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Man arrested for duping govt job aspirants in J&K

JAMMU, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday arrested a man who was on the run for the last nine years after he was booked for duping people on the pretext of arranging government jobs, an official said. Bilal Ahmad Handoo alias "Doctor Sahib", a resident of Bemina locality in Srinagar, was arrested by the special team of economic offences wing of the Crime Branch Jammu, a spokesperson of the agency said.

He said a case under sections of the Ranbir Penal Code was registered at the Crime Branch Jammu police station in 2012 following a complaint by a person that he was duped of his hard earned money by a gang on the pretext of arranging government jobs for his children. The spokesperson said Handoo had been evading his arrest for the last nine years by constantly changing his locations.

A chargesheet against the accused, including Handoo, was filed in a court in 2014 for judicial determination after allegations of cheating and fraud were substantiated and proved against them during the course of investigation, he said.

Handoo is the eighth absconder arrested by the Crime Branch Jammu in different cases in the past nine weeks, the spokesperson said.

DSEK announces vacancies in Govt Schools

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Directorate of School Education, Kashmir has announced vacancies for the post of Cluster Resource Coordinator for Teaching Support on a contractual basis till the end of academic session 2023-24 (March 31, 2024). The last date to submit the online forms is August 20, 2023.

Candidates who are domiciles of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and secured a minimum of 50 percent marks in their post-graduation are eligible to apply. The candidates will be posted in

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Samba Bar Association calls off strike on assurance of Div Com Jammu

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JAMMU, Aug 10: A delegation of Samba Bar Association and its office bearers led by Vikram Sharma, Senior Advocate & President J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu on Thursday met the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar and thanked him for addressing the grievance of legal fraternity in general and Samba Bar Association in particular. It may be called that



Samba Bar Association had been on agitation airing their grievances against the conduct of a Sub Registrar's office.

The issue had gained wider publicity and unequivocal support from Bar Associations across the Jammu Prov-

ince including J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu.

On an initiative to seek the redressal of the grievance of by the peaceful mode through negotiation with the Administration, the Samba Bar Association office bearers approached the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu and the latter had sought negotiation with the Office of Divisional Commissioner Jammu.

In a meeting

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Six terrorist associates arrested in Baramulla



SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Six Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist associates have been

arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla and Budgam districts, officials said on Thurs-

day. They said a terror module was unearthed in Uri area of Baramulla in north Kashmir and three terrorist associates of LeT involved in running the module were arrested.

Acting on a tip off, security forces in a joint patrolling apprehended one suspected person whose search led to recovery of two grenades, they said.

The individual was identified as Showkat Ali Awan, resident of

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Centre's Bill excludes CJI for selection of CEC and other ECs

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Centre is all set to push for the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023, that will exclude the Chief Justice of India from the process of appointment.

The Bill is likely to trigger a fresh face-off between the executive and the judiciary over the new proposed Bill.

The Bill is likely to be introduced in the Rajya

Sabha on Thursday.

The Bill proposes that the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and other Election Commissioners (ECs) shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a panel comprising the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister.

The Selection Committee will be chaired by the Prime Minister, with the LoP and the Union Cabinet Minister appointed

by the Prime Minister to be the members.

The Bill also proposes that the CEC and other ECs shall be appointed from among the persons who are holding or have held a post equivalent to the rank of Secretary to the Government of India and shall be persons of integrity, who have knowledge of and experience in management and conduct of elections.

It also proposes that a search committee headed by the Cabinet

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LG to hoist Tricolour this Independence Day at Bakshi Stadium: DC Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Aijaz Asad on Thursday said that the main Independence Day function will be held at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar, while Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will hoist the Tricolour.

Talking to reporters here, Aijaz Asad as per the news agency said that all arrangements are in place for the Independence Day function.

He said that the main

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Crime Branch Kashmir chargesheets man in fake DOB case

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Crime Branch Kashmir has produced a chargesheet against an accused for submitting a fake date of birth certificate at the time of getting job at Royal Springs Gold Course Srinagar.

According to a statement, issued to the news agency the chargesheet was filed in Case FIR No. 57/2022 against Mohammad Sidiq Qazi, S/o Ghulam Mohiud-Din Qazi, of Brein Nishat before the court of Judge Small Causes Srinagar for his alleged involvement in offences punishable under Sec-

tions 420, 468 & 471 of RPC.

The statement reads that the brief facts of the case are that Crime Branch Kashmir received a complaint from some employees of Royal Springs Golf Course (RSGC), Srinagar alleging that the accused Mohammad Sidiq Qazi who is serving as a barman at RSGC Srinagar is actually 67 years of age and is still serving in the department.

"Accordingly, the instant Case was registered at P/S Crime Branch Kashmir in the

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2 security personnel among 4 injured in grenade blast in Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Four people, including two security personnel, were injured in a grenade blast in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district on Thursday, officials said. The explosion took place during a cordon and search operation in the Kokernag area of the south Kashmir district, they said.

The injured — two security personnel and as many civilians — have been hospitalised and their condition is stated to be stable, the

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Special arrangements in place to ensure smooth Independence Day functions in Kashmir: IG CRPF

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Inspector General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Srinagar sector, Ajay Kumar Yadav Thursday said that elaborate arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth conduct of all Indepen-

dence Day functions in Kashmir. He said special nakas have been established at various points in Srinagar and elsewhere to keep the peace intact.

"We are ready for the peaceful conduct of Independence Day (August 15) across

Kashmir," Yadav told reporters on the sidelines of a medical camp organized by the CRPF at Maisuma area of Srinagar.

The IG CRPF said that a proper deployment plan has been made that entails random checking etc. "Fresh nakas have

been established in the city and elsewhere. Officers are on field to monitor developments. Night checking and patrolling is taking place on a regular basis. All these steps are being taken to keep the peace intact," he said.

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Traffic on Jammu-Srinagar NH restored, fresh batch of pilgrims leave for Amarnath Shrine

BANIHAL/JAMMU, Aug 10 (Agencies): A fresh batch of 999 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Amarnath cave shrine in Kashmir early Thursday as traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was restored after a day-long closure, offi-

cials said.

The 270-km-long highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, remained closed for more than 18 hours following a massive landslide near Maroog in Ramban district around 3 am on Wednesday,

they added.

The officials said the restoration work was hampered several times during the day by frequent shooting stones from the hillock overlooking the highway which was, however, partially opened late in

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SRS seeks refund of Token Tax Payment for vehicles outside sold J&K

Lauds Supreme Court for dismissing plea of J&K Govt on exemption of token tax

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: Shri Ram Sena, J&K unit, has called upon the Transport Department of Jammu and Kashmir to initiate the process of refunding the token tax payments that were collected from vehicle owners for outside-sold vehicles.

The demand comes in the wake of a recent decision by the Supreme Court dismissing the Government's plea challenging a judgment by



the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, which directed the Government not to levy further token tax on vehicles sold outside the Union Territory.

In a statement issued today, Rajiv Maha-

jan, President of Shri Ram Sena Jammu and Kashmir, commended the Supreme Court's stance and highlighted the importance of adhering to the directives laid out by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. He said the Division Bench of the High Court, in its landmark judgment on November 9, 2021, had already ordered the transport authorities to refrain from imposing a 9 percent token tax on vehicles registered

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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)**

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, Gol Gujral, Talab Tilloo, Jammu on 5th August 2023 at Dwarka, 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 & Sweety Raina (Brother & Sister-in-Law)

Sarojini & Ashok Kumar Pandita (Sister & Brother-in-Law)

Baby Koul (Sister)

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

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

Our beloved son, **Amit Raina** fondly called as 'Babloo' who was a spark in our lives which kept our imagination alive completed his journey through this mortal world on Friday, the 4th of August, 2023, leaving us all in deep pain and agony.

Mourning is being held by us at our residence House No. 7-A, Lane-1, Block-A, Roop Nagar Enclave, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Sunday, the 13th August 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM.

Grief Stricken

Ravi Raina -Father - 9419183990

Bimla Raina -Mother

Rama Raina -Wife

Master Akshat Raina -Son

Sumitra Raina Trakroo & Ajay Trakroo -Sister & Brother-in-law

AND SAMAST RAINA & BHAT PARIVAR



Amit Raina

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

Our beloved **Sh. Ram Lal Anand**, Prop. Ram Auto Centre S/o Smt. Kesaro Devi & Late Sh. Sita Ram Anand left for his heavenly abode on 2nd Aug 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed on 11th Aug 2023 at our residence 94/6 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu J&K, at 11 am.

Deeply Missed By:

Smt. Swarn Kanta Anand - Wife

Ankush & Charu Anand - Son & Daughter-in-law

Alka & Sandeep Gulati - Daughter & Son-in-law

Sonia & Shailesh Ranjan - Daughter & Son-in-law

Kamla W/o Lt. Sh. Mohan Lal Anand - Bhabhi & Brother

Bimla W/o Lt. Sh. Subhash Chander Anand - Bhabhi & Brother

Kanta W/o Lt. Sh. Tarachand Abrol - Sister & Brother-in-law

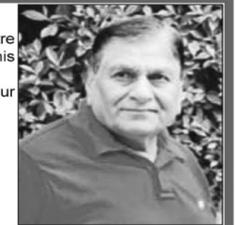
Chand W/o Lt. Sh. Ashok Sethi - Sister & Brother-in-law

Satya W/o Lt. Sh. Surinder Kohli - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law

Shashi & Narender Sobti - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law

Divit Gulati & Aadiya Anand - Grand Son & Grand Daughter

Mob. No: 7889481962, 9419185949



Sh. Ram Lal Anand

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Nirmal Kumari W/o Sh. Des Raj Sharma R/o H.No. 72, Ward No. 07, Garrian Talab, Shakti Nagar, Udhampur.**

Tenth Day will be performed on 11th of August, 2023 at 11.30 am (Friday) at Oldage Home Jagriti, Billan Bowli Lane, Near Head Post Office, Dhar Road, Udhampur and **Kriya** will be performed on 12th of August, 2023 (Saturday), at Devika Ghat, Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Des Raj Sharma - Husband - 9419214520

Smt. Renu Basotra & Sh. Vikas Sharma

Son & Daughter-in-law - 9419158802



Smt. Nirmal Kumari

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that our mother **Smt Sansaro Devi Wd/of Sh Rattan Lal Gandotra** expired on 29th July 2023.

Uthala shall be held at Hari Mandir Rehari Jammu on 11th Aug 2023 from 4 pm to 5 pm.

Grief Stricken :

Smt Ranju & Sh Naresh Kumar Verma (Retd IAS)

Dr Neelam & Dr Jagdish Gandotra

Smt Kumudini & Sh Omesh Gandotra

Smt Monica & Sh Rakesh Gandotra

Smt Rachna & Sh Ajay Verma

Smt Sonia & Sh Sanjay Verma

Smt Anu & Sh Vipan Malhotra

Smt Aruna & Dr Anil Gupta

& Grand Children

9419000329, 9419140304



Smt Sansaro Devi

KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Santosh Kapoor** Wife of Late Sh. Ved Parkash Kapoor on 30th July 2023.

Kriya will be performed at our residence 110-F, Purani Mandi, Jammu on 11 Aug 2023, Friday at 10.00 am.

& Rasam Pagri / Uthala will be held on 11 Aug 2023, Friday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Brahman Sabha, Parade, Jammu.

Grief Stricken

Son & Daughter-in-law

Sh. Parmod Kapoor & Smt. Ranju Kapoor

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Seema Bharti & Sh. Ajay Bharti

Grand Children

Dr. Shikha Kapoor Anand & Tarun Anand

Er. Ashish Bharti

Rajat Bharti

Anima Kapoor



Smt. Santosh Kapoor

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(9419181666)
Kapoor Enterprises
(7006654853)
Ajay Plastics
(9419331539)**

ANTIM ARDAAS/TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **S. Manjeet Singh Retired (J.E, PWD)** S/o Late S.Gurdit Singh (PWD) who left for his heavenly abode in a tragic road accident on 02-08-2023 at Poonch.

Arambh Sri Akhand Path on 09-08-2023 Wednesday at our Residence Mohalla Purani Poonch at 9.AM

Bhog Sri Akhand Path on 11-08-2023 (Friday) at our Residence at 9.AM

Shabad Kirtan & Antim Ardaas will be performed at Gurdwara Sant Bhai Rocha Singh Purani Poonch from 10 AM to 12:30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sdm. Satbir Kour (Wife)

Sdm. Manmeet Kour and S.Harmeet Singh (Daughter and Son-in-Law)

Sdm. Prabhdeep Kour and S.Prabjot Singh (Daughter and Son-in-Law)

S. Ramandeep Singh (Son)

Sardarni. Jasbir Kour & S. Malkeet Singh (PNB Retd.) (Sister and Brother-in-law)

Sdm. Ravinder Kour and S. Harvinder Singh (Med .Dept) (Sister and Brother-in-law)

Sdm. Uttam Kour & S. Inder Singh Sudan (Sudan Welding) (Bua and Fufa Ji)

(Deeply Remembered by Malkeet Singh)

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**S. Manjeet Singh
Retired (J.E, PWD)**

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Tilak Raj Gupta** S/o Lt. Sh. Phagun Mal R/o H No 270, Bharat Nagar Rehari Colony, Jammu on 2nd August 2023 (Wednesday).

The **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 11th August 2023 (Friday) at 11 am at Kotli Bhawan (Janj Ghar) near Hari Mandir Rehari Colony Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN-

Smt. Rajni Gupta -Wife

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sourav Gupta & Sheikhia Gupta

Varun Gupta & Avni Gupta

Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Smt.Asha Gupta W/o Lt Sh. Kewal Krishan Gupta

Sh. Kamal Gupta and Smt. Shashi Gupta

Smt. Sudesh Gupta W/o Lt Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta

ALL GRANDCHILDREN

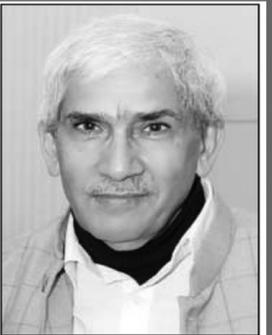
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SH. TILAK RAJ GUPTA

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our **Sh. Sundri Lal Pandita** S/o Lt. Prem Nath Pandita on 08 August 2023 originally resident of Wahibugh (Pulwama) presently at H.No.116, Lane No.2, Om Vihar, Vijay Nagar, Camp Road, Talab Tilloo, Jammu.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 17-08-2023 (Thursday) at 09:00 hrs.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt.Girja Pandita (Wife)

(Daughter-in-law & Son)

Smt.Neetu & Sh.Sunil Pandita

Grand Children: Shreyen Pandita & Kainah Pandita

Panditas, Kouls, Rains, Tickoos, Bakshis, Sahibs

Contact No.s: 9697204381, 7006435390, 9697205576, 7051102562



**SH. SUNDRI LAL
PANDITA**

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. Sanwanand Raina** originally resident of Sagam (Ananmag) presently H. No. 51, K. Vihar No. 40A, Laami Vihar Tolmal Anand Nagar Bhothi. The **Tenth Day** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 11.08.2023 at 08.00 hrs.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Shama Ji (Wife)

Son and Daughter in law

Sh. Anil Raina and Anju Raina

Daughter and Son in law

Smt. Sweety Bhat and Sh. Nana Ji Bhat

Smt. Romi Pandita and Sh. Kanwal Ji Pandit

Smt. Nandu Pandit and Sh. Ajay Pandit

Brother and Bhabhi

Sh. Rattan Lal Raina and Babi Raina

Sh. M. K. Raina and Sita Raina

Sh. Raj Nath Raina and Sheela Raina

Sister and Sister in law

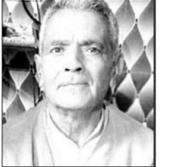
Smt. Kalpana Pandita and Lt. P. N. Pandita

Smt. Phoolia Pandita and Lt. Soom Nath Pandita

Smt. Jeta Koul and P. K. Koul

Smt. Sory and Daldeep Ji Pandit

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Sh. Omkar Nath Raina

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 Akhnour 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. Phoolia Pandita and Lt. Makhan Lal Pandita (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

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 Spty at our Residence

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh Om Prakash Gupta & Smt Shanta Gupta (Father and Mother)

Sh Prashant Gupta & Smt Meenakshi Gupta (Brother & Bhabhi)

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Stop harassing people on name of smart meters: Hari Singh, Uday

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Hari Singh Chib, President of District Congress Committee Jammu Rural, has raised serious concerns about the harassment being faced by the people of Jammu region with regard to the installation of Smart Meters.

Chib highlighted these concerns during a door-to-door campaign conducted with Uday Bhanu Chib, Senior Leader of Indian Youth Congress, in the Jammu North Assembly segment.

During the campaign, both the senior Congress leaders personally addressed the issues faced by the people and listened to their grievances. Hari Singh Chib observed that a major portion of the population is dissatisfied with the implementation of Smart Meters, as they have become a source of harassment for electricity consumers.



The DDC Rural President said that the electricity supply system in Jammu region is in complete disarray, and the installation of Smart Meters has only worsened the situation. He expressed his disappointment in the Power Department for leaving the people of Jammu region with no other option than to endure overcharged electricity bills and constant unscheduled power cuts. He asserted that the exorbitant electricity charges are

beyond the means of the general masses, and the electricity bills are excessively inflated.

Uday Chib said that people are receiving electricity bills in thousands and even lakhs, indicating a new norm of charging consumers for electricity they have not used. He demanded a thorough investigation into the ongoing cheating and harassment of electricity consumers. He urged the concerned authorities to take action against those responsible

for wrong bills and provide relief to the general masses.

He said government is purchasing power at an average rate of Rs 3.75 per unit then why bills in thousands are coming from houses of poor people.

Uday Chib highlighted the increased frequency of unscheduled power cuts, which have caused significant problems for the people, particularly the elderly, the ailing, and children. He emphasized that the Congress Party is the only solution to address these issues effectively.

Acknowledging the plight faced by the people of Jammu region, the senior Congress leaders urged the residents to support the country's oldest party in the upcoming polls in J&K, as they believe that only the Congress Party can address their concerns and bring about positive change.



Department of Information & Public Relations in collaboration with J&K Social Forestry Department organizes plantation drive as a part of Vasudha Vandan under the ongoing "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign in Jammu. Pic by: Aman Sharma

NYK Kathua organizes various programmes under Meri Maati Mera Desh



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KATHUA, Aug 10: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Kathua on Thursday organized various programmes of Meri Maati, Mera Desh on theme "Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan" Campaign in district Kathua in coordination and collaboration with Education Department, Panchayats, Youth Clubs at Airwan, Parnala, Barwal, Lohai Malhar, Dhar Jankhar-Dhar Mahanpur, Surang Billawar, Duggain, Mah-

anpur. On the occasion, rich tributes paid to our brave heart martyrs who made supreme sacrifices to safeguard the nation, remembered the sacrifices of our freedom fighters so that our young generation is inspired by their contribution and sacrifices in making India Independent from Britishers and the martyrs who saved the nation from any threat of security from any adversary and anti national elements and inculcate the spirit of patriotism

among the youth. NYK also conducted lectures on Panch Pran of Amrit Kal delivered by the Resource Persons to sensitize the youth for their active participation in vision India@2047. On various locations, families of martyrs were honored and youth and community took pledge of Panch Pran of Amrit Kal to make India Developed on 2047. Plantation drives also conducted to make Amrit Vatika in the memories of martyrs and conservation of Environment.

Rohit Choudhary joins National Conference

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Rohit Choudhary, a widely respected activist known for his tireless efforts in the field of social welfare, has officially joined the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC).

Hailing from the border Tehsil of Suchetgarh in RS Pura, Jammu, Choudhary's decision to align with the JKNC signifies a significant step towards addressing the unique challenges faced by the border regions.

His deep-rooted understanding of the issues faced by the



people in these areas is set to enrich the party's approach to governance and community empowerment.

With a proven track record of community-centric initiatives, Choudhary's involvement is poised to elevate the JKNC's commitment to inclusive

development and youth engagement.

This collaborative effort is a testament to the party's dedication to holistic progress and the upliftment of all sections of society across Jammu and Kashmir.

The induction ceremony, held at the esteemed Sher-i-Kashmir Bhawan

in Jammu, garnered attention from a distinguished gathering of party leaders, members, and media personnel.

Choudhary's commitment to addressing pressing issues and his dedication to youth empowerment resonate deeply with the core values of the JKNC.

The event saw the presence of dignitaries, including Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial Secretary Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Additional Spokesperson Th. Yashvardhan Singh, Chairperson of District Development Council (DDC) Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan, District President Jammu Rural B Naresh Bittu, Vijay Lakshmi Datta, Rakesh Singh Raka, Harshvardhan Singh, and other respected attendees.

"I firmly believe that by working together, we can make a significant impact on the issues that matter most to our region and our future," Choudhary emphasized. His enthusiasm and dedication underscore the JKNC's continued commitment to holistic development and the welfare of the people.

DPAP holds protest against PDD/JPDCL

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: On the direction of Gulam Nabi Azad, DPAP District Committee, Jammu urban held a protest against PDD/JPDCL at Babbar Chowk, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

Gharu Ram Choudhary, Zonal President DPAP and Gourav Chopra led the protest.

Chopra said that LG administration is the pushing people in controversial electricity prepaid system through faulty Smart meters.

Due to these Smart meters people are getting hefty bills and no one is ready to listen to the grievances of electricity consumers, he said adding that LG Govt should try to understand the problems faced by people.

Gourav Chopra lambasted at PDD/JPDCL and said people are in great hardships due to wrong policies of LG administration.

One side Government is issu-



ing big bills to the people and on other side LG Government has stopped the widow/Old age/ handicapped pensions of poor people which is great injustice with the people of Jammu, he added. Prabha Slathia, Provincial

President, Mahila Wing organised the protest.

Sobat Ali, corporator, Dalbir Singh, Distt. President North, Anita Thakur Provincial Gen Secretary, Anil Kohli, District Vice President, Jammu Urban, Parkash Digma, Secretary Dis-

trict, Kusam Samyal, Narendr Kour, Kusum Samyal, Kanya Sharma, Nikita Khajuria, Brijbala Sharma, Sunita Rani, Neelam, Sonia, Anjali, Rimpri, Ritu Jyoti, Sushma, Kamlesh, Salima, Saira, Ratno, Rekha, Soni, Kanta and Rani were also present.

New Kashmir finds place in Vlogs, exhibitions: Raman

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Appreciating the way young boys and girls in Kashmir are enjoying the free air on motorcycles, making vlogs, and holding exhibitions as well as musical events on the newly-developed streets and bazars of Srinagar City, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said that a new Kashmir is getting reflected through Vlogs and exhibitions, which establishes that people are enjoying their freedom that has come after abrogation of Article 370.

Raman Suri said that this controversial article had not only blocked the progress and prosperity of the people of Kashmir

but had also created an atmosphere of unrest, strikes and stone pelting. Now that militancy has been wiped out, separatism has been nailed and development is building a free atmosphere for the people to move and fulfill their dreams that were suppressed for decades, a New Kashmir is emerging on the horizon of world tourism.

Appreciating and encouraging young boys and girls for their start-ups, new businesses, vlogs, and events that are projecting a new Kashmir across the world, the BJP leader said that the art exhibition at Polo View Road followed by a musical event where traditional Kashmiri music was



brought forth before the travellers and tourists and another photo exhibition wherein pictures of the Kashmir of 18th century are on display, is attracting crowds and building a new movement in Kashmir.

Raman Suri said, the youth of Kashmir, by these activities, is erasing bad memories and moving on. Earlier, political dispensations used to instigate and mislead youth, and even create

false narratives of the Indian governments. Today, the same youth is themselves watching the actions of Union government for transforming Kashmir and creating an atmosphere of freedom wherein people can do whatever they like and carry on cultural activities promoting Kashmir in a big way.

The fear psychosis that had gripped Kashmir for decades due to misrule by political parties like NC, Congress or PDP, has been done away with. Today, a set of people belonging to the new generation are using every medium and platform to project Kashmir, do business, enjoy cultural extravaganza, and also contribute in nation building. Many

good vloggers have earned YouTube buttons and are continuing to do good work for the nation.

Raman Suri said, though a girl riding a bike in Srinagar was fined by cops for not wearing helmet which is right too, yet she has been able to make a point that Jammu and Kashmir is progressing at par with any other state or UT in the country besides days have changed and Kashmir is heading towards a new era of peace, prosperity, and development. Young boys and girls have adopted to the change and have happily embraced this development post abrogation of Article 370 to pave way for their bright future.

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Notice

Subject-Final selection list of candidates for the post of SANGINI (Anganwadi Worker)

Whereas vide this office Advertisement Notice No.-01 of 2023 Dated:-13.05.2023, applications for the post of SANGINI (AWW) were invited from the eligible female candidates for various vacant posts in Panchayats/Municipal wards under the jurisdiction of Poshan Project Marh.

Whereas after receiving of application forms, scrutiny was conducted by the members of selection Committee as per the laid down guidelines in the new Human Resource Policy issued vide Govt. order No.-222-JK SWD of 2022 Dated:-30.11.2022.

Whereas in the light of laid down guidelines, below mentioned candidates were provisionally /tentatively considered for the post of SANGINI (AWW) against available vacant posts in AWCs of Panchayat/ Municipal wards.

Whereas objections were invited from the general public regarding this tentative selection list of candidates for the post of SANGINI (AWW) SAHAYIKA published in print media under DIP/J-3987/23 dated:- 26-06-2023 and no objection has been received for the below mentioned candidates.

Hence, the final selection list is hereby issued regarding the consideration of following candidates for the post of SANGINI (AWW) against available vacancy in AWCs mentioned against each:-

Annexure "A"

S. No	Name of the Panchayat/ Municipal Ward	Name of the Ward	Name of the AWC	Name of Applicant	Parentage	D.O.B	Percent age 10+2	Points based on relative criteria of retiree	Total Points
1	Bhadrore	Ward no. 2	Bhadrore-A	MEENAKSHI KATHI	W/o Kamaljeet	09-12-1988	68.6	0	68.60%
2	Ward no. 32	Ward no. 32	PoniChak-A	NEHA SHARMA	W/o Dheeraj Sharma	18-11-1992	60.40%	0	60.40%
3	Flora Nagbani	Ward no. 4	Ladore -A	Diksha Sharma	W/o Shashi Kumar	19-10-1992	65.46	0	65.46
4	GhouManhasan(Sandwan)	Ward no. 6	Rajpur Jagir A	SONIKA DEVI	D/o Kamal Kumar	05-05-1997	79.80%	0	79.80%
5	Ghou Municipal Committee	Ward no. 5	GhouManhasan-D	VISHALI DEVI	W/o Jai Kumar	11-08-1998	91%	0	91%
6	Bhadrore	Ward no. 6	Dai Chack-A	Anshuka Sharma	D/o BhagwanDass	14-11-2002	82.40%	0	82.40%
7	Rathua	Ward no. 6	LahoriChack-A	Komaldevi	D/o Tara Chand	17-03-2002	59.40%	0	59.40%
8	Kana Chak	Ward no. 10	Sul	DaminiKaith	D/o BuaDitta	09-03-2002	68%	0	68%
9	Rajpura	Ward no. 6	JafraChack-A	ManyalBrahmana	W/o Shashi Paul	14-12-1987	49%	2%	51%
10	Parwah	Ward no. 2	Parwah -A	Palvi Devi	D/o TarsenLal	21-09-2003	90.40%	0	90.40%
11	GhouManhasan(Sandwan)	Ward no. 8	Sandwan-C	Anjana Sharma	W/o Vippan Kumar	01-10-1995	81.60%	0%	81.60%
12	Kana Chak	Ward no. 5	Camp Kana Chak	Vanshika Sharma	D/o Pritam Kumar	29-09-2003	87.40%	0	87.40%
13	Rajpura	Ward no. 2	Rajpura -A	Komal Devi	W/o Gurepreet Singh	22-10-2002	68.40%	0	68.40%
14	Kana Chak	Ward no. 7	Lalyal-B	ShivalChib	W/o KaranSingh	16-11-1997	60.60%	0	60.60%
15	Panjore	Ward no. 8	Dub Ditta-A	Asha Devi	D/o Bansilal	02-05-1988	48.16%	0	48.16%
16	Halqa	Ward no. 4	JafraChack-A	BANDANA DEVI	D/o Nika Ram	01-05-1995	48%	0	48%
17	Halqa	Ward no. 11	KotheyTokeran	ANJALI JAISWAL	W/o Naresh Kumar	21-03-1994	75.80%	0	75.80%
18	Rathua	Ward no. 4	TaruChack	SHIVANI DEVI	W/o Virender Kumar	15-03-1996	71.80%	0	71.80%
19	Ghou Municipal Committee	Ward no. 2	Gou Manhasan-C	TANNIA	W/o VikasBhagat	11-10-1999	61.60%	0	61.60%

Note:- The above mentioned candidates are advised to report to the Office of the Child Development Project Officer, PoshanMarh within ten days positively along with all original requisite documents otherwise it will be presumed that they are not interested to work on this post.

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EDITORIAL

EDUCATION
AND SPORTS

Health is the cornerstone of life. Only a healthy person can complete his life related tasks very well. In our country, the body is considered to be the instrument of religion.

It can be said without any doubt that there is an essential relationship between education and sports. If education makes the all-round development of a man, then the first part of that development is physical development. Physical development is possible only through exercise and sports. That's why it is not possible to complete the process of education without making sports or games compulsory.

Other mental, moral or spiritual development is also indirectly associated with sports and exercise. This is the reason that along with bookish education, sports and physical education is also compulsorily given in every school.

Exercise teachers, scout masters, NDSI etc. teachers are appointed in schools so that every child can participate in sports according to their interest under their supervision and make their health strong and strong.

Importance of sports and exercise in education - In a narrow sense, education is understood to mean acquiring bookish knowledge and mental development, but in a broad sense, education does not mean only mental development, but also physical, character and spiritual development. From all round development.

Physical development is necessary for all round development and sports and exercise have special importance for physical development. There is ultimate utility of sports in other areas of education as well, which can be known in the following forms-

Physical development- Physical development is the main and first step of education, which is never possible without sports and exercise. Often the complete infancy of the child is also spent in sports. By playing sports, a balance is established in different parts of the body, energy is produced in the body, blood circulation is done properly and every organ is strong.

A healthy child has more capacity to absorb bookish knowledge; Therefore, there is a great need for sports and exercise to facilitate bookish education.

Mental development- Sports and games are also very important from the point of view of mental development. A healthy body is the basis of a healthy mind. A saying is also prevalent in this regard that 'Tan Swasth to Man Swasth' (Healthy mind in a healthy body); That is, a healthy mind resides only in a healthy body.

A physically weak person suffers from various diseases and worries, becomes mentally weak and irritable. Whatever he reads and writes, he soon forgets it; Therefore, he is not able to get education. Sports and games not only increase the physical strength, along with it, cheerfulness, enthusiasm and enthusiasm also remains in the mind.

Moral development - Sports also have a big contribution in the moral development of the child. Sports develop physical and mental stamina, patience and courage and a sense of collective brotherhood and harmony. Children get used to accepting the events that happen in life with a sense of playfulness and reach the highest peak of success laughingly crossing the obstacles in the way of education.

By: Tej K Tikoo

On 7 Aug 2023, the State Investigative Agency (JK UT) sought information from the public to help investigate the case of the assassination of Justice Neelakanth Ganjoo. The official notification issued said, "...to come forward and share any account of events which has direct or indirect bearing on the investigations."

The above notification, which became viral on the social media, came as a total surprise to everyone, particularly to the Kashmiri Hindu community. As is well known by now, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had refused to permit investigation of Kashmiri Hindu killings in 1989-90 and thereafter, on the specious plea that the case was too old and producing evidence would not be possible due to the inordinate delay.

The young and dynamic former CM of Goa, Sh. Parrikar, had once said,

"I don't understand court decisions." Parrikar had articulated the sentiments of most of us. As a common Bharatiya, who cannot claim to have much knowledge of legal issues, I found the Supreme Court order strange and irrelevant on the following issues:

1. Any court is meant to examine evidence brought before it and decide the case on its merits. It is not the job of the court to gather evidence. That is the job of the police and the investigative agencies. Therefore, for the court to say, "...it is difficult to gather evidence at this late stage....", is rather a clear case of crossing the Laxman Rekha by speaking on behalf of another national institution.

2. What is even more ironical is that the same court had not stayed the investigation into the Sikh killings post-Indira Gandhi assassination; an event that occurred 5 years before the Pandit killings.

3. Israel continued to

hunt the Nazis involved in Jewish killings during holocaust that took place between 1938 to 1944 and ensured many killers were brought to justice.

Here are the Excerpts from my book, Kashmir; Its Aborigines and Their Exodus (Lancer Printers and publishers, New Delhi, 1913).

"..... The next prominent victim of the terrorist violence was Pandit

Nilakanth Ganjoo, a retired sessions judge. Justice Ganjoo had sentenced Maqbool Bhatt, a founder member of Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) to death. Bhatt had been convicted of murder of police inspector Amar Chand in 1966. The death sentence had been subsequently upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India."

Maqbool Bhat was finally executed on February 11, 1984, after JKLF had kidnapped and brutally killed Ravinder Mhatre, member of Indian High

Commission in the U.K. in Birmingham on February 6, 1984.

The former judge was gunned down on October 4, 1989, on Hari Singh High Street, a busy thoroughfare of Srinagar. The dead body lay in a pool of blood where it fell, for quite some time, with no police anywhere in sight and no Hindu daring to even cover it with a piece of cloth. The Muslim passersby and shopkeepers watched the scene with jubilation writ large on their faces. It was only much later that policemen removed the dead body, dragging it like the carcass of a stray dog.

The scene was captured on video and telecast a number of times.

Fear psychosis, created by the assassination of Sh. Tika Lal Taploo earlier on 14 Sept 1989, now began to grip the Kashmiri Pandits, which only intensified as more Hindus, non, and pro-India Muslims were killed by the Jihadis with sickening regularity. "

Why there is no ideal study time and how it all depends on our body clock

By: Vijay GarG

Best Time to Study: Things to Remember

We all desire to enhance our productivity as learners and accomplish our academic objectives. The timing of our study sessions is a crucial issue that can have a significant impact on our capacity to acquire and remember knowledge. To assist you in getting the most out of your study sessions, we will discuss in this blog the optimum times of day to study based on empirical data and helpful advice. Whether you're a morning person or a night owl, there's something here for everyone. So let's start and learn about the best time to study!

Is there the best time to study?

Chronobiology is a discipline that investigates how time affects our bodies and minds and is the foundation of research on the most effective times to study. When we're ready to perform particular tasks, our circadian rhythms - basically, the cyclical ways in which our bodies react to our surroundings and hormones - play a key impact. You can benefit from studying at a time when your body is at its best.

What time should you study according to science?

According to scientists, the best time to study is between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and between 4:00 pm and 10:00 night. The worst time to study is between 4:00 am to 7:00 am, so if you're balancing other duties while studying, it could be best to study at night rather than earlier in the day.

Young adults might be a little bit of an exception to this guideline. It's vital to remember. According to studies, young adults between the ages of 14 and 24 have circadian rhythms behind either young children or mature adults by roughly 2-3 hours. In this age bracket, the best times to study can be a little

later.

How Time Of Day Affects Students' Brains

The time of day can affect students' brains in simple ways. In the morning, students are usually more alert and focused, making it a good time for learning. In the afternoon, there may be a dip in energy and concentration, making it harder to stay focused. In the evening, some students may feel more creative and better at problem-solving. It's important to consider these patterns when planning study or work schedules for learning and performance.

When should you study? Night or Day?

There is no such thing as the best time to study; it differs from person to person when they can be more productive, have the most energy, know their surroundings, etc. Some are early risers, and some are night owls; depending on this, we have a breakdown of the benefits of studying at that time.

Benefits of studying during day-time

Most people would think that morning is the best time to study, as our brains tend to be the sharpest in the morning after a pleasant night's sleep and breakfast. Your eyes will benefit from the available natural light, which helps you stay awake. Because mornings tend to improve your memory, this time is excellent for opening a textbook to study a new topic or simply reviewing your lecturer's notes from the previous day.

Benefits of studying during night-time

Later in the day, some students have greater energy. As a result, reading and studying for them is more productive in the evening or at night. This is the best time to study as there are fewer distractions, and everyone is in bed now. Studying also helps to increase your

focus and creativity. After studying, some claim that getting some sleep will help you retain what you learned. Making sure you are still getting an average of 8 to 9 hours of sleep each night, though, is one thing to keep in mind.

How to find the best time to study?

Having said that, different study schedules can be the best time to study for different students. If you take the following elements into account, you may determine when you learn best.

First, when are you at your sharpest? Consider that various people tend to have superior recollections and alertness at different times of the day. For instance, your visual memory may be greater in the morning, but your capacity for critical thought is at its highest in the afternoon. Second, it's ideal to choose another time if your preferred hour is prone to interruptions, such as dinnertime, which can mess up your pattern. Next, choose a time that you can adhere to consistently, at least for a few days each week, as consistency is beneficial. Also, don't forget to take breaks to refresh your mind.

Best Time to Study: Things to Remember

By keeping these points in mind, you can plan your study sessions more effectively and make the most out of your learning time.

Morning Focus: Many students find it beneficial to study in the morning when they are more alert and focused.

Avoid the Afternoon: During the afternoon, energy and concentration levels may dip, making it harder to study effectively. Take short breaks or engage in light physical activity to refresh your mind.

Evening Creativity: Some students experience enhanced creativity and problem-solving skills in the evening. Use this time for creative tasks

or self-examination.

Find Your Peak Time: Pay attention to your own body and brain patterns to decide your peak times for studying. Everyone is different, so find the time that works best for you.

Plan Breaks: Include short breaks into your study routine to control burnouts and maintain focus.

Consider Circadian Rhythms: Remember that our bodies have natural rhythms, so try to align your study schedule with your personal circadian rhythm for optimal productivity.

Sleep Well: Prioritize good sleep habits as it directly impacts cognitive functioning and memory retention. Ensure you have enough restful sleep to support your learning.

Stay Hydrated and Nourished: Proper hydration and nutrition are essential for optimal brain function. Drink water and eat nutritious meals to fuel your study sessions.

Finding the ideal study period is essential for maximising our learning and output. No one solution works for everyone, but we can use the knowledge and advice shared in this blog to choose the best times to study. There are various methods we might increase our capacity for learning, from comprehending our circadian rhythms to setting up a regular study plan. It's also critical to remember that our lives and personal tastes influence our study, so we should experiment to see what methods work best for us. We may achieve our academic objectives and be successful in our learning journeys by prioritising our study time and utilising these techniques.

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UIET organises a Tree Talk on Fourth Day of week-long plantation drive

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Aug 10: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus (JU) organized a tree talk titled "Heritage Trees and Sacred Groves" under the Green Campus Initiative on the fourth day of One Week Long Plantation Drive. The resource person was Sh. Om Prakash Vidyarthi (IFoS), Retd. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (J&K). He is a member of J&K Biodiversity and Wild Life Board. He was also awarded with Sahitya Akademi Award-2002 and authored more than 50 books.

The event was aimed to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our natural heritage and fostering a deeper connection to the environment. On the fourth day, the students of the campus enthusiastically participated in the initiative of "Green Campus Selfie" moment where they showed off their proud accomplishment by taking a selfie with their planted sapling.

Vidyarthi discussed the significance of heritage trees and sacred groves and shared his insights on the cultural, ecological, and spiritual value of these natural wonders. He said that sacred trees and groves hold a unique place in our hearts and cultures and are preserved for their spiritual significance.



He added that heritage trees serve living testaments to the history as they have witnessed the generations that offered vital habitat for countless species. He also highlighted that heritage trees and sacred groves stabilize soil, prevent erosion, contribute to nutrient cycling, and provides shade, reducing heat effect and support biodiversity.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU) admired the resource person for engrossing everyone in the captivating world of the natural wonders, exploring their significance, ecological importance, and cultural heritage. She said that sacred groves are repositories of cultural heritage that symbolizes ancient beliefs and offer a serene environment for reflection, meditation, and connection with nature. She also stressed that it is our responsibility to protect them as it encompasses the preservation of cultural and spiritual

traditions. Further she added that the vibrant plantation drive aligns with the institution's broader vision of instilling eco-consciousness among its students and inspiring a generation of responsible global citizens.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Coordinator, UIET, Kathua Campus (JU) welcomed and expressed gratitude to the resource person. He said that as everyone continues their journey towards a greener campus and a more sustainable future, all should remember that our actions today shape the world for generations to come.

Dr. Kanika Bhadwal coordinated the whole programme and Er. Puneet Kour delivered vote of thanks.

Dr. Zahin Ansari, Er. Sushant Galgal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Pallvi Verma, Er. Himani Khajuria, Er. Arooshi

Gupta, Er. Archana Salaria, Ms. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Nisha Choudhary, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Vedika Khullar, Er. Sourav Gupta, Er. Rohit Khattru, Er. Karan Kumar, Ms. Ritika Goyal, Mr. Pranav Ratta, Ms. Tiharika Nath, Ms. Kamakshi and other teaching and non-teaching staff of the Campus participated in the talk.

Rajni Bala kick-start development work worth Rs 39 lakhs at Ward 60

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Rajni Bala, Councillor Ward No 60 today kick-started development work of a bathroom at Paloura Pond for Mohalla Buta Nagar and Dhok Paloura falling in the Jammu North Assembly Segment in presence of prominent citizens of the area.

The aforesaid development work will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs 39 lakh which also includes Improvement to existing bathroom near Padha Biradari Temple for Mohallah Corporator, Mohallah Paroch, Mohallah Panchayat Ghar and Sandh and balance work for bathroom near Guru Ravi Dass ji Temple. On the occasion, Dev Raj, Uttam Chand, Surinder Dalotra, Tirth Ram,



Vipan Dhar and Kaku Mistri were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajni Bala said it was a long pending demand of the people of the area which was fulfilled today. She said that being the people's representative it is her bounden duty to ensure that projects facilitating the life of the people of the Ward are executed whenever needed.

The Councillor assured the people that she would leave no stone unturned in transforming Ward No: 60, making

it a model ward. She assured that every possible initiative which could help in making their lives comfortable will be taken up on priority so that the basic demands of the public could be met.

Rajni Bala also asked the executing agency to complete the same work on a fast track basis so that the people may not face any inconvenience. She also laid stress upon the officials to maintain quality of work in the area.

Later, the Councillor interacted with people of

the area and listened to their issues which included irregular water supply and poor condition of lanes and drains in their area. She gave a patient hearing to their grievances and assured to get all these addressed by approaching the concerned authorities at the earliest.

Rajni Bala asserted that Congress, being a more than 70 years old party, has committed to address people's issues on priority especially those pertaining to basic amenities. She asserted that Congress is the only solution to get rid of the miseries surrounding them. He appealed to the people of Jammu North Assembly segment to support Congress in the upcoming polls for equitable development of the state.

GDC Kathua created an Amrit Vatika in NSS adopted village Bhagthalli

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Aug 10: Under Meri Maati Mera Desh nationwide campaign, NSS Units GDC Kathua created an Amrit Vatika with 75 saplings of indigenous trees in NSS adopted village Bhagthalli of Jarai Panchayat, Kathua.

Principal GDC Kathua Prof Seema Mir flagged off the plantation van along with NSS Volunteers and program officers for conducting



plantation drive in the adopted Panchayat Jarai's village Bhagthalli.

This event was organized in continuation to series of activities to be undertaken by NSS

Units from August 9 to 15.

Shady trees, medicinally important trees, fruit trees etc were planted by NSS volunteers in the Govt

Middle School Bhagthalli, Primary School Chak Majra and Primary School New Basti Bhagthalli.

Teacher Incharge Bhopinder Gupta, Ravi Singh And Sudershan Kumar of these schools appreciated the NSS volunteers for conducting this drive in their schools.

They expressed their views that there is a dire need of plantation drive in this area due to

establishment of Industrial area in near to their locality. Local residents of village also participated in this plantation drive and also appreciated the efforts of volunteers.

Event was organized under the guidance of Principal Prof Seema Mir and under supervision of NSS program officers Prof Manmohan Singh, Prof Neha Bandral and Dr Suresh Sharma.

BVP Shivalik Branch conducts plantation drive with Floriculture Deptt

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Bharat Vikas Parishad Shivalik Branch Chhani Himmat Jammu organized plantation drive in collaboration with Floriculture Deptt in Saheed Bhagat Singh Park Sec-1 Chhani Himmat Jammu opp. Gurdwara.

Hridey Chander Vaid President Shivalik

Branch welcomed Sunil Singh Officer and workers of Floriculture Deptt and executives members of Shivalik branch and residents of Sector-1.

Sunil Singh highlights the importance of Plantation Drive, it's significance on Environment and the target of Government to Go Green.

Ashok Gayatri

Pramukh Environment Shivalik Branch takes keen interest in this project. He seeds hundreds of plants every year in different areas. Ashok khajuria Secretary, Rakesh Mishra Treasurer, Jain and other of Sector-1 participated in this programme and made the event a successful.

Chander Mohan, Braham Jyot inaugurate plantation drive

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Chander Mohan Gupta (Vice President BJP) and Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha JK-UT) inaugurated plantation drive at Shanti Ghat Shiv Nagar, Jammu .

The program was organized by Sanjay Verma (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha).

Parveen Badyal (district Vice President OBC Morcha) , Karan Sharma (BJP leader) , Manzoor Ahmed, Pawan Kumar, were present on



the occasion.

They planted saplings of locally available trees and plants in their respective area and briefed the importance of trees and oxygen.

While briefing benefits of plantation Chander Mohan Gupta and Braham Jyot Satti said plantation drives combat many environmental issues like

deforestation, erosion of soil, desertification in semi-arid areas, global warming and hence enhancing the beauty and balance of the environment. Trees absorb

harmful gases and emit oxygen resulting in an increase in oxygen supply. They said trees are best friends and saviours of humans. The plantation process makes surroundings rich and healthy.

They said trees give us clean water to drink, air to breathe, shade and food to humans, animals and plants. They provide habitats for numerous species of fauna and flora, firewood for cooking and heat, materials for buildings and places of spiritual, cultural and recreational importance.

J&K Administration ignoring interests of SC/ST population: Ajeet

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Aug 10: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior Leader Ajeet Bhagat sought implementation of a 15 per cent quota in jobs and professional institutions for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe S/C and S/T Communities as has been adopted in several other states of the country.

Bhagat expressed great disappointment against the Jammu and Kashmir administration for pursuing anti-poor policies, stating that it has callously ignored the interests of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe S/C and S/T population. "The headway made with regard to empowerment of weaker sections during National Conference led governments has been undone," he regretted.

Bhagat enumerated the initiatives taken by the successive National Conference Governments in ameliorating the lot of weaker sections, especially

Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe S/C and S/T segment of the society. He also recalled the contribution of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah towards upliftment and welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe S/C and S/T segment and said that literacy and socio-economic emancipation got impetus during his tenure and the successive National Conference governments.

Bhagat said that Jammu and Kashmir has a unique history and it has seen so many ups and down in the past. However the National Conference leadership has remained the voice of the people of the Jammu and Kashmir and fought for the democratic rights of the people of the Jammu and Kashmir from its very inception.

He said that there is dire need to counter the divisive policies of BJP who are hell bent upon the dividing the people on religion basis.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor launches All New Toyota Rumion

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), today announced the launch of its latest offering, the All New Toyota Rumion - a new compact MPV boasting of unmatched space, excellent fuel efficiency in a stylish and premium new family car.

Already a frontrunner in Indian MPV segment, the launch of this seven-seater is expected to further boost Toyota's presence in the market.

Marking Toyota's entry into the B-MPV segment, All New Toyota Rumion presents a prestigious and convenient option for families seeking comfort, convenience, reliability and peace-of-mind. This backed by top performance and excellent fuel efficiency aptly caters to the evolving needs of customers in the compact MPV segment.

At the heart of the All New Toyota Rumion lies the powerful K series 1.5-litre Petrol engine with Neo Drive (ISG) technology and E-CNG technology which promises to be responsive and bring joy to driving. The cutting-edge K-series engine is expected to offer an excellent fuel efficiency of 20.51 km/l for Petrol variant and 26.11 km/kg for

CNG variant. The All New Toyota Rumion will be available in six variants of S MT/ AT, G MT, and V MT/AT, S MT CNG offering a wide range of options for customers.

The new compact MPV offers a choice between a 5-speed manual transmission and a smooth 6-speed automatic transmission, providing a seamless driving experience for both manual and automatic enthusiasts. Whether you prefer the convenience of an automatic or the control of a manual, the All New Toyota Rumion ensures a pleasurable and effortless drive.

The All New Toyota Rumion comes with an advanced infotainment system featuring a 17.78 cm Smartplay Cast Touchscreen audio with Arkamys Surround Sense for an immersive audio experience. It supports Android Auto and Apple CarPlay (wireless) for seamless smartphone integration. The infotainment system includes Bluetooth connectivity, steering-mounted audio and calling controls, and USB connectivity.

Equipped with Toyota i-Connect, it offers remote control of climate, lock/unlock, hazard lights, and headlights

and many more. It is compatible with smartwatches and Hey Siri voice assistant. The Toyota i-Connect also provides safety and security features like auto collision notification, tow alert, find my car, valet profile, vehicle health and malfunction indicator monitoring. The All New Toyota Rumion promises a futuristic and connected driving experience, ensuring comfort, convenience and safety throughout your journey.

Masakazu Yoshimura, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, TKM said, "At Toyota, we believe in going beyond delivering world-class vehicles. Our deep-rooted culture is to offer products and services that create exceptional value and offer peace of mind to our loyal customers. The All New Toyota Rumion embraces this ethos and we look forward to offering Toyota's commitment to quality and service to a whole new set of customers through delightful ownership experience thus delivering "mass happiness to all". As a brand, that is deeply committed to the Indian market and its valued customers, Toyota will continue to excel and add great value

to the auto industry in India by continuous innovation and fostering the self-sustaining local eco-system in the Indian automobile space. Our aim is to continue to emphasize on introducing ever-better cars, better technologies and environment-friendly products and services."

Tadashi Asazuma, Executive Vice President - Sales, Service & Used Car, TKM said, "Today, we are absolutely delighted to unveil the All New Toyota Rumion, an extraordinary addition to our extensive array of vehicles. The All New Toyota Rumion embodies the very essence of Toyota's illustrious legacy in the MPV segment. Our endeavour is to study the needs and aspirations of our valued customers to ensure that each vehicle we unveil, embodies our relentless pursuit of delivering unparalleled driving experiences and supreme comfort. Our unwavering dedication to excellence, drives our meticulous approach in building a remarkable model selection for our customers. We firmly believe that our esteemed customers will warmly embrace the All New Toyota Rumion as their cherished family vehicle, experiencing

an unparalleled sense of joy and pride that comes with owning a Toyota".

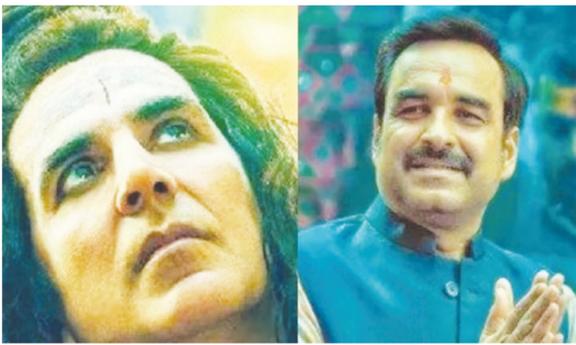
Atul Sood, Vice President - Sales and Strategic Marketing, TKM said, "The introduction of All New Toyota Rumion is a moment of great excitement for Toyota Kirloskar Motor and we are thrilled to welcome a new member to our ever-growing family of offerings. All New Toyota Rumion is an extraordinary, compact MPV with the ability to set new standards with its unmatched space and comfort, excellent fuel efficiency, stylish and premium exterior design. Our commitment extends beyond delivering an outstanding product. We strive to create an exceptional presales and after-sales experience, ensuring utmost customer satisfaction throughout their ownership journey. With the All New Toyota Rumion getting launched just in time for the festive season, we aim to cater to the evolving needs of families, providing them with comfort, convenience, and peace-of-mind. We are confident that it will bring unparalleled joy to our esteemed customers and create lasting memories in the journeys ahead."

OMG 2: Pankaj Tripathi is disappointed that target audience won't watch film, hopes for changes in CBFC

Pankaj Tripathi reveals he was surprised when OMG 2 got an A certificate. Yami Gautam hopes Gadar 2 and OMG 2 clash becomes Bollywood's own Barbeinheimer.

Pankaj Tripathi has expressed his disappointment over the A certificate that has been awarded to his upcoming film OMG 2. Speaking with the media at a promotional event for the movie, he said that the film is meant for the age group of 12 - 17 years. Directed by Amit Rai, OMG 2 also features Yami Gautam and Akshay Kumar, and is slated for a theatrical release on August 11. A DNA report quoted Pankaj from the event as saying that he was surprised to see the film getting an A certificate.

Pankaj's disappointment "When we got an A certificate, we got surprised. This is because while making a film, we know whether or not a film will get an A certificate, (for example,) Gangs Of Wasseypur. When we were making it, we knew that it will get an Adults Only certificate. However, when we were making OMG 2, we didn't think that it will get such a rating. Iss film ko A milna, sur-



prise tha humare liye. Thoda malaal hua ki jis age-group ko yeh film dekhni chahiye, 12-17 saal ke, woh nahi dekh payenge (For me it was a surprise. I was a bit disappointed, as the target age group of 12-17 years old won't be able to see the film)."

He added, "I think we should have something between U/A and A category. Just like Censor has brought Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill into the act. Hopefully, they also bring a few changes in Censor certification. Afsos yehi hai ki jinko dekhni chahiye film, woh nahi dekh payenge (It is sad that the very people for whom we made the

film, won't be able to watch it.)" Yami on OMG 2-Gadar 2box office clash

At the promotional event, Yami Gautam also shared her views on the box office clash that OMG 2 has with Sunny Deol's Gadar 2. Claiming that she owns a picture of Sunny's handpump scene from Gadar Ek Prem Katha, Yami said that she is a huge fan of the actor and so is everyone else. Wishing Gadar 2 all the best, she added, "Gadar 2 has its own audience, we have our own audience. I hope the audience watches both films. Just like the recent two Hollywood films (Barbie and Oppen-

heimer) released on the same day. They both did really well and had their own audience. So I hope the same happens here."

Censor troubles for OMG 2 her views2 and

OMG 2 was awarded an A certificate after weeks of speculations that the filmmakers wanted a UA certificate. Reports claimed that the CBFC was being extra cautious while reviewing OMG 2 because of the backlash that Adipurush faced post-release.

More about OMG 2

Akshay plays a messenger of God Shiva in OMG 2 which has been directed by Amit Rai. Pankaj plays a devotee and Yami essays the role of a lawyer in the film.

OMG 2 is a sequel to the 2012 film OMG which was directed by Umesh Shukla. It featured Akshay as Lord Krishna and Paresh Rawal was a businessman fighting a legal battle against God.

The new film features Yami as a lawyer opposite Pankaj - a Shiva devotee - who fights for his teen son. Akshay plays the role of a messenger of Lord Shiva.

I'd love to do a Kannada film: Gulshan Devaiah



Actor Gulshan Devaiah, known for his versatile performances, says he doesn't think too much about success and failures and prefers to be surprised by the future. He reveals that he wants to do a Kannada film and hopes for another opportunity. Devaiah also discusses the vibrant theatre culture in Bengaluru and the success of the crime genre in films and OTT platforms. He shares his views on the ongoing debate around content and language on OTT, emphasizing the importance of sincerity in art.

Actor Gulshan Devaiah has proven his mettle time and again with his versatile performances. But, he doesn't "think too much about success and failures". The Dahanu actor tells us, "I don't know what lies ahead. [It's like] I'm on an endless river, rowing a boat. Maybe I'll get tired one day and get off the boat. But, I'd like the future to be a bit surprising. That's something I concern myself with."

What remains on his bucket list, though, is a Kannada film. Devaiah,

born and brought up in Bengaluru, reveals that he was offered one before the pandemic, but it didn't materialise. "Filmmaker Rishab Shetty met me over a plate of masala dosa and pitched me a film titled Rudraprayag. Everything was in place, but then the pandemic happened. If the chance ever comes again or if Rishab Shetty approaches me, I'd love to do a Kannada film," shares the actor, who started his journey with Bengaluru theatre. The 45-year-old says, "There is a vibrant theatre culture here, especially in Kannada and English languages. Not just that, the audiences have grown and evolved, too."

From his theatre days to making a mark in the film industry and OTT, Devaiah has come a long way. The actor, who will be seen in Raj & DK's crime caper soon, feels that the genre is "doing really well currently across platforms." He reasons, "Perhaps it is one of the most versatile genres as you can [combine] romance, comedy, realism and action."

Some of his most notable performances, lately, have been in web projects. Ask what he feels about the ongoing debate around content and language on OTT and he says, "It's subjective. What you find inappropriate may not be inappropriate to somebody else. You have to see things in the right context. But sometimes, people do get carried away with their freedom [of expression]. Sincerity for your art is the most important."

Bigg Boss OTT 2: Jiya Shankar evicted in mid-week elimination ahead of finale

Bigg Boss OTT 2: Actor Jiya Shankar became the last contestant to be eliminated ahead of the upcoming finale.

Bigg Boss OTT 2 contestant Jiya Shankar was eliminated on Wednesday for getting the least number of votes, days before the finale. She was nominated along with Manisha Rani and Elvish Yadav for mid-week eviction after a task at the start of the week. Manisha, Elvish, Pooja Bhatt, Abhishek Malhan and Bekika Dhurve have now entered the finale.

Jiya Shankar's eviction from Bigg Boss OTT 2

On Wednesday, a task was performed in which a big calendar of memories was placed in the garden area. As Bekika turned the pages of the calendar, it showed memories of how earlier contestants walked out of the house. However, it was only much later that it was announced that the last page of the calendar will have the picture of the evicted contestant. Bigg Boss asked a contestant to come forward to turn the pages of the calendar and it was Abhishek Malhan who volunteered for the task. He turned emotional as Jiya geared up to leave the house.

Fans of the actor shared their disappointment on Twitter by sharing videos from her exit. She was in a pastel pink saree and gave Abhishek Malhan a long hug before leaving the house with a smile.

Fan reactions to Jiya Shankar's exit Reacting to her exit, a fan wrote on Twitter, "I'm literally crying yrrrr. So, Wishing you lots of happiness best wishes for the future love you." A fan club shared another video of Jiya and



wrote, "Literally I am Crying @heysankar_ #Abhiya forever for Life. #JiyaShankar #AbhishekMalhan." One more wrote, "came with a smile, left with a smile. Became my fav." A comment also read: "True but he cried for her that melts my heart Already missing them #Abhiyaforever #Abhiya #JiyaShankar #AbhishekMalhan."

Jiya is known for her role in last year's successful Marathi film Ved, in which she starred alongside Riteish Deshmukh and Genelia Deshmukh. She also plays Pavithra "Piku" Bose Singh Rajput in the TV show Pishachini. She has earlier featured in TV shows like Meri Hanikarak Biwi, Kaatelal & Sons, Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya, Pyaar Marriage Shhhh and Love By Chance.

The Bigg Boss OTT 2 grand place is scheduled for the upcoming Monday, August 14. The show runs live on Jio Cinema.

Actress Shweta Tripathi Sharma, who essays an acid attack survivor in the series Kaalkoot, says the roles she chooses aim at bringing about a change in society

Actress Shweta Tripathi Sharma is slowly but surely making a mark in the world of acting. In the latest crime thriller Kaalkoot, Shweta's impeccable performance as an acid attack survivor has garnered praise. She talks about her wish to essay meaningful roles, upcoming shows and everything in between.

Having been a part of projects like Masaan, Haraamkhor, Gone Kesh, Mirzapur, Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein and Kaalkoot, the actress feels, "It has always been about doing what drives me, and start inga dialogue about something interesting and educating for society. From signing to working in a series to promotions to feedback, I like everything because it initiates meaningful dialogue. For instance, Gone Kesh or Kaalkoot are both stories of different women and tackle different issues. Had my projects been entirely commercial and not intent-driven, the conversations would have been very different and monotonous. So, it's



my way of talking about the change that we as a society wish to bring about."

Kaalkoot may have initiated a fresh conversation on acid attack survivors, but it's also about police procedures and what transpires in an investigation. Shweta believes that the home-

work for the role was emotional. "The fact that my portrayal of Parul, Golu and Shalu in Kaalkoot, Mirzapur and Masaan, respectively, can't be put in the same bracket is a big win and the feedback from the audiences is the cherry on the cake," she adds. Script is the hero

Ask her if it's a conscious decision to choose meaningful roles in series over big budget films and she reiterates, "The script is the hero of the series and that's what makes me decide which project to work on. For Kaalkoot as well, the script was so amazing that it moved me. Each character's arc is impressive. Nobody is shown from a moral high ground, not even the hero cop, Ravi Shankar, played by Vijay Varma. Even though I had lesser screen space, but the role spoke to me in a way that was personal."

Mirzapur again

On returning to her most iconic role on OTT, Golu in Mirzapur, the actress says, "As an actor you have to go with the flow. There are series where two parts were shot simultaneously to save time, energy and production cost, but at the same time, revisiting a character every one or two years for a sequel is also interesting. I think the hype for Mirzapur season after season is due to the long wait and viewers' anticipation, which

keeps it relevant. Some part of dubbing is done and some remains, but we will deliver season three of Mirzapur by the end of this year."

The actress is not sure whether Kaalkoot's popularity will lead to a sequel, but her other successful venture Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein Season 2 will also go on floors soon. While the actress diplomatically gets away from naming her favourite director among the ones she has worked with, Anurag Kashyap and Zoya Akhtar are the ones with whom she looks forward to working more often. Shweta was part of Zoya's series Made in Heaven and would love to collaborate with her on a bigger level.

The actress is happily married to rapper Chaitanya Sharma aka Slow Cheeta. She visited Gurdaspur, Punjab, in November last year, accompanying her husband on a work trip. "I look forward to shooting in Punjab someday as the brief period of our stay was a memorable experience."

Prajakta Koli set to make her debut as author

Prajakta Koli is all set to make her debut as a writer with her fictional work Too Good To Be True, which has been acquired by Harper Collins India, will be published in the summer of 2024.

The complexity of love and relationships in the actual world, as well as the ability of words to inspire and change lives, are explored in this work, which is set against a backdrop of promise and apprehension.

Talking about the brand-new chapter of her life Prajakta said, "I've forever been a fan of love stories and romance. Be it in films or in all my favourite books. They have always been



more to me than just stories.

They've helped me get over heartbreaks, believe in the wonder of life and even love myself a little more every day.

She added, "I always wanted to write a romance novel, but not in a million years did I think I would ever finish it! Too Good To Be True is a fictional piece of my heart that is very special to me. I've always enjoyed the process of storytelling but scripting this novel has opened up a whole new dimension. It is easily one of the most challenging yet most special pieces of content I have worked on thus far. I hope it brings as much joy to readers as it did to me."

Cardi B's thrown microphone sold for a whopping \$99,900

Rapper Cardi B's 'thrown' microphone during her club performance in Las Vegas was sold at \$100,000! The Shure Axient digital mic, which belonged to an audio production company called 'The Wave in Sin City', was previously put on eBay by the company's owner, Scott Fisher. A week and 122 bids later, someone forked out \$99,900 for it.

The item was auctioned off for charity though. Scott initially said the proceeds will be split with two charities, the Wounded Warrior Project and a local Vegas charity called Friendship Circle Las Vegas, which takes care of teens and young adults with spe-



cial needs. Cardi tossed the mic into the crowd after someone threw a drink at her during her July 29 gig.

Looking startled, the Grammy Award-winner spontaneously launched the microphone at the woman.

A woman, who claimed that she got hit by the mic but did not throw the drink, later reported Cardi for battery.

The 26-year-old woman said she stood next to the person who threw the drink and got hit by the microphone on the right shoulder. Cardi, however, managed to escape criminal charges following a battery investigation as police have closed the case due to 'insufficient evidence'.

Stop making 'wild allegations' against 'INDIA', concentrate on governance: Sibal tells Amit Shah

Sibal also asserted that the Union Home Minister should "concentrate on development instead of playing with religion."

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Thursday hit back at Home Minister Amit Shah for his remarks targeting the opposition alliance, saying instead of making "wild allegations" against the 'INDIA' bloc should he not concentrate on governance in places such as Manipur and Haryana.

Sibal's remarks came a day after Shah, intervening in the debate in Lok Sabha on the no-confidence motion, questioned the character of the opposition alliance, saying its true face was seen when it indulged in corruption to stay in power.

"The character of political parties and alliances is revealed in such times of crises. The UPA's



character is to indulge in corruption to save the government by hook or by crook, while the BJP-led NDA's character is to stand up to principles," Shah had said, adding that former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee did not resort to any crooked tactics to

save the government he lost by one vote.

Reacting to the home minister's remarks, Sibal said, "Amit Shah ji: Instead of making wild allegations against INDIA, why not concentrate on governance? Manipur, Haryana, MP, Maha-

rashtra."

"You lost Karnataka: Corruption. Will soon lose Madhya Pradesh: Corruption. Concentrate on development instead of playing with religion," Sibal said on X, formerly known as Twitter.

In his remarks, Shah had also claimed that the opposition changed its name to INDIA for its coalition because the name "UPA" was associated with countless scams and corruption.

Sibal, who was a Union minister during UPA I and II, quit the Congress in May last year and was elected to the Rajya Sabha as an Independent member with the Samajwadi Party's support. He has floated a non-electoral platform 'Insaaf' aimed at fighting injustice.

Raghav Chadha challenges BJP to show papers over allegation of forgery



NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Punjab AAP MP Raghav Chadha on Thursday said the BJP is spreading lies about the alleged forgery by him.

He said as per parliamentary rules and procedure, no signature or written consent is required before proposing names of members to a select committee.

"As per the rule book, no signature is required. I challenge the BJP to show me the piece of paper where they are

claiming the forged signatures," Chadha said at the press conference.

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday had referred the complaints of the MPs to the Privileges Committee to examine and investigate the allegations raised by them.

The chairman had received complaints of breach of privilege by Chadha for inter-alia including the names of the MPs without their consent in alleged violation of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, in a motion on August 7.

However, Chadha said the Rajya Sabha rule book stated that no signature or written consent of a member, whose name had been proposed for the select committee, was required. "The rule book nowhere states that you require signatures or written consent from that proposed member," Chadha added.

He said he had not received any notice.

Army looking at specialised vehicles for high-altitude areas

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Ministry of Defence intends to procure approximately 1,500 high-mobility vehicles for Army operations at multiple locations, including in high-altitude areas of the Himalayas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

The vehicles will be used for transportation of heavy equipment, including ammunition, and for travelling on metalled roads and kutcha tracks.

The vehicles will be employed for off-road operations in the plains and the desert terrain along the western borders of India. The Army will use these in high-altitude mountain terrain up to 16,000 feet along the northern bor-



ders -- eastern Ladakh and north Sikkim among other places.

The vehicles should be operational by day and night and in snow. Its equipment, tools and accessories should be operational in temperatures ranging from minus 15 degrees Celsius to 55 degrees Celsius.

The Army has sought that the vehicles be capable of being transported by transport air-

craft - IL 76 and C 17 of the Indian Air Force and also the broad-gauge railway.

The Army is looking to have the vehicles with a capacity of carrying 8,000 kg.

The platform can be used for troop carriage, carriage of container on the flatbed, gun-towing and any other role. It is planned to be procured under the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' programmes.

Chief Justice Announces 'SuSwagatam' Portal For E-Passes To Enter Supreme Court

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Supreme Court today announced the launch of portal 'SuSwagatam', which would enable advocates, litigants, interns and others to register themselves online and request for e-passes to enter the top court.

As soon as a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud assembled to hear a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, the CJI announced about this online facility.

"SuSwagatam" is a web based and mobile friendly application that allows users to register themselves online and request for e-passes for various purposes such as attending court hearing, meeting advocates....," the CJI said.

Justice Chandrachud said, "The 'SuSwagatam' portal was



tested as a pilot project since July 25, 2023 and has received positive feedback from the users." He said that as on August 9, more than 10,000 e-passes have been issued through the portal on a pilot basis.

"You do not have to wait in the queue in the morning. All passes are generated online. This is a facility made available from this morning," the CJI said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was present in the courtroom, told the bench that there used to be long queue in

the morning hours at the top court's counter to get the entry pass.

Justice Chandrachud said a video tutorial on how to use the application is also available on the website.

In a press release issued on Thursday, the top court said 'SuSwagatam' allows users to choose different validity periods for their e-passes, depending on their needs and police clearance certificates.

"The portal also provides role-based secure logins for different types of users where they can upload their proof of identity and capture their live photo during the registration process," it said.

The release said users can scan the QR code on their e-passes, delivered through e-mail and the portal, at the entry and exit gates of the court premises, simplifying the whole access control entry/exit process.

"SuSwagatam" will enable a

user to avoid long queues, and have a paperless entry pass (e-pass) for access at the top court," it said.

"The launch of 'SuSwagatam' is yet another step under the visionary guidance of Chief Justice of India, Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, to promote citizen friendly access to justice delivery systems and to enhance the convenience and efficiency of the court operations and services through the use of latest technology," it said.

The release said the application has been launched to simplify visitor management at the top court for advocates, litigants, citizens and all stakeholders.

"The access control entry/exit software allow the users, to register themselves online and request e-passes for various purposes, such as attending court hearings, visiting office blocks, litigants' meeting advocates, or visiting the press lounge," it said.

Pregnant Elephant Dies After Being Hit By Goods Train In West Bengal

ALIPURDUAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Despite rigorous efforts by Indian Railways to prevent the elephant deaths due to railway accidents, a pregnant elephant was hit by a goods train in the Chapramari Reserve forest in Alipurduar district of West Bengal early this morning.

"The incident took place at 3:00 am in the morning. This was a goods train and according to the news I have received it was carrying dolomite. We will have to find out why goods trains are running at night because on this line movement of goods trains are restricted. There are speed restrictions also," Chief Conservator of Forest, Rajendra Jakhar told reporters.

"The railways will be able to tell you about the speed of the train after looking at their records but the nature of the impact was such that the foetus completely came out which shows the impact was severe.



We also saw blood marks on a lot of sleepers which means the carcass was dragged for some distance," Mr Jakhar added.

According to the locals, the incident occurred when a pregnant elephant was crossing the railway track inside the Chapramari Reserve forest, through which the railway line runs.

The pregnant elephant died in the early morning today after being hit by a dolomite-laden goods train bound for Siliguri from Alipurduar according to reports.

Officials of the forest department reached the spot after receiving the news of the incident.

The forest department will perform the last rites of the mother and the unborn baby elephant after post-mortem.

Railway accidents remain one of the causes of unnatural elephant deaths in West Bengal, which is home to around 2% of the country's elephant population.

The Indian Railways have advised train drivers to be careful and motormen have been advised to apply emergency brakes on the railway tracks inside the forest, whenever possible, to save the lives of elephants in the area. But, despite the efforts, this morning an elephant death happened in the after the elephant was being hit by a train.

In June this year, two elephants were reportedly killed after being struck by lightning at the Bamandanga Tea Estate in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal.

Where are your priorities, madam: Mahua Moitra hits out at Smriti Irani over 'flying kiss' row



NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): TMC MP Mahua Moitra on Thursday took a swipe at Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani, saying that not one word was heard from her when a BJP MP was accused of harassment and molestation by wrestlers and now "she is talking about some flying kiss".

Moitra's attack came a day after Irani expressed outrage over Congress

leader Rahul Gandhi blowing a flying kiss in the Lok Sabha, calling him misogynist and saying the House had never witnessed such an "indecent act".

BJP women MPs later met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and demanded "stringent action" against Gandhi.

Speaking with reporters outside Parliament, Moitra said, "When a BJP MP was accused of harassment and molestation by our champion wrestlers, we did not hear one word out of the women and child development minister and now she is talking about some flying kiss, where are your priorities, madam." Her remarks were in reference to the allegations against BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment of women wrestlers.

The Delhi Police had filed a charge sheet against the six-time MP on June 15 under sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354-A (sexual harassment), 354-D (stalking) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

Restrictions to be in place for non-scheduled flights at Delhi airport on Aug 15

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Non-scheduled flights will not be allowed to land or take-off at Delhi airport for specific hours in the morning and evening on August 15, according to an official.

There will be no impact on movement of scheduled flights on Independence Day at Delhi airport, which is also the country's largest airport.

The official said that no landing or take-off will be permitted for non-scheduled flights of schedule airlines and chartered flights from 6 am to 10 am and from 4 pm to 7 pm on August 15.

In this regard, a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) has been issued by the Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) that

comes under the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

NOTAM will not be applicable for flights of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Border Security Force (BSF) and the Army Aviation helicopters.

State-owned aircraft and helicopters will be permitted to fly with the governor or chief minister of a state. Apart from scheduled flights of scheduled operators, flights undertaking quick response time missions and casualty/immediate medical evacuation will also be permitted, the official said.

Generally, NOTAM is a notice containing information that is essential for personnel involved in flight operations.

If married woman does not object, relationship is consensual: Allahabad High Court

PRAYAGRAJ, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Allahabad High Court has observed that if a married woman "with prior experience in sexual relations" does not express objection, it cannot be deemed that her intimate involvement with a man was non-consensual.

Justice Sanjay Kumar Singh made this observation while hearing the criminal proceedings against an individual accused of raping a 40-year-old married woman.

Ironically, the accused was her live-in partner.

The court noted that the alleged rape victim, without obtaining a divorce from her husband and leaving behind her

two children, chose to enter a live-in relationship with the petitioner, Rakesh Yadav, with the intention of marrying him.

The court addressed the plea submitted by three defendants, seeking the dismissal of the charge sheet filed against them before the court of an Additional Civil Judge (junior division) in the new court number III/Judicial Magistrate, Jaunpur.

Recalling the victim's marriage in 2001 to her husband, from whom she bore two children, it was highlighted that due to the "acrimonious" nature of their relationship, the applicant Rakesh Yadav (the first applicant) purportedly took advantage of the situation.

He persuaded her under the promise of marriage, leading her to cohabit with him for a period of five months, during which they engaged in physical relations. It was alleged that the co-accused Rajesh Yadav (the second applicant) and Lal Bahadur (the third applicant), brother and father of the first applicant, respectively, assured her that they would facilitate her marriage to Rakesh Yadav.

Under her insistence on marriage, they even obtained her signature on a plain stamp paper, falsely claiming that a notarised marriage had taken place.

The counsel representing the applicants argued that the

alleged victim, a married woman of around 40 and a mother of two, possessed the maturity to comprehend the nature and morality of the consensual act in question.

Consequently, they contended that the case did not constitute rape but rather a consensual relationship between the first applicant and the victim.

In its order last week, the court, while recognising the need for further deliberation, suspended the ongoing criminal case against the applicants.

It granted the opposing parties the liberty to submit a counter affidavit (response) in six weeks. The case will be heard after nine weeks.

Ecuador presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio assassinated

Videos on social media appear to show the candidate walking out of the event surrounded by guards

QUITO, Aug 10 (Agencies): Ecuadorian presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio has been killed, the country's president Guillermo Lasso has said, vowing the "crime will not go unpunished".

Local media had earlier reported Villavicencio, a former lawmaker who had been polling at 7.5 per cent and a leading anti-corruption campaigner, had been shot at a campaign event in Quito, The Guardian reported.

Videos on social media appear to show the candidate walking out of the event surrounded by guards. The video then shows Villavicencio entering a white truck followed by gunfire.

"For his memory and his fight, I assure you that this crime will not remain unpunished," Lasso said on Twitter.

Villavicencio, from the Andean province of Chimborazo, was the candidate for the Build



Ecuador Movement. He was a former union member at state oil company Petroecuador and later a journalist who denounced alleged millions in oil contract losses. He was one of eight presidential candidates for the late August election.

Villavicencio was one of the most critical voices against corruption, especially during the government of former president Rafael Correa from 2007 to

2017, and was sentenced to 18 months in prison for defamation over statements made against the former president.

He fled to indigenous territory within Ecuador and later was given asylum in Peru, The Guardian reported.

As a legislator, Villavicencio was criticised by opposition politicians for obstructing an impeachment process this year against Lasso, which led the

latter to call the early elections.

Lasso added that he was "outraged and shocked by the assassination of presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio. My solidarity and condolences to his wife and daughters".

He said his security cabinet would meet shortly.

The killing comes amid a startling wave of violence in the South American nation, with drug trafficking and killings on the rise.

"Organised crime has gone too far, but they will feel the full weight of the law," Lasso said, referring to the perpetrators of the crime.

"Today more than ever, the need to act with a strong hand against crime is reiterated. May God have him in his glory," fellow presidential hopeful Jan Topic said in response to the shooting.

Taiwan detects 33 Chinese aircraft, 6 warships near island; 2nd incident in 24 hours



TAIPEI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Taiwan on Thursday said it spotted 33 Chinese air force aircraft and six naval warships near the island, the second such incursion in less than 24 hours and the third overall in a week.

Taiwan, which China claims as its territory, has repeatedly complained of Chinese military activity near it over the past three years, as Beijing stepped up pressure to try to force the island to accept its sovereignty.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Taiwan's defence ministry, the airplanes and naval ships were detected around 6 am (local time).

Of those aircraft, the ministry said 10 had either crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait, which previously served as an unofficial barrier between the two sides, or entered the southwestern part of Taiwan's air defence identification zone, or ADIZ.

Taiwanese armed forces have monitored the situation and tasked its aircraft, navy vessels and land-based missile systems to respond to these activities, the ministry said.

This is the second incursion of Chinese warplanes and warships near the island.

On Wednesday, 10 Chinese air force aircraft entered the island's air defence zone accompanying five Chinese warships engaged in "combat readiness" patrols, the defence ministry said.

The ministry said that starting around 9 am (local time), it detected a total of 25 Chinese aircraft engaging in operations out at sea, including J-10 and J-16 fighters, as well as H-6 bombers.

On Sunday (August 6), Taiwan reported a similar level of activity by Chinese warplanes and warships near the island.

China staged war games around Taiwan in April after President Tsai Ing-wen returned home from a visit to the US where she met House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

Taiwan's democratically elected government rejects China's sovereignty claim and says that only the island's people can decide their future.

Indonesia Hit By 5.2 Magnitude Earthquake

JAKARTA, Aug 10 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 5.2 on the Richter Scale jolted Indonesia on Thursday, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported.

It took place around 142 km W of Tual in Indonesia at 07:30:29 (UTC+05:30).

According to the USGS, the depth of the earthquake was registered at 90.5 km

and its epicentre was found to be at Latitude: 5.777°S and Longitude: 131.478°E respectively.

No reports of casualties or material damage are known yet.

Notably, Tual is a city in Indonesia's Maluku Province that is geographically situated within the Kei Islands.

Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis frequently strike Indonesia, a country of more than 270 million people

because of its location on the "Ring of Fire."

The Ring of Fire, or the Circum-Pacific Belt, is a path along the Pacific Ocean characterized by active volcanoes and frequent earthquakes.

It is a horseshoe-shaped belt about 40,000km long and about 500 km wide that contains two-thirds of the world's total volcanoes and 90 per cent of Earth's earthquakes.

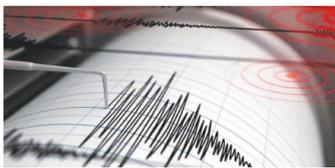
Philippines Hit By 4.7 Magnitude Earthquake

SARANGANI, Aug 10 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 4.7 struck 157 km South South East of Sarangani, Philippines on Thursday, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported.

Sarangani is a province located in the Soccsksargen region of the Philippines.

The quake occurred at 03:11:16 (UTC) and its depth was registered at 116.5 km.

According to the USGS, the earth-



quake's epicentre was found at 4.024°N latitude and 125.817°E longitude respectively.

No reports of casualties and material damage have surfaced yet. Further details are awaited.

Tropical Storm Khanun pours intense rain on South Korea and heads toward its urban centers

BUSAN, Aug 10 (Agencies): Tropical Storm Khanun was pouring intense rain on South Korea on Thursday, turning roads into chocolate-colored rivers as it advanced north toward major urban centers near the capital.

More than a foot of rain has already fallen in southern areas from the storm that made landfall on the mainland during the morning. Emergency workers were responding to growing reports of flooding and landslides by afternoon.

More than 10,000 people, mostly in southern coastal areas, were forced to evacuate from their homes and the number was expected to grow as the heavy rains continue and rivers and streams rise.

No storm-related deaths or injuries have been reported so far, according to the Ministry of the Interior and Safety.

Officials shut down hundreds of motorways, streets and public parks and sent text alerts warning about the perils posed by Khanun, which is hitting South Korea just weeks after torrential rains caused flash floods and landslides that killed at least 47 people.

After making landfall around 9:30 a.m. near the southeastern port city of Geoje, Khanun was approaching the south-eastern inland city of Andong



as of 2:30 p.m., showing slightly diminished strength, with its maximum winds blowing at 104 kph (64 mph) while moving at 38 kph (23 mph).

Forecasters say Khanun will pound the country with powerful rains and winds while slowly moving through the Korean Peninsula for hours, with its eye brushing the densely populated Seoul metropolitan area where half of South Korea's 51 million people live. It will move into North Korea early Friday, but forecasters said the greater Seoul area would still feel its force until Friday afternoon.

Since Wednesday, the storm dumped nearly 35 centimeters (14 inches) of rain in the southern mainland cities of Changwon and Yangsan.

In Changwon, emergency workers used ropes to rescue pedestrians trapped in huge zones of flooded roads, and responded to landslides that spilled dirt and other debris over motorways. Residents and shop owners blocked their doors with sandbags while workers established flood shields to protect a major seafood market. In Geoje, emergency workers in helmets examined a parking lot where vehicles were smashed or damaged by bricks and other debris apparently flown by forceful winds.

In coastal Busan, South Korea's second-largest city, several motorways were closed because of flooding. Emergency workers cleared

uprooted trees that collapsed over roads and responding to destroyed walls and fences, broken windows, and other damage. A public park in the Yeonje district was submerged.

The neighboring cities and towns of Gimhae, Ulsan, Pohang, Gimcheon issued flood warnings for areas near rivers and streams that flow through its urban districts.

In Gangwon province, a mountainous region on the east coast where the KMA forecast more than 50 centimeters (20 inches) of rain in places, officials in the seaside county of Yangyang alerted residents who lived near an at-risk stream to seek shelter and workers were repairing

North Korea's Kim Jong Un dismisses military chief, calls for war preparations

SEOUL, Aug 10 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has dismissed his top general and called for stepping up war preparations "in an offensive way", including boosting weapons production and conducting more drills, state media reported Thursday.

With a cigarette in hand, Kim was shown talking to a room full of uniformed top generals, and pointing at maps, images in state media showed, while he discussed "major military actions" against South Korea at a meeting of the Central Military Commission.

The Korean Central News Agency said the agenda of the meeting, which comes just days after Kim inspected key arms factories, was "the issue of making full war preparations" and ensuring "perfect military readiness for a war".

The meeting comes as Seoul and Washington prepare for major joint drills later this month, which the North views as rehearsals for invasion and has repeatedly warned could trigger "overwhelming" action in response.

At the meeting, Kim dismissed Chief of the general staff Pak



Su Il, replacing him with Vice Marshal Ri Yong Gil, KCNA said without giving further details.

Pak, who was promoted to the post late last year, may have been dismissed "because he did not demonstrate sufficient competence in the field of military operations," according to Cheong Seong-chang, a researcher at the Sejong Institute.

"Kim Jong Un has shown a tendency to quickly replace officials when they are judged to be lacking in the ability to control and perform their duties," he said.

Ri may have been the "most suitable person" to replace Pak,

as he has previously held the position for a long time, Cheong added.

'Mass-production' of weapons Kim called for "all the munitions industrial establishments to push ahead with the mass-production of various weapons and equipment", the report said. "He also called for actively conducting actual war drills to efficiently operate (the) newly deployed latest weapons and equipment," it added.

Kim reached an "important conclusion on further stepping up the war preparations of the KPA in an offensive way," KCNA reported, referring to the North's military.

The latest KCNA report appeared to be North Korea's "own response to the upcoming joint military training between Seoul and Washington," an official from Seoul's unification ministry told reporters.

Referring to photos carried by the North's Rodong Sinmun newspaper showing Kim pointing to what appeared to be a map of Seoul, he said: "I think he wanted to send a message to the South with a threatening action."

The meeting also discussed preparations for a massive parade to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of North Korea on September 9.

Last month, Pyongyang held a major military parade to mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, with analysts describing the event as "the largest, most overt North Korean display of nuclear-capable systems".

North Korea also held a large defence expo to coincide with the parade, with Kim giving the visiting Russian defence minister a tour of the country's newest and most advanced weaponry, including ballistic missiles and spy drones.

At least 17 dead after Rohingya boat breaks up off Myanmar: Rescuers



YANGON, Aug 10 (Agencies): At least 17 people drowned when a boat carrying Rohingya refugees fleeing Myanmar's Rakhine state broke up at sea this week, rescuers said Thursday.

Thousands of Rohingya risk their lives each year making perilous sea journeys from camps in Bangladesh and Myanmar to try to reach Muslim-majority Malaysia and Indonesia.

Byar La, a rescuer from the Shwe Yang Metta Foundation in the town of Sittwe, said more than 50 people were thought to be on the boat heading for Malaysia when it got into trouble in heavy seas on Sunday night.

"We found 17 dead

bodies... as of yesterday," he told agency.

"We found eight men alive. Police have taken them for questioning."

Rescuers are still trying to find those unaccounted for, he said, though the exact number on board is not known.

Rakhine in Buddhist-majority Myanmar is home to around 600,000 Rohingya Muslims, who are considered migrants from Bangladesh and are denied citizenship and freedom of movement.

A Myanmar military crackdown in 2017 forced some 750,000 Rohingya to flee Rakhine for Bangladesh following widespread accounts of murder, arson and rape.

Team Hum Sath Sath Hai organises seminar on drug abuse and its prevention

Top News Report

KHOUR, Aug 10: To make aware the youth of the border and rural area against the drug abuse Team Hum Sath Sath Hai under the Chairmanship of Monu Verma organised a seminar on "Drug Abuse and its prevention".

Hundreds of youth from the different villages participated in the programme whereas SHO Khour Rahul Mahajan, Major Amit Pathak, Atul Sudan Vice President JJSF and Social Activist Shambhu Sharma were the guest speakers during the program. Deputy Ram President Municipal Committee Khour was the Special Guest during the program.

Rahul Mahajan SHO Khour while addressing the gathering emphasised that J&K Police has started a three-fold strategy encompassing dismantling the drug network, fostering awareness and providing dedicated support



for drug victims. He appealed to the youth to be the ambassadors of J&K Police against the drug menace.

Atul Sudan Vice President Jammu Joint Student's Federation while speaking on the occasion discussed the various statistics of drug addicts in Jammu Kashmir.

Urging the youth to stay away from drug abuse and play an important role in nation building and remain engaged in all sorts of sports activities, Atul Sudan appealed to the LG Administration to raise more infrastructure like open and

indoor stadiums and promote sports activities in each and every district especially in rural areas of JKUT so that young generation remains healthy and physically fit.

Jammu Kashmir Police undoubtedly is doing a great job by seizing contrabands of drugs and arresting a number of drug peddlers but the sad affair is that the big fishes, who are running the trade are still at large and succeeding in their nefarious designs," pointed out Atul Sudan.

He further pointed out that the police department shall also evolve a mechanism to plug

in all routes narcotic smuggling to thwart all attempts of Drug mafia, which is hell bent to ruin the lives of the younger generation.

Major Amit Pathak while speaking on the occasion said that Pakistan is playing the dirty game of exploiting our youth not only by handing over guns to them but also by pumping in drugs through its mafia and make them addicts," he alleged and said that Pakistan is a coward nation and by indulging into such acts, it has proved it. He said the Indian Army is leaving no stone unturned to defeat the narco terror-

ism and seeks the support of border youth in this mission.

Shambhu Sharma social activists appealed to the youth to spend the time with their parents to learn the moral values which will help them to defeat such social evils.

Team Hum Sath Sath Hai during the program started a free service of E-rickshaw for poor patients of the area. The E-rickshaw services will be provided by Karan Singh Bhat. Meanwhile 6 Volleyball kits were also provided to the youth by Monu Verma Chairman Team Hum Sath Sath Hai.

Others present in the program were Ruhi Rajput, Sonia Sharma, Pooja Rajput, Ankush Choudhary, Jagdish Kumar, Suresh Kumar Volunteers of Team Hum Sath Sath Hai. Municipal Committee Khour Councillors Jagu Ram, Pawan Singh, Asha Rani, Subash Singh, Moti Lal Verma also remained present in the awareness program.

NC pays tributes to Balwant Rai, uncle of Ex MLC Surinder Choudhary



Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Aug 10: The Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Rattan Lal Gupta, along with the functionaries of the party's District Rajouri Rural unit, today paid tributes to Balwant Rai, uncle of former MLC Surinder Choudhary, during their visit to his residence at village Nanyal, Nowshera in district Rajouri. Balwant Rai was a distinguished teacher,

writer, leader of the Low Paid Employees J&K, and a dedicated social activist.

Recognizing the tremendous contribution made by Balwant Rai to the society, Rattan Lal Gupta termed his passing as a great loss to the society.

As a mark of reverence, Rattan Lal Gupta offered his prayers for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

He said the untimely demise of Balwant Rai leaves a significant void

in the society, as he tirelessly worked towards bettering the lives of low-paid employees in Jammu and Kashmir. His commitment to the cause of social activism and his role as a teacher and writer will be remembered as an inspiration for future generations.

The visiting NC leaders conveyed heartfelt condolences to the family members and prayed for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

Those who accompanied the Provincial President include Pard-eep Bali, Yashuvaradhan Singh, Zeeshan Rana Addl Spokesperson, Rakesh Singh Raka, Sunita Devi, Nisar Ahmed, Jasbeer Singh, Rafiq, Rattan Lal Padha, Dheeraj Sharma, Tilak Raj, Vivek Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Rag-hunath ji, and Jitender Singh.

Purushottama Ekadashi fast on August 12: Mahant Shastri

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: The second (more) Shravan Krishna Paksha Purushottama Ekadashi fast is in the year 2023 AD on August 12.

Regarding Ekadashi fasting, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya, head of Shri Kailash Jyotish and Vedic Santhan Trust, told that there are 24 Ekadashis in a year, but when Adhikamas (Malmas) comes once in three years, then their number increases to 26.

The second (more) Shravan Krishna Paksha Purushottama

Ekadashi date will start at 05.07 am on Friday, 11th August and will end on the next day i.e. Saturday, 12th August at 06.32 am.

Suryodaya Vyapini Ekadashi Tithi is on 12th August Saturday, hence Purushottama Ekadashi fast will be on 12th August Saturday.

But due to the decay of the date, the fast of Purushottama Ekadashi will be observed on August 12 only.

Due to falling in Purushottam month (Malmas), this Ekadashi is named Purushottama Ekadashi, this Ekadashi is also known as Param



Ekadashi.

According to the scriptures, husband and wife fast on Purushottam Ekadashi of Malmas for the wish of children. If they are, then they get a worthy child. By fasting on Ekadashi, the fasting person gets many times more auspicious results than Ashvamedha Yagya, chanting,

penance, bathing and donating in pilgrimages.

It is necessary for the fasting person to observe Ekadashi fast on his mind, senses and behavior.

Ekadashi fasting teaches how to maintain balance in life. The person observing this fast attains salvation by rising above the meaning and work in his life and walking on the path of religion.

This fast can be observed by both men and women. The person who donates on this day attains the supreme position by destroying all the sins.

Students of JKPPS Miran Sahib Jammu shine in Painting Competition

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: In a painting competition organized by Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (NGO) in collaboration with Block Development Officer, Block Miran Sahib, Jammu in which 60 students from different schools participated.

Students of J&K Police Public School Miran Sahib Jammu showing their artistic skills have won top three prizes.

Rupinder Singh, Class 12th won the first prize while Adarsh Bhagat



and Manvi Gorkha won second and third prizes respectively.

Dr. Rubinder Kaur, Chairperson, Management Committee, J&K Police Wives Welfare Association/J&K Police Public Schools congratulated the students for

their outstanding performance in the Painting Competition and complimented the Principal, Rajeev Sharma and Art & Craft Teacher, Gourav Kumar.

Mahendra Nath Tiwari, Administrative Officer (IGP Armed/IR Jammu

Zone) J&K Police Public School, Miran Sahib, Jammu congratulated the School Principal, Art & Craft Teacher and Students for their outstanding performance and wished them continued success in their artistic endeavors.

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Samba Bar Association calls off strike on assurance of Div Com Jammu

conducted on 4th August of 2023, the lawyers were assured of an amicable settlement of the issue and redressal of their grievances.

Today on an intimation from the office of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, a large number of members of Samba Bar Association led by its President Mandeep Singh Sambyal, Advocate under the aegis of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu President Vikram Sharma, Senior Advocate alongwith office bearers of Young Lawyers Association met the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu in his office, where they were apprised about the Government Order No. 950/JK (GAD) of 2023 dated August 10, 2023, whereby the powers of Sub Registrar, Ghagwal, stood assigned to Assistant Director, FCS & CA, Samba.

The order was read out to the visiting delegation and all the lawyers from Samba Bar Association unanimously appreciated the efforts of the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for redressing their grievances in shortest possible time.

Later, the Samba Bar Association presented bouquet to Vikram Sharma, Senior Advocate & President J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu for his efforts in ensuring the redressal at such earliest.

The office bearers of the Samba Bar Association resolved to resume their work in view of the development.

The office bearers of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu namely Amit Gupta (Vice-President), Parvesh Singh Salaria (General Secretary), Chetan Misri (Joint Secretary), Utkarsh Pathania (Treasurer) and Rohit Sharma (President, Young Lawyer Association), Gagandeep Singh Lucky (Vice President) YLA, Yaseer Farooq Khan (General Secretary YLA), Sunil Khajuria, Sachin Dev Singh, Zulkarnain Choudhary, Atul Raina, Dakshesh Maharaj and other were part of the delegation.

Six terrorist associates arrested in Baramulla

Churunda area of Uri. During his questioning, he revealed the names of his accomplices Ahmad Din and Mohammad Sadeeq Khatana who were questioned and upon their disclosure two grenades, a Chinese pistol, a pistol magazine and four live rounds were recovered from them, the officials said.

The accused were involved in cross-border smuggling of arms and ammunition at the behest of Pakistan-based terror handlers and its further distribution to LeT terrorists for carrying out terror activities, the officials said.

A case has been registered and investigations has been taken up, they added.

In another incident, security forces arrested three terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT in Budgam in central Kashmir and recovered incriminating materials from their possession.

The arrests were made in Khanshabad area of district.

The terrorist associates have been identified as Qaisar Ahmad Dar, resident of Kremshora, and Tahir Ahmad Dar and Aqib Rashed Ganie - both residents of Wagar, the officials said.

Incriminating materials, including a Chinese hand grenade, two magazines and 57 live rounds have been recovered from their possession. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation, they said.

A case has been registered and investigation has been taken up.

Centre's Bill excludes CJI for selection of CEC and other ECs

Secretary and comprising two other members not below the rank of Secretary to the Government of India, having knowledge and experience in matters relating to elections, shall prepare a panel of five persons for consideration of the Selection Committee, for appointment as the CEC

and other ECs.

LG to hoist Tricolour this Independence Day at Bakshi Stadium: DC Srinagar

event will be held at Bakshi Stadium where LG Manoj Sinha will hoist the Tricolour.

DC Srinagar also urged the people to participate in the Independence Day function.

Crime Branch Kashmir chargesheets man in fake DOB case

year 2022 and investigation started," it reads.

It reads that during investigation, it has been established and proved that the accused individual had submitted a fake D.O.B certificate at the time of his initial appointment as a result of which he illegally continued to remain in service beyond his actual age of superannuation.

"The chargesheet has accordingly been presented against the accused person in the court of competent jurisdiction for judicial determination," it read.

2 security personnel among 4 injured in grenade blast in Anantnag

officials said. The search operation in the area is underway, they said.

Special arrangements in place to ensure smooth Independence Day functions in Kashmir: IG CRPF

The IG CRPF said that the force is ready to tackle all challenges. Meanwhile, Yadav said that the medical camp is being organized free of cost medicine and treatment is being given to people. "If there is a need for a further or specialized treatment for any patient, CRPF will ensure that too," he said.

Traffic on Jammu-Srinagar NH restored, fresh batch of pilgrims leave for Amarnath Shrine

the evening for stranded vehicles. A traffic department official said fresh traffic was allowed from both Jammu and Srinagar this morning after clearance of all stranded vehicles.

The officials further said that with the opening of the highway, authorities allowed the 37th batch of Amarnath pilgrims to set out from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Valley in a convoy of 33 vehicles around 3.30 am.

They added that 422 devotees are on the way towards the Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district, while 577 pilgrims are heading for the Pahalgam base camp to undertake the yatra from the traditional route in Anantnag district.

Over 4.28 lakh pilgrims have so far paid their obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine since the commencement of the 62-day yatra on July 1.

SRS seeks refund of Token Tax Payment for vehicles outside sold J&K

outside the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

"It is crucial to acknowledge the High Court's verdict and ensure that its directions are followed diligently. The Division Bench emphasized that there should be no further demand of the 9% token tax from vehicle owners who have already paid a

lifetime tax at the time of registration outside the UT," Mahajan said.

"I urge the Transport Department to uphold the spirit of justice and promptly refund the token tax amounts collected from the citizens since November 9, 2021."

Mahajan raised serious concern about the economic challenges faced by the people, accentuated by the current high inflation rates. "In times of economic strain, it is imperative that government departments refrain from imposing additional burdens on the populace. The Transport Department must cease any actions that appear to be unjust and further burden the citizens," he added.

Mahajan appealed to the Transport Department to initiate the process of refunding the collected token tax without any further delay.

DSEK announces vacancies in Govt Schools

government high and higher secondary schools of various districts of the Kashmir division.

There are 45 positions in Botany, 57 in Chemistry, 15 in Commerce, 40 in Economics, 48 in Education, 30 in EVS, 82 in English, eight in Geography, six in Hindi, 40 in History, eight in Kashmiri, 100 in Maths, 55 in Physics, 60 in Political Science, 30 in Sociology, six in Statistics, 65 in Urdu and 53 in Zoology.

The selection will be based on merit which will be determined separately for each district subject-wise. The selected candidates will get a remuneration of Rs 25000 per month. The age of applicants should not be more than 40 years.

The documents that are needed to submit along with the application form include domicile certificate, affidavit, date of birth certificate, PG degree along with consolidated marks card, MPhil certificate if applicable, PhD certificate if applicable, NET/SET certificate if applicable, scanned front page of research publication and character antecedents certificate from Special DG CID J and K (after final selection).

India thriving even as major economies like US, China struggling: Nirmala Sitharaman

She highlighted India's growth under the BJP-led NDA government over the past nine years, saying that the same Morgan Stanley which had listed the nation as a fragile economy in 2013 has upgraded it today.

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Indian economy is thriving when major economies like the United States, China, and the UK are struggling and facing downgrades in the wake of the global slowdown.

She highlighted India's growth under the BJP-led NDA government over the past nine years, saying that the same Morgan Stanley which had listed the nation as a fragile economy in 2013 has upgraded it today.

While participating in the no-confidence motion debate in Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said, "India is in a rare position of being optimistic and positive for its future growth."

"Our real GDP growth was at 7.2 per cent in 2022-23 and it is projected to grow at 6.5 per cent in 2023-24," Sitharaman said, adding that India is expected to be the fastest-growing economy



in the ongoing financial year.

"These are projections given by not just one agency, but several global agencies and our RBI's projection is also saying this," she said.

The finance minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for the economic progress the nation has made over the past 9 years.

Hitting out at the previous Congress-led government, she said,

"You made the people dream, we made their dreams a reality."

"And we believe in empowering all and appeasement of none," Sitharaman added.

She also provided some comparisons to show the remarkable growth the country has achieved under the BJP-led NDA government. "In 2014, capital expenditure was only Rs 3.92 lakh crore. Today it has become Rs 10.9 lakh crore," she said.

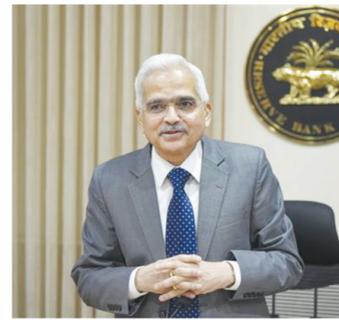
The finance minister also pointed out that the agriculture budget in 2014 was 21,933 crore and today it has increased to Rs 1.25 lakh crore, marking a 5-fold increase.

Sitharaman said that the country had foreign exchange reserves worth \$313 billion in 2014, and today it has doubled to \$600 billion.

She also highlighted the stellar growth of start-ups, aided by the government's policies. "The recognised start-ups in India have increased 19 times between 2016-17 and today. And from importing technology, India is now exporting technology to countries which need it."

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke about several other initiatives and policies implemented by the present government, which have helped in the upliftment of several sectors.

India can become new growth engine for the world, says RBI Governor



NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Thursday that India "can become the new growth engine for the world".

At the start of his monetary policy speech, Governor Das said, "Our economy has continued to grow at a reasonable pace, becoming the fifth-largest economy in the world and contributing around 15 per cent to global growth."

He said India has also made "significant progress" towards controlling inflation and added that the country's banks remain "healthiest in more than a decade" with historically high levels of capital, declining levels of non-performing assets and rising profitability.

Lower current account deficit and strong capital flows have imparted strength to the external sector, added the RBI Governor.

"Overall, India's strong macroeconomic fundamentals have laid the foundations for sustainable growth," he said.

He expressed the need to continue with efforts to maintain macro-financial stability while "pushing our growth frontier" further.

"India is uniquely placed to benefit from the ongoing transformational shifts in the global economy, in the wake of geopolitical realignments and technological innovations," Governor Das said.

He went on to add that India is a large economy "marching ahead with vast domestic demand, untapped resources and demographic advantages".

"India can become the new growth engine for the world," he added.

Meanwhile, Governor Das said the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee has decided to keep the key repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent, while maintaining the "withdrawal of accommodation" stance.

"After detailed deliberations on all relevant aspects, the MPC decided unanimously to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent," Das said.

Samsung secures 1L pre-bookings for Galaxy Z Flip5, Z Fold5 in 28 hours

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Electronics giant Samsung announced that it has achieved a record number of pre-bookings for the Galaxy Z Flip5 and Z Fold5, and within the first 28 hours. Over 100,000 consumers have already pre-booked these devices, it added.

The Z Flip5 is priced at Rs. 99,999 for the 8/256 GB variant, while the Galaxy Z Fold5 is priced at Rs. 154,999. These devices are set to be available for sale starting from August 18, 2023.

delighted with the overwhelming response for our newly-launched Galaxy Z Flip5 and Galaxy Z Fold5 phones

in India. The new devices prove our commitment to meeting the needs of our customers through innovative technology. The success of Galaxy Z Flip5 and Galaxy Z Fold5 shows that Indian consumers are highly sensitive to new innovations," said JB Park, President and CEO of Samsung Southwest Asia.

The number of bookings is 1.7 times higher than those of its previous generations (Galaxy Z Flip4 and Z Fold4) within the initial 28 hours. The company said that this response demonstrates the confidence consumers have in the foldable category.

Last month, Samsung Electronics' president

and head of Mobile Experience Business, T M Roh said that the company expects to raise its current market share from 35% to 50% in the super-premium segment with the launch of the Galaxy Fold 5 and Galaxy Flip 5. He mentioned Samsung currently holds a 35% market share in India in the super-premium segment.

In the overall market, as per a report released by CyberMedia Research (CMR) for the second quarter, Samsung leads the Indian market with an 18% market share, followed by Vivo and Xiaomi, each with a 15% market share.

NCLT approves Zee-Sony merger, paves way for creation of USD 10 billion media giant

MUMBAI, Aug 10 (Agencies): The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Thursday allowed the merger of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd and Culver Max Entertainment (earlier known as Sony Pictures Networks India).

This order by the Mumbai bench, headed by H V Subba Rao and Madhu Sinha, will pave the way for the creation of a USD 10-billion media company, the biggest in the country.

The tribunal also dismissed all objections regarding the merger.

The NCLT, on July 11, had reserved its order on the merger after hearing objections from several creditors. It heard arguments from creditors, including Axis Finance, JC Flower Asset Reconstruction Co, IDBI Bank, Imap Corp and IDBI Trusteeship.

In December 2021, Zee Entertainment and Sony Pictures



agreed to merge their businesses.

Both media houses approached the tribunal for sanctioning the merger after obtaining permissions from the National Stock Exchange, BSE and sectoral regulators such as the Competition Commission of India and the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

However, the process stopped at the tribunal when a few credi-

tors raised objections.

Several creditors of Essel Group raised objections against the non-compete clause added to the scheme.

NSE and BSE had informed the Mumbai bench of NCLT about two orders related to the Essel Group entities, where the promoters allegedly diverted funds from the listed entity for the benefit of their associate entities.

This also included the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) order against Punit Goenka barring him from holding a directorial position in any listed company.

SAT upheld Sebi the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi's) interim order which restrained both Zee Entertainment promoters Subhash Chandra and Punit Goenka from holding board positions in public listed companies for a year on account of alleged fund diversion.

According to the creditors objecting to the merger, the order has a direct bearing as one of the integral parts of the scheme of the merger is the appointment of Goenka as the Managing Director of the merged entity.

As there is a regulatory bar on Goenka holding such positions, the merger shouldn't go through, they submitted.

First-ever vaccine against Epstein-Barr virus shows promise

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Researchers have made a major breakthrough in developing the first-ever vaccine for the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), which causes mononucleosis (IM or 'mono'), also known as glandular fever.

EBV, a member of the herpes family of viruses, spreads through the exchange of saliva. While 95 per cent of the world's population carries this virus, for most individuals, infection occurs during early childhood and remains dormant, devoid of any significant symptoms.

The virus can lead to further health issues like cancer and

multiple sclerosis (MS).

The team of scientists, from the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute in Australia, who have published their findings in the journal Nature Communications, have been able to design a vaccine targeting lymph nodes in mice, which are the key players in the functioning of the body's immune system.

This vaccine not only elicited antibodies and T cells to combat EBV, but it also revealed the ability to induce a specific type of immunity that safeguards against the emergence of EBV-

associated tumours.

By intervening early on and thwarting the activities of EBV, this vaccine prevents the dire consequences that can ensue, such as brain inflammation that may trigger the onset of MS. "Our ingenious invention involves the creation of what we refer to as another dimension of the immune system, aptly named T cells. By merging these T cells with antibodies, our groundbreaking formulation stimulates the production of both, fortifying both the antibody and T cell immune responses," said immunologist, Rajiv Khanna, from

the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute.

However, the true perils unfold when an individual misses this early inoculation and falls prey to the EBV later in life, particularly during adolescence.

This is when the virus causes mono (or glandular fever), as well as heightening the risk of specific throat, nose, and even MS-related cancers.

With human clinical trials on the horizon, there is more research to ensure comprehensive trials. These trials could commence as early as 2024 or 2025.

Stomach pain cases rise: Experts share possible reasons and treatment



NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): The humid weather during the monsoon makes your entire digestive system sluggish. Most people experience digestive issues like diarrhoea (irregular bowel movements), abdominal pain, vomiting, acidity and bloating.

Besides this, due to an increase in viruses and bacteria, many people could have gastroenteritis episodes with abdominal cramps or pain that may persist for a long time (ulcers).

"While people across all ages are experiencing Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) symptoms like heartburn or acid reflux issues, it is most commonly affected among young adults," said Dr Saurabh Bansal, Gastrointestinal, Laparoscopic Cancer and Robotic Surgeon, Apollo Spectra Delhi,

Nehru Enclave.

Dr Jayant Barve, Senior Gastroenterologist, Lilavati Hospital, Mumbai, added that gastrointestinal issues can also stem from food poisoning and stress. "Stress triggers abdominal discomfort through the gut-brain connection. Treatment involves hydration, adjusting diet to bland options, using antacids for mild symptoms, managing stress, and seeking medical help for severe or persistent cases," informed Dr Barve.

On the other hand, Dr Hemant Patel, Gastrologist, Zynova Shalby Multispeciality Hospital, said that abdominal pain cases rise rapidly in the monsoon due to a lack of maintenance of proper hygiene when eating food from outside.

For this reason, other GI conditions like acute

gastritis, acute colitis, acute gastroenteritis, enteric fever, acute appendicitis and urinary tract infections are also quite common in the monsoon.

How to prevent gastrointestinal issues in monsoon?

According to Dr Amit Miglani, Director & HOD, Gastroenterology, Asian Hospital, Faridabad said that one should practice basic hygiene and wash one's hands as frequently as possible.

Other than avoiding fresh fruit cuts from the street vendors, raw vegetables should be washed and boiled before consuming and avoid consuming ice from outside as they contain viruses.

Dr Saurabh Bansal further added that drinking water should be boiled to kill any bacteria or viruses present in the liquid so that it doesn't get consumed. This could aggravate your stomach pain.

In case you have abdominal pain or suffering from intense stomach ache, Dr Miglani recommended hydrating yourself with ORS (oral rehydration therapy) or coconut water and consulting a medical professional immediately.

Air pollution can cause antibiotic resistance to rise, finds study

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Air pollution can cause a dangerous rise in antibiotic resistance, affecting the health of every individual worldwide, according to a global study.

Moreover, the study, published in the Lancet Planetary Health journal, reveals that this connection has grown stronger over time, as increases in air pollution coincide with alarming surges in antibiotic resistance.

The researchers, hailing from both China and the UK, found that their analysis is the first to suggest the impact of air pollution on antibiotic resistance on a global scale.

Antibiotic resistance, a silent pandemic threatening our well-being, is rapidly expanding its

lethal reach.

The evidence suggests that particulate matter PM2.5, harbouring antibiotic-resistant bacteria and genes, can be transmitted between environments and inhaled by unsuspecting humans.

Air pollution inflicts long-term suffering, leading to chronic afflictions such as heart disease, asthma, and lung cancer, ultimately shortening life expectancy. The immediate repercussions of exposure to high pollution levels manifest as coughing, wheezing, and asthma attacks, prompting a surge in hospital and general practitioner visits worldwide.

Lead author Professor Hong Chen of Zhejiang University in

China said, "The study not only will it reduce the harmful effects of poor air quality, it could also play a major role in combatting the rise and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria."

The main drivers are still the misuse and overuse of antibiotics, which are used to treat infections. But the study suggests the problem is being worsened by rising levels of air pollution. Curtailing air pollution could serve as a potent weapon against antibiotic resistance, say the researchers.

Hospitals, farms, and sewage-treatment facilities have been identified as potential sources, emitting and dispersing antibiotic-resistant particles through the air, spanning vast distances.

Until now, the influence of PM2.5 air pollution, composed of particles 30 times smaller than a human hair, on global antibiotic resistance remained largely enigmatic. Startlingly, data indicates that a staggering 7.3 billion people worldwide are directly exposed to hazardous average annual PM2.5 levels.

The authors used data for 116 countries from 2000 to 2018, sources that included the World Health Organization, European Environment Agency and the World Bank. Their findings confirm that antibiotic resistance escalates with PM2.5 levels, with every 10 per cent increase in air pollution ushering in a 1.1 per cent surge in antibiotic resistance.

2023 ODI World Cup games rescheduled, India-Pak on Oct 14; ticket sales from Aug 25

Pakistan's game against Sri Lanka, originally slotted on October 12, will now be held on October 10 and Australia's game against South Africa will be played on October 12.

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): As many as nine games, including two India games and three Pakistan matches, are rescheduled as the International Cricket Council announced the revised schedule for the 2023 ICC Men's ODI World Cup that is set to be played in India from October 5 to November 19.

The most anticipated fixture between arch-rivals India and Pakistan is advanced by a day from October 15 to 14 as the Ahmedabad police had raised security concerns on the game initially coinciding with the first day of the Navaratri festival.

Similarly, the clash between Pakistan and England that was set to be played in Kolkata on November 12, too, was advanced by a day after the Cricket Association of Bengal raised the concerns communicated by the Kolkata police department as the match was on the same day as that of Kali Puja, another major Hindu festival.

To accommodate the two changes, a few other games had to be tinkered with, taking the number of rescheduled games to nine (approximately



18 per cent of the matches in the tournament).

With the India-Pakistan game moved to October 14, the England-Afghanistan game in Delhi is moved to October 15 and the clash between New Zealand and Bangladesh is moved from October 14 to 13 and will be played as a day-night game. Pakistan's game against Sri Lanka, originally slotted on October 12, will now be held on October 10 and Australia's game against South Africa will be played on October 12.

As the Pakistan game against

England in Kolkata had to be rescheduled, two more changes had to be made. The first being the clash between Australia and Bangladesh rescheduled to November 1 (day game) and then India's clash against the Netherlands on November 11 is moved to 24 hours later.

In what comes as a bigger relief to the fans who were anxiously waiting for the schedule to be finalised so that they can plan their travel, the ICC has said that the tickets will be sold in multiple phases from August

25 — 42 days before the opening game.

The sale of tickets for all non-India games, including warm-ups, will be opened on August 25. Tickets for India's warm-up fixtures will be sold on August 30. Ticket sales for India games at Chennai, Delhi and Pune will open on August 31 followed by their matches in Dharamsala, Lucknow and Mumbai on September 1. Tickets for India matches in Bengaluru and Kolkata will be sold on September 2 and for the game against Pakistan in Ahmedabad on September 3.

The tickets for the knockouts will be available on September 15. Fans can register their interest via <https://www.crick-etworldcup.com/register> from August 15.

India matches ticket sale details:

Aug 30: warm-ups in Guwahati & Thiruvananthapuram.

Aug 31: vs Australia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh.

Sep 1: vs England, New Zealand, Sri Lanka.

Sep 2: vs Netherlands, South Africa.

Sep 3: vs Pakistan.

Welcome to Miami: Team India lands in Florida ahead of last two T20Is against West Indies

FLORIDA, Aug 10 (Agencies): India players touched down in Florida on Thursday morning ahead of the much-anticipated last leg of the tour of the West Indies. The Hardik Pandya-led team arrived at the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport in Florida, making their way from Guyana after the end of the 3rd T20I. The Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground, Lauderhill, Florida will host the 4th and 5th T20I of the 5-match series on Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14.

The journey from Guyana to Florida was filled with smiles as the Indian stars were excited to touch down in Miami. "Welcome to Miami," Yuzvendra Chahal said as the Indian stars looked relaxed ahead of the final leg of the tour.

India made sure they kept the series alive by winning the 3rd T20I after losing the first two T20Is against the West Indies.

India have a fine record in Florida as they have won 4 of their 6 matches at the venue, facing defeat only the first time they played at the ground in 2016.

The star of the match was undoubtedly Suryakumar Yadav, who showcased his exceptional batting skills by scoring a blistering 83 runs off just 44 balls. His performance was instrumental in leading India to a seven-wicket win, keeping the team's hopes alive in the five-match series. Yadav's aggressive batting style and ability to hit boundaries under pressure were key factors in

India's successful chase of the 160-run target set by the West Indies.

However, the Indian openers, debutant Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill, had a disappointing start, getting out early with scores of just 1 and 6 respectively. Despite this setback, the middle-order batsmen stepped up to the challenge. Tilak Varma, another rising star, played a crucial role in supporting Yadav. He remained unbeaten, scoring 49 runs off 37 balls. Varma's calm and composed batting provided the perfect balance to Yadav's aggressive approach, helping India reach the target in 17.5 overs.

The Indian bowlers also contributed significantly to the team's victory. Kuldeep Yadav was the pick of the bowlers, taking three wickets and restricting the flow of runs during the West Indies' innings. The West Indies captain, Rovman Powell, did manage to score a quickfire 40 not out off 19 balls, but it was not enough to secure a win for his team.

This victory was a stark contrast to India's performance in the first two T20Is. In the first match, held at the Brian Lara Stadium in Trinidad, India fell short by four runs in a nail-biting finish. Despite a valiant effort by the lower order, the team could only manage 145/9 in their 20 overs, losing the match by a narrow margin. The second T20I saw a similar outcome, with the West Indies beating India by two wickets in Guyana.

100 In 81 Balls, 200 In 129 Balls: Prithvi Shaw Makes Heads Turn On Way To Become 1st Indian To Achieve Big Feat In England

LONDON, Aug 10 (Agencies): Prithvi Shaw arrived on the England shores for the One-day Cup with a target in mind. Once considered the 'next big thing' Shaw's career growth has dwindled in the last few months with injuries and off-field controversies took the sheen away. An international career which started with a Test ton against West Indies in 2018, gradually seemed to be going nowhere. However on Wednesday, Shaw gave glimpse of why he is still a force to reckon with.

With a 153-ball 244 for Northamptonshire in England's One-Day Cup tournament against Somerset on Wednesday, Shaw became the first Indian to hit a double ton in the contest. The 23-year-old is now only the second Indian after Cheteshwar Pujara to register a 150-plus score in the tournament. Shaw reached the 100-run mark in 81 balls while he reached the 200-run mark in 129 balls.

The 23-year-old, who is playing in his maiden county season, smashed 28 fours and 11 sixes en route to his second List A double century. This was his ninth List A century, and first since his 165 against Karnataka in the Vijay Hazare Trophy semifinal when he led Mumbai to lift the title in 2020-21.

Playing his third game for the Northamptonshire, Shaw reached his maiden hundred for the side off 81 balls. He then cruised to the 200-run mark off just 129 balls with the help of 24 fours and eight sixes to power Northamptonshire to 415/8 after they opted to bat.

The Mumbai batter had struck an unbeaten 227 against Puducherry in the



Vijay Hazare Trophy in February 2021 for his maiden List A double hundred.

After a bright start to his career, Shaw has now slipped down India's pecking order.

Shaw, who had scored a mammoth 379 in a Ranji Trophy game against Assam, didn't have a great IPL for Delhi Capitals.

He was woefully out of form and was dropped midway through the competition.

He last played for India on the tour of Sri Lanka in July 2021, and was part of the squad for the T20Is at home against New Zealand earlier this year but was left out for the ongoing series against West Indies.

The talented opener has also had to deal with off field issues recently.

In 56 List A games, Shaw has amassed 2687 runs, at an average of 51.67.

Shaw had scores of 26 and 34 in his first two outings for Northamptonshire.

'I have been working hard for Asiad': Gymnast Dipa hopeful of getting China ticket

CHENNAI, Aug 10 (Agencies): India's top gymnast, who revolutionized the sport in the country, Dipa Karmakar is uncertain about her participation at the Asian Games in Hangzhou in September-October.

Despite topping the Asian Games trials held by the federation in July, she felt she was ignored because of certain criteria of sports ministry and Sports Authority of India confusion, she could miss out too. Her name was apparently sent by the Gymnastics Federation of India but SAI has considered two other names.

Dipa's coach Bishweshwar Nandi, too, is of the opinion that the criteria is wrong if they consider past performances and not current form. Dipa, who has been training even during her doping suspension period, made a comeback after 21 months in July. And her coach felt the selection criteria was flawed.

During a conversation with this daily, she requested the sports ministry to reconsider her name. Dipa is hoping that the sports ministry and SAI would consider her case.

"I participated in the trials for the Asian Games in Bhubaneswar and topped it. And now, suddenly I learnt that my name was not sent because of some new criteria. Then I requested the SAI to relax the criteria. For the last three years or so, I was not competing due



to injury (ACL surgery) and then doping suspension. After that, I practised and participated in the trials. So they should consider my case," she told this daily.

Dipa felt this is quite challenging for an athlete. "As an athlete, we train with targets in mind and when you realize you are not getting the target then it upsets you mentally and is very disappointing," she said.

"I have been putting in a lot of effort and hard work so that I could give my best at the Asian Games for my country. People in the country did not know much about gymnastics but after the Rio Olympics, people started to know about the sport. I will try and do my best for the country at the Asian Games."

As for the Olympic qualifications, the gymnast who finished fourth at the Rio Olympics said

it would be dealt with later because she is now more concerned about the Asian Games. "As of now we are concentrating on this," she said.

"Olympic qualification efforts will continue. I don't think the current selection criteria works for gymnastics because our sport is such that we cannot rely much on our past performances, especially on 1-2-year-old performances, rather than considering current form."

Dipa felt ignoring the current form will not be good for the sport. "I have full confidence that whatever decision that will be taken will be in my favour and will be good," she said. She also talked about the period when she was banned.

"To be honest, one has to be mentally very strong but my coach (Nandi) and my family

supported me a lot and that's why I was very strong and fighting to give my best performance."

Dipa's coach Nandi, who has been training her since her childhood, had been supporting her. "She should be part of the team," he said.

"To make gymnastic criteria you need gymnastics experts because it is a very technical game. I don't know who made the criteria but the selection in gymnastics doesn't happen this way. In my life, I have played eight-ten internationals and won nationals three-four times but I have not seen criteria that take into account past performances."

"If they select gymnasts on the basis of past performances then it will be for the first time they are selecting athletes like this and it will not be good for the sport," he said.

"In our game, there are a lot of unusual moments, uncertain moments and injury-based games and that's why you should always consider present performances."

"My request to the sports ministry and SAI is that they consider current performance and I am really hopeful that they will select athletes based on present performance," he said.

There is a possibility that Dipa could be included in the team.

Marta, Sinclair and Rapinoe among generational talents retiring after Women's World Cup

AUCKLAND, Aug 10 (Agencies): Generational talents Marta, Christine Sinclair and Megan Rapinoe have all played in their final Women's World Cup and are leaving the game in a much different place than when they started.

Joining them in the group of players ending their international careers is Estefania Banini of Argentina, who said it's time to make way for younger players. Caroline Seger of Sweden is still playing in the tournament, but she has already said that it will be her last. "It's emotional. Those are some of the greatest football players of all time, players that I've looked up to," said United States captain Lindsey Horan as her eyes filled with tears. "Pinoe, Sinc, both of them I got to play with. Marta is one of the GOATS. It's hard as a football player to see these guys exiting like this, but look at how much they did for women's football. Them on the field, their character, everything. They're the reason we're all here today."

Marta, the Brazilian player once dubbed "Pele in Skirts" by the legendary Pele himself, raised the profile of women's soccer in her home country with her dazzling play that she learned from boys on the streets

of Dois Riachos.

The 37-year-old was tearful when Brazil was surprisingly eliminated from the tournament in the group stage. It was her sixth World Cup and she fell short of becoming the first player, male or female, to score in all six.

At the team's final match, she looked across the field at young teammates Laurinha and Bruninha and realized that there was more work to be done for the Brazilian national team. "Women's football doesn't end here. Women's football in Brazil doesn't end here. We need to understand this," she said.

Marta has scored 115 goals for Brazil, including a record 17 goals at the World Cup. She has been named the FIFA Women's Player of the Year a record six times.

Rapinoe, 38, announced before the World Cup that it would be her last. She will play out the season with her club team, OL Reign, before retiring from the game.

She finishes as one of the most decorated U.S. players ever. In addition to two World Cup titles, and Olympic gold and bronze medals, she won the prestigious Ballon d'Or as well as a FIFA best player award. She was also awarded the nation's

highest civilian honour, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, for her social justice work.

Rapinoe was among the players who fought for, and won, equal pay with the men's national team. Rapinoe's World Cup career ended with a missed penalty. The United States was sent out of the tournament in a shootout in the Round of 16 with Sweden after a scoreless draw. It was the team's earliest-ever exit.

Rapinoe posted a heartfelt farewell on Instagram on Thursday.

"This group was so very special, and I'm immensely proud of every single one of us," she wrote. "This team is in special hands as I walk away, just like it always was, and always will be. Because that is what this team is all about. We lay it out on the line every single time. Fighting with everything that we have, for everything we deserve, for every person we possibly can. "It has been my honour to play for our country, with so many incredible women, for so many years. Thank you, a million times over."

Sinclair's future with the Canadian national team is unsettled, although at 40 this was assuredly her final World Cup.

Canada is set to face Jamaica on Sept. 26 in Toronto for a spot in the Paris Olympics next year, and Sinclair hasn't said whether she'll play.

Sinclair has scored a record 190 international goals, most among men and women. As captain of the team, she was dogged throughout the World Cup by questions about an ongoing contract dispute between the players and Canada Soccer.

The women's team has been playing without a contract for more than a year, demanding better pay and treatment.

After Canada was eliminated in the group stage, Sinclair called on her federation to support the team to avoid future early exits. "I think more of it is like a wake-up call for our federation, the lack of a professional league, the lack of support for our youth national teams," she said. "I think you're just going to continue to see teams reach our level, surpass us, whatever you want to call it if things don't change."

Seger, 38, has been struggling with a calf injury at the World Cup. Sweden advanced to the quarterfinals, by defeating the United States on penalties after a scoreless draw, and will face Japan on Friday in Auckland. It is Seger's fifth World Cup.

Seger's 235 appearances for Sweden are the most for any female player in Europe, and although she has two Olympic silver medals and two World Cup third-place finishes, Sweden has never won a major tournament.

"For me to be here with this national team and trying to do that, it's my last chance. I mean, I'm not going to play any more World Cups so for me that's the end," she said. "To be able to hopefully help the team in every way I can to bring home the gold would be of course a dream come true."

Banini was in tears following Argentina's final match at the World Cup against Sweden. Known as the "Mendoza Messi" in reference to her hometown, she returned to La Albiceleste last year after a lengthy absence over what she said was the poor treatment of the women's team.

"I was able to fulfil what I wanted: play in the United States, play on a great team and play in a World Cup with the national team, that was my great dream. I'm living what I always dreamed of," she said. "I think I achieved everything I fought to improve, and now I have to step aside. I hope they continue fighting for women's football."

Shri Shani Shilla Sthapna Divas celebrates in Lakshmi Narayan Mandir



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust led by Gulchain Singh Charak, Former Minister and President of the Trust, organised celebration of Shri Shani Shilla Sthapna Divas at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Complex Gandhi Nagar Jammu where in besides Kavinder Gupta former DyCM, Baldev Singh Billawaria Dy Mayor JMC, Bhanu Mahajan Corporator large number of devotees and general public participated.

Abhishek and Shringar of Shri Shani Dev by the learned pandits accompanied by Mandir Pujaaris, member trustees, special invitees and other prominent devotees. There after performing Puranaahuti, Maha Aarti was organized on this auspicious occasion. Various religious scholars expressed their views about the Shani Shilla "a replica of Shani Shingna Pur Mandir in Maharashtra" and prayed for blessings of Lord Shani Dev. Ashwani Kumar Shastri briefed the gathering by highlighting the ways of Shani Pooja. He narrated that the malefic gaze of Lord Shani is said to be because of

grief, dullness, laziness, failure, poverty, delays and other adversaries, he also explained about the separate arrangements made for performing the Pooja of Shri Shani Dev ji and other Grehas in "Shri Yantra" and "Nav Greha Mandir" in this complex in proper manner. Charak thanked the religious scholars and devotees for their participation in the celebrations and making the celebration a grand success. He, especially, mentioned the name of Davinder Khawle for extending his whole hearted support for bringing Shani Shilla from Shingna Pur and establishing here in the

mandir complex and organizing the whole programme including Vishal Bhandara on the occasion. He also thanked the function committee, other trustees, special invitees of the Trust and the function committee headed by K.B Magotra under the guidance of S.C Rekhi including Uma Sharma representative of Mahila wing for the proper arrangements made for this great religious event. Davinder Khawle was also honored on the occasion. After the whole Pooja Archana a "Vishal Bhandara" was organized in which large number of devotees and other public participated and took Parshad.

MMMD: ARTO Kishtwar inspires 120 transporters to pledge for national development and safe driving

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Aug 10: At the Helipad Kishtwar, Assistant Road Transport Officer (ARTO) Kishtwar Saleem Manhas of Motor Vehicle Department Kishtwar led a momentous initiative by administering the Panch Pran pledge to a gathering of around 120 transporters and drivers assembled here at Helipad Kishtwar. This marked the inauguration of the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh (MMMD)' Campaign in a runner to the celebration of Independence Day 2023 nationwide for Saluting the Soil, Honoring the Heroes-Mitti ko Naman, Veeron ko Vandan under



the banner of Meri Mati Mera Desh. The pledge, known as Panch Pran, resonates with a deep commitment to elevate India to a developed nation status. The participants vowed to shatter the chains of subservience, embrace our rich cultural heritage with pride, stand united and steadfast, fulfill their

civic responsibilities, and honor those safeguarding the nation. In his address, Manhas underscored the pivotal role of responsible driving in safeguarding the lives of countless individuals across the country. He emphasized that adhering to guidelines and complying with the motor vehicle act are

not just obligations, but the sacred duty of every driver and transporter. This event not only exemplified collective dedication towards national progress but also underscored the crucial responsibility transporters and drivers bear in ensuring the safety and well-being of the nation's citizens.

GDC Mandi organises Panch Pran Pledge

TOP NEWS REPORT

MANDI, Aug 10: The Staff and students NCC/ NSS volunteer of Govt. Degree College Mandi took a solemn pledge covering Panch Pran of the Prime Minister, affirming their commitment to the country. More than 40 members of volunteers took Panch Pran Pledge dedicated to Meri Maati Mera Desh" under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahot-



sav. Meri Mati Mera Desh - Mati ko Naman Veeron ka Vandan is a national program in which 75 saplings shall be plant-

ed in each panchayat of the nation and Amrit Vatikas shall be created in which Shilaphalakam shall be erected on which names of Veers

shall also be inscribed. In each Panchayat, Galantry Awardees, Veer Naris, Ex Servicemen, Retd Personnel shall also be honoured. Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, recently announced this campaign during his Mann Ki Baat broadcast. The campaign aims to honour the brave freedom fighters and bravehearts who sacrificed their lives for the country.

Shiv Sena anguishes over non-issuance of driving licenses, submits memo to Transport Commissioner

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 10: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit, anguished over non-issuance of driving licenses for the last eight months in the union territory. In this regard, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K submitted a memorandum to the Transport Commissioner in Jammu. Talking to reporters here, Sahni said that despite fulfilling all formalities and waiting for an extended period of eight months, people are still awaiting the issuance of their driving licenses. The number of pending licenses has now reached nearly 30,000 and continues to increase with each passing day, he said, adding that the Depart-



ment has been referring to the lack of cards as the reason for the delay over the past eight months. In an attempt to address this issue, individuals are now being advised to download their driving licenses digitally from the "Digilocker" mobile application. Sahni mentioned that the department currently lacks hard copies of license card, and individuals are being urged

to download their driving license online instead. However, as a result, the Department is still charging individuals for printing and delivery fees amounting to Rs 200 and Rs 50 respectively. He demanded this collection to be halted immediately. Sahni further informed that a memorandum has been submitted to the Transport Commissioner, highlighting all of these concerns verbally. Along

with Sahni, Meenakshi Chibber and Sanjeev Kohli were also present. In response, the Transport Commissioner has been made aware of all these demands through the verbal memorandum, and reassurances of prompt relief have been given. Sahni expressed hope that the authorities will take swift action to resolve this issue and expedite the issuance of pending driving licenses.

GDC Darhal organizes 'Shilaphalakam' under MMMD Programme

TOP NEWS REPORT

DARHAL, Aug 10: In continuation of the sequel of events organized under the banner of "Meri Mati, Mera Desh", "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", "G20" and "Shikshit Bharat" the NSS unit (IMDAD) of GDC Darhal organized Shilaphalakam (Memories) as MMMD envisions a unified celebration of India's soil and velour, commemorating the Nation's journey of freedom and progress. The main objective of the program is to express heartfelt gratitude to all the brave heart (Veers and Veeranganas) who made the supreme sacrifices. NSS volunteers of the college participated in the event with enthusiasm and fervor. They made Shilaphalakam dedicated to free-



dom fighters and security forces of the locality. On the Shilaphalakam, names of the brave hearts have been inscribed. These included freedom fighters, defense personnel, personnel of central armed police and state police who laid down their lives in the line of duty. There after a documentary on the Kargil Hero Capt. Vikram Batra was also shown to the students with the aim to inculcate a spirit of Nationalism and Patriotism among the students.

As in MMMD campaign patriotism means to serve your country and unani- mously work for its progress. In Shilaphalakam making activity the NSS volunteers who worked actively and dedicatedly were Aleena njum, Sayra Jabeen, Rabia Kosser, Mehboob Sadeeq, Waqar Ahmed and Mousin Raja of Sem. 5th and Haseena Wazib, Haseena Kosser, Mavish Kosser, Murshad Ali and Shaheez Ahmed of Sem. 3rd. The entire program was

organized under the guidance of Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of the college. While addressing the students he exhorted that by connecting with the land and honoring our heroes, this program will instill a sense of national pride and will inspire future generation to protect India's cherished heritage. He further added that it is important to have a spirit of brotherhood in order to support each other. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (NSS PO) and the staff members who made the event successful were Dr. Intiaz Hussain Shah, Prof Makhdoom Ahmed, Prof. Tahir Mahmood, Jameel Ahmed and Saddam Hussain.

DPAP's KDP Wing condemns act of vandalism in Mattan Temples

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, AUG 10: In a joint statement issued by the leaders of KDPW, led by President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Tickoo, Spokesperson Gawhar Wani, Mahila President Daizy Dhar, and Youth President Naveen Gosani, the party condemned the recent act of vandalism that has desecrated the sanctity of Mattan Nag and its adjoining temples. This incident has deeply hurt the religious sentiments of Kashmiri Hindus, particularly during the sacred month of Shravan. The leaders of KDPW

have earnestly appealed to the Lieutenant Governor, Chief Secretary, Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner of Anantnag, and Deputy Inspector General of Police Anantnag to take immediate action and ensure that the culprits responsible for this reprehensible act are brought to justice under the provisions of the Public Safety Act (PSA). They have also urged the authorities to prevent any such incidents from happening in the future. Furthermore, the leaders have called upon the civil society of Mattan and the Hindu community residing there to

remain vigilant against any potential acts of disharmony. They have emphasized the importance of maintaining peace in the town and have urged everyone to work together to uphold the values of unity and mutual respect. To prevent similar acts of vandalism in the future, the leaders have demanded increased security measures at all Hindu religious shrines and temples. They stress the need for stringent action against individuals involved in such activities and have requested a thorough investigation to uncover the motives behind these acts.

PTTI Vijaypur organises Panch Pran Pledge ceremony

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VIJAYPUR, Aug 10: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur organized a Pledge taking Ceremony in the Institute on Thursday under the theme "Meri Maati Mera Desh- Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan" wherein all Officers, staff and trainees of the Institute including students and staff of local Schools participated and took "Panch Pran Pledge" to make India developed and self-reliant. Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur read out the contents of the "Panch Pran Pledge". Principal PTTI Vijaypur in his address remembered freedom fight-



ers who have made supreme sacrifice of their lives for the Independence of the Country. He advised the students to strive hard for their bright future and serve the Nation with



focus to make India a well developed country. He further advised the students to stay away from drugs and other social evils. The function was concluded with National Anthem and offering of

sweets and juice to the students and other participants. Among other officers who attended the pledge taking ceremony included Kuleep Raj, Dy.SP (Tech/ Indoor), Insp. Vishal Kumar(CDI), Insp. Anil Kumar, Insp. Ram Lal, Insp. Bhopinder Singh, Insp. Kanwal Raina, Insp. Himanshu Dutta, Insp. Ashish Dharmat, SI Sulinder Singh, ASI Darshan Kumar and Narinder Kumar.