism is an essential pillar of Jammu and Kashmir's economy, contributing significantly to its growth and employment opportunities. He said that the government's assertions regarding its efforts to boost tourism industry have failed to materialize in any tangible outcomes. Despite extravagant promises, the ground reality presents a stark contrast to the claims made by the authorities.

The Provincial President questioned the LG led Administration that how much tourists who visited the Jammu region, excluding the famous Mata Vaishno Devi and Baba Amarnath Shrine, in the past year. He questioned the government's efforts in enhancing tourism in the area by stating that the current administration has failed to create infrastructure for the development of tourism in the region.



The LG administration is also failed to create a religious circuit in Jammu despite the presence of several religious places across the region. Despite the high number of visitors to revered sites such as Shree Mata Vaishno Devi, Shadra Sharief, Sarthal Devi Mata, Machail Mata, Sukrala Mata, Shiv Khori, Kol Kandoli Temple, Purmandal, Utterbehni, Krimchi Temple, and many others, the government has not capitalized on the potential of these religious circuits to boost tourism in the Jammu region, he said.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that several tourist places like Patnitop, Mansar, Surinsar, Peer Ki Gali, Noori Chhamb, the seven lakes at Poonch Rajouri, Bhadar-

wah, Kishtwar, Suchetgarh, and others, which have the capacity to boost tourism in Jammu region. He asked the LG Administration to clarify the infrastructure developments made in these tourist attractions.

He firmly believed that the creation of a religious circuit and the implementation of necessary infrastructure could significantly enhance tourism in Jammu. By developing and promoting various tourist destinations across the region, creating a religious circuit, and investing in necessary infrastructure, the potential for tourism growth and economic opportunities can be realized, he added.

The Provincial President emphasized the victory of National Con-

ference in the upcoming ULB and Panchayat polls as the solution to every problem.

The meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Ram Parshotam Sharma, District President Udhampur Rural who also briefed the senior functionaries about the hardships being faced by the people of Ramnagar, Cheanni and other rural far flung areas of District Udhampur. The party functionaries also discussed threadbare regarding the upcoming elections of Cheanni and Ramnagar municipalities.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary JKNC, raised concerns about the declining economy of Jammu due to anti-people measures by the government, par-

ticularly in ending the shifting of the annual Darbar Move. More than 50,000 government employees who moved to Jammu every year with the Civil Secretariat have significantly contributed to the local economy during their six-month stay.

Pardeep Bali and Vijay Lochan, senior NC leaders appealed to the people to strength the hands of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in the upcoming elections. They called upon the public to rally behind these accomplished politicians for a brighter future.

Meanwhile, Mir Qasim Wani, Retd. Sub Inspector of J&K Police of Basantgarh, Shah Ali of Chenani and Aryan Jamwal, of Udhampur along with their supporters joined the Party under the leadership of District President Ram Parshotam Sharma and in presence of senior functionaries of the party.

Among those who were present include: Mohd Shafi Adv, Rajesh Gupta Adv, Lal Chand Musafir, Vijay Khajuria, Prem Nath Nami, Govind Chalotra, Tanveer Sheikh, Naresh Anthal, Mohan Lal, Ramesh Kumar, Bushan Kalotra, John Willson, Rama Gupta, V.D Shrista, Puspaa Bhagat, Madhu Verma, Geeta Handu and others.



## EDITORIAL

USE WATER  
JUDICIALLY

Water is the basis of life. If there is no water, then the basis of our life will end. Many tasks of daily life are not possible without water. But gradually there is a shortage of water on the earth. Also, whatever water is available is also polluted to a great extent. By using it for food and crops, people are suffering from serious diseases. To save life on earth, we have to pay attention to its protection. We should not use water unnecessarily and should also save it from getting polluted.

Water and that too clean water is very essential for life. For this we should not misuse water. There is a saying that "a pot fills drop by drop". A single drop may not be of any use to us, but when many drops are collected, it is easily used.

So we should save each and every drop of water. Water should be taken as much as required and plants should be planted. If such a habit is inculcated in children from childhood, then they will also go ahead and explain it to the coming generation and will give their important contribution in making the earth a happy planet by conserving water.

Three-fourth of the earth is surrounded by water. But despite having so much water, only a very small percentage of it is usable. Of this three-fourth water, 97 percent is salt water which is not fit for human use. Only 3 percent of water is fit for use. Out of this 3 percent, 2 percent is in the form of ice and glacier on the earth and only the remaining one percent is drinkable.

Gradually it is also decreasing to 3 percent. The effect of this decreasing water level is also being read on the environment. Nature is not doing it all by itself. Man is solely responsible for this. Man is destroying and contaminating this priceless wealth for his partial gain. If it continues like this, man will yearn for water even for his essential works.

We know that there are many countries in the world which are drought prone, that is, where there is no rain or where there are no rivers and such places yearn for water. People have to travel many miles to get water for themselves. In many places this priceless gift of nature is bought and used.

Many people die due to its deficiency or due to serious diseases caused by contaminated water. Lack of water in the rivers, decrease in underground water level, decreasing number of trees and plants, decrease in agricultural production, etc., these are some such side effects that if you think about the future, you will tremble. Knowing all this, we use water carelessly without thinking that if we do not take precautions then the same situation will happen to us.

The government will have to make such a policy that the water coming out of the industrial units does not get into the rivers and drains. There should be some good arrangement for its disposal so that dangerous chemicals do not contaminate the potable water by mixing it. Concrete steps should also be taken on the pressure of increasing population on the earth. Small units for collecting rain water and making it usable should be encouraged so that rain water does not go waste.

If we take care of all these things and also make children used to it, then surely the nature and life that develops on the earth will be happy.

## Nigel Farage gets 'uncancelled'; no such hope for J.K. Rowling

By: Kishwar Desai

The "cancel culture", dear readers, still prevails. And one wonders if it is a means to focus our attention on a long festering wound, or is it really a blow against free speech? Depends how you look at it, say the wise souls, ducking out of the debate. Because the fall out can seriously impact your life and work.

The issue of transgender rights has become a critical one in UK, even in politics — and one high profile author who has become a poster girl for the cancel culture which accompanies any contrary opinion is J.K. Rowling. For years she was the country's most celebrated author and the face of a publishing revolution while the Harry Potter series remains a bestseller. But now not only is she often reviled, trolled and ignored in UK, from across the pond, in the US, comes the news that the Seattle Museum of Pop Culture has maintained an exhibition on the Harry Potter series — but removed all mention of Rowling. Can this be possible? It would be like saying that we can have "Mona Lisa" on display but we cannot ever mention Leonardo Da Vinci actually painted it.

This is a new level for the 'cancel culture' which is now separating the work from the creator — saying that these are two separate enti-

ties. The exhibition curator is transgender, Chris Moore, who explained in a blog that all mention of J.K. Rowling was removed from the exhibits (which are all based on the Harry Potter series) to "reduce her impact".

Rowling had been present in the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame previously — but as in the UK, the backlash against her has been severe as she has tried to express her opinion that "biological sex" is important and that it is not "people who menstruate" but women. She is unlikely to be a fan of the trend to use "them/us" instead of "he" or "she".

However, if this latest trend of the cancel culture becomes a global movement — then one wonders if, one day soon, her books can be even be published without her name?

But, the "cancel culture" has spread to banks as well. Coutts is an elite bank. You need to invest £1 million in it or have a balance of £3 million and more to be able to have an account there for a mere £900 annual charge. It is also known to be a Bank for the Royal family. It is just a short distance from Trafalgar Square along the Strand.

Nigel Farage was an unlikely customer of Coutts. His fame rests on being a populist politician identified with the middle classes. It was his campaign to 'Brexit' as chair of the UK Independence Party (UKIP) which made him a personality to be noted. His

campaign for UK to leave the European Community was well financed by donors and defeated David Cameron who had opposed Brexit.

Farage has cultivated a personal image of the hard drinking man of the people who hates "foreigners". He is popular with the tabloids and some recently opened radio stations. Anyway, as it happened, he complained to the media that Coutts had shut his account. Given that his name and deeds divide the country sharply, this caused surprise and mirth. His image was not that of a Coutts client.

Farage is not a man to take being bounced out by his Bank lightly. So he publicised his plight. Initially, it was thought that, like MPs and members of the House of Lords, he was considered a Politically Exposed Person (PEP) and the campaign against terrorism and money laundering was tightening up its rules to filter out the PEPs. Farage said this was an attack on his rights. The story took wings.

At a posh dinner hosted by the BBC, Alison Rose, the chief executive officer of Natwest, a bank that owns Coutts, said to her neighbour Simon Jack, a BBC correspondent, that Farage was booted out because he no longer had the money to be a Coutts client. This was a scoop for Jack so he broadcast it on BBC. Farage, undaunted, asked Coutts for details of his

transactions with Coutts, as he was entitled to ask.

This is where the story began to get murky. Had Alison Rose broken the norms of banking etiquette and talked about a client's bank account? The Natwest Board, chaired by Sir Howard Davies, a former director of the LSE, consulted colleagues and decided Alison Rose had not broken any rules.

Meanwhile, Farage was able to find out that he had been kicked out not for his minimum balance but for his views. Coutts felt Farage was a controversial figure and bad for their image as a bank that embraces diversity (among its very rich clients, of course). When this got out, the story exploded. Natwest had to rely on government support during the 2008 crisis and government still owns 38 per cent of the bank. So the Treasury stepped in along with the Cabinet. Alison Rose, they said, had to go because she had broken rules. But the chairman of Coutts, Peter Pavell, also had to resign for what we Londoners call his 'woke' attitude. Why should Coutts care about what the views of Farage were — acceptable or not? Farage may be xenophobic and not really upper crust. Even so, he was eligible to be a client.

So he could be taken back as a client. But not all those "cancelled" for their views can be "uncancelled." Ask J.K. Rowling.

## Developing Study Habits in Students to Boost Learning and Retention abilities

By: Vijay GarG

Many students struggle with retaining information and feel overwhelmed by the volume of material they need to cover. By implementing effective study techniques, students can enhance their academic performance and achieve their educational goals.

## USEFUL TIPS THAT WILL ASSIST STUDENTS IN CREATING PRODUCTIVE STUDY HABITS:

## 1. SET GOALS CLEARLY

Start by creating clear goals for each study session. Determine what you want to achieve and create a plan accordingly. This will help you stay focused and motivated throughout your study time. Setting realistic targets prevents burnout and inculcates a sense of accomplishment. It helps us to move forward in life and motivates us to achieve more.

## 2. BREAK DOWN COMPLEX CONCEPTS

When studying complex subjects, break down the information into smaller, manageable chunks. This makes it simpler to comprehend and remember the information. Use visual aids, and diagrams to organise and simplify the concepts. Chunking information can improve memory, dividing the information into small chunks and mastering them one at a time until it becomes unconscious is an effective way of learning.

## 3. CREATE A CONDUCIVE STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Find a place that is distraction-

free, calm, and well-lit. If there are no distractions, then there won't be any interruptions which will help with productivity levels. Remove any potential distractions such as mobile phones, social media, or noisy environments. A dedicated study space will help you focus better and improve concentration.

## 4. USE MIND MAPPING TECHNIQUES

Mind mapping is a powerful visual tool that helps students organise and comprehend complex information effectively. It involves creating a hierarchical and interconnected diagram using words, images, and colours to represent concepts and their relationships. By incorporating keywords, short phrases, and images, students can create a condensed yet comprehensive representation of the subject.

## 5. PRACTICE MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION

Mindfulness and meditation are practices that cultivate present-moment awareness and focused attention. Meditation, on the other hand, entails dedicating time to quiet contemplation, often through guided breathing exercises or body scans. These practices reduce stress and anxiety, allowing students to concentrate better on their studies. By taking a few minutes each day to practice mindfulness or meditation, students can optimise their study sessions and improve their academic performance.

## 6. UTILISE MNEMONICS

Mnemonics is a memory-enhancing technique that

employs creative devices such as acronyms, rhymes, or visual associations to help individuals remember information more effectively. Mnemonics simplify complex concepts by condensing them into memorable patterns, making it easier for the brain to retain the content. For example, creating an acronym using the first letter of each item in a list helps recall the entire list in the correct order.

## 7. PRACTICE RETRIEVAL AND SPACED REPETITION

Regular retrieval and spaced repetition practice are effective methods of long-term memory retention. Instead of simply reviewing notes, practice retrieving information from memory. Test yourself with flashboards, quizzes, or practice exams. Additionally, space repetition involves reviewing information at gradually increasing intervals to reinforce long-term retention.

## 8. UTILISE ACTIVE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

Active learning is an interactive approach to studying that requires students to actively engage with the subject rather than passively absorbing information. By participating in discussions, solving problems, or teaching concepts to others, students become active participants in the learning process. When students actively apply what they learn, they solidify their knowledge and enhance memory retention.

## 9. SEEK ADVICE

Don't hesitate to ask for help when facing difficulties with certain subjects or topics. Seek guidance from your teachers,

classmates, and tutors. Join study groups or utilise online resources to clarify any doubts and reinforce your understanding. Engaging in group discussions allows you to see different perspectives and learn from others.

## 10. REVIEW AND REVISE REGULARLY

Regularly review and revise previously revised material to reinforce and reinforce your understanding and retention. Plan regular study sessions to go over past concepts and connect them with new material. Regular revision helps cement the knowledge in your long-term memory. It helps us recall the details of the topic you have studied. It also helps in reducing the stress students face during exams.

Developing effective study habits is crucial for students to improve their learning and retention habits. By integrating these effective study strategies into their daily routines, students can significantly enhance their overall learning experience and academic outcomes. Each element contributes to a holistic learning environment, fostering knowledge retention and empowering students to excel in their educational pursuits. Through dedication and consistency, students can embark on a transformative path of academic success and personal growth.

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# UIET inaugurates one week plantation drive



## TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Aug 7: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus, University of Jammu inaugurated One Week Plantation Drive in collaboration with Forest Department, Kathua and Department of Social Forestry, Kathua under the newly launched campaign of the Government of India "Meri Maati Mera Desh: Maati ko Naman, Veeron ka Vandana". This noble endeavour witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and community members. The core essence of the campaign revolves around connecting individuals with their roots and nurturing a deep-seated reverence for the mother land. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Chief Guest, Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu.

The inauguration ceremony was a testament to the Campus's holistic approach that was combined with environmental awareness with a vibrant cultural programme. The day began with Hawan Pujan followed by the plantation of saplings and Umbrella Walk to raise awareness about the importance of tree planting and conservation. The Umbrella Walk was a creative and engaging way to

aware the students of the Campus regarding the environmental sustainability and fostering community engagement. On the first day of drive, UIET planted a total of 300 saplings across its sprawling campus. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU) said that the aim of Plantation Drive at Campus is to encourage widespread afforestation for environmental sustainability. She further stressed that Kathua Campus is always working with determination to promote ecological well-being and this initiative stands as a shining beacon of hope and uniting individuals towards a common

goal of Green India. She added that the plantation drive is set to continue for the next five days with various seminars, interactive sessions and other physical activities that are planned to raise awareness about sustainable living. She also impressed upon that the collective determination and dedication of everyone have been translated into a significant contribution to the environment and this initiative underscores our commitment to nurturing our 'maati' (soil). Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Coordinator, UIET, Kathua Campus (JU) welcomed the guests and said that volunteers will diligently plant a diverse array of sap-

lings in the next five days at Campus. He further added that UIET is dedicated to fostering excellence in engineering education and is committed to holistic development and societal betterment. Dr. Pankaj Khajuria (Assistant Registrar), Sh. Narinder Verma (Range Officer), Sh. Om Parkash (Range Officer), Sh. Anil Slathia, Sh. Narinder Sumbria were also present during the programme. Er. Vedika Khullar and Dr. Shivani Sharma coordinated the whole programme. Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Sushant Gagal, Er. Pallvi Verma, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er. Archana Salaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Dr. Nisha Choudhary, Ms. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Kanika Bhadwal, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Sourav Gupta, Er. Rohit Khatri, Er. Karan Kumar, Ms. Arooshi Gupta, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Nomita Khajuria, Dr. Zahin Ansari, Ms. Ritika Goyal, Mr. Pranav Ratta, Mr. Gourav Sharma, Ms. Tiharika Nath, Ms. Kamakshi, and other teaching and non-teaching staff members of the campus participated in the programme.

# DC Rajouri reviews functioning of Cooperative societies

## TOP NEWS REPORT

RAJOURI, Aug 7: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today conducted a thorough review of the performance and functioning of Cooperative Societies here at a meeting of District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC). During the review meeting, DC Rajouri issued a slew of instructions to the Cooperative Department with regard to effective functioning of the cooperative societies. He asked the department to organise an awareness camp for FPOs and PACS in collaboration with agricultural and allied departments to diversify the cooperative activities. He stressed on taking fresh initiatives aimed to celebrate the cooperative spirit and raise awareness about its importance in forging economic prosperity in the district. Additionally, the department was directed to ensure 100% onboarding of Primary Agricultural Credit

Societies (PACS) on Common Service Centers (CSCs). This step will facilitate easy access to digital services and financial transactions for the members of cooperative societies, promoting efficiency and convenience. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner directed the revenue department to identify suitable land for the establishment of the storage facility under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the district. This initiative aims to enhance food security and storage capacity, supporting the agricultural sector's growth. The DC also emphasized the completion of the audit of all PACS in a timely manner to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance within the cooperative societies. Regular up-dating of data on the online portal of the National Cooperative Database was stressed to provide accurate and up-to-date information on the functioning and performance of the societies.

The department was further urged to take necessary measures to initiate recovery from defaulting members of PACS to bring down Non-Performing Assets (NPA) and strengthen the financial health of the societies and ensure their sustainability. To streamline the availability and accessibility of agricultural inputs, the DC Rajouri asked to encourage PACS to open PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras for fertilizer distribution. Furthermore, he instructed for the opening of Jan Aushadhi Kendras by all five identified PACS in the district to provide affordable generic medicines to the local community, promoting access to quality healthcare at reasonable prices. Officers present in the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACR Imran Rashid Kataria; CAHO, Dr. Khalid; CAO, Sohan Singh; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin and AR(HQ), Mohd Naseer; other concerned officers from the Cooperative Department.

# Vivek Bali listens to public grievances, assures timely redressal

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: JD(U) State General Secretary Vivek Bali on Monday conducted a whirlwind tour to the village of Kottli Meluwal area in R S Pura Jammu where he listened to public grievances and assured them immediate rehabilitation on a fast track basis. Bali told that common people of Jammu and Kashmir have been facing numerous problems and due to absence of an elected government there is no one to redress their grievances. He said that they have taken an initiative to reach to people at their places to listen their grievances as their elected representatives. "There is no elected



government in Jammu and Kashmir, the governor administration is showing no accountability to address issue of general public," he added. Vivek Bali assured them of giving full support in future to redress their every genuine issue and he also

appealed the workers to strengthen the party at grass root level so that in future we get maximum share from public in upcoming Panchayat election. Vivek Bali welcomed the new entrants in JD(U) Party fold. Bali said the entry of the prominent people

Gurmeet Kumar, Suraj Prakash, Sunil Kumar, Rajiv Kumar, Raja Kumar, Lucky Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Manish Kumar, Shanty Kumar, Sameer Kumar, Nittin Kumar, Banet Kumar, Manu Kumar, Bobby Kumar, Aman, & Aryan will strengthen the party in the region.

# Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 launched

## TOP NEWS REPORT

RAJOURI, Aug 7: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today launched the " Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 in the District here at Mother & Child Health/Immunization Section of GMC Rajouri Associated Hospital. The launch aims to vaccinate all the children in the 0-5 year age group & pregnant women who are left out, dropout, missed, partially vaccinated or unvaccinated with the mission that no child or mother is left without Vaccination. The IMI 5.0 Nation Level campaign will run in three rounds in the months of August, September & October 2023 with the aim to Eliminate Measle Rubella by December 2023. The DDC highlighted the importance of immunization in safeguarding the health and well-being of the infants and pregnant women. He emphasized that immunization is a critical public health intervention that prevents the spread of diseases and saves lives. He also commended the efforts of the Health Department officials



and expressed confidence in their ability to successfully implement the program. He acknowledged the necessary training received by the officials to ensure the smooth execution of the program and urged them to work diligently to achieve the desired immunization coverage targets. The DDC Rajouri urged them to ensure that the infants and pregnant women receive the required immunizations to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases. The IMI 5.0 program aims to enhance immunization coverage in the district by providing immunization services to all eligible infants

and pregnant women. It focuses on hard-to-reach areas and regions with low immunization coverage to ensure that no child or pregnant woman is left behind. The program is a significant step towards achieving equitable access to immunization and protecting the pregnant women and infants from vaccine-preventable diseases. Among the others, the Chief Medical Officer Dr Rajinder Langer, Medical Superintendent Dr Mehmoood Bajaj, Dy Chief Medical Officer Dr Manohar Rana, District Immunization officer Dr Dev Raj, Smt Uma Devi Incharge MCH & team were present during the event.

# Ajeet Bhagat hails Kishtwar Police for curbing crime

## TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Aug 7: Senior National Conference leader Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat salute the SSP Kishtwar Khalil Paswal, ASP Kishtwar Rajinder

Singh, DSP Hqrs Kishtwar Ishan Gupta, DSP DAR Kishtwar, DSP Operation, DSP CID Kishtwar SHOs Kishtwar District and other Police officers who are very professional in their profession.

Bhagat said that the SSP Kishtwar is performing the responsibility has been assigned to Kishtwar District. Such gallant officer should be posted everywhere to root out any kind of disorder.

# JKBS expresses deep shock over Sagar Kaith's death

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: A meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members was held at Village Shahzadpur wherein Batwal community members expressed deep shock over the sad, sudden and untimely death of Sagar Kaith. Sagar died due to drowning in Talab. The incident took place on Sunday afternoon. Sagar was son of Janak Raj and nephew of Hony Captain Kamal Dass of



Piri Trai, Akhnoor. All present prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give family the forbearance to bear

this immeasurable loss boldly. Among those who attended the meeting included Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj, Rachpal Kaith, Baldev Chand, Ram Paul, Darshan Kumar, Birender Kaith, Hans Raj, Gharu Ram, Dhian Chand, Darshan Motan, Dilay Ram, Des Raj, R.L.Kaith, Karan Kumar, Puran Chand, Panch Laju Ram, Panch Joginder Kumar, Daya Ram, Puran Chand, Pritam Lal, Sham Lal and Ram Lal.

# Shiv Sena Hindustan Youth Wing protest against JPDCL

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K Youth President Ganesh Choudhary today led strong protest against JPDCL over sending inflated power bills to poor people at Bari Brahamana on Monday. Scores of women came out on the road, raising slogans in favor of their demands while urging the concerned department not to go ahead with the move of installing the smart meters. "We are poor and our men are making their ends meet through labour and we will not be able to pay the hefty bills that will be generated after the installation of the smart meters," they said. Speaking on the occasion, Choudhary said that most of the people in rural areas are financially weak and cannot afford to pay hefty power bills. "Most of the people in our area are living hand to mouth and they



cannot afford to pay Rs 500 per month on power bills. We have decided to fight tooth and nail against the installation of smart meters," said Choudhary. Choudhary further said, "They used to pay a flat rate of Rs 750 per month but after the meter was installed they have turned off all the heavy gadgets but still they receiving a bill of Rs 1400-1800 per month." He said residents of rural areas are in a state of shock after receiving their power bills. The bills

have been sent without taking the actual reading of the meters. The PDD is forcing people to pay illogical electricity bills when people of rural areas are mostly poor and they hardly earn Rs 10,000 to Rs 15000 per month while the PDD is issuing them inflated bills. He alleged that the LG Government is forcing all new rules on Jammuites. Choudhary further said that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is forcing people to pay inflated bills. He said that

no party including BJP is opposing it but we have decided to oppose it strongly and are continuously protesting against it on the streets against the authorities of Power Development Corporation. He said that JPDCL's linemen and other officials are promoting 'Kundi' system by extorting money from the slum dwellers while the local people are being handed over huge electricity bills. "We won't tolerate this at any cost and would

intensify the movement against it in the days to come," Choudhary added. He appealed to the concerned higher-ups to look into the matter so that the problem they are facing is resolved. Prominent among those who participated in protest include Bishnah Block Chairman Vikas Kumar, Bishnah Block President Sanjay Bhagat, Bishnah Vice President Sankar Singh, Arnia Block Vice President Bharat Bhushan, Surinder Choudhary, Sunil Kumar, Sara Chak President Ajay Kumar, Shail Sharma, Pritam Singh, Rampal, Sardari Lal, Mohd Hanif, Bhushan Mottan, Distt President Samba Nek Ram, Vicky, Arina Block President Suman Devi, Bishnah Block President Madhu Bala, Reena Devi, Sunita Devi, Tripta Devi, Neelam Devi, Manisha Devi, Sonia Choudhary and State Chairman Shishpal Salathia.



## 'Barbie' crosses \$1 billion at global box office

*This makes director Greta Gerwig the first-ever solo woman filmmaker with a billion-dollar film*

Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling-starrer fantasy comedy-drama 'Barbie' has now crossed USD 1 billion globally in just its third weekend.

Taking to Instagram, the makers announced the news with a special post which, they captioned, 'Here's to our incredible Barbies and Kens from all around the world for making our Barbie dreams come true. We're excited to share that #BarbieTheMovie has hit \$1 Billion at the Global Box Office.'

According to Variety, a US-based media house, this makes director Greta Gerwig the first-ever solo woman filmmaker with a billion-dollar film.

Three other billion-dollar blockbusters were co-directed by women, including 'Frozen' (USD



1.3 billion) and 'Frozen 2' (USD 1.45 billion) both co-directed by Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck, as well as 'Captain Marvel' (USD 1.1 billion), co-directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, as per

Variety.

'Barbie' hit the milestone just after 17 days of its release, becoming the fastest Warner Bros release) to join the USD 1 billion club. Earlier, the fantasy

drama film 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2' held that record at 19 days.

It's only the second blockbuster this year and the sixth of the pandemic era to cross USD 1 billion, following 'Spider-Man: No Way Home', 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Jurassic World Dominion' and 'Avatar: The Way of Water', reported Variety.

'Barbie' is directed by Greta Gerwig and stars Margot Robbie as the famous doll and Ryan Gosling as her boyfriend Ken. It was released in theatres on July 21.

As per Variety, 'Barbie' raked in USD 155 million in its opening weekend, marking the biggest debut ever for a film directed by a woman.

## Bill Cosby faces lawsuit from singer alleging sexual assault



Comedian Bill Cosby has been accused of sexual assault by another woman, who claims he drugged and raped her in the late 1980s.

According to a new lawsuit filed in New York City, singer Morganne Picard accused Cosby, 86, of inviting her to the sets of The Cosby Show in 1987, and alleges that he "insisted and encouraged" her to drink beverages that made her feel "extremely intoxicated" on "multiple occasions" between then and 1990.

Picard claimed that the disgraced comedian invited her to the sets of his The Cosby Show "under the pretence" of helping her career as an aspiring

singer.

"Upon information and belief, when Ms Picard was physically incapacitated by the unknown intoxicant, Cosby undressed and raped her, without her consent and when she did not have the capacity to consent," the lawsuit alleged.

The document also named Kaufman Astoria Studios, Astoria Studios LP II, the Carsey-Warner Company and NBCUniversal as defendants, as they did "not investigate, reprimand, supervise nor in any way try to stop Cosby from sexually abusing, assaulting and/or battering women."

Picard is specifically suing Cosby for battery, assault and intentional infliction of emotional distress. She's suing the other defendants for negligent hiring and negligence.

Cosby has denied the accusations through rep Andrew Wyatt. "It is disappointing to see that these alleged distractors are able to monetise false allegations against Mr Cosby," Andrew Wyatt said in a statement.

## Wamiqa Gabbi joins Varun Dhawan in action entertainer from Atlee's banner



"Jubilee" actor Wamiqa Gabbi is set to star alongside Varun Dhawan in an upcoming action entertainer movie, to be produced by filmmaker Atlee and wife Priya Mohan's banner A For Apple

Studios. Also backed by Murad Khetani's Cine1 Studios, the untitled project will be directed by Kalees, best known for the 2019 Tamil movie "Kee". It is scheduled to be released on May 31,

2024.

The details of the movie's plot have been kept under wraps. It also features National Award winner Keerthy Suresh in a pivotal role.

"I am thrilled and grateful to be a part of this project. The opportunity to work alongside Varun Dhawan and Keerthy Suresh is definitely something I'm looking forward to. I have been looking and waiting to do a full commercial Hindi project and this is just it. And I'm really excited to be working and collaborating with Murad sir and Atlee," Gabbi said in a statement.

The actor, best known for her performances in "Graham", "Mai" and "Jubilee", is currently shooting for next project in Budapest, Hungary. She will also be seen in filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj's maiden OTT series "Charlie Chopra and The Mystery of Solang Valley" and his film with Netflix titled "Khufiya" co-starring Tabu.

## Sheena Chohan is set to play Lilith, The Goddess of Evil



Actress Sheena Chohan, who was recently seen as Jasmin Lobo in Disney+ Hotstar's legal drama series, The Trial: Pyaar Kaanoon Dhokha, will next be seen as Lilith, Adam's first wife, who was banished from the Garden of Eden for not obeying him, in an untitled web series. Sheena says, "I'm playing Lilith, Adam's first wife, who became a demon. After being banished, she became dangerous to mankind. Lilith continues to serve as source material in today's popular Western culture, literature, occultism, fantasy, and horror. As much as I wanted to have fun with the role, I also felt a certain responsibility."

Talking about the challenges of playing the character, she adds, "I believe the most powerful aspect of acting is capturing humanity in its raw state while igniting imaginations with it that make the character interesting. I found it a real challenge to play somebody who is extremely supernatural yet rooted in reality."

## Katy Perry says motherhood delayed her new music album

Pop star Katy Perry is putting her family life first before her music career and has not put out any new music since giving birth to her daughter Daisy in 2020.

Katy agrees that her baby girl remains her number one priority.

"I haven't put any new material out since my darling Daisy. I think that I'm writing a lot and have written a lot from a place of love, because I'm feeling so much of it - so much unconditional love, that love you never knew existed," the chart-topping star, who has Daisy, three, with actor Orlando Bloom, said in an interview. Katy is determined to enjoy some quality time with her family before she embarks on the next phase of her career. The Teenage Dream hit-maker, who is nearing the end of her Las Vegas residency, has also urged her fans to remain patient with her.

The singer, who released her last album, Smile, back in 2020, said, "I'm always writing, I have been, but I think what's really important



to me is to be celebrating the world that I've got to build with all of these wonderful songs and to be responsible for a life of a three year old. I will be back, but let

me get this right."

Katy remains determined to release another album. But for the time being, her daughter will be her top priority.

## Aanand Priya, who plays Veera in Kohrra, says she had a great experience working with the talented cast

Aanand Priya is garnering praise for her portrayal of Veera in the web series Kohrra. Known for her work in Punjabi films like Jal Wayu Enclave, Stupid 7, Ik Sandhu Hundi Si, and web series Yaar Chale Bahar, among others, the actress is elated about her Netflix debut.

Talking about her inspiration for acting, she says, "I love dancing, and storytelling is something that has always intrigued me. Because of these, I have always wanted to be an actor, and I am grateful that my parents gave me the space to explore this field."

It took two rounds of auditions for Aanand to land the role in the series. She says, "I saw a casting call online, and I sent my profile for the role. Eventually, I got a call for audition. That time, I was already busy shooting for a short film, and the casting director for Kohrra ran into me on the sets. Eventually, after two rounds of auditions, I got a call telling me that I had been locked in for the role of Veera."

With a master's degree in theatre, preparing for a role is not a challenging aspect for the actress. She says, "I believe that various strategies suit various scenes and different characters. I had a fantastic crew, but there were definitely elements of the script that felt new and challenging to me. Workshops I attended with my fellow actors greatly aided in the preparation."

She adds, "Before the show's filming, the director and I had a lengthy conversation about our characters and



their connections. As a result, we were clear about what we were going to do. Additionally, we had a lot of freedom to experiment and give the characters our own quirks. Sudip Sharma, the showrunner, and our director, Randeep Jha, were very encouraging and open to suggestions."

Talking about her experience of working in Kohrra, she says, "Working in Kohrra has been a joy overall, whether it was for the workshops, the filming, or even the travel. Working with so many talented people was amazing. I had a great time transitioning into Veera."

On the upcoming projects, Aanand is set to work in a Punjabi film and a Hindi web series.

## Singer Celine Dion refuses to be cowed down by a rare muscle disorder

Celine Dion is hopeful about winning her battle with a rare muscle disorder, the Grammy winning singer's sister has said.

The My Heart Will Go On singer announced in December that she had been diagnosed with stiff person syndrome, a rare neurological disorder which could cause muscle rigidity and muscular spasms.

Celine's sister, Claudette Dion, offered an



update on the 55-year-old singer's condition in an interview. "It's innate to her, she's disciplined in every area of her life.

We can't find any medicine that works, but having hope is important," she said. "I honestly think that she mostly needs to rest. She always goes above and beyond, she always tries to be the best and on top of her game.

At one point, your heart and your body are

trying to tell you something.

It's important to listen," she added.

Claudette revealed that Celine is now recovering at her home accompanied by her sister Linda and the singer's three sons — Rene-Charles, Eddy and Nelson.

"When I call her and she's busy, I speak to my sister Linda who lives with her and tells me that she's working hard," she explained.

## Aditi Govitrikar talks about her pageant MMI 2023

Actress Aditi Govitrikar is on a mission to challenge conventional beauty standards and promote inclusivity. Her beauty pageant, The Marvellous Mrs India (MMI) pageant, is all about celebrating every woman for her individuality and inner beauty.

She says, "Marvellous Mrs India Pageant is not about conforming to societal expectations of beauty. Instead, it focuses on breaking stereotypes and celebrating the essence of womanhood. Aditi believes that true beauty lies in embracing one's flaws and unique attri-



butes rather than trying to fit into a narrow mould. Our Marvellous Mrs. India pageant is a celebration of authenticity and individuality. It is a platform for all women, regardless of their age, height, colour or status, to showcase their inner beauty and strength. There are no restrictions or boundaries here; every woman is beautiful, and every woman deserves to be seen and heard. I want to encourage all women to participate. I seek to foster positive body image and promote self-love among the contestants."



## Congress Couldn't Understand Importance Of Panchayati Raj System: PM Modi

The prime minister said the country today is moving ahead unitedly to realise the goal of a developed India and to fulfil the resolutions of 'Amrit Kaal'.

CHANDIGARH, Aug 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hit out at the Congress, saying it could not understand for four decades after Independence how important it was to implement the Panchayati Raj system in villages.

"No concrete efforts were made to strengthen the Panchayati Raj institutions during the Congress rule," he said after inaugurating the 'Haryana Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad', a two-day BJP event, via video conference.

The prime minister said the country today is moving ahead unitedly to realise the goal of a



developed India and to fulfil the resolutions of 'Amrit Kaal'.

"During the 25 years of journey of this 'Amrit Kaal', we have to

keep in mind the experiences of past decades," he said.

The road to a developed India goes through tier 2 and tier 3

cities and through villages which are becoming modern, he said, adding a new hope and energy is visible in the hinterland and in small towns.

The Congress could not understand for four decades after Independence how important it was to implement the Panchayati Raj system in villages, said PM Modi.

They also left the Zila Panchayat system to its own fate, he added.

BJP chief J P Nadda, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, state BJP chief O P Dhankhar and other BJP leaders were present during the event in Faridabad's Surajkund.

## Rahul Gandhi changes Twitter bio: 'Dis'Qualified MP' replaced with Member of Parliament



NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): With his Lok Sabha membership restored, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on

Monday changed his Twitter bio to 'Member of Parliament' from the earlier "Dis'Qualified MP" description.

Following his disqualification from the Lok Sabha in March, Gandhi had edited his bio on Twitter to "Dis'Qualified MP".

His status as the MP from Kerala's Wayanad was restored after the Lok Sabha secretariat issued a notification in the wake of the Supreme Court staying on Friday his conviction in a defamation case.

His Twitter bio now describes him as a member of the Indian National Congress and Member of Parliament.

## Fire breaks out in endoscopy room of AIIMS-Delhi



NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): A major fire was reported on the second floor of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here on Monday afternoon.

Fire officials said the second floor had been completely evacuated.

Visuals from the spot

showed smoke billowing out of the windows. No casualties were reported in the incident, hospital sources said, adding the fire had been brought under control.

The officials said information regarding the blaze was received at 11.54 am, following

which six fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

Sources said the fire was in the endoscopy room, located above the emergency ward, on the second floor of the Old OPD.

All patients in the room were evacuated safely.

## Supreme Court issues notice to Centre on petition alleging gender discrimination in selection of Judge Advocate General in Army

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): The Supreme Court has issued notice to the Centre on a petition alleging gender discrimination and reservation for male candidates in selection for the post of Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the Army.

Asking the Centre to respond to the petition filed by two women JAG aspirants in four weeks, a Bench led by Justice Hrishikesh Roy in its August 4 order said, "Considering the nature of the interim relief, we deem it appropriate to order to keep aside two of the notified vacan-



cies, until the returnable date."

The petitioners have challenged the January 18, 2023 notification reserving six out of nine JAG posts for male candidates on the grounds that it denied equal

opportunity to women aspirants.

On behalf of the petitioners, senior counsel Gopal Sankaranarayanan pointed out that the two petitioners had secured fourth and fifth ranks, respectively, but

despite the better merit they were deprived of their entitlement for appointment as JAG officer in the Judge Advocate General Branch as six of the nine vacancies were earmarked for male candidates.

He submitted that the top court had in the past entertained cases pertaining to gender discrimination in the Armed Forces in the matter of recruitment.

The petitioners sought to assail the notification, saying it not only unabashedly violated the non-discrimination guarantee embodied

in Article 14 and 15(1) of the Constitution, but also perpetuated and aggravated the persisting attitude and policy of indirect discrimination, showing that the functioning of the Indian Army was rife with sex-based implicit biases.

The recruitment is to be made through a common selection process and the selectees are required to undergo common training of 49 weeks at the Officers Training Academy. Yet double the number of vacancies are earmarked for male candidates.

## Some progress on talks with China on border areas dispute: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, on Monday expressed guarded optimism about resolving the border dispute with China but was resolute on the need to keep on improving the infrastructure on the northern borders.

"Talks are on with Chinese, the next meeting will happen soon. Some solutions have come, like at Galwan, Pangong Tso. There has been some progress. Diplomacy takes time," Jaishankar told a group of journalists invited as part of the BJP gov-

ernment's political outreach.

The Minister revealed that there had been "good progress" and "talks are going on". At the same time, he expressed the Government's intention to keep improving the border infrastructure in order to go head-to-head with opposing forces if the need arose.

"How much distance one has to go...to which side...it will be done according to the principle of mutual disengagement to take it forward," he added.

The Minister dwelt for some time on a national



security challenge in the north, terming it as the Government's big effort with respect to China. "Over all the mobility for armed forces and civilians has increased tremendously," he said while acknowledging the contribution of the

China Study Group in this regard.

The second major security challenge was on the Myanmar border with the Manipur violence having disrupted work on the trilateral highway from India to Thailand.

The Arrakan Rohingya civil disturbances have already advanced India's second major project in the north-east operationalisation of Sittwe Port.

"Operationalisation of Sittwe a concern...the trilateral highway (India-Myanmar-Thailand) is facing a big challenge today due to the law and order situation," he said. The Minister also went over recent initiatives including plans to link Bhutan with rail, grid connectivity, petroleum pipeline and land bridge with Sri Lanka and pipeline and rail links with Nepal.

## Speeding Mercedes Hits 5 Vehicles In Goa, 3 Killed; Driver Was Drunk: Cops



PANAJI, Aug 7 (Agencies): Three persons were killed after a speeding high-end car hit three other cars, a motorcycle and a scooter near Goa capital Panaji, police said on Monday.

The accident took place at around 7.30 pm on Sunday at Banastarim village on Ponda-Panaji national highway, 15 km from the state capital, an official from Mardol police station said.

The car driver, who was apparently

drunk, was later arrested, he said.

The speeding Mercedes car dashed against three other cars, a motorcycle and a scooter. All the six vehicles were damaged, the official said.

A couple riding the scooter and a person travelling on the motorcycle died on the spot, he said.

The Mardol police arrested the offending car driver, identified as Pares A Sinai Sawardekar, and registered a case against him on charges of culpable homicide, drunken driving as well as rash and negligent driving, the official said.

Following the accident, the villagers initially did not let the car responsible for the accident to be towed away, but allowed it after the intervention of police, he added.

## Anurag Thakur alleges China-Cong links over NYT expose

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): The ruling BJP on Monday launched a scathing attack on the Congress citing a New York Times expose on an individual's involvement in pushing Chinese propaganda worldwide, including in India through the website NewsClick.

Union information and broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur led the charge attacking the Congress for rushing to the defence of NewsClick when the BJP had clearly revealed its pro China tilt.

"Even newspapers like 'The New York Times' are now admitting that Neville Roy Singham and his NewsClick are dangerous tools of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and promoting China's political agenda across the world.



Much before NYT, India has long been telling the world that NewsClick is a dangerous global web of Chinese propaganda. Supported by like-minded forces, Neville has been furthering a dubious anti-India agenda," Thakur said.

He said way back in the year 2021, when India's law enforcement agencies initiated an inquiry against NewsClick based on strong evidence of money laundering, the Congress

and the entire Left-Liberal ecosystem came to defend it.

"It is natural for the Congress to defend Neville and NewsClick because national interest never matters to its leadership. Isn't it the same Congress Party that signed an MoU with the CPC in the year 2008 to promote Chinese interest in India and allegedly accepted donations for the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) from the Chi-

nese embassy? asked Anurag.

He said the UPA may change its name a thousand times but it can't change its character.

"People are aware that the nation will not be safe in the hands of GHAMANDIA gathbandhan," he said borrowing a phrase which Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently used for opposition INDIA bloc while addressing a meeting of the NDA MPs.

Today in Lok Sabha too BJP MP Nishikant Dubey during Zero hour by when Rahul Gandhi had returned to LS after reinstatement as MP, alleged that the Congress had a tango with China.

Uproar by opposition side and treasury side MPs led to the adjournment of proceedings till 2 PM.

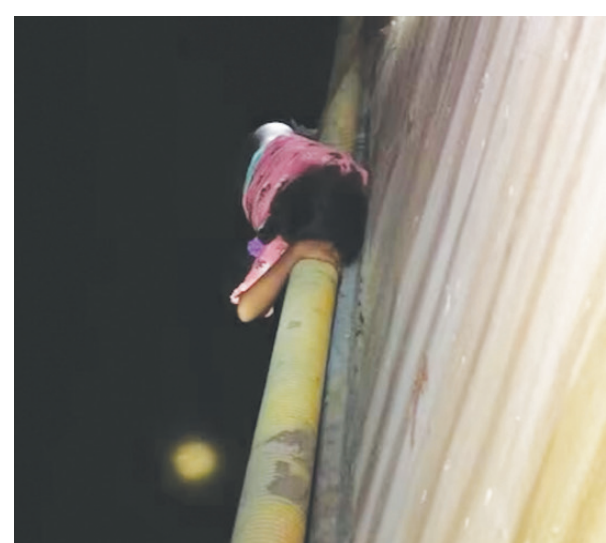
## Andhra teen dialled 100 while hanging from bridge, was pushed by mother's lover

The girl was pushed off the bridge into Godavari river by her mother's live-in partner, along with her mother and one-year-old sister.

VIJAYAWADA, Aug 7 (Agencies): A 13-year-old girl in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur district saved herself after being pushed off a bridge by her mother's live-in partner by clinching onto a plastic pipe.

The girl, Keerthana, was pushed off the bridge into Godavari river early morning on Sunday along with her mother Puppala Suhagini (36) and sister Jersey (1). The 13-year-old, however, held on to a plastic pipe and dialled 100 for police help.

The accused named Ulava Suresh was the mother's live-in partner. As he pushed them from the Ravulapalem Gautami bridge, Keerthana fell near a plastic cable



pipe next to the bridge and was able to grab it. She pulled out her cell phone from her pocket while hanging and dialled 100 as for from the police.

While both the mother and the one-year-old

baby went missing, the police were able to rescue the girl.

"At around 3.50 am on Sunday, we got a call seeking help. We rushed to the spot by 4 am and as we saw, a girl was found clinging on to

the bridge pipe line in a dangerous situation," said Ravulapalem police today.

The Ravulapalem police along with highway mobile personnel rescued the girl.

"Suresh, who is living with my mother, took us to Rajamahendravaram. He stopped the car on Ravulapalem Bridge, on the pretext of taking a selfie, and pushed the three of us into the Godavari river," said Keerthana after the police rescued her.

The police formed two teams -- one to search for the missing 36-year-old Sahasini and one-year-old Jersey and the other team to arrest accused Suresh.



## China releases TV documentary showcasing army's ability to attack Taiwan

*China claims Taiwan, a self-ruled democracy, as its own territory, to be conquered by force if necessary*

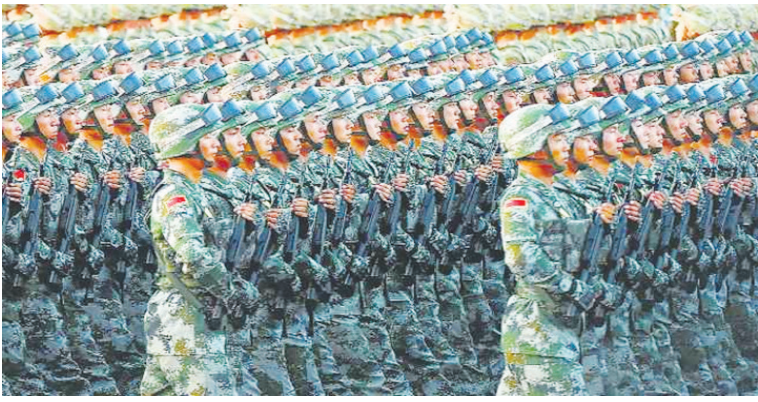
TAIPEI, Aug 7 (Agencies): China has released a new documentary about the army's preparation to attack Taiwan and showcasing soldiers pledging to give up their lives if needed as Beijing continues to ramp up its rhetoric against the self-ruled island.

"Chasing Dreams," an eight-part docuseries aired by state broadcaster CCTV earlier this week to mark the People Liberation Army's 96th anniversary, features military drills and testimonials by dozens of soldiers, of which several express their willingness to die in a potential attack against Taiwan.

China claims Taiwan, a self-ruled democracy, as its own territory, to be conquered by force if necessary.

State media and the PLA frequently release propaganda materials promoting the army's modernisation as well as sleek videos of military drills.

The materials serve to fan rising Chinese nationalism and display military confidence against Taiwan and, implicitly,



its ties with the United States. While the U.S. doesn't recognize Taiwan as a sovereign country, it has pledged to help the island defend itself in case of an invasion.

Last month, the White House announced a \$345 million military aid package for Taiwan. The move, which experts said drew on lessons from the U.S. military assistance to Ukraine, was criticized by Beijing.

The "Chasing Dreams" documentary showcased, among other things, the PLA's "Joint Sword" drills, which simulated precision strikes against Taiwan. The exercises were undertaken

around the self-governed island in April after a visit by Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen to the U.S.

Among the more dramatic parts of the program are pledges by PLA soldiers from various divisions to relinquish life in a potential attack on Taiwan.

"If war broke out and the conditions were too difficult to safely remove the naval mines in actual combat, we would use our own bodies to clear a safe pathway for our (landing) forces," Zuo Feng, a frogman with the PLA Navy's minesweeper unit, said in a testimonial.

Li Peng, a pilot from Wang Hai Squadron under the PLA Air Force, echoed his statement, saying his "fighter jet would be the last missile rushing towards the enemy if in a real battle, I had used up all my ammunition." Fan Lihong, a special tactics unit commander, said in the docuseries that while losing comrades is painful, he has to remain calm to respond to emergencies and always be ready to fight.

The documentary also features Shandong, one of China's three aircraft carriers, sailing in formation with several other warships.

The PLA has repeatedly dispatched Shandong to the Taiwan Strait over the past few months as a threat to Taiwan. PLA jets have also crossed the strait's median line, an informal demarcation zone between China and Taiwan, relatively often over the past couple of years, especially in reaction to exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S. that have angered Beijing.

## Imran Khan's life is in danger: PTI Vice-Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi



ISLAMABAD, Aug 7 (Agencies): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Vice-Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi has claimed that the PTI chief Imran Khan's life is in danger and the jail authorities are not even providing meals to him, ARY News reported.

He added that the Lahore Police immediately reached Zaman Park's residence to arrest the PTI chief when the order was issued to the IG Islamabad.

He further said the court directed the authorities concerned to keep the PTI chief

at the Adiala Jail but he was shifted to the Attock Jail. He added that there is a lack of facilities at the Attock Jail where "B Class" facilities are not provided, ARY News reported.

Claiming that a former premier was imprisoned in a "C Class" prison cell, Qureshi said the lawyers were not given access to Imran Khan in jail. He added that they cannot file an appeal for the PTI chief's release without having his signature on the power of attorney.

Qureshi also criticised that the PTI chief was

not taken to the Poly Clinic's medical board for his medical examination which is a mandatory right of each inmate and the responsibility of the jail administration, ARY News reported.

He demanded the judiciary to take notice as the Khan's life is in danger.

On Saturday, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman was arrested from his Zaman Park residence in Lahore soon after he was found guilty of corrupt practices in the Toshakhana case and sentenced to three years in prison.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman was shifted to Attock jail after his arrest in the Toshakhana case, ARY News reported.

The court also imposed PKR 1,00,000 fine on the convicted chief of the PTI. The court also declared the former prime minister ineligible to hold public office for five years.

## Israel missile attack on Damascus kills 4 Syrian soldiers, 4 others injured

DAMASCUS, Aug 7 (Agencies): An Israeli missile attack targeting the vicinity of Syria's capital Damascus killed four soldiers, wounded four more and caused "some material damage", Syrian state media reported early on Monday, citing a military source.

"At about 2:20 in the morning today, the Israeli enemy launched an aerial aggression from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, target-

ing some points in the vicinity of the city of Damascus," the military source said. Syrian air defences intercepted the Israeli missiles and shot down some of them, the source added.

Israel has for years been carrying out attacks against what it has described as Iran-linked targets in Syria, where Iran's influence has grown since it began supporting President Bashar al-Assad in the civil war that started in 2011.

## Chinese Origin Singaporean Jailed And Fined For Assaulting Indian Woman

SINGAPORE, Aug 7 (Agencies): A Chinese-origin man was given three months in jail on Monday for having racially insulted and kicked a 57-year-old Indian-origin woman in the chest in May 2021.

Wong Xing Fong, 32, had attacked Madam Hindocha Nita Vishnuhai near the Northvale condominium in Choa Chu Kang housing estate on May 7, 2021, amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ordering Wong to pay the victim SGD13.20 as compensation, District Judge Shaiffudin Saruwan stressed that racial and religious hostility can have dire consequences in Singapore's society.

Before handing down the sentence on Monday, the Judge said that a deterrent sentence is paramount in this case and noted that Wong committed the offences in a brazen manner and had displayed a lack of remorse.

After a nine-day trial which started in January, Judge Shaiffudin convicted Wong in June of one count each of assault and wounding the victim's racial feelings.

During the trial, Wong denied using racial insults.

The prosecution had asked for a sentence of between six and nine months in jail, stressing the importance of community and racial harmony in multi-racial Singapore.

Nita testified on the first day of the trial that



on May 7, 2021, she was brisk walking to Choa Chu Kang Stadium, where she worked at a fast-food restaurant when she heard someone shouting. She turned and saw Wong and his fiancée Chua Yun Han, whom she did not know. The couple told her to "mask up", as her mask had been pulled down.

Mask-wearing, due to COVID-19 spread, was then compulsory but people participating in sports including brisk walking were excused. Deputy Public Prosecutors Marcus Foo and Jonathan Lee said in their submissions that Nita explained to the couple that she was brisk-walking, and gestured to show she was exercising and sweating.

The prosecution said, "The accused instead scolded the complainant (and verbally insulted her). To de-escalate the matter, the complainant responded: 'God bless you.' "The accused, however, kicked the complainant in her chest area. He and (his fiancée) then jogged off." The Straits Times reported the judgement, citing hearings from court proceedings.

Nita also testified in January that she would

cry if she returned to the site of the attack.

Her voice cracked at the time as she told the judge, "(The incident) affects me emotionally... I feel sad and scared. Is it wrong to be Indian? I didn't choose to be Indian... I wish this didn't happen."

"Till today, you (take) me to that road, I will cry. I was very scared." During earlier proceedings, she also testified that an eyewitness helped her to her feet after the attack and applied plaster to a wound on her left forearm.

She made a police report that evening.

The prosecution said the eyewitness, who was unrelated to either party, testified that she saw a man kicking Nita. During the trial, Wong claimed that the victim was sarcastic and aggressive, and had hurled vulgarities at him. He also claimed she spat at him and Chua, and he reacted by pushing her.

While he accepted that he had used vulgarities, he denied they were racial insults. For assaulting another person in a racially aggravated attack, an offender can be jailed for up to four years and six months, and fined up to SGD7,500.

## Pakistan shelves multi-billion dollar gas pipeline project with Iran under pressure from US: Report

ISLAMABAD, Aug 7 (Agencies): Pakistan has temporarily shelved the multi-billion dollar gas pipeline project to import cheap energy from neighbouring Iran, apparently under pressure from the US which has imposed sanctions against Tehran over its nuclear programme, according to a media report on Monday.

The development comes as Pakistan struggles to put its cash-strapped economy in order with the help of the International Monetary Fund, which agreed to provide USD 3 billion in loan.

The project was initially conceived as an India-Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline, but later, India left it and became a bilateral project between Pakistan and Iran.

The sanctions imposed by the US on Iran over its nuclear programme have deterred Pakistan from constructing the pipeline.

The Dawn newspaper reported that Pakistan had issued a notice of 'Force Majeure and Excusing Event' to Iran to suspend its contractual obligation on completion of the multi-billion-dollar Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline project because of external factors outside Islamabad's control.

Pakistan has expressed its inability



to pursue the project as long as US sanctions on Iran remain in place or Washington tacitly green-lights Islamabad to go ahead with the project that has been in cold storage for almost a decade despite acute energy shortages in the South Asian nation of 240 million people, the paper reported.

"Pakistan has issued a Force Majeure and Excusing Event notice to Iran under the Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement (GSPA), which resultantly suspends Pakistan's obligations under the GSPA," according to a written testimony Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik has given to the National Assembly.

In a policy statement placed on the floor of the lower house of Parliament, the minister also put on record that Iran disputed the notice of force majeure and excusing event. The statement came in

response to questions from lawmaker Muhammad Jamal-ud-Din from Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal party, who wanted to know if the government of Pakistan had a target completion date for the cross-border energy project and whether fines were due in case of delays and if other regional nations were enhancing trade relations despite UN sanctions.

"The Iran Pakistan Gas Pipeline Project is stalled due to international sanctions on Iran," said Malik clarifying the project activities will begin once sanctions on Iran are removed and there is no threat that State Owned Entities (SOEs) would be hit by sanctions.

"Given that, no date and deadline can be given for the completion of the Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline Project," he added.

At the same time, the petroleum minister also conceded that Paki-

stan's notice of force majeure and excusing event and Iran disputing its validity could only be finally settled through international arbitration, should Iran take this matter to arbitration.

As a consequence, "the exact amount of penalty, if any, is subject to the outcome of the arbitration to be determined by the arbitrators", he said.

Last week, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian, during his three-day visit to Pakistan, emphasised the need for the completion of the project, saying it would definitely serve the national interests of the two countries.

Tehran has been claiming to have completed its side of the 1,150-kilometre pipeline for which a groundbreaking ceremony was jointly conducted by then-presidents Asif Ali Zardari and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on the Iranian site of Gabb, near Chabahar in March 2013 with then-estimated cost of USD 7.5 billion.

Pakistan had committed to complete its side of the project by January 2015. However, in February 2014, then petroleum minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi told Parliament that the Iran-Pakistan project was "off the table" due to international sanctions.

Petroleum minister

Musadik Malik explained in its latest statement that despite being fully committed to its contractual obligations under the GSPA, the Government of Pakistan had been unable to start construction of the pipeline due to US sanctions on Iran.

"The Government of Pakistan is engaged with the US authorities, through diplomatic channels, to seek exemption for the project. All necessary actions are being taken to construct the gas pipeline at the earliest," he said.

Officials said Pakistan had requested Washington earlier this year for a way out to help overcome energy shortages but had not yet received any response. The Iranian pipeline was aimed to supply 750 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) of gas, although it was vehemently opposed publicly and diplomatically by the US authorities, particularly when Pakistan and Iran signed framework agreements and GSPA in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Malik also told the National Assembly that the indigenous gas supplies in Pakistan were depleting rapidly, whereas the demand for gas was increasing every year, thus widening the demand-supply gap, reported Dawn.

## Typhoon In Japan Forces Nagasaki Bombing Commemorations To Move Indoors

TOKYO, Aug 7 (Agencies): Typhoon Khanun was on course Monday to dump prolonged, heavy rain on one of Japan's main islands this week, forecasters said, forcing commemorations of the Nagasaki atomic bombing to be held inside.

The typhoon last week reportedly killed at least two people, injured more than 100 and cut off power for several hundred thousand people in the southern Okinawa region before barreling towards Taiwan.

The weather system has since swung back to the Okinawa area and was expected to rumble northwards to the west of Kyushu on Tuesday and Wednesday before veering



towards South Korea, the Japan Meteorological Agency said in a televised press briefing.

The typhoon "could bring significant rainfall in wide regions," an agency official told the briefing, adding that "heavy rainfall

will increase the risk of disasters".

The storm forced Nagasaki, one of the main cities on Kyushu, to scale down its annual commemoration ceremony of the 1945 bombing scheduled for

Wednesday.

The ceremony is traditionally held outdoors at the city's Peace Park and is attended by government ministers, officials and thousands of guests including survivors of the bombing.

The typhoon was located east of the island of Amami Oshima on Monday afternoon, some 350 kilometres (220 miles) south of Kyushu, gusting up to 144 kilometres (90 miles) per hour, the agency said.

The slow-moving nature of the typhoon could mean rain-falls could become prolonged, increasing risks of disasters such as flooding and landslides, the agency said.



## Neelam, Dr. Pardeep, Keshav inaugurate Paver tile work in Bharat Nagar

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 7: Neelam Nargotra, Councillor, JMC Ward No. 40 in presence of Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP and Keshav Chopra, Talab Tillo Mandal President, inaugurated a work of laying paver tiles at Bharat Nagar.

Neelam Nargotra, while inaugurating Paver Tile work, said that with the laying of paver tiles, the long-standing demand of lane residents has been fulfilled. She said that this would also solve the sanitation problem of the lane with the smooth flow of filthy water in the drains.

Neelam, while giving details of the present works said that this Paver tile work in the lane along with other works would be completed with the estimated Cost of Rs 40 Lakh with the funds allocated in (City Grant), Councillor Funds.

She has served residents of the Ward with the selfless motto,



she said and added that many lane and drain works are being executed at this time and the remaining areas will also be covered soon with the needed construction and repair works.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra appreciated the dedication of local Councillor, for her proactive approach to address the genuine demands of the local residents.

He said that the BJP believes

in the politics of development rather than profiteering.

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a benchmark by his hard work and every BJP worker is continuously serving the society 365 days in a year following his directions.

He said that BJP believes in the wholesome development of an individual, society, and the nation; and as such framed the core policies to benefit ear-

lier neglected and downtrodden segments with the blend of basic amenities and advance development.

Keshav Chopra reaffirmed the party's commitment to the development. He said with the ongoing development works, Talab Tillo will soon develop into a mesmerizing place to visit, shop and reside. He also appealed to the common public to participate in the making of beautiful ambience in the surroundings.

District Media Incharge Arun Dubey, Mandal Vice President Parveen Ghai, Mandal V-President Rahul Nargotra, Mandal General Secretary Paramjeet Ravinder, Social Worker Abhishek Sharma, Additional Media Secretary Mandal Vikas Kumar, Shabab (JE JMC), Department Supervisor and number of prominent locals were present.

## BJP Mahila Morcha celebrates National Handloom Day in SD Memorial School

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 7: Mahila Morcha, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir celebrated National Handloom Day in SD Memorial School, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

The Programme commenced with the Fancy Dress Competition and all the participants spoke on the Importance of Handloom and Artisans who made effort and have been transferring the skill of weaving to future generations.

Sanjita Dogra, President Mahila Morcha addresses the students and spoke on "The History and Significance of Indian Handloom" and of supporting our local weavers and artisans. She



appealed to the students and the staff of the school to promote our Handloom sector by using our traditional Handloom products.

She also briefed the schemes undertaken by the government to promote Handloom in the Union Territory.

Handloom and Handicraft has become an integral part of our society, touching each and every household of the Union Territory, she said.

Sanjita Dogra felicitated all the participants by giving them Certificate of Appreciation.

Others present were Reema Padha, Anita Gandotra, Suman Raina, Poonam Gupta, Arti Koul, Usha Rajput and Veena Parmar.

## SKJAVS Trust starts signature campaign for establishment of Sanskrit University in J&K

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 7: Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan (SKJAVS) Trust conducted a signature campaign near Purani Mandi Chowk (Ancient Hanuman Ji Temple) for the establishment of Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, thousands of people signed and supported the demand for establishment of Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir.

Head of the Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri, said that there are fourteen Sanskrit universities and three central Sanskrit universities in India, the total number of these days is seventeen. And Jammu and Kashmir does not have a single Sanskrit University. Jammu and Kashmir Devvani is considered to be a stronghold of Sanskrit scholars.

We have presented this issue many times before the state and central government. Today we have started the signature campaign, after a few days a memorandum with signatures will be submitted to the President of India and the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and



Kashmir Manoj Sinha, he said.

On this occasion, Councilor Anita Sharma said that India has a huge treasure of knowledge in the form of Sanskrit, if it is not handled, not only this language but also the culture of India will be harmed, so we support this demand of Mahant Rohit Shastri. Let's say that Sanskrit University should be established in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dignitaries like Purani Mandi Hanuman Mandir Mahant Narsingh, Deepak Gupta president of the Traders Federation Ware House-Nehru Market (Regd.), BJP Bharat Abhiyan in charge, Er. Dil Bahadur Jamwal, Ritesh Khajuria, Naresh Raina, Arun Makhnotra were present on the occasion.

## Dr. Nirmal, Prof. Gharu listen to public grievances

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 7: A large number of people from Jammu and other areas reached BJP headquarter, Jammu to take up their problems with former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh and other leaders.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, alongwith Ex-MLA & DDC Prof. Gharu Ram, BJP Vice-President Anuradha Charak and Secretary Arvind Gupta, listened to the grievances of the people and took up every matter with the senior officials of the concerned departments and stressed upon them to take immediate measures to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

In today's public Darbar, people in groups and is individuals from Ramban, Doda, Billa-war, Dina Amb, Jammu east, Uri (Kashmir),



Akhnoor, Rajouri and Vijapur, had direct interaction with BJP leaders and informed about their burning problems related to release of salary, transfers, health treatment, Awas Yojna scheme, sanctioning of link roads, loans for setting up own earning units etc.

A large number of the VDGs also met BJP leaders and expressed their gratitude towards the party for helping them in getting their salaries released, which was stopped in October

2017 and were suffering for so many years.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, on this occasion, said that the BJP leaders are available at the party headquarter on every working day and listen to the public with a motive of providing help to them in getting their problems resolved.

He said that the BJP is not only a political party with the sole objective of getting votes in elections but a mission to remain in public and serve the people to the best possible extent.

He said that the BJP cadre is always in front to stand with the public in their sorrows and joy.

"The BJP has proved, time and again, that it stands committed for the nation and its people", Dr. Nirmal Singh said and added that self is last for us, which is the basic principle of BJP.

Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat appealed to the people not to trust the Congress and other parties, which have turned issueless and are working only to defame BJP.

He said that the people have very well seen this mis-governance of these parties for decades and cannot be misled any more.

Anuradha Charak and Arvind Gupta coordinated the grievances camp proceedings and diazied the issues presented by the visiting masses.

They said that BJP leaders sincerely try to provide the solution to every issue presented by the visiting persons and deputations.

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I, Krishan Lal Sharma (old Name), S/o Ram Chand, R/o Bardhal Kalan has changed my name Krishan Lal Sharma (old name) to Krishan Lal (new name). I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Krishan Lal (New Name).

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### Govt will take care of power bills of poor, 'but' those having palatial houses, I-Phones with 5-G must pay as per usage: LG Sinha

as possible," he said. The LG said that J&K people are getting the cheapest electricity compared to other states.

"We have borrowed Rs 20,000 Crore worth electricity from outside in the past three to four years. This won't do. People must pay as per usage," he said.

"Given the J&K's topography and snowfall, some projects get delayed. Delay in completion of projects has been given to us in legacy and we are trying to break this tradition of delay in projects' completion," he said.

About farmers, he said that at present J&K farmer's income is at number 5 across the country and time is not far when "our farmer's income will be number 1."

### Two terrorists killed as army foils infiltration bid in Poonch

yet to be retrieved from the scene. Jammu-based defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said the two infiltrating terrorists were engaged by the joint team of Army and police in Garhi Battalion area around 2 am.

"One terrorist fell down immediately while the second terrorist tried to run back to LoC, engaged and hit and was seen falling down on the ground," the officer said.

The movement of the terrorists was picked up in the general area Degwar Terva, he said, adding the operation is in progress and further details are awaited.

### Rahul Gandhi's disquali-

### fication as Lok Sabha MP revoked

conviction paving the way for his return to the Lok Sabha.

"After Shri Rahul Gandhi's reinstatement as an MP, BJP should concentrate in governance rather than targeting Opposition leaders," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a tweet.

### Editors Guild of India expresses concern over Press & Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023

Under Section 36 of the DPDP Bill, the Guild said, the government can ask any public or private entity (data fiduciary) to furnish personal information of citizens, including journalists and their sources.

### Fresh Batch Of Pilgrims Leaves From Srinagar For Amarnath Yatra

thank our Army for this. I will come here every year" Devi Lal kumawat, a pilgrim said.

"Administration has helped in every way; local people are also very cooperative. Everyone should come and see Kashmir, we are very happy to be here," another pilgrim told ANI.

The 62-day-long Amarnath Yatra, which began on July 1 will culminate on August 31, 2023.

### Four former J&K legislators, 3 DDC members among 21 leaders join Congress

Kharge, AICC general secretary in-charge organisation K C Venugopal, AICC in-charge of state Rajani Patil and Jammu

and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani were also present on the occasion.

Yashpal Kundal, an ex-Minister, a two time legislator from Panthers Party and the Chief of the SC/ST and OBC Department of AAP in J-K, was among those who joined the Congress here.

Haji Abdul Rashid Dar, a former vice-president of JKPC who later joined Azad's party, also returned to the Congress fold.

Naresh K Gupta (DPAP), Sham Lal Bhagat (DPAP), Namrata Sharma (Apni Party), Saima Jan (DPAP), Shahjehan Dar (DPAP), Farooq Ahmad (AAP), Taranjit Singh Toni, Gazanfar Ali, Santosh Majotra (DPAP), Rajni Sharma (DPAP), Nirmal Singh Mehta (DPAP), Madan Lal Chalotra (APNI Party), Hamit Singh Batti (AAP), Ramesh Pandotra (AAP), Vaid Raj Sharma (AAP), Mandeep Chowdhary (AAP), Nazir Ahmed Auqab, Maheshvar Vishwakarma and Jung Bahadur Sharma (DPAP) joined the Congress.

Several leaders, who had left the Congress to join Azad's party after he quit the grand old party and formed his own outfit, have rejoined the Congress since then.

### Cricketer Sarfaraz Khan gets married in Kashmir

Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League (IPL), dressed in a black sherwani. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CvnlGzmvICw/>

Sarfaraz is going through a purple patch in his first-class cricket career. Sarfaraz has scored 3505 runs in 37 first-class matches. He has an outstanding average of 79.65 and has struck 13 hundred. His highest knock is 301\* in domestic games.

In List A cricket, he has scored 469 runs with an average of 39.08 in 26 matches. He also has two centuries in list cricket.

In the 2022-23 Ranji Trophy season, Sarfaraz scored 556 runs with an impressive average of 92.66. He has also bagged three centuries in 6 matches.

The Mumbai batter was the leading run-scorer in the year 2022 where he had struck 982 runs with an average of 122.75 in six test matches. He had four hundred under his belt.

In 2019-2020, he was amongst the top five run-getter in the Ranji Trophy. He scored 928 runs with an average of 154.66 in six games. He had hit three centuries with the career-best knock of 301\* in first-class cricket.

As the new season dawns, Sarfaraz is primed to kickstart it with a resounding impact, driven by his fervent aspiration to secure a coveted spot in the Indian squad.

His focus extends to refining his skills for the limited-overs format, entailing seizing the opportunities that come his way in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

He aims to follow in the illustrious footsteps of Tilak Varma and Yashasvi Jaiswal, who have already left a significant imprint in the T20 and Test, respectively.

### 25 dengue cases reported in Jammu

instances reported from Udhampur, Kathua, and Samba.

Notably, no dengue patients have been hospitalized as of now, as all cases were managed on an outpatient basis.

To address the situation, Secretary of the Health and Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar, conducted a review meeting on August 3. The meeting included Principals from all GMCs of J&K, the Directors of Health Services for Jammu and Kashmir, officials from the Health and Medical Education Department, representatives from the Jammu Municipal Corporation, Medical Superintendents from Jammu Division, Chief Medical Officers from various districts, State Surveillance Officers from Jammu and Kashmir, and other officials.

During the meeting, Kumar emphasized a three-pronged strategy for controlling and preventing the further spread of dengue. This strategy includes focusing on case management, information, education, and communication (IEC/BCC) campaigns, and integrated vector control management.

To execute these plans, Kumar called for an aggressive IEC/BCC campaign to be carried out through local radio, television, and Jammu Municipal Corporation's

garbage collection vans.

Additionally, he issued directives to enhance surveillance activities for vector-borne diseases in districts. He also asked for identification and prioritisation of high-risk areas, to develop a comprehensive strategy for the integrated vector management (IVM).

Kumar underscored the importance of ensuring the availability of diagnostic kits, drugs, insecticides, and other necessary logistics in all districts of Jammu division.

He urged all Chief Medical Officers to step up surveillance efforts and implement source reduction activities to effectively control the spread of dengue.

In an effort to stop the spread of the vector-borne infections during the monsoon season, the authorities are also releasing Gambusia fishes in the ponds in some of the districts which are potentially vulnerable to the spread of the epidemic. These fishes eat the larvae of the mosquitoes to control the infection.

### High Court Dismisses 'Deserter' Paramilitary Man's petition challenging termination

orders in question were passed and actions were taken outside its jurisdiction. The dismissal orders were issued by Commandant of 134 Battalion CRPF at Gulzarbagh Patna, Bihar on July 31, 2001.

The Court emphasised that the knowledge of the termination order while the petitioner was in Kashmir did not confer jurisdiction to entertain the case. It was stated that the facts related to termination and enquiry were the decisive factors in determining the court's jurisdiction, and in this case, they all occurred outside Jammu and Kashmir.

Consequently, the writ petition was dismissed due to the lack of territorial jurisdiction. The petitioner was granted the liberty to approach the appropriate forum in accordance with the law if desired.



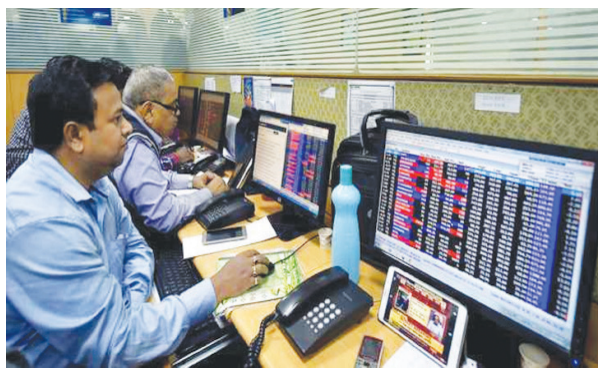
## Equity markets climb in early trade

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 210.43 points to 65,931.68 in early trade

MUMBAI, Aug 7 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices climbed in early trade on Monday, extending their previous day's rally, amid buying in index majors ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries along with a mixed trend in Asian markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 210.43 points to 65,931.68 in early trade. The NSE Nifty advanced 66.1 points to 19,583.10.

From the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Sun Pharma, Larsen & Toubro, NTPC, ICICI Bank, UltraTech Cement, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies and



Reliance Industries were the major gainers. Nestle, Tata Steel, ITC, IndusInd Bank, Power Grid and Bajaj Finance were among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Tokyo and Hong Kong quoted in the green while Seoul and Shanghai were trading lower.

The US markets ended lower on Friday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.06 per cent to USD 86.19 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors offloaded equities worth Rs 556.32 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

## Centre's debt triples to Rs 155.6 lakh crore in nine years

The central government's debt had grown to Rs 105.1 lakh crore by March 2020 — at the beginning of the COVID-pandemic in India.

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): The last nine years have seen a near tripling of central government's debt to Rs 155.6 lakh crore, according to minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary, who however termed the center's debt profile as "safe and prudent". The central government's debt had been at Rs 58.6 lakh crore in 2014.

However, as a percentage of India's gross domestic product — or the total value of goods and services produced in the country — central debt has not seen such a sharp increase. Instead, it has grown to 57.1% of the GDP as of March this year from 52.2% in 2014.

The deterioration in the central government's debt profile runs contrary to the target of reducing central debt to 40% of India's GDP by March 2025



under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003.

Responding to a question by SR Parthiban in Lok Sabha, Chaudhary put most of the

blame for the slippage on the COVID pandemic.

The central government's debt had grown to Rs 105.1 lakh crore by March 2020 — at the beginning of the COVID-pandemic in India.

Over the next year, it rose by Rs 16.8 lakh crore to Rs 121.9 lakh crore by March 2021, pointed out Chaudhary.

However, over the next two years, the central government budget has further ballooned by Rs 33.7 lakh crore rupees to Rs 155.6 lakh crore.

'SAFE AND PRUDENT' Chaudhary also added that the government's debt was a "safe and prudent" level as most of it was owed in Indian currency.

As of March 2014, India's external debt was worth around Rs 3.74 lakh crore, which rose to around Rs 7.49 lakh crore as of March 2023. However,

Chaudhary pointed out that, as a percentage of India's total GDP, India's external debt fell to 2.7% from 3.3% over the same period.

The largest external lender to the country was Japan, to which India owed Rs 1.69 lakh crore as of March 2023. As of March 2014, the number was Rs 79,825 crore.

The second biggest foreign currency lender to India was the Asian Development Bank with an outstanding of Rs 1.61 lakh crore as of March this year. In 2014, India owed ADB Rs 51,469 crore.

Other major lenders to India include International Development Association (Rs 1.54 lakh crore), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Rs 1.36 lakh crore), Russia (Rs 25,448 crore) and Germany (Rs 22,615 crore).

## Reliance seeks shareholder nod to appoint Mukesh Ambani as head for another 5 years at nil salary

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): Reliance Industries Ltd, India's most valuable company, has sought shareholder's approval to give Mukesh Ambani another five-year term as chairman and managing director of the company till 2029 -- a period during which he has opted to draw nil salary.

Ambani, 66, will cross the company law-mandated 70 years age for the chief executive of the company and requires a special resolution by the shareholders for him to be appointed beyond that age bar.

In a special resolution, Reliance sought the nod of shareholders to appoint Ambani as the head of the company till April 2029.

Ambani has been on the board of Reliance since 1977 and was elevated as chairman of the company after the death of his father and group patriarch Dhirubhai Ambani in July 2002.

In the special resolution posted to shareholders, Reliance said its Board of Directors on July 21, 2023 approved "re-appointed Mukesh D. Ambani as Managing Director, for a period of 5 years from the expiry of his present term, i.e. with effect from April 19, 2024." Ambani, it said, had capped his annual remuneration at Rs 15 crore from financial year 2008-09 (April 2008 to March 2009) to FY20; and since FY21, he opted to forego his salary, due to COVID-19 pandemic, until the company and all its businesses were fully back to their earnings potential.

Accordingly, he has not been paid any salary and profit-based commission for three years in a row beginning FY21.

At the request of Ambani, "the Board has recommended that no salary or profit-based commission be paid to him for the proposed term from April 19, 2024 till April 18, 2029," the resolution said.

"He shall, however, be entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred for travelling, boarding and lodging including for spouse and attendant(s) during business trips and provision of car(s) for use on company's business and communication expenses at residence shall be reimbursed at actuals and not considered as perquisites," the special resolution said. "The company shall arrange to provide security to Ambani and his family members and the expenses borne by the company for the same shall not be considered as perquisites." Reliance said Ambani will attain the age of 70 years on April 19, 2027. "The company has grown multifold under his leadership and it would be in the interest of the company that he continues to lead the company even after he attains the age of 70 years. Accordingly, approval of the members (shareholders) is sought for passing the resolution proposed (to give him another 5-year term) as a Special Resolution." Ambani, it said, satisfies all the conditions set out in company law and has not disqualified from being appointed as director.

"In terms of Article 86(1) of the Articles of Association of the company, Shri Mukesh D. Ambani is not liable to retire by rotation. Regulation 17(1D) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 provides that

in such cases, the continuation of the director shall be subject to the approval by the shareholders in a general meeting once in every five years," it said, adding he is being sought to be re-appointed till April 18, 2029.

Ambani has for a third year in a row drawn no salary from his flagship firm in the last fiscal as he voluntarily gave up remuneration in light of the pandemic hitting the business and economy.

In its latest annual report, Reliance said Ambani's remuneration for the financial year 2022-23 was "nil".

In June 2020, he voluntarily decided to forego his salary for the year 2020-21, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak in India, which exacted a huge toll on the societal, economic and industrial health of the nation.

He continued to forego his salary in 2021-22 as well and now in 2022-23.

In these three years, Ambani did not avail of any allowances, perquisites, retiral benefits, commission or stock options from Reliance for his role as the Chairman and Managing Director.

Prior to that, the Chairman and Managing Director had his salary capped at Rs 15 crore since 2008-09 in order to set a personal example of moderation in managerial compensation levels.

The Rs 15-crore salary in 2019-20 was the same as in the previous 11 years.

Ambani has kept salary, perquisites, allowances and commission together at Rs 15 crore since 2008-09, forgoing over Rs 24 crore per annum.

The remuneration of his cous-

ins Nikhil and Hital Meswani rose to Rs 25 crore each, including Rs 17.28 crore commission (unchanged from previous fiscal year).

Executive Directors P M S Prasad and Pawan Kumar Kapil saw their remuneration rise.

While Prasad drew Rs 13.50 crore in 2022-23 including performance linked incentives for 2021-22 which was paid in 2022-23. In 2021-22, he drew Rs 11.89 crore.

Kapil got Rs 4.40 crore, up from Rs 4.22 crore in 2021-22. He completed his 5-year term on May 15, 2023 and has since ceased to be a director of the company.

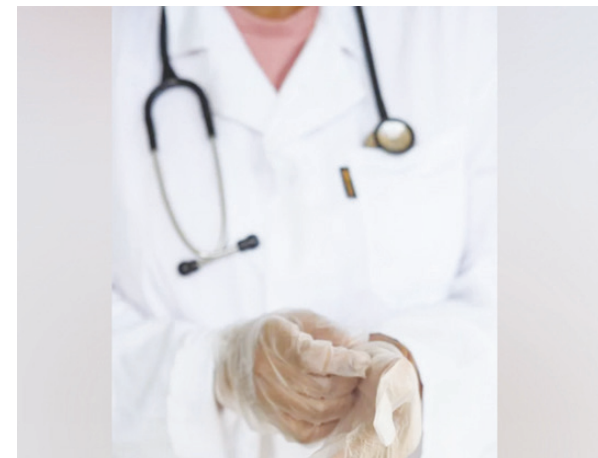
Ambani's wife Nita, a non-executive director on the company's board, earned Rs 6 lakh as a sitting fee (up from Rs 5 lakh in 2021-22) and another Rs 2 crore commission for 2022-23 (unchanged from previous fiscal). She had in 2020-21 got Rs 8 lakh sitting fee and another Rs 1.65 crore commission.

Besides Nita Ambani, other non-executive directors include Dipak C Jain, Raghunath A Mashelkar, Adil Zainulbhai, Raminder Singh Gujral, Shumeet Banerji, former SBI chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya, former CVC K V Chowdhary and Saudi sovereign wealth fund nominee Yasir Othman H Al Rumayyan.

While all independent directors got a Rs 2 crore commission and sitting fee.

K V Kamath who was appointed on Reliance board in January 2023 was paid a sitting fee of Rs 3 lakh and a commission of Rs 39 lakh.

## Thymus plays an important role in cancer prevention: Study



BOSTON (US), Aug 7 (Agencies): According to a new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the thymus is important for adult health in general, as well as preventing cancer and possibly autoimmune disease.

The thymus gland, which produces immune T cells before birth and throughout childhood, is frequently thought to be nonfunctional in adults, and it is occasionally removed during cardiac surgery to allow easier access to the heart and major blood vessels.

The researchers compared the risk of death, cancer, and c in 1,146 adults who had their thymus removed during surgery to 1,146 demographically matched patients who underwent similar cardiothoracic surgery without thymectomy to see if the thymus benefits adults' health.

The researchers also measured T-cell production and blood levels of immune-related molecules in a subset of patients.

"By studying people who had their thymus removed, we discovered that the thymus is absolutely required for health. If it isn't there, people's risk of dying and risk of cancer is at least double," said senior author David T. Scadden, MD, director of the Center for Regenerative Medicine at MGH and co-director of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute.

"This indicates that the consequences of thymus removal should be carefully considered when contemplating thymectomy."

An additional analysis involving all thymectomy patients with more than five years of follow-up found that the overall mortality rate was

higher in the thymectomy group than in the general US population as was cancer mortality. Although Scadden and his colleagues discovered that the risk of autoimmune disease did not differ significantly between the thymectomy and control groups overall in their study, they did notice a difference when patients with infection, cancer, or autoimmune disease prior to surgery were excluded from the analysis.

T cell production and immune-related molecules were measured in a subset of patients (22 in the thymectomy group and 19 in the control group, with an average follow-up of 14.2 postoperative years), and those who had undergone thymectomy had consistently lower levels of new T cells and higher levels of pro-inflammatory molecules in the blood.

Scadden and his colleagues intend to investigate how different levels of thymus function in adults affect people's health.

"We can test the relative vigour of the thymus and define whether the level of thymus activity, rather than just whether it is present, is associated with better health," he said.

## What is Eris? The new Covid variant spreading rapidly in the UK

UNITED KINGDOM, Aug 7 (Agencies): As the world continues to grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic, a new variant named Eris or EG.5.1 has emerged, causing alarm across the globe.

This strain of the Omicron variant was first identified on July 31, 2023, and has since become the second most prevalent variant in the United Kingdom, accounting for one in ten Covid cases.

**SYMPTOMS OF ERIS**

Eris is a descendant of Omicron and shares some of its symptoms. According to the ZOE Health Study, the five most common symptoms associated with this variant are a runny nose, headache, fatigue (ranging from mild to severe), sneezing, and a sore throat.

However, it's important to note that these symptoms are not exclusive to Eris and can also be seen in other variants of the virus.

The rapid spread of Eris has raised concerns among health experts. Professor Christina Pagel, a member of Independent Sage, warned that the UK could potentially face another wave driven by these variants, waning immunity, and unfavourable weather conditions, as quoted by The National News.

As people spend more time indoors due to inclement weather, the risk of

transmission increases.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) said EG.5.1, which has been nicknamed Eris, makes up one in seven new COVID cases, as per news agency.

Eris was classified as a variant on July 31 after its prevalence was recorded in the country due to increasing cases internationally, particularly in Asia.

Dr Mary Ramsay, UKHSA's Head of Immunisation, said that regular washing of hands can help protect you from Covid-19 and other bugs and viruses. Dr Ramsay added that if a person is experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness then they should stay away from others where possible.

While Eris is designated as a variant under monitoring by the World Health Organisation (WHO), it is not currently classified as a variant of concern.

**TREATMENT FOR ERIS**

In terms of treatment, it remains the same regardless of the infectious variant. Patients with mild to moderate illness are usually advised to remain home and self-isolate for up to 14 days to avoid spreading the virus. Vaccination continues to be the most effective way to build herd immunity and put an end to the pandemic.

## People with hepatitis C cure still face risk of death, reveals study

WASHINGTON (US), Aug 7 (Agencies): Even after being cured of hepatitis C, those who recover have a much higher chance of dying than the general population.

Historically, interferon-based therapy was used to treat hepatitis C, which was frequently ineffective. However, new medications known as direct-acting antivirals (DAA) were developed in 2011. More than 95 per cent of DAA-treated patients now achieve a "virological cure" and have a significantly lower risk of death than untreated patients.

However, the question of what prognosis cured patients can expect in comparison to the general population is still being debated.

To investigate further, a team of UK and Canadian researchers set out to measure mortality

and cause significant and potentially fatal liver damage over time if treatment is not received.

Hepatitis C is a virus that can infect the liver

rates in people who had a hepatitis C cure and compare them to the general population.

The researchers examined data from three population studies conducted in British Columbia (Canada), Scotland, and England involving 21,790 people who were cured of hepatitis C between 2014 and 2019. Individuals were divided into three groups based on the severity of their liver disease at the time of cure: pre-cirrhosis (only in the British Columbia and Scotland studies), compensated cirrhosis, and end-stage liver disease.

Over an average follow-up period of 2-4 years, data were linked to national medical registries and several causes of death were examined, including

liver cancer, liver failure, drug-related death, external causes (primarily accidents, homicides, and suicides), and circulatory system diseases.

After age was taken into account, death rates were significantly higher than in the general population across all disease severity groups and settings.

In Scotland, for example, the rate for all patients was 4.5 times higher than the general population (442 deaths observed versus 98 expected), whereas rates in British Columbia were 3.9 times higher (821 deaths observed versus 209 expected).

Rates also increased significantly with the severity of the liver disease. In British Columbia, for example, rates were three times higher

in people without cirrhosis and fourteen times higher in patients with end-stage liver disease.

The leading cause of excess death in patients without cirrhosis was drug-related, whereas the two leading drivers in patients with cirrhosis were liver cancer and liver failure.

Older age, recent substance use, alcohol use, and pre-existing conditions (comorbidities) were all associated with higher death rates across all disease stages and settings.

These are preliminary findings, and the researchers acknowledge that they may not be applicable in all settings, particularly where injecting drug use is not the predominant mode of hepatitis C transmission.



## India vs West Indies: Batters need to take more responsibility, says skipper Hardik Pandya

India put up another underwhelming batting display as they could manage only 152/7 in the second T20I

PROVIDENCE (GUYANA), Aug 7 (Agencies): Not pleased with his team's display with the willow, India skipper Hardik Pandya said batters have to take more responsibility going forward.

India put up another underwhelming batting display as they could manage only 152/7 in the second T20I against the West Indies, which the hosts won by two wickets.

The total was only a touch better than the 145/9 they managed in the first game.

"If I am being honest that was a not a pleasing batting performance. The wickets were falling and the track was on the slower side. We could have batted better. 160 plus or 170 would have been a good total.

"Batters need to take more responsibility," Hardik said at the post-match presentation.



India trail the five-match series 0-2 with the likes of Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav and Sanju Samson failing to score runs.

"With the current combination we have we will have to trust our top seven batters to come good and hope the bowlers win

you games. We have to find ways to make sure we have the right balance, but at the same time, batters need to take more responsibility."

Tilak Varma has looked at ease, playing in his debut series as he scored the bulk of the runs for India.

"The way he has been batting, that is something we are looking at. A left-hander at No. 4 gives us a right-left combination throughout. The youngsters are coming with confidence and fearlessness."

West Indies skipper Rovman Powell was delighted with the win.

"It's a very good position to be in. Hopefully we can keep winning. We always knew it was going to come down to how we batted against spin. Shows cricket is a game of glorious uncertainties."

On shuffling his bowlers throughout the innings, he said "I realised that whenever batters go at the bowlers, they don't go at the first over. So I tried to eliminate that and gave my bowlers one-over spells, especially fast bowlers because it is very hot."

## Lionel Messi scores twice as Inter Miami rally to oust FC Dallas in PKs

FRISCO, Aug 7 (Agencies): Lionel Messi scored twice for his new team as Inter Miami advanced to the Leagues Cup quarterfinals on penalties after rallying from a pair of two-goal deficits to level things at 4-4 by the end of regulation against FC Dallas on Sunday night in Frisco, Texas.

Messi also assisted Benjamin Cremaschi's goal for Miami, which had gone winless in 11 league matches prior to the Argentine World Cup winner's arrival last month.

All four of Messi's appearances with Inter Miami have come in the Leagues Cup, a tournament that pits all MLS and Liga MX teams against each other. The regular season will resume in two weeks.

Cremaschi also scored the decisive penalty kick in a 5-4 tiebreaker that ended in favor of Miami, which will play the winner of Monday's match between the Houston Dynamo and Charlotte FC.

Facundo Quignonez, Bernard Kamungo and Alan Velasco scored for Dallas, which held leads of 3-1 and 4-2 before losing its grip on the match. Paxton Pomykal was the only penalty-taker to miss, skying FC Dallas' second kick

over the crossbar.

Despite the tournament exit, Dallas is the first team to hold Miami to so much as a draw over 90 minutes since Messi debuted in the tournament's group stage.

Messi gave Miami the lead in the sixth minute when he took Jordi Alba's cross and drove a first-time, left-footed finish from the edge of the penalty area into the bottom left corner of the net.

Officials originally ruled the goal offside because of striker Josef Martinez's position on the play. But that call was reversed after a video review, where referee Cesar Ramos ruled that Martinez did not impede goalkeeper Maarten Paes' ability to save the ball.

After Dallas turned the match around and eventually grabbed a 4-2 lead, Miami benefitted from an own goal before Messi hit a curling free kick strike into the top right corner beyond the dive of Paes.

It was reminiscent of Messi's first goal for the Herons, when he scored from another dead ball to decide a 2-1 victory over Cruz Azul in the group stage of the tournament.

## India captain Rohit Sharma looking forward to massive home support in ODI World Cup 2023

NEW DELHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma is looking forward to the ODI World Cup 2023. Speaking at an ICC event in the United States of America from the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour, Sharma said that he is eager for the home support India are going to get during the tournament.

This is the first time that India will be hosting the tournament alone. The last time the ODI World Cup was staged in the subcontinent in 2011, India hosted the games alongside Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Speaking about the same, Sharma said that every venue where India will be playing their matches was going to be special in the World Cup.

"I know for a fact that every ground, every venue that we will be traveling to will get massive support. You know, it's the World Cup, so everyone is looking forward to this and the World Cup coming back to India after 12 years — you know 2011 was the last time we played a 50-over World Cup. We played a 20-over World Cup in 2016 but a 50-over World Cup after 12



years in the country, people are quite excited and we can see the buzz already back home. I'll be looking forward to playing in all venues. They all have their own charm and speciality, so I would like to embrace that," Sharma was quoted as saying via an ICC release.

Recalling his experience from the 2019 ODI World Cup, Sharma said that every day it is a fresh start in a big tournament like this. Sharma was the top scorer in the previous edition of the tournament, hitting 648 runs from 9 matches. India were looking strong throughout the 2019 edition, but lost to New Zealand in the semi-finals, which also turned out to be the last international match for Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"Yeah, I know every day is a fresh start. Every day is a fresh start, it's not like Test match

cricket where you have the momentum with you and you carry the momentum to the next day," Sharma said.

"One-day cricket, limited overs format is like that, that's where the challenge comes. You've to start fresh every day and you know that's where I was. I was in a good mind space, I was feeling really good about my cricket, prepared really well before the World Cup and when you're heading into a tournament like that, all you want to do is start well, mentally and physically fresh and then everything falls into place," he further added.

India are yet to name their ODI World Cup squad.

They have been experimenting in their outings in the run-up to the tournament and are expect to announce their preliminary squad sometime in August.

## Coco Gauff defeats Maria Sakkari in Washington for her 4th title

WASHINGTON, Aug 7 (Agencies): Away from a tennis court, Coco Gauff is still, in some ways, a typical teen, rolling her eyes at receiving FaceTime calls from a younger sibling — "I'm at press right now, Bro" — and her father — "Oh, my God" — while two versions of the DC Open trophy she earned Sunday sat on the table in front of her.

With a racket in her hand, Gauff is not typical at all, as her success so far shows. And after the disappointment of a first-round exit at Wimbledon last month, the 19-year-old from Florida appears back to her best as the start of the US Open approaches later this month.

Surging at the end of each set, Gauff defeated Maria Sakkari 6-2 6-3 in the Washington final for the fourth WTA Tour singles title of her career. Gauff is the youngest women's champion of the hard-court tournament in the nation's capital and the first player since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009 to win four WTA tournaments as a teenager.

"I would say," said Gauff, who is ranked No. 7 and seeded No. 3, "I'm heading in the right direction." Well, there's an understatement.

"She's already near the top, but there is a lot of room to get better," said Gauff's new coach, Pere Riba, who was joined on her team by consultant Brad Gilbert in Washington.

"I'm happy, of course, that she won the tournament. I'm more happy about the way she did it. Her energy and attitude are more important for the long



term."

What a week it was, though. Gauff, the runner-up at the 2022 French Open, didn't drop at set and ceded just 19 total games across four matches.

At night, Dan Evans became, at age 33, the oldest men's champion in Washington since Jimmy Connors was 35 in 1988 by beating Tallon Griekspoor 7-5 6-3 in a final delayed by more than two hours in the second set because of a thunderstorm.

It was the second ATP Tour title for Evans, who was just 8-18 in 2023 before the DC Open and now will rise from No. 30 to a career-high No. 21 in the rankings Monday.

"I had to keep telling myself it was match-by-match and not so long ago I wasn't playing great," he said.

"It was a good effort mentally to just stay in the present and keep fighting for each point. And I did a great job of that this week."

This was the first year the

tournament was a combined ATP-WTA 500 event. Despite equal billing, the prize money wasn't the same — and won't be until 2027. Gauff earned USD 120,150; Evans received USD 353,445.

In addition to the No. 9-ranked Sakkari, Gauff eliminated defending champion Liudmila Samsonova and Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Belinda Bencic.

"The caliber of players I have beat this week was probably the strongest out of all of the tournaments I've played," said Gauff, who hit seven aces Sunday while improving to 4-1 in singles finals.

This was her second title of 2023, alongside one in Auckland, New Zealand, in January.

One big key this time was an improved forehand, long considered a weak point. Pere focused on altering her footwork so she would be in a better position to strike that shot and use it to attack.

"We all know that her forehand was always her weaker shot. I feel like now she's improving that. She's making more balls. She's working on that," said Sakkari, a 28-year-old from Greece who reached two Grand Slam semifinals in 2021.

"Mentally she looks a lot more mature. She knows what she's doing on the court." Sakkari, who beat top-seeded Jessica Pegula on Saturday, fell to 1-7 in finals.

"I'm not going to lie," Sakkari said, wiping away tears.

"It's pretty disappointing."

Sakkari broke to open the second set when Gauff dumped a drop shot into the net. Gauff put her hands on her head, walked to the sideline and hit her equipment bag with her racket. Soon, it was 2-0.

But Sakkari double-faulted to get broken to 3-all, and her groundstroke errors kept coming, too, often followed by a glance at her coach, Tom Hill.

Gauff noticed. She figured it was because she kept Sakkari from preying on her forehand.

"Consistently this week, I have beaten' that scouting report, and I think that's why the players tend to get a little more frustrated," Gauff said.

"Almost all week, every player that I played has been looking at their box, because I truly think that the plan that they had I was able to kind of combat. Today, she clearly had a plan, and I kind of just made that plan fizzle out a little bit."

A moment later, her phone buzzed. It was "Bro."

## PCB gets government green light for ODI World Cup

KARACHI, Aug 7 (Agencies): The Pakistan government has provided the clearance the country's cricket body has been waiting for to travel for the upcoming 2023 ICC Men's ODI World Cup in India. The Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that the government has decided to send the team to take part in the global event.

"Pakistan has consistently maintained that sports should not be mixed with politics. It has, therefore, decided to send its Cricket Team to India to participate in the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup 2023," read the statement.

The ministry's statement said that the state of bilateral relations with India should not stand in the way of fulfilling international sports-related obligations before adding that unlike India's decision to travel to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, they have taken a "constructive and responsible approach".

The Asia Cup was initially supposed to be held in Pakistan entirely but it was later agreed that a hybrid model will be followed with

Sri Lanka co-hosting the event. India will play all their matches in Sri Lanka starting from September 2 against Pakistan in Kandy.

The ministry's statement did express serious security concerns for the team, which will be led by Babar Azam, during their time in India for the World Cup. As reported by this daily, the board had been awaiting the government's decision on travelling to India even as the BCCI and ICC released the schedule on June 27.

The Pakistan government, while agreeing to send the team, said that they have written to the ICC and Indian authorities expressing their concerns. "We expect that full safety and security of Pakistan Cricket Team will be ensured during its visit to India," the statement read.

At this point, it is worth noting that as many as three matches, including the India-Pakistan one that is originally scheduled to be played in Ahmedabad on October 15 could be postponed. Initially, the Ahmedabad police had expressed security concerns over playing the



India-Pakistan match on the first day of Navratri, later the Kolkata police seem to have communicated similar concerns for the Pakistan-England clash on the day of Kali Puja (November 12).

To accommodate them, the Pakistan clash against Sri Lanka too might have to be moved from October 12 to 10. Whether the ICC and Pakistan will agree to all the changes is yet to be seen. The tournament, supposed to begin on October 5 (less than 60 days to go), does not have a final schedule as of this moment.

## Mitchell Marsh Named Australia's New T20 Captain

SYDNEY, Aug 7 (Agencies): All-rounder Mitch Marsh will get the first chance of becoming Aaron Finch's successor as Australia's T20 captain after he was announced as skipper for the upcoming T20I series against South Africa. Finch retired from T20I cricket earlier this year after a successful 76-match stint as captain that was highlighted by guiding Australia to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup title in Dubai in 2021 and selectors have taken their time on settling on his replacement. Marsh will be given first crack on winning the top job, with the talented all-rounder named captain for the T20 component of Australia's white-ball tour of South Africa that commences later this month.



While Marsh has only been named as skipper for the upcoming South Africa tour, chief selector George Bailey believes the 31-year-old is capable of holding the job on a full-time basis.

According to the official website of ICC, George Bailey said, "Mitch has long been a senior player within the white-ball structure, with this an opportunity for him to add to his leadership skills at the international

level. We look forward to him taking that step in South Africa."

Marsh will lead a new-look squad for the three-match T20I component of the tour, with selectors naming a host of fresh faces among their squad for what will be their first 20-over matches since last year's T20 World Cup.

All-rounder Aaron Hardie, opening batter Matt Short and left-arm quick Spencer John-

son are all in line for an international debut during the three-match series, with Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell, Adam Zampa and Marsh the only players in the squad that played at Australia's most recent T20I last year.

Marsh previously captained Australia to success at the ICC Men's Under-19 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand in 2010 and has experience leading his state Western Australia at the domestic level.

Australia T20 squad: Mitchell Marsh (c), Sean Abbott, Jason Behrendorff, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Aaron Hardie, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Glenn Maxwell, Matt Short, Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa.



## Art of Living facilitates "Har Ghar Dhyam" Meditation for Staff of SMVDSB

### TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Aug 7: In a collaborative effort with the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, the Art of Living conducted a meditation session as part of the "Har Ghar Dhyam" initiative.

The session took place at the serene Spiritual Growth Centre in Katra with the primary aim of nurturing the mental wellness of the dedicated staff operating within a demanding environment.

Recognizing the paramount importance of mental well-being, the meticulously structured one-hour meditation session aimed to provide much-needed reprieve and rejuvenation.

The "Har Ghar Dhyam" initiative, supported by



the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, as a component of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and holistic health.

The session was led by Dr. Rajan Salalia, a Senior Art of Living Teacher and the State

Teachers' Coordinator (STC) for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The participants in few above hundred wholeheartedly embraced the session, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback serves as a testament to the efficacy of such initiatives in addressing the chal-

lenges posed by a fast-paced and demanding environment. The staff of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board conveyed their heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to partake in a moment of tranquility and introspection.

The programme was expertly organized by

the Shrine Board Training department under the sagacious guidance of CEO SMVDSB, reflecting a holistic approach towards mental health and personal growth.

The Art of Living remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing well-being, inner harmony, and individual growth through transformative endeavors like "Har Ghar Dhyam."

The organization continues to forge meaningful collaborations with diverse entities to effect positive change within individuals and communities alike, updated Ajay Kapoor State Coordinator Bureau of Communication and Projects Art of Living Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter.

## Congress demands use of VVPAT EVMs in JMC Elections

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: The Dy Commission (District Election Officer) Jammu called a meeting of representatives of all main stream political parties on other day and took their view points in order to hold Jammu Municipal Elections in a free and fair manner.

Narinder Gupta, representative from Congress party raised the issue of using faulty and below

standard EVMs in 2018 JMC elections and said that this should not be happen this time, if the election authorities decide to use electronic voting machines in JMC elections.

In this regard JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani has written a letter to District Election Officer Jammu and demanded that Electron Voting Machines (EVM) having the facility of

VVPAT should be used to ensure free and fair JMC elections.

Congress also raised this issue during the last elections of Jammu Municipal Corporation but the Govt. at that time used the traditional machines in haste, which was also questioned by other political parties also in the fray. Congress always remained committed for free and fair elections.

## Gandoh Wrestling Association to holds Dangal on Aug 20, 21

### TOP NEWS REPORT

GANDOH, Aug 7: A meeting of wrestling and Sports association Gandoh Bhalessa was convened at Sub-division Gandoh.

The Meeting was presided over by chairman Kawel Manhas said that the historic Dangal will be organized on 20 and 21 of August.

For further information, interested wres-

tlers can still submit their entries for participation in the competition to Kawel Manhas +917051380848 Ashrif Kolhi +919797525746, Manir Shaikh +919622385907.

## Working together for a healthier world: LFO-BHF



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF), an NGO, collaborated with Block Development Office, Miran Sahib, Organises a three-day free medical camp.

This camp was supported by Talla Jewellers, Government Medical College, Jammu, Government Dental Hospital, Amphalla, and Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu under the supervision of Vivek Parihar, CEO & Founder.

The inauguration of the three-day medical camp took place on August 7th, Monday and was inaugurated by SDM Seema Parihar, BDO Gurjeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary Narinder Kumar Mal-

hotra who kicked off the camp at Darsapur, Miran Sahib.

Day 1 of the camp included an eye check-up session, along with a comprehensive awareness program highlighting the importance of Eye Flu prevention and Eye-Care in which the count of beneficiaries were 250.

During a conversation with Vivek Parihar, CEO & Director of LFO-BHF (NGO) said passionately emphasized the significant role of proper eye care in maintaining overall health and well-being. He highlighted the importance of regular eye check-ups and raised awareness about the potential risks of eye flu.

Parihar also stressed the need for community initiatives like the Free

Medical Camp to ensure that essential healthcare services reach every corner of society, promoting a brighter and healthier future for all.

Abhishek Raina said, it is an effort to engage and involve the local community, a painting competition was organised on the theme of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", which was sponsored by Study Center where 20 students showcased their creativity and artistic talent. The competition provided a platform for the youth to express their ideas and aspirations while promoting a culture of health and well-being.

Volunteers who participated were Abhishek Raina, Stuti Abrol, Navya Verma, Sachin Jandyal and many more.

## J&K UT Handball Championship concludes

### TOP NEWS REPORT

BARAMULLA, Aug 7: District Jammu lifted both men and women titles in the 9th J&K UT Handball Championship, which concluded today here at Indoor Stadium Baramulla.

Colonel Parateek Sharma (46RR) was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while Major Rajat Galot, Major Ankush Singh were the Guests of Honour.

They distributed Prizes Trophies, medals and Cash Prize of 5000 and 3000 among the winners and runners-up teams respectively, on the occasion.

The championship was organized by J&K Handball Association under the aegis of Handball Association India and sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest said that army has always been forefront in providing platform to youth and guide them to follow their goals by organizing different events across J&K UT. Jammu and Kashmir is rich in sports talent and sportsmen from here have proven their mettle at different national and international championships.

He added that proper nurturing by JKHA will



go a long way in promoting the talent at different levels.

Later Executive Member Handball Association India Ashwani Kumar Raina thanked the participating teams for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm during the tournament. He also presents a special memento to Colonel Parateek Kumar commanding officer 46 RR Baramulla and other officers of army and civil administration as a token of love and thanked them for gracing the closing ceremony & encouraging the youth towards sports activities.

Prominent persons including, Subedar Major Sikander Singh Mohd Ashraf Parray, Ravi Singh, Kaiser Asrar Wani, Former services

coach and international handball Player Pardeep Kumar, Ab Majeed Manager J&K sports council Baramulla, Showket Ahmad In charge Indoor Stadium Baramulla were present during the event.

The final match in women's section was played between District Udhampur and District Jammu, in which District Jammu emerged winner by 12 -18 goals, whereas in the men's section, the final match was

played between JKP and District Jammu wherein District Jammu scripted win by 30-29 goals.

The matches were officiated by Nissar Ahamed (Referee), Arushi Sharma and Richa Mandela.

## JKBS holds general body meet



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) held its general body meeting on Monday at Guru Gyagi Shrine Shahzadpur which was chaired by the Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj and attended by a large number of Batwal community members.

At the outset, the Sabha's President Rachpal Kaith showed the 'Registration Certificate' issued by the Registrar of Societies which was hailed by all present in the meeting.

Thereafter, the meeting discussed the present scenario of Batwal community people and their problems which had also been brought to the kind notice of the LG Manoj Kumar Sinha through a memorandum dated July 20,

2022. The meeting said it is disheartening to see that even after passage of one year, nothing has been heard from Raj Bhavan. The meeting therefore felt constrained to urge the LG Sinha to kindly refer to the said memorandum and have the suitable action taken on each item enshrined therein by the concerned departments in the larger interest of Batwal community.

Later, the meeting expanded executive body of the Sabha by nominating Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Garhi), Subedar Ram Pal Lakhotra (Tokarian), Subedar Tilak Raj Motan ( Gande), Naib Subedar Kaku Ram Kaith (Piri Trai), Havildar Mast Ram Kaith (Piri Trai), Darshan Kumar Bassa (Chumbian),

Parma Nand Kaith (Piri Trai), Birender Kaith (Chatha Gujran), Jagdish Raj Kaith (Gegian), Hans Raj Loria (Trikuta Nagar), Darshan Kumar Lakhotra (Marh), Master Naresh Kumar Kaith (Narwal Pain), Garu Ram Kaith (Chatha) and Dhian Chand Lakhotra (Chatha Gujran).

A decision to form Sabha's district, tehsil, block, Panchayat and Village committees was also taken.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Messrs Darshan Lal Motan, Dilay Ram Kaith, Des Raj Kaith, R.L.Kaith, Karan Kumar Kaith, Puran Chand Lakhotra, Panch Laju Ram Sargotra, Panch Joginder Kaith, Daya Ram Kaith, Puran Chand Kaith and Pritam Lal Kaith.

## Peoples protest against PDD, block road, demanded role back decision of smart meter

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 7: A large number of protestors, predominantly women block the main road more than one and half hour under the leadership of Bhanu Partap Gorla in the presence of Partap Singh Jamwal (Spokesperson AAP).

The protestors raised slogans against the power development department, holding them responsible for installing smart meters in their impoverished neighborhood. Their protest resulted in the disruption of traffic for more than one and hours.



Addressing the media, Bhanu Partap Gorla said that the majority of households in the area belong to lower-income groups, and the financial burden imposed by the

smart meters would be beyond their means.

Bhanu argue that the new meters will burden the poor with hefty electricity bills and demand a survey to assess peo-

ple's ability to pay.

On the occasion, Partap Singh Jamwal lashed out at the BJP for harassing the poor and common people by imposing huge taxes

leading to unprecedented price rise, and introduction of prepaid smart meters besides record unemployment, imposition of property tax and various other such anti people action.

They demanded to LG administration to immediate roll back the decision of Smart Meter.

Vikrant Sharma, Anil Gupta, Ashok Kumar Mehra, Rani Devi, Poli Devi, Verro Devi, Kanta, Mamta Suri, Sushi, Sagar Sharma, Sahil Gupta, Aadesh Thakur, Ram Pal, Jagdish, Pushpa Devi, Gyano Devi, Om Parkash, Satpal, Kewal and Vishal.