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BRIEFLY

Ladakhis concerned over grazing land 'Taken over by China': Rahul Gandhi in Leh

LEH, Aug 20 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion that not an inch of the land in Ladakh has been taken over by China is not true. The people of Ladakh are concerned about their grazing land "taken over by the Chinese Army," Gandhi, who is on a tour of Ladakh, said after paying tributes to his father and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary.

"All the people (in Ladakh) say the Chinese Army has intruded and taken over our grazing land and they (people) cannot go there now. They are clearly saying this even as Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) says that not an inch of land was taken over which is not based on truth," Gandhi told reporters.

The Congress leader said he was planning to visit Ladakh during his Bharat Jodo Yatra but had to abandon the plan due to some "logistical reasons".

"So, I thought let me come and do a detailed tour of Ladakh. I came to Pangong and am going to visit Nubra and Kargil. The idea is to listen to what the people have to say and what their concerns are. Over here, the concern is of the (grazing) land that has been taken over by China. The people have been affected in a big way because their grazing lands have been taken over. Another concern of the people is the lack of cellular connectivity," he said.

Gandhi said ask anyone in the region, they will tell you that the grazing land has been "taken over by the Chinese Army".

The Congress has been questioning the government over the border situation with China.

Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

India has been maintaining that its ties

LG launches Green Jammu and Kashmir Drive 2023-24 from IIM Jammu

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JAMMU, Aug 20: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the Green Jammu & Kashmir Drive 2023-24 from IIM Jammu, today.

The Lt Governor planted a tree sapling in the Campus to mark the occasion.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Forests Department, IIM Jammu, Village Panchayat Plantation Committees and all the stakeholders for the launch of the mega plantation drive.

"Green J&K Drive has become a major contributor to increas-



ing the green cover of J&K, strengthening our ecology and building a healthier society. In the last 3 years, we have been able to plant more than 4 crore saplings and the target for this year is to plant 1.75

crore plants to ensure ecological security," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor highlighted the need to protect, preserve and restore ecology and biodiversity for sustainable living.

J&K has one of the most diverse forest areas in the country with 55% forest and green cover. It is in the interest of environment and our future generations to synergise development with the natural resources for sustainable development, he added.

There is a saying that God forgives always, men forgive sometimes but nature never forgives. It is high time we realize that our rights over natural resources are temporary. We have to respect and restore the delicate balance between economic development and

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Rajiv Gandhi Birth Anniversary | Rahul pays tribute to father on banks of pangong lake in Ladakh



LEH, Aug 20 (Agencies): Congress MP Rahul Gandhi Sunday paid tributes to former prime minister and his father Rajiv Gandhi on the occasion of his 79th birth anniversary on the banks of the Pangong Tso in Ladakh.

"Here, the concern is of course China has taken away the land... and of course the lack of connectivity. People have said that China's army has entered the area and their grazing land has been taken away. The Prime Minister has

said that not an inch of land was taken away, but this is not true, you can ask anyone here," Rahul told reporters on Sunday morning.

"There were so many complaints from the people of Ladakh, they are not happy with the status that has been given to them, they want representation and there is a problem of unemployment... people are saying that the state should not be run by bureaucracy but state must be run by voice of people..." says Rahul Gandhi, Congress MP in Ladakh.

Yatra to remain temporarily suspended from 23rd August

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JAMMU / SRINAGAR, Aug 20: The 62-day long Shri Amarnathji Yatra, 2023 commenced on 1st July this year and it will culminate with the event of Chadi Mubarak on 31st August 2023.

The Yatra commenced simultaneously from both the routes - the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baital in Ganderbal district.

This year the Yatra has seen overwhelming foot-fall with more than

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Rajasthan people want change, looking at BJP with expectations: Tarun Chugh

NEW DELHI, Aug 19 (Agencies): In a scathing attack on Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said on Saturday that the people of the state want a change and are looking at the BJP with expectations that it will relieve them of the state government's misrule.

BJP leader was reacting to Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot's remarks in which he said that "Yeha BJP Ki



Daal Galne Wali Nahi Hai", and that Congress will return to power with a huge majority in the upcoming assembly elections scheduled to be held by year-end. "Rajasthan's public wants a change and is looking at the BJP with expectations to relieve them from the state government's misrule," Chugh said.

"The day is not far when the public will bid goodbye to Ashok Gehlot,"

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President Murmu, VP Dhankhar express condolences on death of 9 Army personnel in Ladakh

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar expressed their condolences on the death of nine soldiers who were killed on Saturday after their truck skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Leh district of Ladakh.

President Murmu

said she was "deeply anguished" by the news of the accident and added that "the nation owes a great debt of gratitude to these soldiers for their selfless sacrifice".

"Deeply anguished to learn that a road accident in Leh led to loss of lives of Indian Army personnel. I convey my heartfelt condolences

to the bereaved families. May God give them strength to bear this tragedy. I pray for the speedy recovery of the injured. The nation owes a great debt of gratitude to these soldiers for their selfless sacrifice," Rashtrapati Bhavan said on 'X' formerly known as Twitter.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar also

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Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande offers "deepest condolences" to kin of 9 Army soldiers, who died in Ladakh accident

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Army Chief General Manoj Pande on Sunday expressed grief over the death of 9 soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) in a road accident in Leh on Saturday, and offered his condolences to the bereaved families, officials said.

A post on the Indian Army official handle on X, formerly Twitter, read,



"General Manoj Pande #COAS and All Ranks of #IndianArmy express profound grief on the loss of nine #Bravehearts in a tragic and unfor-

unate road accident in #Ladakh and extend deepest condolences to the bereaved families."

President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, too, condoled the loss of lives in the accident.

The army truck that the soldiers were travelling in skidded off a road and plunged into a deep gorge in the Leh district of Ladakh on Saturday.

Cheque bounce case: Man gets two yr jail, asked to pay double the amount

SRINAGAR, Aug 20 (Agencies): A local Court in Shopian has convicted and sentenced a man to two years of imprisonment in a cheque bounce case. Court also directed the convicted person to pay double the cheque amount to the complainant with 15 percent interest on the cheque amount from date of issuance of cheque till realisation of cheque in practical.

Quoting an official, KNO reported that Manzoor Ahmad Khanday son of Lassi Khanday resident of Barbugh Shopian had taken different items including cardboard boxes, pesticides and fertilizers from a dealer namely Shabir Ahmad Rather

son of Gh Mohammad Rather resident of Hillow, Shopian. "Manzoor was owing around Rs 98 lakh to Shabir and gave him a cheque of Rs 70 lakh which later got bounced."

"On 25 May 2021 Shabir brought memo of the cheque following which legal notice was issued to the accused and he was asked to pay the amount. However, the accused neither paid the amount nor replied to the notice following which case was proceeded before Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian," he said.

"Later the accused appeared before the court and started contesting the case and

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J&K Bank sacks its chief manager Sajad Bazaz

SRINAGAR, Aug 20 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd Saturday dismissed its chief manager Sajad Bazaz from services with immediate effect.

An official order issued by J&K Bank, while quoting its MD, reads that the undersigned is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case contained in the report received from credible agencies, that the activities of Sajad Ahmad Bazaz, Chief Manager, Code no. 4484 posted at Internal Communication and Marketing Department are such as to warrant his dismissal from service

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Most Corruption complaints against Home Ministry, Railways, Bank Officials in 2022: CVC

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): The highest number of corruption complaints last year were against employees of the Union home ministry, followed by those working for the railways and in banks, according to the Central Vigilance Commission's latest annual report.

In total, 1,15,203 such complaints were received for all categories of officers and employees across central government departments and organisations in 2022, it stated. Of these,

according to the report, 85,437 were disposed of and 29,766 were pending — 22,034 for more than three months.

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has prescribed a time-limit of three months for chief vigilance officers, who act as a distant arm of the probity watchdog, to examine complaints, an official said.

While the home ministry received 46,643 complaints against its employees last year, 10,580 were received by the railways and 8,129



by banks, according to the report. Out of the total complaints

against home ministry employees, 23,919 were disposed of and 22,724

were pending disposal — 19,198 pending for more than three months, it said.

The railways had disposed of 9,663 complaints, while 917 were pending disposal — nine for more than three months, the report, which was made public recently, stated. Banks had disposed of 7,762 corruption complaints and 367 were pending — 78 for more than three months.

There were 7,370 complaints against employees of Government of National Capital Territory Delhi, it stated. Of these, 6,804 were

disposed of and 566 were pending — 18 for more than three months.

The report stated that 4,710 complaints were against employees of the housing and urban affairs ministry (including the Central Public Works Department), the Delhi Development authority, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, the Delhi Urban art Commission, the Hindustan Prefab Ltd, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation

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TENTH DAY KRIYA/OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Bansi Lal Wanchoo** S/o Dwarika Nath Wanchoo originally resident of Rainawari Jogi Lanker at present H. No 73 Vishwa Bharti College, Lower Muthi Akalpur Road Jammu on 15-08-2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 24-08-2023 at Muthi Ghat, Assembly will be held at 9.30 AM at Muthi Ghat.

Grief Stricken

Smt Usha Wanchoo- **Wife**
Smt & Sh Ratani Saraf and Lt Dr. R.L Saraf
Smt & Sh Sushma Kenu & Shuban Kr. Kenu
Smt & Sh. Dulari And Vijay Wanchoo
Smt & Sh. Shafali & Manoj Zalpuri
Smt & Sh. Sunaina & Gaurav Jha
9419203358, 9622229470



Bansi Lal Wanchoo

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Surjit Singh Suri** S/o Late S. Himat Singh R/o 157 A, Rampura (Gandhi Nagar) on 16th August 2023.

Programme

18th August 2023 (Friday): Anghitha Sambal 9.00 am at Shastri Nagar Cremation Ground.
20th August 2023 (Sunday): Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 157 A, Rampura (Gandhi Nagar).
22nd August 2023 (Tuesday): Bhog at 9.00 am to 11 am followed by Guru Ka Langar at 157 A, Rampura (Gandhi Nagar).
Antim Ardas on 22nd August 2023 at Gurudwara Baba Fateh Singh Sanjay Nagar Sector - 1 from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sdn. & S. Davinder Singh (Bhabi & Brother)
Sdn. & S. Abhinandan Singh (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Sdn. & S. Gurmeet Singh Tara (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Sdr. & S. Harbachan Singh (Bhabi & Brother-in-law)
Sdr. & S. Mohinder Singh (Pali)
Sdr. & S. Dilbagh Singh (Pink)
Grand Sons: Angadveer Singh & Karanveer Singh
Ph. No: 7006233651, 9419111984, 9149692949



S. Surjit Singh Suri

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. DWARIKA NATH BHAN (BOBA)** S/o Lt. Sh. Tara Chand Bhan originally from Drussu Pulwama, Presently at H. No. 2/1, Shantipuram lower Roop Nagar, near Uma Devi Mandir, Muthi, Jammu on 16-08-2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 25-08-2023 Friday at MUTHI GHAT & assembly will be held at 8:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(Daughter-in-law & Son)
Smt. Bita & Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhan (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Veena & Sh. Tej krishen Koul
Grand Daughter-in-law & Grandson
Dr. Sunayna & Dr. Deepak Bhan
Mrs. Archana & Mr. Arvind kaul
Grand Daughter & Grandson-in-law
Mrs. Indu & Mr. Sandeep Raina
Mrs. Naveta & Mr. Rahul Bhat
Great Grand Children
Ms. Kamakshi Raina,
Ms. Saanvi Raina,
Master Diwakar Bhan.
Contact : 9419133283, 7006863496, 9419265455.
C/o Supreme Lab & Dental Clinic, Muthi.



Sh. DWARIKA NATH BHAN (BOBA)

TENTH DAY KRIYA UTHALA

"Your life was blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure"

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Papa Ji Sh. C.L. Sharma** on 11th Aug 2023 (Friday) H/o Late Smt Krishna Sharma R/o H. No 15-B Bhagwati Nagar Jammu **Tenth Day** will be held on 20th Aug 2023 (Sunday) at 11.00 AM.

Kriya will be held on 21st Aug 2023 (Monday) at 12.30 PM at our residence 15-B Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

Uthala will be held on 23rd Aug 2023 Wednesday at Gita Mandir Bhavan, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughter's in Law
Sh. Rajesh Sharma & Smt Khima Sharma
Sh. Yogesh Sharma & Smt Aruna Sharma
Daughters & Sons in Law
Smt Shashi Prabha Sharma & Sh. Ravi Kant Sharma
Smt Vandana Sharma & Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma
Smt Upasana Khajuria & Sh. Anoop Khajuria

Grand Children
Sumalini & Anshuman, Priyanka & Rahul, Kanav, Abhishek, Sonali, Rudra, Ankita, Hemant, Tushar, Diya
Great Grand Children
Shivya, Sharvi, Trishu
CONTACT NO 7051116018, 9796224896, 8082050360



SH. C.L. SHARMA

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Krishan Lal Verma Ji** resident of WardNo.15 Shakti Nagar, Dhar Road Udhampur on 18.08.2023.

The Fifth Day shall be performed at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu on Monday i.e. 21.08.2023 at 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Sham Lal Verma & Smt. Ramni Verma
Sh. Manohar Lal Verma & Smt. Sunita Verma
Sh. Romesh Verma & Smt. Anju Verma
Contact: 9419125481, 94192 11648



Sh. Krishan Lal Verma Ji

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. ASHA KACHROO** W/O LT. KASHI NATH KACHROO ORIGINAL R/O RAMBAGH, SRINAGAR KASHMIR A/P H.NO. 48, SEC-2, LANE NO-3, SWARN VIHAR (POLICE COLONEY) JAMMU.

THE TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD ON 27TH AUG (SUNDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR (DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION) ASSEMBLY AT 9:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

RAJESH & RAMEY KACHROO- SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW -9796223683
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAWS
MRS SUNITA & AMIT JI DHAR- 7889702446
MRS SHASHI & ROMESH SADHU- 9796604323
MRS SEEMA & AJAY JI MATTOO- 9419146767
GRAND CHILDREN
HEEPOSH, KOSHEEN, HEEVAN, AADITYA, OJAS & OM



SMT. ASHA KACHROO

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With the heavy heart, we inform the heartbreaking and untimely demise of **Smt. Nirmal Kumari Slathia**. You left us in a sense of shock and pain but death is certain as is birth. You will always be remembered as a strong happy and who has a patience of entire galaxy. Wherever you are, we know your blessings and smiling face will always be with our family. However, we know early/young death is the award of her goodness.

10TH DAY will be held on Saturday i.e 19-08-2023, 10:00 AM in Shiv Mandir, Gurha Morh (Near Railway Phatak).

KRIYA will be held on Tuesday i.e 22-08-2023 at our residence, W.No.8, Vijaypur (Gurha Morh).

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Suresh Singh Slathia (**Husband**) (SO Planning Retd)
Nikhil Slathia- **Son**
Akhil Slathia - **Son & Pallvi Rajput (Daughter-in-law)**
Naresh Singh Slathia (**Devar**) (Account Officer) & Babita Slathia (**Devrani**)
Rakesh Singh Slathia (**Devar**) (Gram Sevak) & Neelam Slathia (**Devrani**)
Nephew/Niece : Ginni, Shivu, Golu, Samriti & Gauri
Mob Nos: 7889934431, 9797568596, 9797347000, 9797617665



SMT. NIRMAL KUMARI SLATHIA (RETD. POST MASTER)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Mohinder Nath Khajuria**, S/o Lt. Pt. Khem Raj Khajuria, Rtd Asst Director, Edu Dept J&K (of Raghunathpura Moh. Shalamar Road) presently at Greater Kailash H.No. 15, Lane No. 5 Upper Side on Friday, 11th August 2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Sunday, 20-08-2023 at our residence, Greater Kailash at 11 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on Monday, 21-08-2023 at our residence, Greater Kailash.

UTHALA will be performed on Monday, 21-08-2023 at Ram Mandir, Sector D, Ramleela Chowk, Sainik Colony from 5-6 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son and Daughter-in-law
Er. Sisar Khajuria (Xen Hyd) & Smt Sunila
Daughter and Son-in-law
Smt. Urvashi & Er. Sanjeev Mohan (Rtd XEN. PDD)
Brothers & Bhabhi's
Smt. Nirmal Khajuria
Er. P.B. Khajuria (Rtd MD, JKSPDC) & Smt Prem Lata
Er. A.K. Khajuria (Rtd CE, Mech) & Smt. Sushma
Dr. R.K. Khajuria (Rtd Director) & Smt Anita
Sisters and Brothers-in-law
Smt. Sharda Dubey
Smt. Veena Sharma & Er. S.K. Sharma (Rtd CE Mech)
Grand Children : Chaitanya, Abheek, Tajanya, Amesh
PHONES: 9419190211, 9419262411, 9086090211, 9419173529



M. N. KHAJURIA

SATSANG

In the memory of **Late Harmohinder Singh Harji and Sardarni Narinder Kour**, who left for their heavenly abode recently at Shah Anwar Colony Srinagar. As a customary tribute to the noble couple. **Satsang** will be held at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar, Jammu on 28-08-2023 (Sunday) from 4 PM to 5.15 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Prof. Hem Pal Singh & Inderjit Kaur - **Brother & Bhabi Sister & Brother-in-law**
Smt. Santosh Kaur & Satinder Singh Bali (Director Sports Retd J&K)

Son & Daughter-in-law

S. Jatinder Pal Singh & Jinny
Daughter & Son-in-law
Kiran Pal Kour & D.P. Singh (Canada)
Ph.No: 6005082767, 9419125470



Late Harmohinder Singh Harji and Sardarni Narinder Kour

13TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Ajay Gandotra** S/o Lt. Sh. Chand Krishan Gandotra R/o Talab Tillo, Anand Vihar, Bohri, Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 09-08-2023. The **13th Day / Kriya Karam** rituals will be performed at 12 noon at our Bohri residence and the **Uthala / Rasam Pagri** will be held in Jagat Resort, Shakti Nagar, Jammu on Monday (21-08-2023) at 4 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Swarn Kanta Gandotra (**Mother**)
Smt. Radha (**Mother-in-law**)
Smt. Rekha Gandotra (**Wife**)
Chachi
Smt. Santosh (Widow of Lt Sh. Om Parkash Gandotra) (**Chacha & Chachi**)
Sh. Ramesh Chander Gandotra & Smt. Sudesh
Brother and Sister-in-law
Sh. Rajesh Gandotra and Smt. Bindu Verma
Sister and Brother-in-law
Sh. Satish Gulati and Smt. Seema Gulati
Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law
Sh. Sunil Mahajan and Kavita Mahajan
Sons and Daughters
Ruchika, Vasu, Chaitanya, Ananta, Nancy, Kanika & Shivam
Mobile Number: 6006570735, 9622062894



SH. AJAY GANDOTRA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

TENTH DAY OF OUR KARAMYOGI FATHER **SHRI AUTAR KRISHEN SUS S/O LT MAHESHWAR NATH SUS** ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF MANDIR BAGH GAW KADAL, SRINAGAR AT PRESENT H.NO. 189 DHARMAL, BARNAI OPP. NAIB TEHSILDAR OFFICE NEAR DREAM CITY PARK JAMMU WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT ON 22ND AUGUST 2023 AT 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT KRISHNA SUS -WIFE (9711156723)
SON'S & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
SMT ANJALI & SH RAMESH SUS -9149481052
SMT LAXMI & SH ANIL SUS -8851044140
SMT SANGEETA & SH SANJAY SUS -9910477001
GRAND CHILDREN: ADITYA, SATVIK, RAHUL
SAMAST TIKU'S, TUTOO'S, VISHIN'S, BAKSHI, KOUL'S PARIVAAR
MOB: 9149481052, 9910477001



SHRI AUTAR KRISHEN SUS

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed about the sudden demise of **Mrs. Bobby Bhat** W/o Sanjay Sadhu, R/o Lane No. 2, Adarsh Nagar, Khajuria Mohalla, Top Paloura, Jammu on 12th Aug 2023.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 21-8-2023 (Monday) at 08:30.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mr. Sanjay Sadhu - **Husband**
Master Arpan & Samarpan Sadhu - **Sons Cousins**
Mr. B.L. Sadhu - (**Uncle**)
Mrs. & Mr. Sunil Sadhu & Roneka (**Cousins**)
Sisters & Brothers-in-law
Mrs. & Mr. Kuldeep Nakhasi & Sujata Sadhu
Mrs. & Mr. Kanya Lal Pandita & Sunita Sadhu
Mother & Brother
Smt. Sheela Bhat - **Mother**
Mrs. & Mr. Vikas Bhat & Seema
Contact No.: 7889831508, 8732814973



Mrs. Bobby Bhat

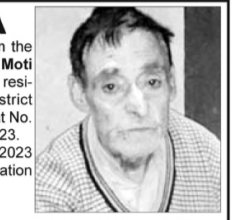
10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father **Sh Moti Lal Bhat** S/o Lt. Sh. Vishnber Nath Bhat originally resident of Gund-Chack Pora Tehsil Chardood District Badgam Kashmir A/P Lane No. 20 Block No. 109 Flat No. 4 Jagti Migrant Camp Nagrota Jammu on 15-08-2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 24-08-2023 Thursday at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education office Jammu at 8.15 AM.

Grief Stricken :

Mohani Ran.....Bhabhi
Sh Sham Lal & Smt Garja- **Brother & Bhabhi**
Sh Ramesh Kumar Koul & Smt Ranu Koul- **Son & Daughter-in-law**
Vicky Bhat & Smt Anji Bhat -
Sandeep Bhat & Smt Sandhya
Lovely Bhat & Sh Sunil Bhat- **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Boshan Lal & Anita **Son and Daughter in law**
Mob Nos. 7051245714, 9682593318, 978789808



Sh Moti Lal Bhat

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With grief and sorrow this is to inform sad and ultimate demise of our mother **Smt Indrawati Ambaradar** W/o Late S.I Ambaradar originally resident of 80/3 Motywar Rainawari presently 195 Old Rehari, Jammu.

10TH DAY shall be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director Education on 22/8/23 at 8.30 am

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son / Daughter in law
Smt Shama Ji W/o K L Ambaradar
Smt Suman W/o T. K. Ambaradar (SBI)
Daughter / son in law
Smt Santosh Dhar W/o Late H.L. Dhar
Grand Children - Jyoti Vakhra, Sunita Dhar, Sushma Ambaradar, Neeru Khar, Sonika Bhat, Vinod Ambaradar, Monika Raina.
195 Old Rehari, Indra Niwas Jammu.
Mob 9419351114 / 9419115109



Smt Indrawati Ambaradar

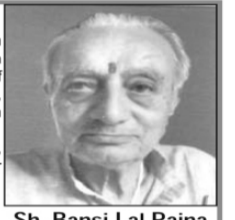
10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Bansi Lal Raina** S/o Lt. Sh. Dina Nath Raina originally resident of Pingshli (Trail) at present H.No. 99, Lane No. 10, Swarn Vihar (Police Colony) Bantala, Jammu on 15th August, 2023.

10th Day Kriya shall be performed on 24th August, 2023 (Thursday) at 9.00 am at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Chand Raina Raina (Wife)
Smt. & Sh. Jawahar Lal Raina (Bhabi & Brother)
Smt. Santosh Raina (Bhabi)
Smt. & Sh. Arjan Nath Raina (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Daughters-in-law & Sons
Smt. Kiran & Sh. V.K. Raina (Rtd. AEE) # 9419190139
Smt. Beauty Pandita (Advocate) & Sh. Anil Raina (Zyudus Cadila) # 9906906337
Smt. Sunita Bhat & Sh. Raj Nath Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Ruchika & Sh. Deepanjan Kaul (Grand Daughter & Grandson-in-law)
Grand Children : Mayank, Anish, Armesh & Ayushi
Samast Raina Parivar of Pingshli Trail



Sh. Bansi Lal Raina

CHOUBARS

Four years have passed since you left us suddenly in deep sorrow and tears. We miss you, remember you and feel your presence in every moment of life.

Choubars of our beloved mother **Late Smt Ambo Devi** W/o Late Sh. Milkhi Ram Bangotra R/o Village Nikkian, Teh. Khour will be performed on 21-08-2023 (Monday) at Shiv Palace Khour (Padi) as per programme :

Satsang at 12.00 Noon followed by Guru Ka Langar.
Grief Stricken and Missed By:
Daughters-in-law & Sons
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All Grand Daughters-in-law & Sons
All Grand Daughters & Sons-in-law
All Great Childrens etc. etc.



Late Smt Ambo Devi

KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our **Father Lt Col (Retd) KNS Sambyal** S/o Late Thakur BS Sambyal R/o H. No. 141, Ward No.6, Karan Nagar, Udhampur.

KRIYA will be performed on 21st of August 2023 (Monday) at 1:00 pm and **Rasam Pagri** at 4:00 pm

at our residence. **Lt Col (Retd) KNS Sambyal**

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Lt Col (Retd) KNS Sambyal

SHADMOS & MASWAR

It has been six months since you left us for your heavenly abode, but your essence hasn't left us for a second. Fragrance of your sweet memories is as fresh as ever. We pray to god for eternal peace to your soul and seek blessings always from above.

SHADMOS & MASWAR of our beloved **Lt Sh. Avtar Krishan Ji** S/o Lt Sh. Jagar Nath Ji, original resident of Sathu Bar Bar Shah Srinagar Kmr. is being performed at our residence H. no 64, BSG Lane, Paloura Jammu on 20th Aug 2023.

Deeply Missed & Remembered by:

Smt. Usha Ji- **Wife**
Vineeta Raina & Mimi Raina -**Son & Daughter in Law**
Vineeta Razdan & Pankaj Razdan -**Daughter & Son in Law**
Sh. Rattan Lal Raina - **Brother in Law**
Sh. Sanjay Raina & Veena Raina -**Brother & Bhabhi**
Smt. Prana Ji- **Sister**
Monika Langru & Dheeraj Langru -**Daughter & Son in Law**
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Lt Sh. Avtar Krishan Ji

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, it is to inform our beloved **jija ji Sh. Shanti Saroop Gupta (Munna)** S/o Late Sh. Ram Nath Gupta, R/o Malhotra Street Jammu had left us for Paramd

Congress pays rich tributes to Rajiv Gandhi-Architect of 21st Century Digital India



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: To pay floral tributes to former Prime Minister (Bharat Ratna) Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary, the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress committee organized an impressive function at PCC HQ Shahidi Chowk Jammu today. Besides several other functions in this connection were also held across the State at different district and constituency levels. A Blood Donation Camp was also organized by Pradesh Youth Congress on the occasion. Around 30 youth Congressmen donated blood in the camp, at Congress HQ Jammu. To mark the occasion PCC also launched plantation drive. Siblings of various types of plants were distributed to the party workers and others and they were asked to start plantation drive in their respective areas and involve themselves in this noble cause.

Raman Bhalla, Working President JKPCCC presided over the function which was attended by senior leaders of PCC, DCC, Youth Congress, Mahila Congress, Seva Dal etc.

Paying rich tributes to the former Prime minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi

Shri Raman Bhalla described him as an architect of 21st Century who brought about digital India & IT resolution in the Country. He (Bhalla) said that Rajiv Gandhi was a great Statesman and a visionary leader and remembered his contributions for the country who sacrificed his life like his mother Smt. Indra Gandhi for the sake of Nation. Bhalla said that the Congress party and Nehru-Gandhi Family has a history of sacrifices for the Unity and integrity of the nation.

He lashed at the political vendetta of the BJP and Modi Govt. against the Congress party and its leadership by mis-leading the people by twisting facts and history but asserted that Congress party is still strong enough to counter the propaganda and would stage a comeback in future. He said Rajiv Gandhi lowered voting age for the youth to 18 yrs, brought Panchayat Raj System and reservation to Women, SC, ST and OBCs.

Bhalla Said that said Rajiv Gandhi brought about IT revolution, strengthening PRI and empowerment of Youth & Women in the democracy. Party follows the footsteps and vision of Rajiv Gandhi and adequate representation would be given to the youth, women & weaker sections of the society at various levels in the party structure. He said that the nine years of Modi Govt. has failed to fulfill a single slogan and promise and it is exposed on its false hood.

Former Minister Shri Yogesh Sawhney in his address paid rich tributes to Rajiv Gandhi and remember his contribution in IT and Panchayat Raj in the country. Prominent leaders who paid tributes include S/ Shri Raman Bhalla, Yogesh Sawhney, Kanta Khan, Manmohan Singh, Vinod Sharma, Balbir Singh, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Ved Mahajan, Kuldeep Raj Verma, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Vijay Sharma (Buby), Gurdarshan Singh, Satish Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Babal Gupta, Rajvir Singh, Dwarka Choudhary, Kamal Singh, Vijay Shastri, Hoshiyar Singh, Prem Singh, Vijay Malhotra, Kewal Jogi, Pawan Dev Singh, Vinay Sharma, Prabh Singh, Jatin Raina, Sandeep Dogra (Sonu), Dara Singh, Michael Wazir, Dewan Chand, Ram Magotra, Rakesh Sharma, Raj Kumar and others.

Shiv Sena threatens state wide agitation, demands 300 units free electricity, waiver of outstanding bills

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Aug 20: Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT), Jammu and Kashmir, has demanded free electricity up to 300 units and waiver in all pending electricity bills for the welfare of poor and general public.

Addressing a program in Udhampur district of Jammu region, Sahni said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are suffering due to the failure of the elected government. Their voices are not being heard, and the administration is indulging in arbitrariness.

He emphasized that he is not against development and technology, but for the past 35 years, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have borne the brunt of terrorism and the abro-



gation of Article 370, which took away the state's special status. The ongoing economic slowdown, high inflation rates, and rising unemployment have burdened the people even further, he added.

Despite being among the top electricity-producing states in the country, Jammu and Kashmir are witnessing a consistent increase in electricity rates. In

the past four years, the people have suffered as millions of rupees have been wasted in changing electric meters three times, causing inconvenience and now there are plans to forcefully introduce prepaid-smart meters, which will further burden the common man economically.

Sahni highlighted that while the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir claims to

provide relief to the poor and general public, there is no evidence of such relief on the ground. He emphasized that the poor and general public of Jammu and Kashmir should be provided with free electricity up to 300 units and their outstanding bills should be waived off.

Sahni urged all political and social organizations to unite and join the people on the streets

to prevent essential services like electricity from falling into private hands and protect the people from economic exploitation.

On this occasion dozens local youths from ward 7 and 11 joined Shivsena.

Sahni announced Muzamil Khan as the president of Ward 11 and Mohan Lal as the president of Ward 7.

Among those who were present include Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Jatinder Arora, President Kamghar wing Raj Singh Shashi Pal, president Udhampur Sanjeev Kohli, Charman Joginder Verma, Golpal Dogra, Anil Vijay, Rajesh Khajuria, Rajesh Verma, Viashla, Ronesh, Sahil Gandotra, Pawan Gupta.

Neelam, Kapahi start renovation work of Sat Guru Kabir Bhawan in Talab Tillo

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Neelam Nargotra, JMC Councillor from Ward No. 40 in presence of Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, J&K BJP Media Incharge, Parmod Kapahi, BJP Jammu District President and Keshav Chopra, BJP Talab Tillo Mandal President kickstarted renovation work upgradation of Sat Guru Kabir Bhawan at Kabir Colony, Ward 40 in Talab Tillo.

Dist. Media Secretary Arun Dubey, Yashpal Shivgotra BJP SC Morcha, Parveen Ghai, Mandal President SC Morcha Sachin Nargotra, Rajesh Saini, Rahul Nargotra, Abhishek Sharma, Vikas Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Krishan Lal Sangral, Sardari Lal,



Rajesh Kumar, AEE Jagyadutt, JE JMC Shabab, JMC Supervisor, and prominent locals were also present on the occasion.

Neelam Nargotra, while speaking on the occasion, said that the long pending demand of the area will be fulfilled on completion of the Sabha Hall. She said that the Kabir Mandir and the adjoining Sabha Hall is one of the oldest in the

area that has existed as the focal point for the local residents. She said that the Hall has served as the moment saviour for the poor population for their marriage functions and other social gatherings. She said that present upgradation and renovation work with an estimated cost of more than 18 lakh Rupees for upgradation, renovation and facelift will provide more facilities to the local

residents in their needs.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that Sat Guru Kabir taught us to follow the path of equality and harmony. The same principles have been carried forward by Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Ambedkar, Dr. Deen Dayal Upadhyay and other great social leaders. He said that the people using the hall adjoining the Mandir for their social gatherings will also be enlightened

by the preachings of the great saint. He also urged the people present over there to take the message of universal brotherhood to society.

Parmod Kapahi said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government is committed to overall development of every area and especially the Jammu & Kashmir, which has got liberal funding towards its development.

Keshav Chopra praised the local Councillor in her commitment for the development of the area. He said that the Councillor has remained pretty vocal towards the needs of the ward and has ensured that the development works are being carried out in the Ward unhindered.

SC, depressed classes deprived under BJP's proxy Govt in J&K: Rattan Lal

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, AUG 20: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) has pooh-poohed the NDA Govt at the Centre for depriving the members of the Scheduled Caste (SC) and other underprivileged classes of even their basic rights, not to talk of other rights.

The senior National Conference leader stated this while addressing a day-long convention of National Conference Scheduled Caste Cell held under the chairmanship of Vijay Lochan, Chairman of the Cell here at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu.

Rattan Lal Gupta, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, asserted that the underprivileged communities are being totally ignored and deprived under the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) proxy Govt in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior NC leader, while reiterating that National Conference stands fully committed to the welfare of the underprivileged classes including Schedule Caste community, said that after



being voted to power in J&K during the Assembly elections NC Govt will do away with the discrimination met to the aforesaid people by the incumbent dispensation in terms of deprivation of their fundamental rights and social justice. He said that rights of these communities were always protected under the previous NC regimes. He asserted that it was National Conference that brought and implemented the law providing for land to the tillers as a result of which 80 percent SCs and deprived classes people were the beneficiaries. Even under the social justice reforms 80 per cent beneficiaries were SCs and depressed classes people, he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the power was also

shared with them by nominating the members of SC community into the power of corridors by the NC regime besides bringing them out of poverty. He said, today NC assures that if party comes to power it will restore their fundamental rights and other privileges by giving them social justice.

The Provincial President informed that the National Conference will launch Sher-e-Kashmir Awaz Yojana for the welfare of poor people falling under BPL category of PRC in urban areas, if the Party voted to power in the upcoming ULB elections. Besides this, he promised that the Party will provide 24x7 power and regular water supply in the urban areas and opening of health

centres in all the wards of urban areas.

Meanwhile, countering the statement of LG giving job opportunities to youth, he said 50000 posts have not been filled till date which were promised by BJP led govt amid recruitment scams galore in J&K. He said that Govt is betraying the youth of J&K which is evident from the fact that no employment has been provided to border youth as promised.

Vijay Lochan in his address said that National Conference has always been the messiah of the underprivileged especially the SC community people. He exuded confidence that all SC people will vote en mass for the NC candidates in the upcoming Panchayat and ULB polls and thereafter

in the Assembly polls whenever these are held.

Sheikh Ahmed Bashir, Provincial Secretary while asserting that National Conference alone is capable of providing social justice to the SCs and other deprived community members asked them to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah. He also asked the party cadre to strengthen the party base in the areas of influence in their respective constituencies.

Among those who were present during the convention include Andul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Mohinder Singh Senior Vice President Central Zone, Rakesh Singh Raka Central Zone Vice President, Vijay Lakhshmi Datta, Rita Gupta Vice President Central Zone, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B, Sudagar Gupta District President Samba, Sat Pal Block President Ramgarh, Krishan Datt District President Samba SC Cell, Baldev Raj Rtd master, Des Raj, Lal Chand, Jaga Ram, Parass Ram, Manget Ram Satpal, Vaishno Devi, Prem Kumar, Satpal, Ashwani Kumar, Maghat Kumar, Kuldeep Raj and others.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) ELECTRIC DIVISION JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
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Short e-NIT No.EDJ/164 of 2023-2024 Dated 17-08-2023

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** e-tenders are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in)	Earnest Money (in)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Supply installation testing and commissioning of Central Air Conditioning System in Directorate Office of Geology and Mining Department Udhog Bhawan Jammu.	PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu	15.06	600/-	30120/-	Linked with Civil works.	26-08-2023 At or after (12:00 A.N)	OEM/ Distributors /Firms Fulfill Eligibility Criteria

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	17-08-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 18-08-2023 to 25-08-2023, 4:00 P.M
3	Bid submission Start Date	18-08-2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	25-08-2023 up to 4:00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	26-08-2023 at or after 12:00 A.N in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work and NIT No. duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favouring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu. uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu, at the time of allotment.
- Bid Security Declaration should be kept in the Bid documents as per tendered.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

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EDITORIAL

ESSENTIALS FOR
DEMOCRACY

The term 'democracy' has been in use in the tradition of Western political thought since ancient times. It is derived from the Greek root 'demos' which means the people, 'cracy' stands for rule or 'government'. Thus, literally, democracy signifies 'the rule of the people'.

Democracy in Lincoln's famous words is "Government of the people, for the people, by the people." As a form of Government, it is the best. Democracy rules out the use of force. Decisions are not imposed but arrived at through negotiations and consensus.

But a system which is based on the ballot rather than the bullet requires some essential conditions for its success. Social inequalities including disparities in wealth wreck democracy. Communalism, casteism, regionalism are all inimical to democracy.

The success of democracy requires absence of ignorance; proper education will produce a wise leadership and a vigilant public and 'Eternal vigilance is the price of democracy'. A free and fair press is another vital necessity for democracy to flourish.

It ventilates public opinion and enables the government to frame policies in the interests of the masses. No Democracy can succeed without a strong and effective opposition.

Strong opposition excises a healthy restraint on the ruling party and prevents it from subjecting the people to arbitrary and despotic rule. It is to India's credit that despite the absence of many essentials of democracy, it is still the world's largest democracy.

In short, the success of democracy lies on the above enumerated essentials and ultimately ensures a good life to the citizens.

Democracy is the latest, and the best form of government to be evolved by kind. It has taken centuries of experimentation to arrive at it.

But it is the only form that allows man to live with dignity and promises him all opportunities develop his potential and justify his existence.

There are certain conditions which are absolutely necessary for the successful functioning of a democratic government. One of the most important essentials is a constitution.

Constitution implies a rule of law rather than of men. It curbs despotic tendencies of the rulers and safeguards the rights of the people.

It ensures that there is no arbitrariness in governing people and members belonging to different groups are given an equal treatment.

Since no two human beings can ever think alike, it is natural to come across dissenting opinions at every step, in every field. True democratic spirit lies in overcoming dissent through discussion and persuasion and not through coercion.

In a democracy, views are not imposed, views are shaped and molded. Democracy inculcates among the people the habit of tolerance and compromise and teaches them to show due regard for the opinions and sentiments of others.

Democracy presumes social equality. Disparities in wealth are a great threat democracy. A country in which a large number of people remain in abject poverty while a handful of them have plenty and to spare cannot run efficient democratic institutions.

Similarly communalism, regionalism, caste and class distinctions wreck a democracy. If a democratic government does not eliminate social distinctions and provide equal opportunities to all, it is bound to be overthrown sooner or later.

Democracy requires not merely an absence of ignorance but also that the citizens are adequately educated. If knowledge remains scanty, fragmentary and confined to narrow circles and if the mass of humanity remains steeped in ignorance and error, there can be no prospects for the success of democracy.

What is needed is to bring scientific knowledge to the doors of all, to universalize culture, to train the mind and to create the Socratic temper.

Education makes citizens vigilant and also gives them the boldness to criticize government measures which are ill-conceived or harmful. In fact, education produces wise leadership and an enlightened and alert public.

The newspaper acts as a kind of liaison between the government and the people. It acquaints the people with the policy and principles of the government. At the same time, it reflects the public reaction to this policy and thus enables the government to modify it.

BJP eyes amity with Pawars... AAP still keeping an open mind?

By: Anita Katyal

The Bharatiya Janata Party finds itself in a bind in Maharashtra even after it successfully engineered a split in the Nationalist Congress Party and improved its numerical strength in the state assembly. The party realises that it needs a strong Maratha leader in order to enjoy an upper hand over its political rivals in next year's Assembly polls. Its internal surveys are said to have shown that chief minister and former Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde has limited influence while deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, the new entrant to the ruling coalition, could deliver the Maratha vote but he would be better placed to do so if he is elevated as chief minister. The BJP is constrained from doing so as it could mean alienating Mr Shinde and the group of Shiv Sena legislators who could even be tempted to join hands with Uddhav Thackeray. With NCP veteran Sharad Pawar scoring over the younger leaders, the BJP is learnt to have advised his nephew Ajit Pawar not to attack his uncle and instead try to win him over to their side with an offer of a berth in the Union Cabinet. Though Mr Pawar has denied these reports, he is keeping everyone guessing about his periodic meetings with his nephew.

Mr Pawar, remarked a former Congress leader, cannot be trusted and yet no one can afford to alienate him.

Though Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has found a place in the anti-BJP grouping, INDIA, the other Opposition parties continue to be wary of him and feel he cannot be trusted. There is a section in this bloc which is convinced that Mr Kejriwal could still walk out following the passage of the Delhi Services Bill for which he wanted the support of the other opposition parties. The BJP, which is making all-out efforts to create fissures in the INDIA bloc, has figured that Mr Kejriwal could still be persuaded to go solo since he has supported the Modi government on several issues including the abrogation of Article 370 and the need for a Uniform Civil Code. In fact, a senior BJP minister, who was seated a distance away from Mr Kejriwal at the Independence Day programme, moved to sit next to the chief minister and continuously questioned him about his decision to align with a dynastic party like the Congress and whether he would concede seats to it in Punjab and Delhi.

Even as Congress leaders K.C. Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh are finalising Rahul Gandhi's East-West Bharat Jodo Yatra, beginning October

2 from Gujarat, the party is mulling over how it can to bring its allies on board. This is crucial as the Congress would not like to give the impression to the other members of INDIA bloc that they are being upstaged, especially since the Yatra route is likely to go through Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand before it ends in Arunachal Pradesh. The Congress is expected to impress upon its allies that the Yatra could be used to boost the INDIA alliance. Congress leaders will also underline that their partnership would be further strengthened if chief ministers Mamata Banerjee, Hemant Soren and Nitish Kumar joined Rahul Gandhi for a day or two during the Yatra. This issue could figure at the August 30 meeting of INDIA parties in Mumbai.

When the Bharatiya Janata Party extended a special invitation to Lok Janshakti Party leader Chirag Paswan at the last meeting of the National Democratic Alliance, it was obvious this was aimed at strengthening the saffron party's Dalit base in Bihar as it needs all the help it can get after the Janata Dal (United) walked out of their alliance. Efforts were also made to bring together Mr Paswan and his estranged uncle Pashupati Kumar Paras who split the party two years ago. However, these unity efforts could

come unstuck as three MPs — Chandan Singh, Been Devi and Mehmood Ali Kaiser — who had aligned with Paswan's uncle during the split are said to be exploring other options. They are learned to be in touch with the JD(U) and may switch sides closer to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. If this happens, it may be difficult for a weakened LJP to contribute substantially to the BJP's kitty of seats.

As all political parties start preparing for the 2024 general election, there are signs of concern among the Bharatiya Janata Party MPs about their political future. Many point out in private conversations that they could face the axe on the ground that the voters were unhappy with their performance when the truth is that they were unable to deliver because they were not given sufficient functional autonomy. Others are nervous that the BJP's over-dependence on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity has not allowed them to evolve and acquire their own identity. And then there are the first-time MPs who are particularly worried as there is every possibility that they may not get a ticket again. The BJP leadership has, on several occasions in the past, axed its sitting legislators. The experiment proved to be a success.

Opportunity for Talent

By: Vijay Garg

There is limitless potential for creativity within any child. If he is confined within a limited framework, then his talent also remains confined within that scope. Therefore, by identifying interests in childhood and adolescence itself, if a child is given an opportunity to learn, understand and do something in the field of his interest, then there is every possibility that the talent of a large number of children will come to the fore and the country and society will benefit from it. Although it is a fundamental aspect in the education system It should be and it has been taken care of to some extent, but now the government is formally going to take a concrete initiative in this direction. It is worth mentioning that the Ministry of Education is going to start the scheme 'Prayas' i.e. 'Promotion of

Research Attitude in Young and Aspiring Students' with the aim of providing opportunities for research and discovery to school students by introducing them to scientific methods and experiments. The objective of this scheme is to generate scientific temper among young students and to promote evidence-based science process, innovation and to develop creativity. It is a fact that the process of discovery and learning is very intense in children and adolescents. Especially if the subject of his interest is allowed to develop freely during his studies, his creativity often brings out something new. But our generally prescribed syllabus is an essential part of the education structure for most of the children and they have to complete their studies accordingly. In this, the talent of many such children remains suppressed, whose interests are not right.

Direction and opportunity to understand it is not available. Rather, on the contrary, such cases are common, in which many times during schooling, parents force their children to study such subjects, which they have to study forcibly. It is assumed that children should be educated according to the prescribed curriculum and the wishes of the parents, they are discouraged to understand and learn something new in the subject of their choice. This is a condition that has resulted in the failure of many children's creativity during schooling. A talent gets suppressed in a way. Those children who can become carriers of new discoveries in the field of knowledge and science, they remain the travelers of a ready-made path. From this point of view, the importance of 'Prayas' can be recorded in the form that it emphasizes on the development of the capacity of

the students to do research or discovery individually or in groups. In fact, children learn the most by observing and understanding the environment around them. Perhaps this is the reason that the identification and study of any local problem under this scheme Emphasis is placed on researching an idea, idea or concept, while examining the scientific reasons behind it and finding solutions. Obviously, if opportunities are made available in the right direction under the well thought out guidance of experts who understand the psychology of children and adolescents, then this scheme can prove to be a significant initiative in expanding the horizons of imagination and creativity of the students.

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Youth Congress holds blood donation camp on Rajiv Gandhi's Birth Anniversary

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress on Sunday organised a Blood Donation Camp at the party office at Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu on the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Late Sh. Rajiv Gandhi, Former Prime Minister of India. 20th August this year marked his 79th Birth Anniversary. Youth Congress leaders General Secretary IYC Jagdev Gaga, Akash Bharat, Divyansh Jamwal, Sahil Singh Lange and Anirudh Sawhney were present at the blood donation camp. PCC Leaders including Working President PCC Sh. Raman Bhalla, Former Minister J&K Sh. Yogesh Sawhney I/C District President Jammu (U), senior leaders Th. Manmohan Singh and Kanta Bhan also attended the initiative of the Pradesh Youth Congress. Various members of the Youth Congress donated their blood and joined the noble cause to



honor and pay homage to the former Prime Minister.

The PYC members paid tribute to Late Sh. Rajiv Gandhi. "He was India's youngest Prime Minister and has many contributions and achievements to his name. On his birth anniversary, we have organised a blood donation camp to honor his ideology and legacy", they said. The Youth Congress members further added that many PYC members volunteered to donate their blood. This donation will be helpful to patients in need. Even a little help from each one of us can go a long way, they added.

Rajiv Gandhi Ji believed in good deeds, actions over words and positive change and this ideology is deeply imbibed in the actions of the Youth Congress today. He gave the ultimate sacrifice of life and his memory will always be cherished and teachings valued for all generations to come, they said.

Remembering the leader, they further said that the legacy of Rajiv Gandhi ji continues to inspire the youth. From the IT revolution to lowering the voting age, to other countless achievements, he laid the foundations for a modern India. He was

the harbinger of positive change. The PYC said that it would honor his vision for India and continue to assimilate his ideas, thoughts and wisdom in its functioning. Commenting on the blood donation camp, they said that this was a small noble initiative from the Youth Congress and they were grateful to all those who participated and did the noble deed of donating their blood and all those who joined the cause. Rajiv Gandhi Ji was a leader who had inspired hope, and we continue to carry that hope in our hearts for a better and brighter future for India, they said.

Khatana visits Chamber House, discusses traders issues

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Ghulam Ali Khatana, Hon'ble MP Rajya Sabha today visited Chamber House and interacted with Office Bearers, Sr. Members of CCI and representatives of different market associations present on the occasion.

Arun Gupta, President CCI welcomed Sh. Ghulam Ali Khatana Sahib and during discussions highlighted various issues pertaining to Trade, Industry and general public of Jammu which include stoppage of installation of smart meters immediately, Toll Tax being charged at Thandi Khoi by NHAI be kept in abeyance till the construction of express way corridor and the damaged bridge at Tamah Nallah (Chadwal) is made operational, GST linked incentive be made available to the existing Industries also for their survival and in the era of cut throat competition, Mother Industries like Rail Coach Factory and Defence Equipment manufacturing Factory be established in Jammu in order to generate employment opportunities for the youth of our UT, Freight Subsidy



be provided upto National Capital to save the existing Industry, Issues relating to GST Refund and Interest Subsidy, The concessions being provided to the new Industrial Units is also extended to the existing Industrial Unit for their survival.

Arun Gupta also said that there are many Industrialists who want to establish their units on the land which comes under the purview of Khad Land. There is the need to redefine the "Kism" of this type of land and also a Policy should be formulated to allow the commercial and construction activities on those lands, so that the dream of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India that maximum investment should come in our UT.

Arun Gupta further apprised him that the Govt. have fixed Circle Rates at very exaggerated rate while the actual

prevalent rates are much low. Whereas Govt. is encouraging the entrepreneurs to establish their own industrial estate but such exaggerated circle rate is becoming a big hurdle in this process. The work on beautification of Jammu City Lake and Bank of River Tawi needs to be expedited, Promotion of Tourism in Jammu Region.

Arun Gupta also pointed out that at present only one train is running between Jammu-Haridwar on daily basis. Although a new train has been started but it is running for twice a week. The people of Jammu are travelling to Haridwar frequently to perform religious rituals but due to non-availability of this second train throughout the week they are facing lot of inconvenience, we demand that this train should be operated regu-

larly on daily basis, Presently There is urgent need to introduce a new super-fast train from the State of Rajasthan especially Jaipur for the facilitation of Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrims.

While reacting Mr. Khatana said that he has already talked to the PDD regarding excess billing and he hoped the necessary and favourable order shall be issued very soon. Regarding Toll Plaza he said that he will take up the said matter with the NHAI to resolve the issue at the earliest. Regarding other issues raised in today's meeting he said that he will definitely take up these issues with the concerned higher authorities for their redressal at the earliest.

Those present in the meeting include Prithvi Raj Gupta, Former Secretary General CCI, Shiv Partap Gupta, Jagdish Langer, Sh. Ravinder Sawhney, Sh. Ravinder Goel, Sr. Executive Committee Members, Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President CCI, Sh. Manish Gupta, Secretary General CCI, Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Secretary CCI and Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer CCI.

JKBS members pay obeisance at Gurdwara Tapo Asthan Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji Alibeg

TOP NEWS REPORT

AKHNOOR, Aug 20: Today, Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj, along with members of the Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS), offered their respects at Gurdwara Tapo Asthan Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji Alibeg in Akhnoor. Mr. R. L. Kaith, the General Secretary of JKBS, extolled Baba Sunder Singh as a paragon of peace and tolerance, emphasizing that his teachings will perpetually inspire forthcoming generations, guiding them towards the path of virtue and fraternity.



Following their expressions of reverence, the JKBS members participated in the langar and partook of 'pashada.' An elderly Sikh present there shared that during the earthly existence of the Gurus, they

instituted the tradition of offering sustenance to all who sought them. This practice was not just customary, but a directive from the Gurus themselves—to partake in a hearty meal prior to seeking their blessings

and prayers.

Among the dignitaries who graced the gurdwara with their presence were Mr. Dilay Ram Kaith, Rachhpal Kaith, Birender Kaith, Dhian Chand Lakhotra, and Gharu Ram Lakhotra.

Rao criticizes recent Ordinance & Legislative Actions by Central Govt

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Kuldeep Kumar Rao, a member of the State Organization Building Committee and Manifesto Drafting Committee of the AAP in Jammu and Kashmir, expressed his concerns regarding the recent developments surrounding the Delhi AAP government's authority over officers and the central government's legislative actions.

Rao highlighted that the central government had issued an ordinance to nullify a Supreme Court order that granted the Delhi AAP government control over officers dealing with matters other than public order, police, and land. The ordinance transferred the superintending jurisdiction over the entire officer cadre in the National Capital Territory to the Lieutenant Governor. He criticized this move, claiming that the central government's intention was to diminish the powers of the Kejriwal government. He further asserted that the Modi government's actions showed a dis-



regard for the people's mandate and the apex court's directives, indicating an intention to undermine the elected government of Delhi.

Expressing disappointment with the passage of the Delhi services bill in both houses, Rao condemned what he referred to as a "cowardly act" by the central government. He labeled the ordinance and the services bill as a violation of the federal values of the constitution, warning the people of Delhi that the BJP could potentially continue to exert control even after electoral losses.

Rao also commented on the recent

bill introduced by the central government in the Rajya Sabha, which aimed to change the process of appointing the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) by removing the Chief Justice of India (CJI) from the selection panel. He criticized various policies of the BJP, including those related to farmers, GST, education, foreign policy, and more, suggesting that they are contrary to the laws and the Indian constitution. He noted that several key ministries are being managed by ministers who were not elected to the Lok Sabha but were appointed to the Rajya Sabha by the ruling dispensation. He pointed out that this arrangement makes these ministers more accountable to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) than to the general public.

Rao criticized the BJP government's performance and policies, particularly concerning the economy and job creation, and urged the need for a change in leadership.

Grand awareness facilitation program by Poshan Project held at Central Sanskrit University



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: A significant Awareness cum Facilitation and Distribution event took place today, organized by the Poshan Project Kot Bhalwal at the Central Sanskrit University Bhalwal. The primary focus of the event was the distribution of Engagement Orders to the newly appointed Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers - AWW) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers - AWH). The esteemed Chief Guest, Smt. Renu Kumari (District Programme Officer, Mission POSHAN Jammu), had the honor of distributing these orders.

The event also took the opportunity to recognize and applaud

the outstanding performance of officials, who were presented with certificates of appreciation.

Distinguished guests added to the grandeur of the program. The Guest of Honour, Sh. Kuldeep Kumar (Chairman, Block Development Council - BDC), graced the occasion alongside the special guest, Sarpanch of Upper Bhalwal, Sh. Raj Dev Singh.

An impressive Poshan stall was set up, showcasing Poshan schemes and cultural artifacts. Field functionaries and artists contributed to the display, engaging the general public with awareness about the updated Poshan schemes.

During the event, Mohit Bharti, CDPO Kot Bhalwal, conveyed gratitude to the guests and extended a warm welcome to the newly recruited AWWs and AWHs. He expressed confidence that their presence would enhance the efficiency of the project and the successful implementation of ongoing welfare schemes.

In continuation, the District Programme Officer of Mission Poshan Jammu conducted a comprehensive review meeting, focusing on the implementation of ongoing Poshan schemes in Kot Bhalwal. On-the-spot directives were issued to promptly address any remaining expenditures.

Sat tours Ward 26, interacts with locals

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West, Sat Sharma (CA), today visited Subash Nagar area of Ward 26 and interacted with locals residing in the area. His main motto was to interact with the masses and know about the problems they are facing in their areas.

Sharma was also accompanied by a large number of people including Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Corporator Hardeep Singh Mankotia, Mandal President Atul Bakshi and others including local



residents and political activists of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Sharma said that the whole area was extensively toured with locals and a Nullah site was also inspected on which

there is a dire requirement of taking up some works so that the deep drain is covered properly and no mishap takes place in the area. He also asked the concerned officials to immediately take up the

process of cleaning of Nullah so that a clean and conducive atmosphere could be built in the surroundings. Sharma also stressed upon conducting cleanliness drives in Jammu and also

appealed to the masses to come forward in the noble cause so that the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of building a clean and green nation could be achieved.

Hardeep Singh Mankotia said that several works are in pipeline and they will be taken up in coming days so that best possible infra could be provided to the people at their doorsteps. He also lauded the works done by Former MLA and stated that it has taken the Jammu West to new heights in terms of development. He also highlighted the works done in Ward 26 during the last 5 years.

Will revoke Property Tax if voted to power in ULBs polls: NC

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: National Conference Jammu Provincial Joint Secretary Ankush Abrol and Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) Dr. Vikas Sharma today held an interaction with a group of youth and asked them to strengthen the hands of the National Conference in forthcoming municipal elections and effectively expose multiple failures of BJP led Centre Govt amongst masses for not fulfilling its promises and deceiving them.



Addressing the youth, Ankush Abrol said "Our youth is very upset at this time because the graph of unemployment is touching the sky as the present government does not care about them and only scams have become a set pattern in the Govt recruit-

ment agencies.

He assured the youth to help them solve their every problem in the wake of NC coming to power in Jammu and Kashmir. He further said the BJP government had promised the youth that they will create two crore jobs for the youth

every year, but nothing happened on the ground so far except propagating the false philosophy of bringing "Achhe Din" and handing out false promises to the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Vikas Sharma said that only the youth can bring visible change and they should actively work in the upcoming ULB elections, elect NC candidates and bring them forward for equitable development and progress of Jammu City. Hence everyone should join hands together to do good for Jammu City by ensuring victory of JKNC

candidates.

Further, he said that still the financial status of general public is at the lowest ebb and the present LG dispensation is hell bent to install Smart meters, he slammed, adding that Smart meter is an ill gift of the present government, which is being forcefully thrust upon the poor people to jeopardize their day today livelihood.

Dr Vikas emphasized that whether it is meter or property tax, we will not allow it to be imposed as we will do the work for the overall interest of the public, he added.

Preity Zinta on rain-battered Himachal Pradesh, 'my prayers go out to all the affected people'

Himachal Pradesh has witnessed unprecedented loss of human lives during the ongoing monsoon

Actor Preity Zinta, condoled the loss of lives in Himachal Pradesh due to heavy rains and landslides.

In an Instagram note, Preity, who hails from Shimla, expressed concern for those affected.

She wrote, "Absolutely Devastated after seeing the recent visuals from Himachal Pradesh. It's heartbreaking to see the Loss of life & destruction of people's homes & public infrastructure by massive landslides due to incessant rains. My heart & prayers go out to all the affected people & their families. May God protect them in these difficult times as nature unleashes its fury on my beautiful hill state." She also dropped a devastating video of houses getting collapsed completely in Shimla's Krishna Nagar area.

Meanwhile, on Friday, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh



Sukhu declared the whole state as a "natural calamity-affected area".

"Himachal Pradesh has witnessed unprecedented loss of human lives and huge destruction, damage and loss to public and private property during the ongoing monsoon season.

The entire State has been badly ravaged by incessant rains leading to floods, cloud-bursts, landslides, and slope failure taking a heavy toll on lives and property," a statement read.

It said that unprecedented excessive precipitation has led

to a series of challenges that impacted daily life in the State. "Thousands of dwelling units have been damaged or destroyed.

There has been an unprecedented loss of crops and agricultural land.

Thousands of tourists and local people who were stranded had to be evacuated with the help of the Indian Air Force, Army, NDRF, and SDRF, Police, Home Guards, Fire Services and local volunteers.

The national highways, state, district and local road network has been severely damaged and destroyed. Dozens of bridges have been washed away or damaged severely hampering connectivity and rescue efforts. The unprecedented excessive precipitation has led to a series of challenges that impacted the daily life in the State," the statement said.

Manu Punjabi opens up about being part of Honey Trap Squad



Manu Punjabi, who plays the role of Vicky Agarwal aka Accountant in Honey Trap Squad, says that he loved being part of the project. The actor says

that he was impressed with the script and the character in the first reading itself.

"Honey Trap Squad is a thriller and when I read the script and my

character, I knew I had to this series. The story line is great," he says, adding, "I am playing the role Vicky Agarwal aka Accountant, who keeps a check on the accounts of people from the dark world and I am kidnapped by the Honey Trap Squad and my character's story has not been much shown in this season, more will be revealed in the coming season." Talking about the shoot, he says, "It was a great experience of shooting with Akanksha Puri, everything on set was fun."

Meanwhile, the actor wants to pick up negative roles. "I would love to do negative roles as I have done in this series, I kind of enjoy playing negative roles," he says.

Ayushmann Khurrana receives unique compliment from fan on flight

Film actor Ayushmann Khurrana recently received a unique compliment from a fan on a flight and shared the experience on social media.

The woman fan, who was travelling on the same plane as Khurrana from Indore to Mumbai, had written a sweet note for Ayushmann on her phone that read, 'THANKYOU FOR BLESSING INDIAN CINEMA'.

In his tweet later, Khurrana said, "This girl made my day amidst hectic city tours for Dream Girl2 promotions."

While he was coming back from Indore, he



met this fan on his flight sitting on the seat in front of Khurrana. She showed him the message through the space between the seats. The actor was touched by

the gesture. He shared this on X and Instagram. Ayushmann and Ananya Panday were in Indore for their upcoming movie 'Dream Girl 2'.

Shabana Azmi tells Amitabh Bachchan she wishes to sit on hot seat of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' someday

Veteran actress Shabana Azmi has expressed her desire to sit on the hot seat of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' someday, hosted by megastar Amitabh Bachchan.

In the special episode, the star cast of 'Ghoomer' -- Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher and filmmaker R Balki, were present on the set of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15'(KBC).

During the episode, a tune of the bugle was played. Big B says responding to the sound: "badlaav ke iss daur me, desh ke sath sath KBC me bhi ek badlaav ki pehel shuru ho chuki hai, jisme desh ki janta hamare studio audience se sawal karti hai."

"Let's see which citizen of India has asked the question today," he said. The location in the video played on the screen shows of Maharashtra.

Veteran actress Shabana Azmi appears on screen and says,



"Adaab Amitabh ji. Itne saalon ke baad finally I am on KBC. Though this is for short duration, but I hope I will be able to sit on the hot seat someday."

"I am so sorry that I am not present among you people," says Shabana.

The actress wore a yellow top and paired it with a blue scarf.

She then asked the question: "Which of these award winning films is directed by a woman?" The options were: Raazi, Thapad, Gangubai Kathiawadi, and Dangal.

The correct answer was given by a homemaker Radha Gawande, from among the audience. The answer was 'Raazi'.

Amitabh said: "The director of 'Raazi' was Meghna Gulzar." 'Raazi' was a 2018 spy thriller film starring Alia Bhatt in the lead role. The flick also starred Vicky Kaushal, Shishir Sharma and Jaideep Ahlawat in pivotal roles.

In 'Ghoomer', Sayami is playing a paraplegic sportsperson. Written and directed by R Balki, the flick stars Abhishek

Bachchan in the lead, along with Shabana Azmi, and Angad Bedi in the pivotal roles.

The story revolves around Anina (Saiyami), a young woman batting prodigy, who loses her right hand in an unfortunate accident on the eve of her international cricketing debut.

An unsympathetic, failed and frustrated cricketer enters her life, gives her a new dream and transforms her fate by the most innovative training, to make her play for the Indian cricket team again, as a bowler.

'Ghoomer' is the new style of bowling they invent to bamboozle the opposition.

It is inspired by the incredible achievement of Karoly Takacs, the achievements of special athletes, and who have achieved more than when they were called "normal".

The film has been released in cinemas.

Britney Spears opens up on her split with Sam Asghari, 'I couldn't take the pain anymore'

Britney Spears has broken silence regarding her split with her former partner Sam Asghari, as the estranged couple are going through their divorce after their seven-year relationship. The singer called it a painful experience, but it was something that "had to be done."

Taking to her Instagram, the 'Toxic' singer on August 18 night penned: "6 years is a long time to be with someone so, I'm a little shocked but ... I'm not here to explain why because its honestly nobody's business !!! But, I couldn't take the pain anymore honestly !!! In some sort of telepathic way I have been

receiving so many messages that melt my heart from friends and I thank you !!!"

She continued: "I've been playing it strong for way too long and my Instagram may seem perfect but it's far from reality and I think we all know that !!! I would love to show my emotions and tears on how I really feel but for some reason I've always had to hide my weaknesses !!! If I wasn't my dad's strong soldier, I would be sent away to places to get fixed by doctors !!!"

"But that's when I needed family the most !!! You're supposed to be loved unconditionally... not under conditions !!!! So I will be as strong as



I can and do my best !!! And I'm actually doing pretty damn good !!! Anyways have a good

day and don't forget to smile !!!" Spears' statement came just two days after

it was confirmed that the long time were headed for a divorce after 14 months of marriage and seven years of relationship.

The couple filed for divorce after Sam Asghari cited "irreconcilable differences", and their marriage began falling out within months as Sam hardly stayed in their house, and would frequently be out.

The 41-year old had met Asghari (29) back in 2016 for her music video of the song 'Slumber Party', following that the two officially began dating in 2017 marking six years of their romantic relationship, and seven in total.

Kunaal Vermaa talks about his song Yaadein Roz Aati Hain



Kunaal Vermaa, who is the man behind tracks like Tum Hi Aana, Chale Aana, Hasi, and Malang, recently made his debut as a singer and actor with the recently released song Yaadein Roz Aati Hain.

Kunaal says, "This is my first single ever. Not many people know about this, but I have been singing since childhood; nevertheless, writing and composing have always been my thing. I have sung, composed, written, and acted in the video for the track as well. All my friends from the fraternity, as well as others, have been supportive of the song. This is just the beginning of many more singles to come."

Abhishek Bachchan reveals Boman Irani wanted to click Aishwarya Rai's pics during his days as photographer

Actor Abhishek Bachchan has revealed how Boman Irani wanted to take photographs of actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan in his initial days in career.

In the special episode, the star cast of 'Ghoomer' - Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher and filmmaker R. Balki, were present on the set of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' (KBC).

Big B asked the 'Ghoomer' team: "Which actor used to work as a

photographer and got a break when he was hired by Aspy Adajania, the head of a boxing association?" The options were- Boman Irani, Arshad Warsi, Jimmy Sheirgill, Kartik Aaryan.

Abhishek said the answer is Boman Irani. Big B said: "how are you so sure about Boman."

To which Abhishek recalled an incident and shared: "Boman is my good friend. I have worked with him. He has always narrated

these stories to me, like when he used to take photographs- head shots, portfolios. He told me that he called Aishwarya, when she was a model and said to her he (Boman) wants to take photograph of her."

The answer was correct, and they won the amount of Rs 3,20,000.

Boman, who worked at a luxurious hotel, used the tips that he received to buy a camera. He then took sports pictures with it. He met Aspy Adajania, then-president of the Olympic Boxing Association of India, and requested to become



the official photographer of the World Cup.

Adajania was impressed by Boman's photos, and appointed him as the official photographer.

the flick stars Abhishek Bachchan in the lead, along with Shabana Azmi, and Angad Bedi in the pivotal roles. The story revolves around Anina (Saiyami), a young woman batting prodigy, who loses her right hand in an unfortunate accident on the eve of her international cricketing debut.

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Rajiv Gandhi birth anniversary: PM Modi, Sonia, Priyanka, Kharge pay tribute to former PM

Rahul Gandhi is in Ladakh where a prayer meeting is being held at the banks of Pangong Lake to mark the 79th birth anniversary of former PM

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi paid floral tribute to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his 79th birth anniversary at 'Veer Bhumi' here in the national capital on Sunday. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Robert Vadra and Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, who arrived soon after Sonia Gandhi, also paid homage to the former Prime Minister at his memorial this morning.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid tributes to Rajiv Gandhi.

On his birth anniversary, my tributes to former PM Shri Rajiv Gandhi Ji," Modi said on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Party leaders and workers also paid tribute to Rajiv Gandhi outside Veer Bhumi earlier today.

Congress leader Rahul



Gandhi who is on a four-day tour to Ladakh remembered his father and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. "Papa, the dreams you had for India are shown from these priceless memories. Your mark is my way - understanding the struggles and dreams of every Indian, listening to the voice of Mother India," he said in a post on 'X' formally Twitter.

A prayer meeting is being held at the banks of Pangong Lake to mark the 79th birth anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi today.

Yesterday Congress leader Rahul Gandhi embarked on a bike ride to Pangong Lake in Ladakh to celebrate his father and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's birthday on August 20. Taking to the social media plat-

form, Instagram, Rahul Gandhi wrote, "On our way to Pangong Lake, which my father used to say, is one of the most beautiful places in the world."

Rahul Gandhi arrived in Leh to begin his two-day visit to the Union Territory on Thursday but his tour was extended till August 25, party sources said.

Rajiv Gandhi took over the charge of the Congress in 1984 following the assassination of his mother and then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He became India's youngest Prime Minister at the age of 40 when he assumed office in October 1984. He served as the Prime Minister of India till December 2, 1989. Born on August 20 in 1944, Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by a Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) suicide bomber during an election rally in Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu on May 21, 1991.

Muslim couple beaten to death after son elopes with Hindu girl; 3 arrested

Few years back victim Abbas's son had eloped with a girl from the neighbouring household, said police



SITAPUR (UP), Aug 20 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, a Muslim couple were beaten to death with iron rods and sticks by their neighbours in Sitapur district.

Three people have been arrested in the case, and police say that the murder was allegedly a result of an affair between the victim's son and the daughter of one of the accused.

The couple, Abbas

and his wife Kamrul Nisha, died on the spot in the attack and all the accused fled from the spot.

Sitapur Superintendent of Police Chakresh Mishra said a few years back Abbas's son had eloped with a girl from the neighbouring household. A case was registered in this regard and Abbas's son was sent to jail.

When Abbas's son was released from jail a few days back, some members of the family planned the attack on the couple, police said.

"According to the villagers, the son of the deceased couple Shaukat and Rampal's daughter Ruby had an affair. Shaukat had abducted Ruby in the year 2020. At that time, Ruby was a minor and after registering a case, the police sent Shaukat to jail. He again abducted and married Ruby in June," Chakresh Mishra said.

Police say that the three main accused have been arrested and a hunt is on for the remaining two.

DRDO UAV crashes in agricultural fields of Karnataka village

CHITRADURGA (KARNATAKA), Aug 20 (Agencies): An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) crashed in the agricultural fields of a village in the district on Sunday, official sources said.

The UAV, TAPAS 07 A-14, fell outside Vaddikere village in Hiriyur taluk.

According to sources, the DRDO's UAV was on a test flight when the



incident occurred. The DRDO officials were not available for a comment.

Videos and images show that the TAPAS experimental UAV broke following the crash and

its equipment inside scattered on the field.

A large number of villagers gathered at the spot soon after the UAV crashed with a loud noise, and alerted the local authorities.

Madhya Pradesh: Man murders wife, 2 children before killing self in Ujjain

UJJAIN, Aug 20 (Agencies): A 45-year-old man allegedly hacked to death his wife and two children with a sword and then killed himself following a fight over their pet dog in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain district on Sunday, police said.

The incident took place in the wee hours of Sunday at the family's house in Badnagar area, located about 50 km from the district headquarters, they said.

Sub-Divisional Officer of Police Mahendra



Singh Parmar said as per the investigation, Dilip Pawar started beating his domestic dog at around 1 am.

His wife Ganga (40), their son Yogendra (14)

and daughter Neha (17) intervened and asked Pawar to leave the pet alone, he said.

Pawar, in a fit of rage, then allegedly killed his wife and two children

with a sword. His other two children ran out of the house for safety, the official said.

After a while, the accused allegedly stabbed himself to death with some sharp-edged weapon in his house, he said.

The official said as per the initial investigation, Pawar was a heavy drinker.

"Right now, we can't say confidently that he was drunk when he killed his wife and two children. The investiga-

tion is on," he said.

The accused had no job since some months. He had a freight vehicle with which he used to make a living, but he sold it some time back, the official said as per the investigation.

"After getting information at around 5 am, we rushed to the spot and sent the bodies for post-mortem," Parmar said.

A forensic science laboratory team also reached the spot, police said.

Sharad Pawar won't make 'mistake' of joining hands with BJP: Sanjay Raut

MUMBAI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday claimed Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar will not make the "mistake" of joining hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party, like his nephew Ajit Pawar. NCP leader Ajit Pawar joined the Eknath Shinde-BJP government in Maharashtra last month as the deputy chief minister.

Eight other NCP MLAs also took oath as cabinet ministers along with him. Sharad Pawar's party is a constituent of the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi in the state along with the Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress.

"Ajit Pawar can truly

be a big leader if he forms his own political party and contests elections. Ajit Pawar's politics will collapse like a sand castle if he does the same with the help of the BJP, as Eknath Shinde did. In politics, towers matter and not sand castles," Raut wrote in his weekly column Rokhthok in the Sena (UBT) mouthpiece 'Saamana'.

Ajit Pawar grew politically because of his uncle and is now working to finish off his (uncle's) political career, alleged Raut, who is the executive editor of Saamana.

Sharad Pawar has taken a firm stand against the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his meet-



ing with Ajit Pawar, the Rajya Sabha member noted.

"(Sharad) Pawar feels that supporting Modi is like supporting regressive forces and those who have left his party will see their political careers ending in future. Pawar will not make the mistake of joining hands with the BJP. The issue is not about indi-

viduals, but democracy versus dictatorship," he claimed.

Raut said the meeting between Pawars (on August 5) may not have been political because Sharad Pawar, who heads a number of institutions in the agriculture, cooperative and education fields, had given many responsibilities to his nephew.

The meetings may be to decide the future of these institutions, he said. Raut likened Ajit Pawar to a "carpenter bird" who will "make holes" in Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's chair and claimed it is certain that (deputy CM and BJP leader) Devendra Fadnavis will give strength to the bird.

"Ajit Pawar wants to be chief minister and BJP MLAs who support Fadnavis feel Shinde is now a burden and the party (BJP) is at a loss. Shinde's claim that he has been assured of being the chief minister after 2024 is not true because in that case Ajit Pawar wouldn't have been brought in," Raut claimed.

In UP Shocker, Pilgrim Slams 5-Year-Old Boy To Ground Till He Is Dead

MATHURA, Aug 20 (Agencies): A 5-year-old boy was beaten to death by an elderly man in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura. A video of the incident, that has gone viral on social media, shows the man repeatedly throwing the child to the ground. Police have identified the attacker, who was dressed as a seer, as 52-year-old Omprakash.

The motive behind the attack is not known yet.

According to locals, the accused was performing Saptkosi Yatra. The father of the child runs a small general store along the yatra route.

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Police said Omprakash picked up the



minor and threw him on the ground several times for reasons unknown.

Enraged over the incident, the locals caught the accused and thrashed him before handing him over to the police.

"The motive behind the incident will be clear after the questioning of the seer, once his condition stabilizes in hospital," Superintendent of Police (Rural) Trigun Bisen said.

Minor girl dies after being hit by speeding tempo in Maharashtra's Thane

THANE, Aug 20 (Agencies): A seven-year-old girl was killed after a speeding tempo hit her in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place at around 8 pm on Saturday in Bholenath Nagar of Bhayander area when the girl was playing outside her house, an official from Bhayander police station said.

The injured girl was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared her brought dead, he



said. The body was later sent for post-mortem.

Some people in the area caught hold of the tempo driver. He was subsequently arrested and booked under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Motor Vehicles Act, the official said, adding the tempo was seized.

65-year-old man killed by Maoists in Jharkhand

A couple of Maoist leaflets were found beside the body that stated that the man was killed as he was a police informer.

CHAIBASA, Aug 20 (Agencies): A 65-year-old man was allegedly killed in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district by Maoists who suspected him to be a police informer, officials said on Sunday.

The body of the man was found near Gitilipi village in Goikera police station area, they said.

A couple of Maoist leaflets were found beside the body that



stated that the man was killed as he was a police informer, Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar told agency.

The man had no links with the police, he said. The Maoists allegedly

slit the throat of the man on Saturday night, and dumped the body, he added.

A search operation was underway to find those involved in the killing, the SP said.

11 labourers killed in militant attack in Northwestern Pakistan: Caretaker PM Kakar

The incident happened when a truck was carrying workers to a construction project in Waziristan, near Afghan border

PESHAWAR, Aug 20 (Agencies): Eleven labourers were killed in a militant attack in Northwestern Pakistan, caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said on Sunday in a post on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

Security and police officials in northern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province said a suspected improvised explosive device detonated, tearing through a truck carrying the workers to a construction project in Waziristan, near the Afghan border.

"They were working at an army



post that is under construction ... an IED exploded under a vehicle carrying the labourers," deputy commissioner of North

Waziristan, Rehan Khattak said. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

Pakistan has seen a resurgence of attacks by Islamist militants since last year when a ceasefire between the Pakistani Taliban, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the government broke down.

Other groups, including the Islamic State, have also claimed responsibility for some attacks, including a large blast at a political rally in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa held by a religious group last month that killed 45.

16 killed, 11 injured after bus catches fire in Pindi Bhattian area of Pakistan's Punjab



ISLAMABAD, Aug 20 (Agencies): As many as 16 people were killed and 11 others were injured after a bus caught fire on the Faisalabad Motorway near the Pindi Bhattian area of Pakistan's Punjab early on Sunday, Pakistan-based Geo News reported citing police.

The bus carrying 35 to 40 passengers was en route from Karachi to Islamabad, Geo News reported citing rescue officials. According to District Police Officer Doctor Fahad, the bus caught fire after it collided with a pickup van that was carrying diesel drums, Geo News reported.

Fahad said the most injured passengers were in critical condition, according to Geo News. Drivers of both vehicles died, the report stated further, adding that people, who were nearby at the time of the accident, tried to pull the passengers out of the bus by breaking windows.

As Pakistan celebrated Independence

Day on August 14, its Punjab province witnessed a wave of road accidents leaving 17 dead and 1,773 others injured in 1,659 traffic accidents, Dawn reported. Lahore reported the highest number of road accidents.

On August 14, Lahore's major government hospitals witnessed an extraordinary burden on the patients who suffered injuries in road accidents.

According to the official data compiled by the Emergency Service Department (ESD), nine people died, and 1,338 others were injured in 1,234 road accidents reported all over the province on August 13.

The accident and emergency wards of the major government hospitals in Lahore witnessed an extraordinary burden of patients who suffered injuries in road accidents on August 14, as per Dawn.

The road accidents during the celebrations also left several persons disabled for life as the ESD stated that 99 people suffered deep head injuries and 187 others multiple fractures.

According to the official data, out of a total of 1,773 injured persons, 850 landed in hospitals with serious and critical wounds, while 891 others suffered minor injuries.

Ex-Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi arrested under Official Secrets Act

ISLAMABAD, Aug 20 (Agencies): Pakistan's former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, a close aide of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan, was arrested from his house here on Saturday under the Official Secrets Act in connection with the leakage of a confidential diplomatic cable.

Qureshi, 67, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's Vice-Chairman, was taken to the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) headquarters after the arrest.

Qureshi was arrested under the Official Secrets Act for violating the secrecy of the official cable sent by the Pakistani embassy in the US to the foreign office when he was the Foreign Minister.

Former premier Khan has for long mentioned the missing cable as evidence of a "foreign conspiracy" to remove him as the prime minister in April last year.

A first information report (FIR) registered

against Qureshi by the FIA refers to the matter and invokes Sections 5 (wrongful communication of information) and 9 (attempt to commit or abet the commission of an offence under this Secrets Act) of the Official Secrets Act read with Section 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

The development came only two days after PTI chief Khan was named in an FIR registered by the FIA under Section 5 of the Official Secrets Act 1923 in the case.

"PTI vice chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi has been illegally arrested once again," the PTI said in social media post on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Qureshi was foreign minister when the issue of the diplomatic cable erupted.

The purported cipher (secret diplomatic cable) contained an account

of a meeting between US State Department officials, including Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu, and Pakistani envoy Asad Majeed Khan last year.

PTI General Secretary Omar Ayub confirmed Qureshi's arrest by saying that he was arrested shortly after reaching home after addressing a press conference.

"Had hoped that the reign of lawlessness would have ended after the exit of the fascist PDM (Pakistan Democratic Movement) government, but it appears that this caretaker government wants to break the records of their predecessor fascist government," Ayub said.

Interim Interior Minister Sarfaraz Bugti confirmed Qureshi's arrest on Geo News, saying the former foreign minister had been taken into custody in connection with the cipher case.

"He (Qureshi) is nomi-



nated in the case and will soon be presented in the court," Bugti said, adding, "We have to enforce the law and all those nominated in the cipher case will be arrested and presented in court."

Earlier, Qureshi rejected media reports about a split in the party and also demanded elections on time.

He also said in the press that he had recently met foreign ambassadors recently.

Qureshi was also arrested on May 11 and released on June 6.

Of late, Khan has come under increased scrutiny following the publication

of a purported copy of the secret cable by the US media outlet The Intercept, with many in the previous government led by Shehbaz Sharif pointing fingers at the PTI chief for being the source of the leak.

Former interior minister Rana Sanaullah has said that if Khan had indeed lost the copy of the cable provided to him, it would constitute a crime under the Official Secrets Act.

Khan, 70, is currently serving a three-year jail term after he was sentenced by a court in a corruption case earlier this month.

North Korean hackers target US-South Korea military drills

SEOUL, Aug 20 (Agencies): Suspected North Korean hackers have targeted a joint US-South Korea military exercise being held this week though classified information has not been compromised, South Korean police said on Sunday.

South Korean and US forces will on Monday begin 11-day Ulchi Freedom Guardian summer exercises to improve their ability to respond to North Korea's evolving nuclear and missile threats.

North Korea objects to such exercises saying they are preparations by the US and its South Korean ally for an invasion of it.

The hackers were believed to be linked to a North Korean group that researchers call Kimsuky, and they carried out their hack via emails to South Korean contractors working at the South Korea-US combined exercise war simulation centre, the Gyeonggi Nambu Provincial Police Agency said in a statement.

"It was confirmed that military-related information was not stolen," police said in a statement on Sunday.

North Korea has previously denied



any role in cyberattacks.

The Kimsuky hackers has long used "spear-phishing" emails that trick targets into giving up passwords or clicking attachments or links that load malware, according to researchers.

South Korean police and the US military conducted a joint investigation and found the IP address used in the hacking attempt matched one identified in a 2014 hack against South Korea's nuclear reactor operator, police said.

At that time, South Korea accused North Korea of being behind that cyber-attack.

"The Sad Truth Is...": Elon Musk Amid Row Over New Changes In X

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 20 (Agencies): Elon Musk recently made a shocking announcement that his social media platform X would scrap a feature that allows users to block tweets from specific accounts. While the move is being criticised by many, Musk today defended it saying that they may fail, but will still try to create a "great social network".

"The sad truth is that there are no great 'social networks' right now. We may fail, as so many have predicted, but we will try our best



to make there be at least one," Musk said in a tweet.

Blocking has been a popular safety tool that helps users protect

themselves from unwelcome interactions on X. It ensures that blocked accounts won't see your posts — and that their posts won't show up in

your feed. The blocked account also can't direct-message you.

Musk has repeatedly cited a desire for free speech as motivating his changes, and lashed out at what he sees as the threat posed to free expression by changing cultural sensitivities.

Since the tycoon bought the social media platform for \$44 billion last October, its advertising business has collapsed, in part because of its looser approach to blocking hate speech, and the return of previously banned far-right accounts.

"Loudest Pop": Massive Chunk Of Ice Falls From The Sky, Damages House In US

MASSACHUSETTS, Aug 20 (Agencies): A massive ice chunk fell from the sky and hit a house in the US state of Massachusetts on Sunday, damaging the roof of the home, New York Post reported.

Homeowners Jeff Ilg and his wife, Amelia Rainville, believe that the piece of ice fell from an airplane traveling to Boston Logan International Airport. The ice chunk, estimated to be 15 to 20 pounds, thankfully didn't hit the couple or their two children.

"We heard an explosion, basically. The loudest pop, bang I've ever heard," Mr Ilg said.

When they heard the loud bang, they hurried upstairs to check on their children, who were sound asleep despite the noise. They

then ran around the house to find out what happened. Mr Ilg said he saw a giant partial block of ice on the back step, and debris scattered around the backyard and on the roof.

"I had no idea what this was. It was hard to wrap my head around it. There wasn't a cloud in the sky," Ilg told Boston 25 News.

Because it was night, he couldn't exactly see the damage to his home. Meanwhile, his wife called the police and then he spotted a hole in the roof. He ran up to the attic to see if there was a hole.

The impact on the outside was about 18 inches to two feet in diameter, he said, but the damage to the inside was bigger.

Mr. Ilg and his wife gathered



about 10 pounds of the ice in bags, but there was still a lot more of it around.

The Federal Aviation Administration is currently investigating the incident.

The biggest hailstone on record in the U.S. — just under 2 pounds and 8 inches in diameter — fell in Vivian, South Dakota, in 2010, according to Weather.com.

US, Japan and Australia plan joint navy drills in disputed South China Sea, say Philippine officials



MANILA, Aug 20 (Agencies): The United States, Japan and Australia are planning a joint navy drill in the South China Sea off the western Philippines this week to underscore their commitment to the rule of law in the region after a recent show of Chinese aggression in the disputed waters, Filipino security officials said Sunday.

On Aug. 5, Chinese coast guard ships used water cannons against Philippine vessels in the contested waterway where disputes have long been regarded as a potential flashpoint and have become a fault line in the rivalry between the U.S. and China in the region.

The drill will include three aircraft and helicopter carriers sailing together in a show of force and undertaking joint drills. Their commanders are set to meet with Filipino counterparts in Manila after the offshore drills, two Philippine security officials told The Associated Press. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to publicly discuss details of the planned drills.

The U.S. plans to deploy an aircraft carrier, the USS America, while Japan would send one of its biggest warships, the helicopter carrier JS Izumo.

The Royal Australian Navy would send its HMAS Canberra, which also carries helicopters, one of the two officials said, adding that the joint drill was planned a few months ago.

The Philippines would not be part of this week's drills due to military logistical limitations but is open to becoming a participant in the future, the official said.

The United States, Japan and Australia were among several countries that immediately expressed support for the Philippines and concern over the Chinese action following the tense stand-off earlier this month.

Philippine officials said six Chinese coast guard ships and two militia vessels blocked two Philippine navy-chartered civilian boats taking supplies to the Philippine forces stationed at the Second Thomas Shoal. One supply boat

was hit with a powerful water cannon by the Chinese coast guard while the other managed to deliver food, water, fuel and other supplies to the Filipino forces guarding the shoal, the Philippine military said.

The Chinese coast guard acknowledged its ships used water cannons against the Philippine vessels, which it said strayed without permission into the shoal, which Beijing calls Ren'ai Jiao.

"In order to avoid direct blocking and collisions when repeated warnings were ineffective, water cannons were used as a warning. The on-site operation was professional and restrained, which is beyond reproach," the Chinese coast guard said. "China will continue to take necessary measures to firmly safeguard its territorial sovereignty."

The Philippine military said on Saturday that it would again attempt to deliver basic supplies to its forces in the Second Thomas Shoal, but didn't provide further details.

The mission "to the shoal is a clear demonstration of our resolve to stand up against threats and coercion and our commitment in upholding the rule of law," the Armed Forces of the Philippines said in a statement.

Following the incident, Washington renewed a warning that it is obliged to defend its longtime treaty ally if Philippine public vessels and forces come under armed attack, including in the South China Sea.

Pharmacist Association highlights long-standing demands

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: In a significant press briefing today, the Jammu Kashmir Government Pharmacist Association (JKGPA) convened under the leadership of Sh. Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, President of the association. The primary objective of the briefing was to shed light on the persistent demands of government pharmacists in the region.

At the forefront of the discussion were the following substantial demands presented by the association:

The JKGPA strongly advocated for the elevation of the positions of Block Pharmacy Officer and District Pharmacy Officer. The association emphasized that this elevation is essential to effectively fulfill the roles associated with these positions.

A crucial plea was made to establish the position of Technical Officer Pharmacy in every district hospital across the Union Territory, taking inspiration from the structure present in medical colleges. The association underlined the importance of this step in advancing patient care and rectifying perceived imbalances faced by pharmacists within the health department.

The JKGPA expressed the need for a change in the nomenclature of



pharmacists to align with nomenclatures used in other states.

Drawing attention to the Pharmacy Amendment Act 2023, published by the Government of India in the Gazette of India on August 15, the association expressed optimism that the Jammu Kashmir pharmacy council would soon release notifications for registration. This development is expected to bring substantial relief to trained Medical Assistants/pharmacists in the region.

With deep gratitude, the JKGPA extended its appreciation to both the Government of India and the Jammu Kashmir government for their responsiveness in addressing the registration demands of pharmacists.

Special commendation was offered to Sh. Sushil Sudan, President of the Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF), and Sh. Sheikh Mirajudin, President of the

Kashmir province. Their persistent efforts played an instrumental role in securing this ray of hope for pharmacists who had been left behind.

The association took a firm stance in clarifying that Sushil Sudan, a member of the apex body Pharmacy Council of India, stands as the elected President of JKMEF for the next three years. In the face of misleading rumors propagated by dissident self-styled leaders, the association cautioned against attempts to undermine the interests of health employees. These leaders, the association emphasized, have shown minimal contribution to the cause of health employees and thus lack their support. The JKGPA reiterated that JKMEF remains dedicated to representing the welfare concerns of health employees and actively cooperating with the government in implementing central schemes aimed at enhancing patient care.

Sadhguru Madhu Paramhans Maharaj emphasizes the essence of Saar Naam in Satsang

TOP NEWS REPORT

AKHNOOR, Aug 20: During a spiritually enriching satsang at Sant Ashram Akhnoor, Sadhguru Madhu Paramhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi delivered profound insights. He emphasized that salvation can be attained through the path of Saar Naam, where the heart resonates with the divine name.

Sadhguru Maharaj highlighted the prevalent attachments and ignorance in the world. He underscored the significance of Saar Naam as the means to rescue humankind from these constraints. Referring to the Vedas established by Brahma ji and the yoga teachings imparted by Shivji, Sadhguru Maharaj delved into the spiritual



realm, asserting that the path to the soul's liberation is obstructed across realms and directions.

Exploring different paths of devotion, Sadhguru Maharaj mentioned nirguna bhakti and saguna bhakti, discussing the attributes of Nirranjan and Nirranjan's name.

Sadhguru Maharaj posed contemplative questions regarding the teacher of yogis, followers of yoga, and those

asserting the soul's omnipotence. He illuminated the interconnectedness of these paths, with Shivji often being indirectly regarded as a guru and ideal by yogis.

He acknowledged the diversity of spiritual sects while asserting their common acknowledgment of their gurus' greatness. However, he emphasized that all sects are rooted in the Vedas, serving as a foundation for their teachings.

Sadhguru Maharaj delved into the soul's significance, asserting that the Vedas elucidate the soul's prominence. He shed light on the distinct viewpoints within various paths, conveying that the Vedas are their common thread.

With clarity and wisdom, Sadhguru Maharaj shared that the oldest Veda, Rigveda, communicates the message of formless divinity. He compared various beliefs with the Vedas and identified their origins in Vedic teachings.

Reflecting on Kabir Sahib and his conception, Sadhguru Maharaj highlighted a recurring trend in some sects and emphasized the message's authenticity. Sadhguru Maharaj delved into the Vedas'

dynamics, revealing their limitations in understanding the form of God. He asserted the elevated position of the stream of saints, which transcends the Vedas and can lead to opposition from traditional viewpoints.

Sadhguru Maharaj shared that the Vedas do not hold the key to the profound secrets he embodies. He emphasized that the notion of the soul's supremacy doesn't correlate with Guru devotion and explored the complex interplay between the soul and Maya.

In a thought-provoking discourse, Sadhguru Madhu Paramhans Ji Maharaj presented insights that encourage deeper contemplation of spirituality and the soul's journey.

BJP launches workshop "Ghar Ghar Chalo Abhiyan" aims to reach out public: Rekha

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Ahead of the 2024 general elections, the District Jammu South BJP launched a mammoth citizen outreach program titled "Ghar Ghar Chalo Abhiyan" Voter Chetna Mahaabhiyaan today and aim to cover and direct connection with the general public of Jammu South. To enhance the party activities at the ground level Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan organized the workshop regarding Voter Chetna Mahaabhiyaan here at party Headquarters in Trikuta Nagar. The objective of the campaign is to mobilize the party cadre to reach the masses and help them in matters related to the electoral rolls and voter lists.

Rekha Mahajan, along with senior leaders namely Former Minister Sham Choudhary,

District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, Former MLC Charanjit Singh Khalsa, Programme Convener and Incharge Library and Documentation Department Kulbhushan Mahotra, District General Secretaries Pushpinder Charak and Akash Chopra, program Co convener Narinder Singh Bunt, Harbans Choudhary, Kulbir Charak addressed the District Jammu South workshop in connection with the campaign. The workshop was attended by district office bearers, Mandal Presidents, Morcha Presidents including party cadres.

Sham Choudhary said that the campaign will be carried out from August 21 to 30, during which a special drive will also be undertaken for two days, August 25 and 26. He stated the strategic ability of everyone present in the meeting and the tireless hard work of the

workers.

Ayodhya Gupta said that the campaign will be carried out from August 21 to 30, during which a special drive will also be undertaken for two days, August 25 and 26 make door to door contact for verification of electoral rolls, shifting of voters, correction of electoral rolls through addition and removal of bogus voters, providing assistance to voters, collaborating with administration authorities, etc.

Addressing the meeting Kulbhushan Mahotra, spoke in detail about the nationwide campaign which is being carried out to make door-to-door contact for verification of electoral rolls, shifting of voters, correction of electoral rolls through addition and removal of bogus voters, providing assistance to voters, collaborating with administration authorities, etc.

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LG launches Green Jammu and Kashmir Drive 2023-24 from IIM Jammu

conservation of forests and environment, he said.

At IIM Jammu, the Lt Governor shared the key initiatives of the UT Administration aimed at ecological conservation and protection of natural resources.

"Sustainable Development and Environment Conservation is our priority. Protection of natural resources is in the DNA of our society, our culture. With the whole of government and whole of society approach, we are making honest efforts to address the challenges of climate change," the Lt Governor said.

17 Nagar Vans are being established near cities and towns. It will enhance the green cover in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas to provide clean and healthy environment to the dwellers of Urban Centres. It is also being ensured that the city forests are established in all urban local bodies, he added.

The Lt Governor said the environmental protection awareness campaigns have generated a sense of responsibility among the people and there is a growing realization that the nature is the only lifeline for human existence.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor called upon the Premier Education Institutions of J&K to take the lead in environmental protection campaigns.

The next five years will be crucial. Campus of our premier educational institutions should be transformed into Green Campus. We need the cooperation and support of all the elected representatives, youth and the people of J&K, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor commended the endeavour of IIM Jammu for planting 10,000 trees around the campus and made valuable suggestions to IIM Jammu to make the campus environment friendly.

He advised the IIM Jammu to install solar power to reduce the carbon footprint, biogas and plantation of medicinal plants in the campus and run similar campaigns in nearby villages with the help of students.

He further suggested for constitution of Green Campus Committee, having Annual Green Campus Plan and setting up a Biodiversity Park in the campus.

The Lt Governor called upon the students to work with Gram Panchayat, organizations, urban local bodies which will improve the quality and quantity of natural resources and provide economic benefits to the

local people.

The Lt Governor directed the Higher Education Department to come out with the green ranking of higher educational institutions of Union Territory.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor handed over cheques from Village Funds to members of Village Panchayat Plantation Committees. He impressed on the Sarpanches for utilizing the funds for public welfare and re-invest the amount in planting more trees.

He launched the multilingual theme song of Green J&K Drive and Har Gaon Haryali and also released publications on Slope Stabilization, Green Slopes for Stable roads and Jan- Bhagidari-II and a short documentary on Van Sanrakshan.

Interacting with the media persons on the sidelines of the event, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to dismantle the terror ecosystem.

"We are following the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and the J&K Administration is determined and committed to take stringent action against those associated with the terror ecosystem or facilitating terrorist, secessionist activities," the Lt Governor said.

360-degree security mechanism has been strengthened in Jammu Division and all efforts are being made by the security grid to eliminate the terrorists' support system, he added.

Speaking on the issue of Sarore Toll Plaza, the Lt Governor said that the concern of the people is genuine. I have discussed the issue with the Chairman NHAI and the matter will be resolved in the coming days, he added.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Prof BS Sahay, Director IIM Jammu; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Forests; Roshan Jaggi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; PRI members; senior officials, faculty members of IIM Jammu and students were present.

President Murmu, VP Dhankhar express condolences on death of 9 Army personnel in Ladakh

condoled the bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

According to defence officials, as many as nine Indian Army personnel were killed and one was injured after their vehicle fell into a gorge in Ladakh.

Yatra to remain tempo-

rarily suspended from 23rd August

4.4 lakh pilgrims having taken darshan at the Holy Amarnathji Shrine so far.

Shrine Board authorities have informed that due to considerable reduction in the flow of pilgrims and the urgent repairs & maintenance of the Yatra tracks at vulnerable stretches being undertaken by Border Roads Organization (BRO), movement of pilgrims on both the tracks leading to the Holy Cave is not advisable.

Hence, the Yatra shall remain temporarily suspended from both routes with effect from 23rd August, 2023. Chadi Mubarak shall proceed via traditional Pahalgam route marking the culmination of Yatra 2023 on 31st August.

Cheque bounce case: Man gets two yr jail, asked to pay double the amount

after several hearings, the CJM Shopian convicted the accused for knowingly giving fraud cheque to the dealer when he was aware there was no money in his account," he added.

"The accused was accordingly convicted with an imprisonment for a term of two years, double the amount of cheque that is Rs 1.40 crore as fine, 15 percent interest on cheque amount from the issuance of cheque till realisation of cheque in practical and litigation charges of Rs 50,000 to the compliant," he added.

Officials said that cheque fraud cases are on rise and the judgement should serve as a warning for all people who are doing fraud.

J&K Bank sacks its chief manager Sajad Bazaz

under Rule/Provision.

"Whereas the undersigned is satisfied under Rule/Provision 12.29 in OSM that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of Sajad Ahmad Bazaz, Chief Manager, Code no. 4484. Accordingly, I hereby dismiss Mr. Sajad Ahmad Bazaz, Chief Manager, Code no. 4484 from service, with immediate effect," the order reads.

Rajasthan people want change, looking at BJP with expectations: Tarun

Chugh

he added.

Earlier on Saturday, a meeting was held of Rajasthan Congress leaders in the presence of the party's state unit president, Govind Singh Dotasara, CM Ashok Gehlot, MLA Sachin Pilot, and the party's state in charge, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, in Jaipur.

After the meeting, Gehlot, while addressing the media, said, "Congress will again win with a huge majority in the state. The public is determined that Congress repeats government in Rajasthan."

He further said they have started their preparations, and the state is directing the other states on various issues.

CM Gehlot added that other states were putting their schemes in their election manifestos and poll campaigns.

He said that people were talking in other parts of the country about their schemes, like the Old Pension Scheme, the Right to Health, Social Security, or other schemes. "It is a big victory of its own".

Meanwhile, ahead of the Rajasthan assembly elections, the state BJP party on Thursday announced two committees for the upcoming Assembly elections.

The BJP announced the formation of the state BJP unit's election manifesto committee and the Rajasthan election management committee.

According to the BJP, Lok Sabha MP Arjun Ram Meghwal will be the chairman of the Rajasthan BJP's state manifesto committee, with Lal Meena, Alka Gurjar, Ravi Rajendra Singh, Subhash Maurya, Prabhu Lal Saini, and Rakhi Rathore as co-conveners.

Narayan Pancharya will be the coordinator of the Rajasthan BJP's state election management committee, there will be six co-coordinators.

Rajasthan is scheduled to go to the polls later this year, with the BJP and the incumbent Congress locked in a straight fight.

In 2018, the Congress won 99 seats, while the BJP won 73 seats in the 200-member house. The Congress, led by Ashok Gehlot, formed the government with the support of Independents and the BSP.

Most Corruption complaints against Home Ministry, Railways, Bank Officials in 2022: CVC

Limited, the NBCC and the NCR Planning Board.

Of these, 3,889 were disposed of and 821 were pending — 577 for more than three months, it stated.

The CVC annual reported stated that 4,304 complaints were against those in the coal ministry (4,050 disposed of), 4,236 were against those in the labour ministry (4,016 disposed of) and 2,617 against petroleum ministry employees (2,409 disposed of).

There were 2,150 complaints against employees of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), 1,619 against defence ministry employees, 1,308 against Department of Telecommunications employees, 1,202 against finance ministry employees and 1,101 against those in the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the report stated.

The CVC report stated that 987 complaints were against those working in insurance companies, 970 against employees of the personnel, public grievances and pensions ministry and 923 against steel ministry employees, among others.

Ladakhis concerned over grazing land 'Taken over by China': Rahul Gandhi in Leh

with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area.

The ties between the two countries nosedived significantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in 2021 on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area.

The Congress leader, who drove along with several of his companions from Leh to Pangong on motorcycles on Saturday, celebrated the birth anniversary of his father on the banks of the lake this morning.

AICC in-charge of J-K and Ladakh Rajni Patel, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani and former minister Nawang Rigzin Jora also joined Gandhi in paying tributes to Rajiv Gandhi, Leh-based Congress spokesperson Tsering Namgyal said.

Later, he said Rahul Gandhi along with several of his party colleagues left for Nubra valley where he is staying overnight before returning to Leh.

Gandhi reached Leh on Thursday and is scheduled to visit Kargil either on Monday or Tuesday, depending on his engagements in Leh district, the spokesperson said.

CBDT notifies rules for valuing rent-free accommodation perquisite provided by employers

'Employees enjoying rent-free accommodation would see rationalisation of perquisite value leading to a reduction in taxable salary, increasing the net take-home pay'

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Employees drawing substantial salaries and having rent-free accommodation provided by their employers will now be able to save more and get a higher take-home salary as the income tax department has revised norms for valuing such perquisites.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notified amendments to the Income Tax Rules for valuing perquisites of rent-free or concessional accommodation by employers to employees. The rules will come into effect from September 1.

The Finance Act, 2023, had brought in an amendment for the purposes of calculation of 'perquisite' with regard to the value of rent-free or concessional accommodation provided to an employee, by his employer. The rules for calculating perquisites have been notified now.

"The categorisation and the limits of cities and population have now been based on the 2011 census as against the 2001 census earlier," the income tax department said in a statement.



As per the notification, where unfurnished accommodation is provided to private sector employees and such accommodation is owned by the employer then the revised limits of population are more than 40 lakh (in place of 25 lakh), between 15 lakh to 40 lakh (in place of 10 lakh), and lastly less than 15 lakh (earlier less than 10 lakh). The earlier perquisite rates of 15 per cent, 10 per cent and 7.5 per cent of the salary have now been reduced to 10 per cent, 7.5 per cent and 5 per cent of the salary respectively in the amended Rule.

The Rule has also been further rationalised so as to compute a

fair tax implication of the same accommodation being occupied by an employee for more than one previous year.

AKM Global Tax Partner Amit Maheshwari said employees who are drawing substantial salaries and receiving accommodation from the employer will be able to save more since their taxable base is going to be reduced now with the revised rates. "The perquisite value shall be lower resulting in relief to them in the form of take-home pay."

AMRG & Associates CEO Gaurav Mohan said these provisions incorporate the insights 2011 census data and aim to

rationalise the perquisite value calculation.

"Employees enjoying rent-free accommodation would see rationalisation of perquisite value leading to a reduction in taxable salary, increasing the net take-home pay.

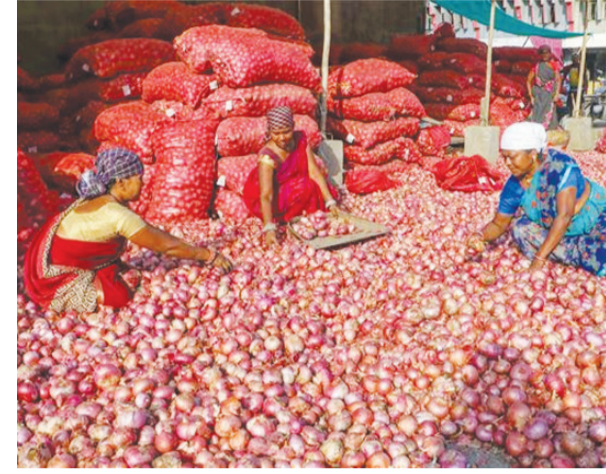
"It is worth noting that the reduction in the perquisite value of rent-free accommodations will yield dual implications: on the one hand, it will generate tangible savings for employees, while on the other hand, it will result in a corresponding decrease in government revenue," Mohan said.

He further said this change will lead to disproportionate benefits for higher-income employees who receive expensive accommodations. Lower-income employees with more modest accommodations might not experience significant tax relief.

Moreover, this shift might prompt corporate employers to strategically revisit and potentially reshape their existing compensation frameworks, particularly if they can capitalize on tax advantages for their workforce, Mohan added.

Government imposes 40 pc export duty on onion to control rising prices

Finance Ministry through a notification imposed a 40 per cent export duty on onion till December 31, 2023



NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Amid the rising prices of onion, the Union Government imposed 40 per cent export duty on it with immediate effect to improve the domestic supply to control the hike in the staple vegetable.

The Finance Ministry through a notification imposed a 40 per cent export duty on onion till

December 31, 2023.

The decision to impose the export duty came after the retail price of Onion saw a massive rise of 60 percent within a week.

From Rs 25-30 per kg last week, onions now are being sold at Rs 40-45 per kg in major cities. In the big retail outlets, the price has already reached Rs 50 per kg. In Delhi, vegeta-

ble vendors are selling onions at Rs 50 per kg.

This is second attempt by the Union Government to control the rising prices of Onion. Earlier this month, the Union Government had decided to release stocks from the onion buffer.

Experts believe that the current rise in onion prices is due to supply constraints. Unseasonal rain in April — across the key producing states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan — affected the shelf life of stored rabi harvests.

Experts said onion prices are likely to rise further in September. "The price of onions is likely touch three-digit figure next month. Relief is expected when the kharif crop will be harvested in October-November," said an expert.

Edtech firm Byju's lays off 100 employees citing 'poor performance'

BENGALURU, Aug 20 (Agencies): Edtech company Byju's, has let go of another 100 employees, citing poor performance.

This layoff announcement comes at a time when the company is struggling with term loan B and delaying filing its FY22 audited results, among other issues.

The company has fired over 3,000 employees so far. A spokesperson from Byju's confirmed the development. "There are no fresh layoffs in the post-sale division. In fact, during the past two months, as part of our commitment to augmenting this division, Byju's has recruited 200 new professionals."

However, as part of a periodical performance review, 100 individuals who didn't meet expectations after a performance improvement plan, were let go with proper procedures,



Byju's said. The company also stressed that this measure is firmly rooted in performance-based considerations and is not in any way a cost-cutting endeavour. Recently, CEO Byju Raveendran addressed the investors.

According to sources, newly-appointed advisory council members-SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar and former CFO of Infosys TV Mohandas Pai- and CFO Ajay Goel were also present. This was mainly to reassure investors.

The council plays a significant role in advising Byju's Board and its CEO on crucial matters.

It has been recruiting top executives and this includes the recently hired upGrad's former CEO Arjun Mohan as the CEO of its international business.

On August 14, former head of HR at IT major Infosys Richard Lobo also joined the company as its exclusive advisor to help transform the firm's Human Resources function. The firm had missed an August 3 timeline set by its creditors to amend a \$1.2 billion term loan. Sources had said discussions are on and it is progressing well in the right direction and expected to close at the earliest.

New rapid blood test to detect 18 infectious, inflammatory diseases in kids

Diagnostic test based on patient's gene expression could drastically improve the diagnosis of childhood diseases, say researchers

LONDON, Aug 20 (Agencies): An international team, led by British researchers, has developed a simple blood test which may be able to rapidly diagnose, detect and distinguish between 18 infectious or inflammatory diseases—including group B Streptococcus (GBS), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and tuberculosis.

Using a single sample of blood, the test could enable clinicians to diagnose the cause of fever based on the distinctive pattern of genes being "switched on or off" by the body in response to specific illnesses.

While current tests for some of the conditions can take several hours, days or even weeks, a test-based on this approach would be capable of providing a result in under 60 minutes.

Researchers from Imperial College London explained that a diagnostic test based on patient's gene expression could drastically improve the diagnosis of childhood diseases, reduce delayed and missed diagnoses, and have a significant impact on health care, especially in developing regions.



"Despite huge strides forward in medical technology, when a child is brought into hospital with a fever, our initial approach is to treat based on the doctors' 'impression' of the likely causes of the child's illness," said Professor Michael Levin, from the Imperial's Department of Infectious Disease.

"As clinicians, we need to make rapid decisions on treatment, often just based on the child's symptoms, information from the parents, and our medi-

cal training and experience," he added, "but we may not know whether a fever is bacterial, viral, or something else until hours or days after a child has been admitted, when their test results come back."

"Such delays can stop patients getting the right treatment early on, so there is a clear and urgent need to improve diagnostics. Using this new approach, once it's translated to near point of care devices, could be transformative for health care."

In the study, researchers explored an approach focused on detecting the pattern of a patient's gene expression in blood that occurs in response to specific infections and inflammatory conditions.

Using data from thousands of patients (including more than 1,000 children with 18 infectious or inflammatory diseases) the team was first able to identify which key genes were switched "on" or "off" in response to a range of illnesses—providing a molecular signature of disease.

Machine learning was then applied to identify which patterns of gene expression corresponded to the specific disease areas and pathogens—focusing in on a panel of 161 genes for 18 conditions.

This panel was further validated in a cohort of 411 paediatric patients admitted to hospital with sepsis or severe infections (representing 13 of the 18 diseases), where gene expression was captured from blood analysis, and where diagnoses were made using current gold standard clinical methods.

Digital puzzle games can boost memory in older adults: Study

NEW YORK, Aug 20 (Agencies): Older adults who play digital puzzle games have the same memory abilities as people in their 20s, a new study has shown.

The study, from the University of York, also found that adults aged 60 and over who play digital puzzle games had a greater ability to ignore irrelevant distractions, but older adults who played strategy games did not show the same improvements in memory or concentration.

Working memory is thought to peak between the ages of 20 and 30 before slowly declining as a person gets older.

"A lot of research has focused on action games, as it is thought that reacting quickly, keeping track of targets and so on helps attention and memory, but our new analysis shows

that the action elements do not seem to offer significant benefits to younger adults," said Dr Fiona McNab from the University of York's department of Psychology.

The study, published in the journal *Heliyon*, included older and younger adults playing digital games that they would normally play in their 'real lives'.

This resulted in a wide range of games to be tested alongside a digital experiment that required participants to memorise images, whilst being distracted.

"Puzzle games for older people had this surprising ability to support mental capabilities to the extent that memory and concentration levels were the same as a 20 year-olds who had not played puzzle games," said Dr Joe Cutting from



the University of York's Department of Computer Science.

Older people were however more likely to forget elements committed to memory whilst being distracted if they only played strategy games, and young people were less successful at focusing

attention if they played only puzzle games.

Future study could focus on why there is a difference between impacts of types of games depending on the age of a player and if this is connected to how the brain stores information as people age, the authors wrote.

Living alone puts people with cognitive decline at high risk: Study

NEW YORK, Aug 20 (Agencies): Living alone puts people with cognitive decline -- a group whose numbers are predicted to swell as the population ages globally -- at high risk as they forget appointments, mix up medications and have no one to contact in an emergency, according to new research.

For such patients, living alone is a social determinant of health with an impact as profound as poverty, racism and low education, according to the study published in *JAMA Network Open*.

An estimated 1 in 4 older Americans with dementia or mild cognitive impairment lives alone and is at risk of practices like unsafe driving, wandering outside the home, mixing up medications and failing to attend medical appointments.

"These findings are an



indictment of our health care system, which fails to provide subsidised home care aides for all but the lowest-income patients," said Elena Portacolone of the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) Institute for Health and Aging.

In this study, researchers interviewed 76 healthcare providers, including physicians, nurses, social workers, case workers, home care aides and others.

The providers raised concerns about patients missing medical appointments, failing to respond to follow-up

phone calls from the doctor's office and forgetting why appointments were made, leaving them vulnerable to falling off the radar.

"We don't necessarily have the staff to really try to reach out to them," said a physician in one interview.

Some patients could not assist their doctor with missing information on their chart, leaving the providers uncertain about the pace of their patient's decline.

Many had no names listed as emergency contacts, "not a family member, not even a friend to rely on in case

of a crisis", according to a case manager.

These patients were at risk for untreated medical conditions, self-neglect, malnutrition and falls, according to the providers.

One consequence of the shaky infrastructure supporting these patients was that they were not identified until they were sent to a hospital following a crisis, like a fall or reaction to medication mismanagement, the study noted.

"In an era when Medicare is going to spend millions of dollars for newly approved drugs with very marginal benefits, we need to remember that Medicare and other payers refuse to pay far less money to provide necessary supports for vulnerable people with dementia," said senior author Kenneth E. Covinsky of the UCSF Division of Geriatrics.

IRE vs IND, 2nd T20I Predicted XI: Jasprit Bumrah, Ruturaj Gaikwad in focus as India hunt series win

DUBLIN, Aug 20 (Agencies): India are set to play Ireland in the 2nd T20I match on August 20, Sunday. After winning the rain-affected 1st T20I match, India will be hunting for a series win on Sunday. With skies set to be clear throughout the tenure of the match, the Indian team management will likely give the same side one more game before any chopping or changing in the 3rd T20I match of the series.

Jasprit Bumrah was the centre of attraction in the 1st T20I and did not disappoint with 2 wickets in the very first over of his return to international cricket. While the focus will still be on Bumrah, his action and his pace, batters Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson will be under the scanner as well. Gaikwad, who is the captain of



India for the Asian Games will hope to put up a more dominant show from the start, while Sanju Samson will possibly pray that he can get to bat and score some runs. India are unlikely to change their untested batting line-up but it needs to be noted

that if India lose the 2nd T20I, things could get a little complicated for Jitesh Sharma, who is expected to make a debut in this series.

The Indian team is coming off a series loss against West Indies in the T20I format and would

not like lose the 2nd match and complicate this further. On the other hand, for Ireland, beating powerhouse India would be monumental.

The lower-order of the Irish side gave a commendable effort to keep them in competition, and at the end of the day, India were just 2 runs ahead of the DLS score when rain came pelting down. The hosts will hope for a better show from their top-order, especially Lorcan Tucker, who decided to attempt an audacious scoop of Jasprit Bumrah into his third ball of the innings.

India Predicted XI
Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Sanju Samson (wk), Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Arshdeep Singh/Avesh Khan, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah (c), Prasidh Krishna.

Pakistan Legend On Why He Calls Sachin Tendulkar "The Greatest Of All Time"

Sachin Tendulkar is unarguably one of the greatest batters ever to play the gentlemen's game.



NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Sachin Tendulkar is unarguably one of the greatest batters ever to play the gentlemen's game. Making his debut in 1989, the former India batter went on to smash numerous records and scripted a new chapter in the history of cricket. Sachin, who had a 24-year-long international career, is still the highest run-scorer in the ODIs and Tests. Recently, former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar lavished praise

on Sachin stating that the legendary batter had an "extraordinary" talent as he faced a variety of bowlers from all over the world.

In his lengthy cricketing journey, the 'Master Blaster' faced many great bowlers like Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee, Akhtar and many more. The India legend still went on to register great knocks.

"The reason I call Sachin the greatest of all time is because he had to first face Warne,

McGrath, Wasim Akram, West Indies and South Africa pace batteries. Then after 10 years he had to face fastest bowlers like Brett Lee, me, Dale Steyn and the other guys. I just thought this guy is crazy, this is not normal, nothing less than extraordinary," Akhtar told RevSportz.

The pace legend then spoke about Sachin's memorable knock of 98 runs against Pakistan during the 2003 ODI World Cup in Centurion. Akhtar also mentioned all-rounder Yuvraj Singh's name and called him the greatest middle-order batter.

"The way Sachin smashed us in Centurion was just extraordinary. The way he mounted pressure on us with Sehwag and others, credit to him and also we don't talk much about Yuvraj. He is the greatest of all time when it comes to middle order," said Akhtar.

Worth the wait: After rehab, Bumrah returns with longer run-up, bigger follow-through

The Gujarat slinger was mostly bowling at 80 to 85 mph but it is expected that he will go full burst as he plays more and more games.

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): It took exactly 10 months and 23 days for Jasprit Bumrah to wear the India 'Blues' but it was worth the wait as the speedster looks all set to spearhead India's World Cup campaign with a slight tweak in his action to prevent big injuries in near future.

While the Indian cricket establishment will need to handle its most prized asset with utmost care, people in the know of things feel that post surgery and extensive rehabilitation, Bumrah can continue playing all three formats as he knows his body very well.

During the first T20 International against Ireland in Malahide, it wasn't just his figures of 2 for 24 in 4 overs which brought a lot of relief and joy to the Indian team management but also knowing the process that he has undergone while doing rehabilitation and 'Return to Play' at the NCA in

Bengaluru.

"Prior to his stress fracture breakdown, if you closely watch Bumrah's bowling videos, he would first briskly walk six to seven steps and then load up at the bowling crease on his seventh stride to unleash his thunderbolts," a NCA Level-III certified coach informed on conditions of anonymity.

"While watching him bowl against Ireland, one could witness that he has increased his run-up by 2-3 strides with a bigger follow through compared to earlier times. It's not a massive revamp of his action but a slight bit of remodelling in order to stay injury free for a long time," the coach added.

So why did Bumrah need to add a few more strides to his run-up? "It is all about having an increased momentum which is a must for tear-away quick bowlers," the coach explained.

"Boom was earlier like a fighter jet. Even shorter run-up after a few rapid

walking strides meant that entire pace that he generated came from the thrust provided by his shoulder and back. The injury was bound to happen because his run-up hardly gave him any momentum. But post injury, he has increased I guess 2-3 strides at the max. Now fast bowling requires strong legs.

The slightly longer run-up is giving him time to build the momentum and allow his legs to be a force multiplier.

And then a slightly longer follow-through that puts less pressure on the back just after release. I am sure this will help him in curbing injuries in future," he observed.

The Gujarat slinger was mostly bowling at 80 to 85 mph but it is expected that he will go full burst as he plays more and more games.

"Pace comes with rhythm. The best part was that he looked very fit and as he builds miles in his legs, the pace will



automatically increase with every game," the coach added.

Muscle memory is a big thing in sport and when a player is trying out a new thing, it does take some time to get ingrained into his system.

"The NCA's designated coaches must have worked with Bumrah but those who have seen him from close quarter over the past seven years, feel that he doesn't exactly have a coach. The decision to slightly increase

stride and bigger follow through is purely his decision with coaches helping him.

He must have at least practised for a month, built on his muscle memory before trying that out in a match," he further added.

Bumrah, who is leading India in the three-match series against Ireland, had said at the pre-series media conference that he has been bowling 12 to 15 overs a day at training with an eye on the ODI World Cup.

United Arab Emirates vs New Zealand, 2nd T20I: UAE Thrash New Zealand By 7 Wickets For Historic Win

DUBAI, Aug 20 (Agencies): United Arab Emirates captain Muhammad Waseem made 55 to set up a seven-wicket win over New Zealand on Saturday in Dubai as the hosts levelled the three-match T20 series. Set 143 to win after again choosing to bowl first, the UAE lost opener Aryansh Sharma without scoring before Waseem and Vriitya Aravind (25) steadied the innings. Waseem struck four fours and three sixes in his 29-ball knock, which ended when he skied left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner to extra cover. Asif Khan finished off the job with an unbeaten 48 as he smacked New Zealand skipper Tim Southee for three boundaries in the 16th over to seal a famous victory with 26 balls to spare.

Mark Chapman's 63 was the standout contribution in New Zealand's 142-8. Opener Chad Bowes and Jimmy Neesham, who both scored 21, were the



only other batters to reach double figures for the tourists.

Aayan Afzal Khan ripped through New Zealand's top order, the left-arm spinner bowling Santner and Dane Cleaver in successive balls before having Bowes stumped to record figures of 3-20.

New Zealand won the first match of the series by 19 runs on Thursday. The series finale is at the same venue on Sunday.

Asia Cup: Indian squad could have additional members, Rahul Dravid to be part of selection meeting

BCCI brass and selectors could opt for safer options that gives them opportunity to check all available players in Asia Cup games

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): The Indian selection panel, led by Ajit Agarkar, is likely to go for a 17-member squad for the upcoming Asia Cup in order to check out all possible options ahead of the ODI World Cup, starting October 5.

It is also learnt that BCCI is bucking the convention for the first time and head coach Rahul Dravid will also be present in his official capacity during the meeting scheduled in the national capital on Monday morning.

It can be confirmed that neither Ravi Shastri nor Anil Kumble were part of selection meetings during their tenure as national coach.

But it must be mentioned that unlike Cricket Australia, where chief coach is a part of NSP (National Selection Panel), in India, neither



coach nor captain has a right to vote.

It is still not confirmed whether both skipper Rohit Sharma and Dravid will attend the meeting physically or join through video conference.

With key players -- KL Rahul (thigh) and Shreyas Iyer (lower back) yet to prove their fitness, the BCCI brass and selectors could opt for a safer options that

gives them an opportunity to check all available players in the five (six if they reach final) Asia Cup games in Sri Lanka.

The Asian Cricket Council has kept provision for 17-member squads for Asia Cup. Accordingly Pakistan, Bangladesh have all picked 17-member squads.

"There is a possibility of picking the provisional

15-member squad for the World Cup which needs to be submitted by September 5 but one could make changes as the deadline for final squad is September 27," a BCCI source told agency on conditions of anonymity. "For Asia Cup, a couple of more players could be picked."

India's likely 17-member squad (including provisional 15 for September 5 deadline): Rohit Sharma (captain), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul (wk, subject to fitness), Shreyas Iyer (subject to fitness), Hardik Pandya (VC), Ravindra Jadeja, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Ishan Kishan (2nd wk), Axar Patel, Shardul Thakur, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Yuzvendra Chahal/R Ashwin.

My mother borrowed money from others to keep me going, says cricketer Rinku Singh

NEW DELHI, Aug 20 (Agencies): Young Indian batter Rinku Singh has said that he has seen his family face financial struggles and "wanted to help them overcome them through cricket".

In the first of the three-match T20I series against Ireland on Friday, Rinku Singh was given his T20 International debut. However, the match was hit by rain and India won through the DLS method. Rinku did not get a chance to showcase his skills with the bat.

Speaking to JioCinema, Rinku Singh spoke about his arduous journey and the burning desire to earn his India call-up.

"It is a nice feeling (being part of the Indian team setup) because I have worked very hard to reach here. I picked up cricket almost 10-12 years ago and the one goal my parents set for



me was to represent the country. They felt the IPL is played by so many but only a few get picked for the Indian team. So they wanted me to make the most of my opportunities in the IPL and get selected for the Indian team. And now their dream is about to come true," he said.

Asked what he was doing when he heard about his India selection, an emotional Rinku said, "I was in Noida with

my friends when I got a call about my selection. Immediately I called up my mother and she got very emotional. Listening to her emotion-laced voice, I couldn't control my tears. They were waiting for this moment for a while now."

"A lot of blood and sweat has gone behind earning this place. My passion for the sport helped me wade through a lack of support and financial hardships. One

thing that kept me going was the desire to give my family a good life, which was possible only if I moved up the ladder in the sport. I had that self-belief and that made me stronger and helped me in my journey."

When asked as to how was he preparing mentally for international cricket, Rinku said, "The efforts are the same, to be honest; but the pressure is a little more. The intention is to continue to do things the same way I did during the IPL, keep my calm during batting and focus on the role I have been assigned by the team."

"I have achieved the first goal I set out to achieve, that is, to get selected for the Indian team. From here on, I will do everything within my capabilities, give my hundred per cent to achieve the team's desired results and be in the mix for as long as I can."

Kalyan Jewellers launches its 200th showroom globally at Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Kalyan Jewellers, one of India's largest and most-trusted jewellery brand today announced the launch of its 1st showroom in Jammu, which was inaugurated by Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan. The launch celebrations marked the momentous milestone of the company's 200th showroom globally. Mr. T S Kalyanaraman, Managing Director of Kalyan Jewellers along with the Executive Directors – Rajesh Kalyanaraman and Ramesh Kalyanaraman were present at the inauguration. The brand new showroom promises a luxurious shopping experience with an extensive array of exquisite jewellery designs in world-class ambience.

The city of Jammu came to a standstill as crowds jostled to catch a glimpse of the iconic superstar. Addressing the enthralled crowd,



Hrithik Roshan said, "I am delighted and honoured to be part of the 200th showroom launch festivities of Kalyan Jewellers. With a legacy spanning over three decades, Kalyan Jewellers has time and again, revolutionized India's jewellery industry with its pioneering initiatives. It is a matter of pride for me, to represent this iconic brand that is built on the core pillars of trust, transparency and customer centricity. This magnificent Kalyan Jewellers' showroom is a testament to the company's unwavering commitment of providing an

unparalleled shopping experience to patrons. I am confident that the patrons here will warmly welcome and wholeheartedly support the jewellery brand."

The extravagant launch celebrations encompassed the unveiling of Kalyan Jewellers' e-commerce platform – Candere's 3rd Experience Centre in India. Following a phygital model, the company had introduced this first-of-its-kind concept in September 2022.

Talking about the 200th showroom launch, Ramesh Kalyanaraman, Execu-

tive Director of Kalyan Jewellers, said, "As we inaugurate our 200th showroom, we extend gratitude to our customers, partners and employees, who have been an integral part of this three-decade long journey that has been marked with trust and transparency. This significant milestone echoes our unwavering dedication to not only creating exquisite jewellery but also nurturing relationships with patrons across the country that shine as timeless treasures."

To mark the occasion, Kalyan Jewellers has

launched its 'Celebrating 200 Showrooms' campaign, which encompasses unique offers to ensure that patrons gain maximum benefits on their jewellery purchases. As part of this, customers can avail the unique promotion: 0% making charges on half the purchase value for customers shopping for a minimum of Rs. 1 lakh. Additionally, the "Kalyan Special Gold Board Rate", the lowest in the market and standardized across all company showrooms, will be applied, ensuring a seamless and service-backed shopping experience. Customers are entitled to receive a raffle coupon on every purchase from Kalyan Jewellers. The jewellery brand will be giving away 2-gram gold coin to 200 lucky customers, who will be chosen through an electronic raffle draw. All the jewellery retailed at Kalyan Jewellers is BIS hallmarked and undergoes multiple purity tests.

Aryans organises 3rd Shikara Race in association with Indian Army & White Globe in Srinagar



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura Near Chandigarh organized its 3rd Shikara Race in world famous Dal Lake, Srinagar. Hundreds of tourists & locals witnessed this race. The race was organised in association with Indian Army & White Globe organisation, JK.

The event was graced Chief Guest & Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh while Chairperson White Globe, Adv. Sheikh Saba & Adv. Syed Junaid sadaat were Guests of Honour. The special guest of this event was Col. Manoj Dobriyal, 20 RR.

The race commenced after the flag off by Chairman, Aryans Group Dr. Anshu Kataria. The winners including 1st winner Abdul Majeed, 2nd Mehraj Husain, 3rd Gulzar Akhoun, 4th Ghulam

Hassan moti, 5th Imtiaz akhoun were rewarded during felicitation ceremony.

Dr. Katatia while addressing & congratulating the winners said that today's youth have great potential in every sphere to lead the country. It is a proud moment for all that all Aryans students are multi-talented. He said that Aryans students which are not only academically strong but also doing very well in innovations. He added that the copy-right awarded to Aryans Shikara app by Govt. of India is really remarkable.

Kataria added that Aryans students organized a shikara races last year also which also witnessed participation of hundreds of tourists. In past Aryans students have done many small innovations including "Shikara App", "Solar Boat", "Ramadhan App", "Android App", "eMunshi App", "Safety Helmet", "Save Kashmir" & "Life Saving Glove" for the Valley.

Polls must to end political uncertainty in J&K: Rajesh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 20: Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chief Rajesh Gupta on Sunday alleged that the people are fed up with the center's administration in Jammu and Kashmir and called for an assembly election soon to end the "political uncertainty" in the region.

"There was no change on the ground. We were hopeful that the situation would improve but it did not,"



Gupta said. "Instead, confusion has increased. We are living in a vacuum because no assembly elections have been

held in more than nine years," he said.

JWF President said that the central government had promised to hold the assembly elections after the completion of the delimitation exercise, but even after the commission submitted its report long back, it is yet to announce the election dates.

"I have not heard if the next step will take place or not after the completion of the ongoing special summary revision of electoral rolls...they need to end this uncer-

tainty and tell us when the elections are going to take place," he said.

"The common man is fed up with the governor's rule. I am seeing this for the first time. Otherwise, my experience tells me that people are satisfied with such a rule because they feel there is no political intervention in administrative decisions.

"But today, the people of both divisions, of Kashmir and Jammu, cannot wait for an election," he said.

Urban Indian women more prone to PCOS: experts

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU / AMRITSAR, Aug 20: An increasing number of women in the reproductive age are suffering from a hormonal disorder-Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS). According to gynecologists, there is a need for more awareness about this condition, which persists throughout life and can be controlled through proper diet and lifestyle.

An estimated one in five (20%) Indian women suffer from PCOS. If not monitored in time, the condition can have serious health implications, pointed out our experts.

Dr. Jagpreet, gynecologist at Ivy Hospital, Amritsar said that PCOS

is not a disease, but a condition that can manifest in different ways.

"While young women may suffer from irregular menstruation, experience hirsutism (unwanted male-pattern hair growth) and obesity, in slightly older age groups, it can lead to infertility and increased risk of miscarriage.

Conceiving with PCOS can be difficult, with about a 40% chance that if the mother has PCOS, the female baby will also have PCOS, Dr. Jagpreet maintained.

She further said that women with PCOS are at a higher risk of diabetes, high blood pressure and other health complications. The greater the peripheral fat, the greater the hormonal imbalance.

An ideal body mass index (BMI) is 25, but when one is obese, the BMI goes above 27-28 and it becomes worrisome.

PCOS is a lifelong health condition, but it can be controlled with proper diet and ideal body weight", said Dr. Jagpreet. PCOS arises from bad lifestyle habits but it also has side effects and needs to be treated. Because it's not life-threatening, people don't care enough about it, she said.

Dr Jagpreet says PCOS is common in obese women. About 80% of PCOS patients are obese. Urban Indian women may be at higher risk due to their poor lifestyle, eating habits and lack of physical activity.

DCC Rural celebrates 79th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi

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JAMMU, Aug 20: District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural today celebrated the 79th birth anniversary of the late party stalwart and former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi ji during a programme held at Jammu North Assembly segment.

The programme was organised by Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural in which Mula Ram former Minister, Yogesh Sawhney former Minister, Block Presidents, senior leaders of DCC and BCC and locals of Ward No 60 Paloura paid heartfelt tributes to the former Prime Minister.

Speaking on the occasion, Mula Ram described Rajiv Gandhi as the architect of Panchayat Raj System in India. He said during his leadership he fulfilled the dreams of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi to devolve powers of planning and development to the grass root institutions of democracy, so



that the people shape their own destiny as per their needs. He asserted that it was Rajiv Gandhi who translated the concept of participatory democracy at the grass root levels.

While paying rich tributes to Rajiv Gandhi, Yogesh Sawhney referred to number of achievements of the former Prime Minister during his leadership and said that country emerged as leader of the World in Information Technology due to his great vision for the youth, whom he gave a direction for meeting the

challenges of 21st Century successfully.

Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural described Rajiv Gandhi as a visionary leader who led the nation to great achievements in various fields. He will be remembered for his youth policy to prepare them for the present day challenges.

Chib said that Rajiv Gandhi deserves full appreciation for the historic decisions taken by him especially that of lowering the voting age from 21 years to 18 years in order to ensure that the youth of the country

have full participation in the democratic system. He asserted that it was the result of this decision that as of today the young generation takes lead in politics to serve the nation with young ideas. He said that Rajiv Gandhi's achievements are unprecedented and vast despite his short stint in politics.

The programme concluded with taking of pledge by all those present on the occasion to work relentlessly as messengers of peace and harmony by sacredly following Rajiv Gandhi's ideals.

Natrang stages political satire 'Topian'

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JAMMU, Aug 20: Natrang presented a political satire 'Topian' written by Mani Madhukar under the direction of Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre under Sunday Theatre Series. Most appropriate and timely presentation on the contemporary political scene of the country, the play is a dig on the lusty politicians who can change colors faster than a chameleon just to ensure that they remain in power. For them, mission is to be befool public and for that they have the requisite theatrical art, know-how, expertise and the excellence to transform themselves to any color or attire as per the situation and the requirement. Human civilization has witnessed lot of social and political revolutions, each time thinkers and philosophers have sold new political thoughts and doctrine of governance. But ironically the same faces have made their way to power just by hiding real faces in new masks. They have been changing color of



their caps and not their mind set.

In the backdrop of the story of two neighbors who pledge to change the political scene are shown looking for alternatives. Each time they come across a person they meet only those wearing different caps and attire offering them variety of manifestos. Each time they identify him as a different person and expect a different ideology from him. This way they succumb to his tactics. Over the time when they find that nothing is changing, the slogans of socialism are furthering the divide between rich

and poor, quality of life is deteriorating day by day and the security of life and property is at the mercy of God. Both muster courage and strip the person selling those dreams. Surprisingly inside clothes they find that he is the same person and every time he used to come to them in different attire.

The playwright successfully portrayed that the politicians are the same; they only change their caps and their colors just to befool public. They can be friends and the enemies at the same time, their equations and confrontations change for lust of

power. This absurd play posed a big challenge before the young actors of Natrang but interestingly their handling of the characters surprised many.

The roles of two neighbours were played by Abhimanyu Choudhary and Sumit Bandaral where as Vedhant Suri rendered equal support to them. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant and the music of the play was rendered by Chirag Anand. The publicity of the play was designed by Vanshika Pandoh and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.