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## BRIEFLY

### Body of youth retrieved from Tawi river in Udhampur

JAMMU, Aug 24 (Agencies): The body of a young man, who had drowned in Tawi yesterday evening, was retrieved on Thursday in Udhampur, officials said.

They said that the dead body of the 21-year-old youth, who had drowned near the Dibber area, was recovered this morning.

"The body was retrieved by the joint efforts by NDRF and Police today morning after hectic efforts," they said.

### One dead, five injured due to electrocution in Poonch

POONCH, Aug 24 (Agencies): One person lost his life and five were injured in an incident of electrocution in Poonch district on Thursday.

Officials said that Mohammad Aslam, a resident of Adai Mandi, was killed when a tin sheet being carried by a group of people touched a transmission line in Aala Peer area.

### Property of hybrid terrorist seized in Bandipora

BANDIPORA, Aug 24 (Agencies): The Bandipora police on Thursday attached property registered in the name of grandfather of a 'terror associate' in Bandipora that was allegedly being used as a hideout by LeT terrorists.

In a notice issued under the provisions of Section 2511 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, the police attached the property of 'terror associate' Mehboob Ul Inam Shah, a resident of Nadihal Bandipora.

"The land which was attached measured 4 marlas under Khasra No 384 and is registered in the name of Salam Shah S/o Naba Shah (Grandfather) of accused, under 'Proceeds of Terrorism' in Case FIR No 112/2022 under sections 18,19,20,23,38,39 UA(P) Act,7/25 LA Act, of Police Station

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## LG interacts with young leaders from 9 countries visiting India under ICCR's Gen Next Democracy Network Programme



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SRINAGAR, Aug 24: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday interacted with 19 young leaders from 9 democratic countries, who are visiting India under ICCR's Gen Next

Democracy Network Programme.

The Lt Governor welcomed the young delegates from Ireland, Namibia, USA, Iceland, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Albania and Moldova to Raj Bhavan.

During the interaction, the Lt Governor shared his views on transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir. He said the J&K UT is moving ahead on the path of development with ambitious goal of building digital society

and inclusive, sustainable development.

He also highlighted the historic landing of India's Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface. "The historic achievement belongs to the entire world, the humanity and to the young leaders like you," he said.

The Lt Governor responded to the questions of the members of the foreign delegation.

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, President ICCR; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor were present during the interaction.

## Lt Governor performs Pujan of Shri Amarnathji Chhari Mubarak



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SRINAGAR, Aug 24: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday performed the Pujan of Shri Amarnathji Chhari Mubarak in presence of Sh Deependra Giri, Mahant Chhari

Mubarak Shri Amarnathji, at Mahadev Gir Dashnami Akhada.

The Lt Governor sought the blessings of Lord Shiva and prayed for peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being of one and all.

The Chhari-Pujan on the auspicious occasion of Shraavan Shukla Ashtami is an important ritual prior to the culmination of the annual pilgrimage of Shri Amarnathji Shrine.

The holy Mace will be taken to the Shri Amarnathji cave on August 26 following the traditional practice of Chhari Mubarak Yatra.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, senior officers were present.

## Heavy rains in Himachal | Eight buildings collapse in Kullu



SHIMLA, Aug 24 (Agencies): At least eight buildings that had developed cracks and were declared unsafe following recent rains collapsed in Anni area of Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district on Thursday, throwing up large clouds of dust and debris. There were no casualties. The buildings housing shops, banks and other commercial establishments had developed cracks four-five days ago, Sub

Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Anni, Naresh Verma, who was at the spot, said.

The buildings were declared unsafe and vacated recently, he said.

The assessment of damage is being done and some other unsafe buildings along the National Highway 305 in Anni have also been vacated as a precautionary measure, the official added.

As many as 120 people have died in rain-related incidents in the state this month while a total of 238 people have died and 40 are still missing since the onset of monsoon in Himachal Pradesh on June 24.

Himachal saw three major spells of heavy rains this Monsoon. The first on July 9 and 10 led to large-scale destruction in Mandi and Kullu districts. Shimla and Solan districts were hit during the second spell on August 14 and 15 and Shimla city suffered heavy damage in the third spell on Tuesday night.

Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday said that Rs 165.22 crore had been released to all the deputy commissioners and the line departments in the state for the restoration of damaged works.

He has claimed that the state has suffered losses of Rs 10,000 crore so far due to the heavy rains.

## Auto Appeal System (AAS) ushers a wave of Accountability, Transparency and Zero Tolerance to Corruption

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SRINAGAR, Aug 24: With the on-boarding 300 online services on the Auto Appeal System (AAS), for ensuring time bound delivery of citizen centric services, Jammu and Kashmir has become the first UT to launch the auto escalation mechanism in the country.

In order to achieve this objective, the J&K Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) has been amended to bring online services under its ambit. The AAS automatically triggers an appeal to appellate authorities when the specified timelines for availing services under the Act are breached. This mechanism has helped to enforce compliance for time bound delivery of e-services.

Commenting regarding its utility Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta



on Thursday stated that this is a significant milestone in the digital journey of J&K which will go a long way in bringing about efficiency, transparency, accountability and curbing corrupt practices. The Chief Secretary, J&K impressed upon all the designated authorities and officers to monitor the appeals and dispose them in a time bound manner.

The key services offered in digital mode include the issuance of certificates such as category, income, property, character, and legal

their certificates, birth and death certificates, attestation of mutations, domicile certificates, obtaining fard and revenue extracts etc.

Other important services being offered include issuance of job cards under MGNREGA, acquiring water connection, obtaining marriage assistance or financial aid under Ladli Beti or pensions, street vending (Rehri) licenses and obtaining credit cards for artisans and weavers.

The Chief Secretary further stated that the AAS would enforce discipline amongst both government officials and applicants. The system will keep track of the stipulated timelines for service delivery and has provisions for imposing penalties for failing to comply with the provisions of the PSGA.

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## Supreme Court hearing on Article 370 abrogation | Day 10

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): The petitioners have concluded their arguments on Article 370. The Bench is set to hear submissions on behalf of the Union government.

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The Union government on Thursday said that the abrogation of Article 370 was required to ensure that the people of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) can avail welfare schemes of the Centre. The court was also apprised that the abrogation has permitted the people of J&K to enjoy similar rights and privileges as the rest of the country.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta argued that the State's sovereignty was ceded to the Union the moment the accession took place. He underscored that a merger agreement is not sine qua non for integration with the Union and said that other princely states apart from J&K had also not signed any such merger agreements.

Chief Justice D.Y Chandrachud heading the Constitution Bench said during the hearing that 'we cannot postulate a situation where the ends justify the means'.

Mr. Mehta had earlier apprised the Supreme Court that the Union Government has no intention to interfere with the special provisions

applicable to North Eastern states or other parts of India. He made this statement following the apprehensions raised by advocate Manish Tewari about the implications of the abrogation on the prospects of States in the northeast.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir of special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories. By abrogating Article 370, the Central Government revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. Several petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, were referred to a Constitution

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## ED raids premises of former Punjab Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, close aides

LUDHIANA, Aug 24 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday raided the premises of former Congress Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu and his close aides, including former Congress Councillor Sunny Bhalla, former LIT chairman Raman-Subramaniam, Pankaj Meenu Manhotra and his PA Inderjit Indi.

The raids at around 20 locations were conducted in the morning. Besides, many officers connected with the Food and Supplies Department are also on the ED radar.

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## High pilgrim turnout at Kousernag Yatra this year

SRINAGAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): The Annual Kousar Nag Yatra concluded recently as the sacred Chari Mubarak returned to the Reasi Shiv Mandir. Commencing on August 19th, the Yatra commenced its journey from the Shiv Mandir Baradari, progressing through Sungri, Salal, Arnas, Dharmari, with a night's rest in Sungri. Numerous devotees partook in the Yatra, extending their support by establishing langars (community kitchens) in Mahore.

The overall supervision of the Yatra was overseen by the SDM Mahore, who accompanied the pilgrims all the way to the lake site. Following a night's stopover in Sungri, the Yatra con-

tinued on August 20th, eventually resting for the night in Sari, where an abundance of devotees fervently participated.

Remarkably, the district administration of Reasi managed to ensure a stable water supply in these remote mountainous terrains. Additionally, to curb open defecation, a sanitary complex was installed for the convenience of the pilgrims.

Yatra registration counters, along with medical examinations to ensure fitness, were set up by the district administration in Sungri. Local residents from villages such as Malikot, Singlikote, Sarsote, Mamankote, Nandkote, and others also joined the Yatra, fostering a strong sense of community participa-

tion. On August 21st, the Yatra proceeded from Sari through Jodi Wali, Gourban, and Kouser Gali, culminating at the Kousernag Sarovar. Here, 1000 devotees performed Pooja/Havan and took a sacred dip in the pristine waters of Kousernag Lake.

Security forces from both the Reasi and Kulgam regions accompanied the devotees, ensuring their safety throughout the Yatra. The devotees expressed their gratitude for the meticulous arrangements made by the district administration of Reasi, the Army, and the J&K Police, who worked tirelessly to orchestrate this Yatra despite numerous challenges.





## EDITORIAL

DIVERSE  
CULTURE

Talking about India in context, India is a country with a diverse culture, a fact that is prominently reflected in its people, culture and weather. From the eternal snow of the Himalayas to the fields in the far reaches of the south, from the deserts of the west to the moist deltas of the east, from the dry heat to the coolness of the plateau in the foothills of the hills, Indian lifestyles clearly reflect the magnificence of its geography. The dress, plan and habits of an Indian vary according to the place of its origin.

Indian culture is as varied as its vast geographical location. People here speak different languages, wear different clothes, follow different religions, eat different food but their nature is same. Whether it is a happy occasion or a sad moment, people participate wholeheartedly, experiencing joy or pain together.

A festival or an event is not a committee for a household or a family. The whole community or neighborhood joins in rejoicing on one occasion, similarly an Indian wedding is a gathering event, in which not only the bride and groom but also the two families come together. Be it their culture or religion. Similarly, in sorrow, neighbors and friends play an important role in reducing that pain.

Regarding Indian culture, Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya says that "The vastness and importance of Indian civilization and culture lies in the sacred feeling of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', that is, to establish an identity relationship with the whole human being.

India's history and culture is dynamic and goes back to the beginning of human civilization. It begins with the mystical culture of the Indus Valley and goes to the farming community in the southern regions of India. In the history of India, there has been a continuous integration of people from many cultures located around India.

Available evidence suggests that the use of iron, copper and other metals was prevalent in the Indian sub-continent even at a very early time, indicating the progress made by this part of the world. 4th millennium B.C. By the end of 1500 AD, India had emerged as a region of highly developed civilization.

Indian culture is one of the oldest cultures of the world. It is believed that Indian culture is as old as the cultures of Greece, Rome, Egypt, Sumer and China. India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with multicolored diversity and rich cultural heritage. Along with this, it has also been molding itself to the changing times.

It is necessary to consider this point that the traditions and practices of the Harappan civilization are still seen in Indian culture, such as the worship of Mother Goddess, the worship of Pashupatinath, the tradition of Yang-Aasan, etc. Apart from this, the 'nature-human relationship' has been emphasized in Indian culture. Our culture runs on the unbreakable and companionable relationship between human, nature and environment.

## Why bureaucrats from poll-bound states making a beeline for BJP

By: Dilip Cherian

In a recent column (August 10, 2023), your writer highlighted the BJP's keen pursuit of new talent, with a particular focus on bureaucrats. Intriguingly, the babus, too, are seeking refuge in the party. This is a hopeful sign for those babus who are dejected at being left out in the race for extension of tenure! Joining politics is clearly the next best thing, especially for ex-babus pining for the days when they held the reins of power.

News emerging from poll-bound Madhya Pradesh reveals that three former IAS officers have gracefully pirouetted from babugiri to netagiri, donning the BJP's saffron cloak. Ved Prakash, R.K. Mishra and M.K. Agarwal were made official members of the party by none other than Union home minister Amit Shah recently. The air of secrecy surrounding this move left the media scrambling to catch up, as the announcement caught them off guard.

The party's spotlight has now turned towards Telangana, where it has not hesitated to extend invitations to former civil service luminaries, including former Andhra Pradesh chief secretaries I.Y.R. Krishna Rao and

L.V. Subramanyam, as well as retired IPS officers and former academics, to bolster the party's ranks.

Behind the scenes, according to sources, a covert group of around 20 such former officials, armed with pie charts and bar graphs, is busy analyzing the Telangana government's schemes and projects. This elite team reportedly features the likes of former IPS officer T. Krishna Prasad and former IAS officer R. Chandravadan, among others. It is hoped that the collective efforts of these experienced babus will help sharpen the party's strategy against the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government ahead of polls.

As elections draw near, the political theatre promises to be a riveting show, where babus trade their pens for podiums and governance meets showmanship!

Babus preparing to celebrate 20 years of Vibrant Gujarat summit

As the monsoon-induced chaos keeps Delhi's babus on their toes ahead of the G20 Leaders' Summit meeting early next month, in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state, the diligent babus are meticulously crafting the blueprint for the next edition of the Vibrant Gujarat 2024 summit, which completes 20 years next year.

The first summit was held in 2004, when Mr Modi was the chief minister of the state.

Sources have informed DKB that the Gujarat industries department, steered by the adept additional chief secretary S.J. Haider plans to invite and felicitate all those babus who were instrumental in organising previous summits. Senior babus such as A.K. Sharma, and Maheshwar Sahu, alongside other luminaries who have since retired from service, are slated to be celebrated for their pivotal roles. Notably, A.K. Sharma has since ascended to the role of minister in the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh.

Given the prestige associated with the summit, chief minister Bhupendra Patel and chief secretary Raj Kumar are directly supervising this initiative, with the PMO likely looking over their shoulders. But it is Mr Haider who has been an indomitable force since the inception of the event and is now at the forefront of the activities. It is learned that a tech show will be the highlight of the next edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit, showcasing the initiatives of the Centre under the Digital India platform, and Mr Modi himself is expected to inaugurate the event.

Kerala tightens foreign travel rules for babus

The Kerala government has decided to scrutinise the foreign trips of IAS, IPS and IFS officers, even if they are on personal visits abroad. The state chief secretary, V. Venu, has reportedly instructed all-India service officers in the state to mandatorily inform the government about the country of visit and duration.

Apparently, foreign trips by government officials have long been a subject of discussion due to concerns about their necessity, purpose, and potential misuse of public funds. The review process aims to evaluate the relevance of these overseas trips to the officers' official responsibilities.

In October last year, the ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions issued a communiqué delegating the powers to sanction the leaves of officers for travelling abroad, except for study leaves, to the state government.

By assessing the knowledge and skills gained during such trips, the Kerala government intends to determine whether they contribute to the officers' professional growth. As for the babus, it is hoped that they can justify their globe-trotting expenses!

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING -A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

By: Simple Chhabra

WHAT IS  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labour, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. This may encompass providing a spouse in the context of forced marriage, or the extraction of organs or tissues, including for surrogacy. Human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade across the globe. As per statistics of the government in every eight minutes a child goes missing in our country. In 2011 about 35,000 children were reported missing and more than 11,000 out of these were from west Bengal. Further, it is

assumed the only 30% of the total cases are reported, so the actual number is pretty high.

Human trafficking is one of the major problems in India. Till date no concrete study has been conducted so far to know the exact number of trafficked kids in India. The new work times has reported on the widespread problem of human trafficking in India especially in the state of Jharkhand.. in other article

The times of India Karnataka is the third state in India for human trafficking. every year more than 300 such cases are reported in each of the four south Indian states. where as west Bengal and Bihar on an average have 100 such cases each year. Kids especially girls and young women mostly, from northeast are taken from their homes and sold in faraway states of India for sexual exploitation and to work as bonded labour by the agents who lure their parents with education better life, and money for their kids. Agents do not send these kids to school but sell them to work carpentry units, as a domestic servants beggars etc.

Why human Trafficking is increasing in India?

Fundamental theory of demand and supply is applicable to this situation as well, men for work generally migrate to major commercial cities and from here the demand for commercial sex is created. To fulfil the supply all sorts of efforts are made by the suppliers like abduction etc. than social inequality, regional gender preference, imbalance and corruption are other leading causes of human trafficking in India.

Causes of human trafficking in India

Sex trafficking

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Another cause of human trafficking in India is a lack of opportunity in India's poor communities, especially for uneducated women, to provide for their families. In 2012 only 43 percent of women in India worked regular wage or salaried positions victims of sex trafficking in India are predominantly young, illiterate girls from impoverished family in rural states. Although poverty is decreasing in India 28 percentage of the population still lives below the poverty line.

Action against guilty

Under the immoral trafficking prevention Act

(ITPA) Trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation is penalized. The punishment ranges from seven years to life imprisonment. The bonded labor abolition act, the child labor Act, and the juvenile justice act prohibit the bonded and forced labor in India.

Because of the brutal gang rape of December 2012, government has passed a bill in which laws related to sexual violence and making sex trafficking have been amended but there is huge gap between enactment and enforcement of these laws. because of widespread corruption and bribe, it is easy for agents for bring these young boys and girls for their profit but there should be strict disciplinary action against everybody involved in such a crime then this problem can be addressed.

Better education and other facilities should be provided at native places so that parents do not opt these ways for their kids above all attitude towards women and young girls must change.

(Writer, legal advisor, counselor)

## Braham Jyot extends greetings on Chandrayan 3 landing on Moon, distributes Halwa among public

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JAMMU, Aug 24: Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha) extends greetings on the successful landing of Chandrayan 3 on South pole of Moon and distributed Halwa public at Rajpura, Shakti Nagar Jammu.

The program was organised by Sanjay Verma (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha). Tarun Sharma (Incharge Culture Cell BJP), Ganisham Sharma, Suresh Sharma Babu, Happy, Arya Verma, Shammi Sharma, Onkar Sharma, Vicky Singh, Raman Sharma, Nitin Kumar were present on the occasion.

Yesterday, Chandrayan 3 successfully



landed on the surface of the Moon. They celebrated this historic achievement of India by raising patriotic slogans, Fire crackers and distributed Halwa among the public. Speaking on the occasion, Braham Jyot extended greetings to the whole nation and commends the hard

work of our Scientists who put their full effort to make Chandrayan 3 a historic achievement. He said ISRO make us all proud once again and this ISRO is working on this for last many years. He said Chandrayaan-3 was launched on 14 July 2023. The lander and rover

landed near the lunar south pole region on 23 August 2023 at 18:02 IST, making India the first country to successfully land a spacecraft near the lunar south pole and the fourth country to soft-land on the Moon. He said ISRO, successfully landed its Chandrayaan-3 mis-

sion's Lander Module on the Moon's surface. This is a big achievement because only a few other countries, like the USSR, the US and China, have done this before. He said The mission's success will help India demonstrate its technological advancement.

## DYSS Jammu holds Inter-school Zonal Level Tournament

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JAMMU, Aug 24: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Zone Jammu organized Inter-school Zonal Level Tournament in various disciplines of U/19 years Boys & Girls at GGHSS Bakshi Nagar, GBHSS Bakshi Nagar, Sanatan Dharam High School, M.A. Stadium & Bajrangi

Akhara Shalamar under the chairmanship of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma and overall Supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer Jammu, Harvinder Kour. Near about 758 Boys & Girls were participated at Inter School Zonal level Tournament in dif-

ferent disciplines with full zeal and zest. In the end ZPEO Jammu, proposed words of appreciation and panegyricizing the staff for making their sincere efforts in making the said Tournament. All officials of Zone Jammu were present during the Tournament with full enthusiasm.

## Five-day plantation drive by Army concludes

### TOP NEWS REPORT

BHALWAL, Aug 24: The Indian Army, in collaboration with the local population, celebrated the culmination of a successful 5-day Plantation Drive at the Bhalwal Cricket Stadium today. The drive, which took place from August 17 to 21, witnessed the collective effort of the Indian Army, local villagers, school and college students, civil authorities, and the community, in planting approximately 5000 fruit-bearing trees.



Aligned with the themes of "Mera Maati Meri Desh," "Go Green Initiative," and in celebration of "Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav," the Plantation Drive aimed to not only enhance the green cover but also promote environmental awareness and sustainable living. The event showcased the commitment of the Indian Army towards safeguarding the environment and fostering a spirit of unity among diverse sections of society.

The Chief Guest for the occasion, Radhika Anand, CEO of Mission Phalwan and Plantalogy, graced the event with her presence and lauded the collaborative efforts of the Indian Army and the local community. She emphasized the significance of such initiatives in ensuring a healthier and more sustainable future for generations to come. The villages covered during the drive included Choha, Lower Jhandial, Upper Jhandial, Seri Panditania, and

Bhalwal. The participation of local residents, along with school and college students, highlighted the enthusiasm and commitment of the younger generation towards environmental conservation. Speaking at the event, a representative of the Indian Army expressed gratitude towards the local populace, educational institutions, and civil authorities for their enthusiastic participation and support. The event successfully

brought together various segments of society, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared responsibility towards the environment. The Plantation Drive not only added to the aesthetic beauty of the region but also contributed significantly to the larger cause of sustainable development. It serves as a testament to the Indian Army's dedication towards nurturing a greener, cleaner, and more vibrant nation.

## NSF celebrates 115th birth anniversary of Rajguru

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JAMMU, Aug 24: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programme in Jammu University, and on the Birth anniversary of Rajguru who laid his life for the country. Amid slogans "Rajguru Amar Raha "inquilaab Zindabad" Bharat Mata ki jai and the activists of NSF paid tributes to Rajguru and garlanded the portrait of the son of soil. A programme in this connection was organized wherein Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while TR Sharma KAS (Retd), Presided

over the function. Vikash Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the guest of honour. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Vikas Sharma appreciated the initiative taken by the NSF member to remember the birth anniversary of Rajguru. He throws light on the life of martyr Shivaram Hari Rajguru was born in Maharashtra 24 August 1908. He was an active member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) and on 23 March 1931, he was hanged by the British government along with his associates Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev Thapar. Dr. Vikas Sharma

strongly opposed the charging of toll illegally at Sarore Toll Plaza. National Conference will keep on raising the issues of the people including uprooting the Sarore Toll Plaza illegally installed there as well the issue of installing smart electric meters giving huge power bills beyond the capacity of commoners to pay. He mentioned that people have suffered a lot during the last four years especially after the abrogation of Article 370, bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and downgraded of State to a Union Territory. While speaking TR Sharma stressed upon

the youth to shun their self-centered outlook and contribute in the development of the nation. Vikash Vashist State Secretary NSF, in his speech said that the sacrifices of such great people could not be ignored, which had secured freedom for the country and its people. Roshan Sharma University President delivered the welcome address and Abhishek Uppal University Unit Chairman delivered the vote of thanks. Among others who spoke were Narinder Singh, Aditya Khajuria, Tufail Reyaz Khan, Punnet Bakshi, Aditya sharma, and others.

## India on Moon - AJBRCEAK extends greetings on Chandrayaan-3 success

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JAMMU, Aug 24: All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK) has extend greetings on the remarkable success of Chandrayaan 3rd, the Mission Moon. In press statement Chairman of the Association, Vipen Kumar said "This achievement is not just a milestone in the realm of space exploration, but a testament to the unwavering determination and expertise of ISRO's brilliant scientists and engineers."

"Your relentless efforts have not only propelled India onto the global stage of lunar exploration but have also ignited a sense of wonder and inspiration in every corner of our great nation India," he said. As the Chandrayaan 3rd lands with grace near the south pole of the moon, we stand united in awe of this historic triumph. The "Fifteen minutes of terror" have been transformed into fifteen minutes of exhilaration, pride, and

hope for a brighter future in space exploration. Chairman AJBRCEAK further stated that this achievement symbolizes the indomitable spirit of our nation and its commitment to pushing the boundaries of human capability. "Congratulations to ISRO, the Prime Minister of India, and the entire nation for this remarkable accomplishment," Kumar added. In his greetings president AJBRCEAK Anil Radhey expressed We stand united in celebrat-

ing this monumental success and look forward to a future filled with more groundbreaking achievements that make India and its citizens proud. With admiration and gratitude, Other Executive members of Apex body also Extended their wishes on this grand success "As we believe much more to come ahead, India is Superpower in Space science and this achievement reflects the true capabilities country has in this field.

## Dimple threatens to call 'Jammu Bandh' on Monday

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JAMMU, Aug 24: Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir today led a strong protest against Sarore toll plaza and installation of smart meters and threatened government for Jammu Bandh on Monday if it fails to revoke the decision for the same. Addressing the protestors Sunil Dimple warned to give call for "jammu band" on Monday if the demands are accepted with immediate effect. Dimple gave a "three



point agenda" to stop the ongoing and worst situation in jammu region. He sought release the arrested Rajput Sabha leaders and stop sarore toll plaza, waive of all

the arrears and the present electricity tariff of the people of Jammu Kashmir, suspend smart meters work till the situation gets normal and withdraw the property

tax law immediately. Sachin Soi, Satpal Sharma, Rupesh Bhat, Bunty, Arjun, Rakesh, Ramesh Ashok and many others were present in the protest.

## J&K Speedball wins overall champion trophy of National Championship



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JAMMU, Aug 24: A team of 35 players from J&K represented UT of Jammu & Kashmir in 11th Sub-Junior & Junior National Speedball Championship at Sports Complex New Delhi. About 250 players from 8 States of India

participated in this Tournament. In the championship J&K won overall champion trophy with 10 Gold, 9 Silver and 13 Bronze medals. Rajasthan become Runner Up & Delhi 2nd Runner Up Champion. Pooja Malhotra (Founder Patron JKSB) applauded the efforts

of the players and their Chief Coach India Sunny Nanda who puts his best efforts to help J&K to fetch 1st Place. The Medal Winners were Eklavya Mohan Bargotra (RHS), Hari Om Sharma (RHS), Natanshveer Singh Jamwal (RHS), Utkarsh Dev Singh (RHS), Shiv Rudhar Pratap

(RHS), Shivam Chandan (RHS), Shaurya Veer Singh (RHS), Koushki Charak(RHS), Megha Pathania (DPS), Aryana Choudhary (DPS), Hitashi Pathania (DPS), Kashvi Narayania (DPS) Aahil Anand (DPS), Manvendra Singh(JSSK), Sanath Andotra (JSSK), Lavya Mahajan (JSSK), Tanshiq Mahajan (APS Kathua), Daksh Rasotra (TSSK), Banshika Rasotra(IPSK), Sushant Thakur (DHSS), Kapish Dogra (DHSS), Ayush Sharma (CPS), Shivam Lachiyale (JSS), Rehaan (JSS), Prafful Kumar (JSS), Tanmay Verma (JSS), Ishant Manhotra (SIS), Divanshu Tandan (SIS), Jaspreet Singh (SIS), Sayam Gupta (SIS), Mohd.Arshad (DHSS), Dhruv Choudhary (JSS).

## HDFC Bank joins hands with Marriott Bonvoy to launch India's first co-brand hotel credit card

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JAMMU, Aug 24: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, has joined hands with Marriott Bonvoy, Marriott International's award-winning travel program, to launch the 'Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card', India's first co-branded hotel credit card. The co-branded credit card will run on Diners Club®, part of the Discover Global Network and aims to be one of the most rewarding travel cards in India. The Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank credit card leverages the strengths of the two brands, offering consumers an unprecedented array of travel benefits, including Silver Elite Status with Marriott Bonvoy, that comes with ben-

efits such as priority late checkout, exclusive member rates, Marriott Bonvoy bonus points and much more. "We are excited to launch our first Marriott Bonvoy co-branded credit card in India, following successful launches in Japan and South Korea," highlighted Ranju Alex, Area Vice-President, South Asia, Marriott International. "With the potential to open the world of travel to a new generation of Indian explorers, the combination of benefits from two powerful brands underscores our commitment to providing innovative financial solutions that cater to the evolving needs of our customers. With this card, we aim to enhance the travel experiences of our valued cardholders by offering exclusive benefits, rewards, and seamless access to Marriott International's award-winning travel program. As the lead-

ing card issuer in the country, we are excited about this new offering and believe this partnership will revolutionise the way our customers engage with the hospitality industry, enhancing their journeys and creating lasting memories." Cardholders who favor travel rewards cards will also value access to travel benefits and privileges that Diners Club offers in the market and globally" said Chris Winter, Vice President of International Markets at Diners Club International. "Our unique partnership model has built a strong acceptance footprint around the world to benefit those that travel both for work and pleasure, as well as those using the card for everyday local spend."

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## There is one thing common to Gadar 2 and Pathaan – Manish Wadhwa. As he basks in the glory of the twin hits, the actor reveals how playing the villain came naturally to him

Actor Manish Wadhwa is currently riding the wave of success. Audiences have stepped back into cinema halls, rather thronged to see Gadar 2. Little before that, it was Pathaan that sent the house full boards up! The two blockbusters, and the connecting link — Manish Wadhwa — the actor who plays a Pakistani general in both these over-the-top actioners.

Humble and jovial, Manish laughs out loud at the compliments coming his way. "The universe is writing its own screenplay; it was in my fate to be associated with these two megahits." While he in no way accepts to be the lucky mascot for both Shah Rukh Khan and Sunny Deol, he credits them for giving a boost to his career. "Both of them are big stars with a massive fan-following. If anything, I am grateful to them to have given an impetus to my career," says Wadhwa. He is also extremely grateful to the audience for accepting him in varied roles. "I am so grateful that the audience has accepted me in different roles."

**Initial steps**  
In fact, his first stage role was that of a daaku with veteran



actor, late Vivek Shauq. "Right from my childhood, I knew I was going to be an actor," shares Manish, who spent considerable years of growing up in Ambala and Chandigarh. "My first stage assignment was given to me by Vivek Shauq, a known figure in theatre and acting circles. I essayed the role of a daaku, and decades later I am still playing the villain," he says.

Playing Pakistani generals in one film after another didn't pose any challenge. Set in two different time periods, each was starkly different from the other.

"Yes, both these characters are Pakistani generals and their

aim is the same — to destroy India. But both are absolutely different." While General Qadir in Pathaan is a 2023 Instagram-savvy baddie; Major General Hamid Iqbal in Gadar 2 is a man frozen in the 70s. "I had a blast working with Siddharth Anand, he is an institution in himself. Anil Sharma ji has his own school of filmmaking. Both the directors give their actors the freedom to interpret a role and follow their instinct, but in very distinctive way."

**Chandigarh connect**  
Mumbai has been his home for long, but Manish hasn't forgotten his school days in Shishu

Niketan and Manav Mangal School in Chandigarh. "I miss the amazing food, the wide clean roads and most of all the time a family could enjoy together." Ask him about ups and downs in Mumbai, and he says, "There are only highs; we complain about traffic a lot here, but where hasn't the traffic gotten worse? It is my karmabhumis and all that I am is because of this city."

In fact, life has come a full circle for Manish. His father, an ex-Air Force officer, left Ambala and moved to Mumbai to make it big in films, and has a few serials, and a film, as a director to his credit. Manish chose acting and is going steady for more than three decades. He's been best known for his roles of Chanakya in Chandragupta Maurya, Kans in Paramavator Shri Krishna, Amal Nanda/Dansh in Hero – Gayab Mode On. Now his son, Ashrit Wadhwa, is a young director, who has to his credit a web series and a film. "He is a young boy, all of 21, and raring to go," says the proud father.

Of course Manish has many projects lined up, but right now he's happy riding the success wave of Gadar 2.

## Veteran actress Seema Deo of 'Anand', 'Kora Kagaz' fame dies at 81

*Deo had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease*



Veteran actress Seema Deo, remembered for her roles in "Anand" and "Kora Kagaz", died here on Thursday morning due to age-related ailments, her filmmaker son Abhinay Deo said. She was 81.

Deo, who acted in over 80 Hindi and Marathi films, passed away at

her Bandra home. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for over three years.

"She passed away at 8.30-9 am at her residence in Bandra due to old age. She had been withdrawn completely, and eventually it is just old age. Alzheimer's is such a thing that you stop figuring out how

to function. She had dementia leading up to Alzheimer's and she was suffering from it for over three years.

"There's no specific reason (for her death). Due to Alzheimer's and dementia, the person forgets how to walk. The muscle memory starts coming down and one by one, the organs start shutting down," Abhinay Deo told agency.

The last rites will be performed at 5 pm at Shivaji Park.

Her husband, Ramesh Deo, also a veteran of Hindi and Marathi cinema, died in 2022 at the age of 93.

She is survived by two sons — actor Ajinkya Deo and Abhinay Deo. While Ajinkya Deo has featured in films such as "Sansaar", "Indrajeet" and "Aan: Men at Work", Abhinay Deo is a director known for "Delhi Belly" and "Force".

## Angelina Jolie has got mystery tattoos on both of her middle fingers

Angelina Jolie has got mystery tattoos on both her middle fingers. Mr K, who works at the New York City location of the celebrity-favourite Bang Bang store, posted a picture of Jolie's fingers on Instagram on Tuesday with the new tattoo completely masked out to keep the design disguised.

After writing, "Still can't believe that I actually grabbed her hand and tattooed it," Mr K tagged Angelina and posed a question to his followers, "Guess what's she got on her palm?"

Commenters referred to Jolie's ex-husband Brad Pitt, whom she dated from 2005 until their eagerly anticipated wedding in 2014. However, the couple filed for divorce in 2016 and has since been involved in a heated court dispute about their shared winery and children.



Another theory regarding her new tattoos is that they are memorials to her children, a 'warning label for potential suitors', or 'something spiritual'.

Additionally, Mr K is the tattooist who cre-

ated Doja Cat's contentious backpiece, which admirers have dubbed 'demonic'. Fans of the popular downtown tattoo parlour include Joe Jonas, Michael J. Fox, Sophie Turner, and Miley Cyrus.

## Jennifer Aniston reveals why she prefers to be single

Hollywood star Jennifer Aniston, who was married to Brad Pitt and dated John Mayer, and then got hitched to Justin Theroux in the years since, has admitted that she was never excited to pursue adult relationships after seeing her parents' divorce.

"It was always a little bit difficult for me in relationships, I think, because I really was kind of alone," she said. "My parents, watching my family's relationship, didn't make me kind of go, 'Oh, I can't wait to do that'. I didn't like the idea of sacrificing who you were or what you needed, so I didn't really know how to do that. So it was almost easier to just be kind of solo."

The former Friends star went on to explain that her late parents, who split in 1980 after 15 years of marriage, did not give her any 'real training' in the field of finding romance and still to this day, she finds it a 'challenge' to be in a relationship.

"So I didn't have any



real training in that give and take. It's just about not being afraid to say what you need and what you want. And it's still a challenge for me in a relationship. I'm really good at every other job I have..."

The actress previously explained that watching her parents be 'unkind' to each other when she was growing up had put her off from experiencing a relationship, but insisted that she did not hold any resentment towards her mother or father.

She said: "I think that it comes from growing up in a household that was destabilised and felt unsafe, watching adults being unkind to each other, and witnessing certain things about human behaviour that made me think, 'I don't want to do that'. I don't want to be that. I don't want to experience this feeling I'm having in my body right now. I don't want anyone else that I ever come in contact with ever to feel that. So I guess I have my parents to thank. You can

either be angry or be a martyr, or you can say, 'You've got lemons? Let's make lemonade'."

Cancel culture is 'obnoxious'

Actress Jennifer Aniston after being caught in the whole controversy regarding Jamie Foxx's allegedly anti-Semitic social media post has now called 'cancel culture' as an obnoxious trend, wondering if there is any end to it all. The 54-year-old actress said: "I'm so over cancel culture. I probably just got canceled by saying that. I just don't understand what it means... Is there no redemption? I don't know. I don't put everybody in the Harvey Weinstein basket." Cancel culture is the practice or tendency of engaging in mass canceling as a way of expressing disapproval and exerting social pressure. The trend has become very big and has been frequently criticised by many celebrities, ranging from Chris Rock, Lizzo, Cate Blanchette, Elon Musk and more.

## Tamannaah Bhatia on playing Anya in Aakhri Sach



Tamannaah Bhatia is currently gearing up for the release of her upcoming investigative drama series Aakhri Sach.

Helmed by Robbie Grewal, and writ-

ten by Saurav Dey, Aakhri Sach also stars Abhishek Banerjee, Shivin Narang, Danish Iqbal, Nishu Dikshit, Kriti Vij and Sanjeev Chopra.

The series will delve

into the lives of various characters as Tamannaah Bhatia, playing the role of Anya, the lead investigative officer, embarks on a mission to unravel the mystery of the deaths.

The popular Bollywood actress said, "Women have always been very instinctive. A woman being strong doesn't make her androgynous. Strength does not take away femininity, it is another asset of femininity. Women have always been very instinctive, that's an innate nature of women, we always have an intuition for everything. When we can marry our skills with our intuition, there's nothing more powerful than that and that is what Anya (my character from Aakhri Sach) essentially embodies." The series is set to stream on the OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar from August 25.

## Nausheen Ali Sardar makes a comeback to television after five years



Sony Entertainment Television's Barsatein Mausam Pyaar Ka has fascinated viewers with its fast-paced narrative of a stormy romance drama. Adding to this drama will be television personality Nausheen Ali Sardar, who will portray the role of Aradhana's biological mother, Malini Khanna, also known as Mimi.

The beautiful Nausheen Ali Sardar expressed her excitement saying, "It feels like home coming for me as I kick-started my acting journey with Sony Entertainment Television and Balaji Telefilms; and now I am making a comeback with Barsatein Mausam Pyaar Ka created by these two powerhouses. It's surreal. Ekta Kapoor has always brought to life stories that tug at your heartstrings and this is exactly what happened to me as well when I was narrated the story. I was instantly drawn towards Mimi.

## Actress Vaani Kapoor has decided to treat herself to a well-deserved break, as she is celebrating her 35th birthday in Dubai

Actress Vaani Kapoor, who will be seen in Mandala Murders and Sarvagunn Sampanna, has decided to treat herself to a well-deserved break, as she is celebrating her 35th birthday in Dubai. She is accompanied by her closest gal friends Akansha, Anushka Ranjan, and Raashi Khanna.

A source shared: "While Vaani usually prefers low-key celebrations, this birthday calls for something extraordinary. She and her friends are gearing up for a thrilling time in Dubai, complete with luxury shopping, gourmet dining, and lounging at luxurious hotels." The itinerary also includes dune buggy racing, desert safaris, etc. Following this, Vaani will return to the sets with renewed vigour.



Mandala Murders is produced by Yash Raj Films and will soon drop on OTT. Sarvagunn Sampanna will supposedly be set in the 90s with Vaani essaying the role of a pornstar look-alike! The film is touted

as a laughter-filled ride with a unique storyline set in the 90s.

It is a mix of comedy and social commentary, offering a fresh perspective on contemporary issues with a touch of nostalgia.







# DLL organizes one day workshop on Career Management at GDC Marh



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau (EIAB), Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Jammu organized one day workshop on "Career Management" for the students of Govt Degree College, Marh. The programme was

held under the overall supervision of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Director, DLL, University of Jammu.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Rakesh Kumar Koul, principal of the college. He also welcomed the guests and appreciated the efforts of DLL for the organization of this programme.

The special resource persons were Dr. Shalu Sehgal, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Dr. Neetu Dhar, Chief Coordinator and Master Trainer, JKDCUL and Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU.

Dr. Shalu Sehgal informed the students about self employment

opportunities and also narrated the success stories to motivate the students.

She also spoke about start ups and loan facilities for the beginners.

Dr. Neetu Dhar, in her presentation, apprised the students about the concept of self-image, self-esteem and self-development. Dr. Rewa Khajuria explained the

different steps of career selection.

About 65 students appreciated the content while giving their feedback at the end of the programme.

Prof. Madhavi, Convenor of Career counselling cell of the college conducted the programme and formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Anjali Suri.

# Take rational decision on toll charges at National Highways: BADC to NHAI

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JKBADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of border areas in J&K has asked the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to take a rational decision on collection of toll charges at National Highway between Lakhnanpur to Jammu as the condition of the road is wretched and the people are continuously suffering.

Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of BADC and former Vice Chancellor while expressing his dismay over the controversy over collection of Toll charges in border district



of Samba and Kathua said, "The road between Lakhnanpur to Jammu is in shambles due to ongoing construction of 6 lane highway (Delhi-Katra expressway) and also due to damage of bridges and diversion of road due to rains and flash floods, thus the demand of people regarding the hefty charges at toll plazas is justifiable".

He said when the people have to take longer routes to com-

plete their journey due to damaged bridges and devastated roads but instead of compensating people, the NHAI authorities are showing no mercy to the citizens and adding millions of rupees every day in their kitty.

The BADC Chairperson blamed the NHAI officers for not promptly resolving the issue and instead allowed it to turn it into a huge controversy.

He said the demand of the people regarding toll plazas and toll charges is absolutely genuine and BADC fully supports the demand for removal of these toll plazas till the expressway is not completed and the damaged bridges are not repaired and made open for traffic.

# Shiv Sena supports Jammu Bandh, accuses BJP of disturbing Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (UBT) has extended its support to the Jammu bandh called by the Chamber on August 26 (Saturday) against the Stubborn attitude towards Sarol toll plaza and detention of Yuva Rajput Sabha leaders.

According to a press release issued by the



party state office, state chief Manish Sahni said that at the behest of the BJP, the attention of the public is being diverted from the main issues like smart prepaid

meters, property tax, inflation, unemployment, increasing drug abuse and crimes.

Both the MPs of Jammu division are from BJP, there is BJP government at the center. But helpless attitude is being adopted for a minor demand like closure of toll plaza. Sahni said that all the state BJP leaders are observing a fast of silence.

# IWC New Gen, IWC Samparak Jammu conduct plantation drive

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Inner Wheel Club (IWC) New GEN and IWC Samparak, Jammu conducted plantation drive on Van Mahotsav in public Park Gandhi Nagar main road in collaboration with Department of Forest and Floriculture during which 70 saplings of different plants and 30 ornamental plants have been planted.

Our main motto is Go green,



clean Jammu, said IWC New Gen President Ambika Sam-

notra. Fifteen Members of both clubs attended the drive.

Secretary Manpreet Kaur, editor Ritu Sharma, IWC Samparak Jammu President Reva Raina, Secretary Anila Mengi were also present.

Both the clubs are highly thankful to Forest Department for their support.

President Reva Raina highlighted the importance of planting saplings of plants/ trees to safeguard earth environment and ecological balance to save mother earth.

# BJP's govt anti people policies responsible for bringing to women: Luthra

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Bimla Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Women Wing addressed workers meeting at Dalpatia Mohalla in Jammu East Constituency.

Addressing the meeting Bimla Luthra raising serious concern over burning issues of Sarore Toll Plaza, Prepaid Smart meter, Property tax.

She said that the people of Jammu region are fed up of



BJP's incompetent proxy governance and its anti-people

policy. Luthra asserted that collect-

ing money in the grab of Toll at Sarore, imposing property tax and issuing highly enhanced and faulty bills to power consumers in Jammu and Kashmir is not just highly objectionable but it is totally illegal.

She exhorted women to strengthen National Conference at gross root level.

Those who were present in the meeting included Rita Gupta Vice President Central Zone, Pinky Khalsa District President Women Wing Jammu Urban and Dr. Amina.

# NDS supports removal of illegal Sarore Toll Plaza

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) organised a meeting and unanimously decided that NDS would request LG Manoj Sinha and the concerned authorities for the removal of illegal Sarore Toll Plaza.

Nami Dogri Sanstha extended full support to Yuva Rajput Sabha and others who are fight-

ing for this cause in the welfare of the general public of Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS, Yash Pal Yash General Secretary, Prof. Anupama Sharma, Patron Youth Wing NDS Advocate Nidhi Kaila Chowdhary, President Youth Wing NDS Advocate Arjun Dev Mohan, General

Secretary Youth Wing NDS Sheikh Fiaz Dogra, Member Executive NDS Shambu Ram Pyasa, Treasure NDS Dr. Sushil Bhola Member Executive NDS Sohail Kazmi Founder Member Gurdeep Singh Arora Member Executive Mandeep Singh Member Executive Shokat Javed Choudhary Member Executive NDS and others.

# Congress holds protest rally against installation of prepaid electric meters, imposition of property tax

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: A protest Rally at Talab Tillo by Congress Activists under the Leadership of Sanjeev Sharma (Pandey), Secretary, Pradesh Congress Committee, J&K.

A strong rally was organized today by Congress Activists under the Leadership of Sanjeev Sharma over various public issues including installation of prepaid Electric meters, imposition of property tax, Release of Yuva Rajput representatives and restoration of pensions of widows, handicapped and old age pensions.

Large number of people participated in the rally and raised their concerns equivocally. While addressing the agitating people Sh. Sanjeev Sharma said that the

current dispensation is hell bent to torment the people of Jammu City and disregarding the sentiments of the populace and making decisions that are out of alignment with the interest of the citizens.

Sanjeev Sharma raised the serious concerns of people by denouncing the unwanted act of installation of prepaid metres by the LG Government. He said the one sided action of Government is making lives of the people miserable. Poor people of Jammu cannot afford to pay such hefty electricity bills.

He also expressed the serious concern over the detention of Leadership of Yuva Rajput Sabha. He demanded the immediate release of Leaders.

Expressing resentment over stoppage of pension to handicapped, widows and old age per-

sons, Sh. Sanjeev Pandey said that due to wrong policies of the present J&K administration handicapped, widows and old age persons are on the verge of starvation but this cruel Government does not want to listen to them.

While addressing the gathering he further warned that the Government's actions are testing the patience of the people of J&K, and that continued such measures would be met with strong resistance. Other prominent who were present Vinay Sharma, Sushil Sharma, Janak Raj Mehra, Manjeet Kour, Nirmala Sharma, Krishan Lal, Santosh Bhagat, Vikas Manhas, Pawan Sharma, Vikas Gupta, Aman, Sohan Bhagat, Ravi, Aman Choudhary, Kuldeep Tandon, pt. Vishwanath, Sh. Jagdish Bhagat, Veena Salgotra, Kamlesh Gupta.

# Horticulture Department Doda organizes district level events

### Top News Report

DODA, Aug 24: Horticulture Department Doda organized District Level Event / Seminar / Kissan Mela at Fruit Plant Nursery Kheliani Horticulture Zone Marmat in which large number of farmers, PRI members, Social activists attended the event.

Chief Horticulture Officer Doda Rakesh Kotwal was the Chief Guest among others District Horticulture Officer Doda Shakil Ahmed, Horticulture Development Officer Marmat Rohan Kumar, Horticulture Development Officer Doda, Bhagwah, Thatri and officers of Allied Department viz



Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture were also present on the occasion, the awareness of departmental schemes was given by the all allied departments under implementation in the

departments. Chief Horticulture officer Doda in his address asked the participant to bring more and more area under High Density plantation of Fruit plants in the coming season especially Apple, Walnut, Apricot, Pear, Plum and

Lime for which the land and climate is most suitable for cultivation.

The department is providing 50% to 80% subsidy to the interested and eligible applicant under all schemes viz HADP (Mother Block, Nursery Development), Area expansion, Irrigation facilities, Mechanization, Nursery establishment etc under implementation in the District.

HDO Marmat presented the vote of thanks to the participant. The programme was widely hailed by the participant and asked the department to organize more such programme in near future.

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# Auto Appeal System (AAS) ushers a wave of Accountability, Transparency and Zero Tolerance to Corruption

appeals have been triggered by the AAS to the appellate authorities after non delivery of services by the designated authority within the specified timeline. 5833 appeals have been disposed of by the appellate

authorities and fines are being imposed on officers for wilful delays. The system is digitally empowering people like never before. Monitoring of AAS is being done by the Committee constituted by the General Administration Department headed by Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Jal Shakti Department so that the AAS functions totally online with no human intervention. Facilities for SMS alerts and virtual hearing by appellate authorities are being worked out and shall shortly be provided to the applicants as well as the authorities.

# ED raids premises of former Punjab Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, close aides

According to sources, a raiding team, along with para-military forces, reached former minister Ashu's house at Kochhar Market and his aides at different locations. About 150 officials are involved in the raids, which are going on simultaneously at Ludhiana and Nawanshehr. Heavy police force was deployed outside the house of the ex-minister and the entire

area cordoned off. It may be mentioned that Ashu was the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister in the previous Congress regime. The case is based on a Punjab Vigilance Bureau FIR in which Ashu was also arrested earlier. He was later granted bail by the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The ED had taken into possession the documents from the Vigilance Department regarding the "food scam".

# Supreme Court hearing on Article 370 abrogation

# Day 10 Property of hybrid terrorist seized in Bandipora

Bandipora." A police officer in Bandipora told Greater Kashmir that two Pakistani terrorists, Faisal and Haider operated in the hideout which was damaged in an IED blast in June 2022.





## Pride moon moment among media students at JU



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: In a jubilant display of national pride, students of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, on Thursday came together to celebrate the triumphant landing of Chandrayaan-3, India's third lunar exploration mission.

A wave of patriotic fervour was seen among the media students, who expressed their joyful feeling and gratitude

towards ISRO and the Prime Minister for this groundbreaking achievement. The highlight of the day was to display the strength of the Indian diversity through multilingual and multicultural celebrations of the successful landing on the southern pole of moon.

During the celebrations, students congratulated the entire team behind the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3. The prominent languages which were

used by the students included Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Dogri, English, Gojri, Pahari, Kashmiri and Sarazi.

Earlier, speaking on the occasion, Dr Garima Gupta, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies said that it is a moment of great pride that India has created history by becoming the first nation to land on the Southern pole of the moon. "India has always led the world by example and will continue to lead

the world with more such historic occasions in future, especially under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi," said Dr Gupta, adding "We always had faith in our scientists since the first attempt. It was only a matter of time and today success says it all."

Present among others included faculty members, Dr Pardeep Singh Bali, Dr Raviya Gupta, office staff and students.

## National Level Workshop on Research Methodology organised by CUJ

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: Three-day workshop on Research Methodology was organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) for the scholars and faculty of the Social Sciences discipline, under the able guidance of Vice Chancellor Professor Sanjeev Jain.

Thirty-Six research scholars from six different Universities and social science disciplines attended the workshop. The objective of the National level workshop was to strengthen the participants' skills in understanding the nuances of carrying out effective and productive research for the society at large. Research ethics were also focused in the workshop. Participants



were given hands-on training on both quantitative and qualitative research tools.

Dr Nancy Mengi, Head Department of Social Work successfully convened the workshop and resource persons from renowned fields shared their expertise. Dr. Anil Kumar Tiwari

from SMVDU, Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta and Dr. Hema Gandotra from University of Jammu, Dr. Amit Verma from Manipal University, Dr. Bharti Gupta from Central University of Jammu and Prof. Manish Sharma from SKAUST Jammu were the technical experts who delivered

the lectures in various sessions in these three day workshops.

Dean Research Studies, Prof Deepak Pathania appreciated the efforts of the faculty members Dr Bhat Iqbal, Dr Ranvir Singh, Ms Nidhi Singhal and Mr Fateh Lal for their coordination.

## Pahari literary & Cultural Programme held at GDC Darhal

### TOP NEWS REPORT

DARHAL, Aug 24: A day long "Pahari literary and Cultural Programme" was organized by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages, Srinagar in collaboration with NSS Unit (IMDAD) and Literary Activities Committee of GDC Darhal on Thursday to commemorate 77 years of Independence under MMMD and "Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav" Govt initiatives.

Principal GDC Darhal, Prof. Mussarraf Hussain Shah was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In the inaugural session Abdul Wahid Manhas, Research Assistant Cultural Academy Srinagar welcomed the gatherings and threw light on the aims of the event.

Dr. Alamdar Hussain Shah, Cultural officer Rajouri & Poonch was

the stage secretary in the event.

The chief guest poets, writers and singers of the day were welcomed by Dr. Farooq Anwar Mirza, Chief Editor pahari and Officer Incharge Kashmir Division.

Mohd. Rashid Qamar, a renowned poet presided over the event. The programme divided into three sessions. In the first session there was a Mushaira and the poets who participated in Mushaira were Parvez Malik, Shafiq Arsh, Dr. Arif Malik, Zakir Khakhi, Saleema Akhter, Zakir Fiaz, Arif Iqbal Mirza, Mohd Iqbal Mirza, Mohd Aksar Ganai, Arif Jaral Arif, Sameena Sehar Mirza, Fazal Ahmed Sheikh, Mirza Shakeel Shakir, Saleem Shah Bukhari and Mumtaz Ahmed.

In the second ses-

sion of the programme the following writers presented their short stories include Iqbal Nazish, Iqbal Shal, Zanfar Khokhar, Mohd Aslam Mirza and Farzana Shaheen Haideri. During the concluding session of the programme a musical concert was presented by Sahil Mehra and team which mesmerized the audience.

The literary genres rendered by the poets, were of high literary level and indicated the high standard of poetry enriched with the colors of Pahari culture. A large number of literature lovers and prominent writers of Urdu, Persian, Gojri and Pahari attended the program. While addressing to the gatherings Chief Guest Prof. M.H. Shah, Principal of the College pay his gratitude towards the JKAACL for

organizing such event. While speaking about the event he said that the main aim of such events was to provide a common platform to poets of this region. He further added that though the language of expression of the literary fest is different but the literature of all the writers is of this region and express their love mother land.

At the conclusion of the program the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Anwar Mirza. He thanked the participants and the audience for their contribution to the program. Others who contribute to make the event success were Dr. Ahsan Ul Rehman Rizvi, Dr. Imtiaz Hussain Shah, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (NSS PO), Prof. Makhdoom Ahmed and Prof. Tahir Mahmood.

## People hold protest at Rehari against Sarore toll plaza

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: A massive protest was organised by blocking Rehari-Subash Nagar main road in favour of no road no toll.

People of Kotti colony along with Councillor Anu Bali expressed strong resentment to release Yuva Rajput members at the earliest and also against high rise electricity bills and Smart meter.

Datta said LG led rule is exploiting general masses by putting extra burden on their pockets in terms of high rise bills from Smart meter, Toll tax and high rates of sand n stone.



Datta warns administration to act and behave with people friendly approach and immediately releases out Yuva Rajput Sabha members and revoke toll tax at the earliest otherwise be

ready to see severe implications of situation and this unrest among people. Datta appealed to people to come out in large number and stand united for the cause of Jammu.

Other prominent pres-

ent were President Rehari trader association Jammu Naveen Bali, Varun Gupta, Niki Gupta, Tina Verma, Pardeep Singh, Raja, Praveen, Baby, Rajeev Gupta, Suryadeep, Raju, Kala, Ashu Bali and Nandu.

## LFO-BHF members honoured with National Youth Brilliance Award 2023

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: Members of Live for Others-Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) honoured with National Youth Brilliance Award 2023.

On the auspicious occasion of the fourth founding day of Kanyadaan Foundation, a remarkable event unfolded that celebrated the spirit of youth and their dedication to community service.

From August 18 to 20, 2023, at Rohini Sector-7, Delhi, The pinnacle of this event was the prestigious National Youth Brilliance Award 2023 ceremony which was held on August 20, 2023, where young social workers, deeply committed to making a positive impact, were recognized and celebrated.

At the heart of this celebration was the



esteemed Chief Guest, Manoj Tiwari, a Member of Parliament from Delhi and the Former State President of Delhi.

Tiwari graciously bestowed the National Youth Brilliance Award

2023 upon the deserving recipients, highlighting their exceptional contributions to society.

The spotlight of this remarkable event shone on four exceptional members from the Live

for Others-Being Helpful Foundation (an NGO), who were accorded the esteemed National Youth Brilliance Award 2023. Their exemplary efforts and dedication to serving the community were acknowledged and celebrated on this grand stage. The honoured recipients included Navya, Social Media Incharge (Jammu Province), Maroofa Shah, Social Media Incharge (Kashmir Province), Abhishek Gupta (Active Member), Urfee Yousof, Vice-President (Kashmir Province).

On speaking with them, they said "The National Youth Brilliance Award 2023 stands as a testament to the power of youth-driven initiatives and the potential for positive change within our communities."

## Demand release of arrested YRS leaders: Dharminder

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: Yuva Rajput Sabah (YRS) held a meeting with the office bears of YRS under the leadership of Sarpanch Dharminder Singh (Core Committee Member) regarding the ongoing agitation.

He strongly condemned arrest of Yuva Rajput Sabha leaders and demanding release of YRS leaders.

Dharminder said that the arrest of the activists of YRS totally illegal and put the questioned on Government action

of shifting of YRS leaders from Samba to Kathua Jail during night hours.

He said that said that YRS will no more beg for their rights and snatch them terming the Sarore Toll Plaza totally illegal.

He criticised NHAI continuing the practice of charging Toll Tax at Sarore in Samba district despite the worse condition of Jammu-Pathankot Highway.

He said that in exchange for the facilities of better roads, Toll

is collected from the public but as still the roads are not improved, the collection of Toll is illegal.

He urged the Union Transport Minister to accept the burning problem of masses to close the Toll Plaza due to worst condition of Highway.

He appealed to the all Political, Non-Political, Sabhas and all Associations to come forward on one platform and fight against.

Dharminder Singh also said that Toll

should not be collected from the peoples of J&K till construction work is completed. He further said that the NHAI should understand that the YRS will not tolerate the continuous illegal practice.

Shankar Singh, Balbir Singh Manhas, Mohan Singh, Rajinder Singh, Shemsher Singh, Komal Singh, Soni Singh, Bupinder Singh, Adv. Vikram, Partap Singh, Makhan Singh, Aakash, Ghar Singh, Udhey and other were also attended the meeting.

## Shabir Kohli demands road connectivity, clean drinking water in Aatham Panchayat

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: Apni Party ST Wing Provincial President, Shabir Kohli. He was accompanied by ST Wing District President Jammu, Panch, Riyaz, ST Wing General Secretary Fareed, and others.

During the meeting, Kohli expressed that there was no road connectivity to ward number 5 compelling over 40 families to reach their destinations by adopting traditional routes or crossing the nallah that has posed a serious

threat to their lives. The Govt should ensure that road connectivity is provided to the unconnected families in ward number 5 of Aatham Panchayat.

He also demanded that clean drinking water and electricity should also be provided to the said panchayat's ward.

"The developmental work in the said Panchayat has been badly affected as the people are still using traditional methods to live their

life," he said. As far as other basic amenities are concerned, he said that the electricity and drinking water supply system has also remained the main concern of the residents in the said Panchayat.

He appealed to the authorities to do the needful to end the worries of the people by providing them motorable road connectivity, and 24/7 road and electricity supply system.