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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. They said that the incident happened when the group was digging a grave for a deceased person. "Five others are injured and are being treated at a hospital, ' they said.

#### **Property of** hybrid terrorist seized in **Bandipora**

BANDIPORA, Aug 24 (Agencies): The Bandipora police on Thursday attached property reqistered 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 UI 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 | Lt Governor performs Pujan of 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 Sahasrabuddhe, President ICCR; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor were present during the inter-

# 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 wellbeing of one and all.

The Chhari-Pujan on the auspicious occasion of Shravan 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 Highway305 in Anni have also been vacated as a precautionary measure, the official

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

Chief Minister Sukhvinder 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

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

#### **Top News Report**

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 heir certificates, birth and death certificates. attestation of mutations, domicile certificates, obtaining fard and revenue extracts etc. Other important servic-

es 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. As on date, 22,305

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#### **Brick-loaded** dumper falls into gorge; 3 killed in **Udhampur**

JAMMU, Aug 24 (Agencies): Three people were killed and one sustained injuries when a brickloaded truck skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Police said on Thursday that a dumper loaded with bricks on its way to Basantgarh from Udhampur plunged into a gorge at Miani in Dudu when the driver lost control of the vehicle.

They said that three people died on the spot and one injured person was shifted to the Primary Health Centre, Latti, in Udhampur.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Udhampur, Vinod Kumar, confirmed the incident.

The police, however, have taken cognizance and started the investigation.

#### **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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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

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 sina quo 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 **Turn to page 9**  **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 Councilor Sunny Bhalla, former LIT chairman Raman-Subramanium, 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 continued 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 participation.

On August 21st, the Yatra proceeded from Sari through Jadi 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.

#### **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 original inally 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

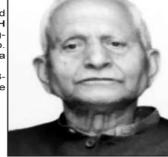
Mrs. Archana & Mr. Arvind kaul Grand Daughter & Grandson-in-law Mrs. Indu & Mr. Sandeep Raina

Mrs. Naveta & Mr. Rahul Bhat Great Grand Children

Ms.Kamakshi Raina, Ms. Saanvi Raina.

Contact : 9419133283, 7006863496, 9419265455. C/o Supreme Lab & Dental Clinic, Muthi.

Master Diwakar Bhan

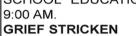


Sh. DWARIKA NATH **BHAN (BOBA)** 

#### 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.



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

#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD & UNTIMELY DEMISE OF **AMIT KOUL** S/O SHRI ASHOK KUMAR KOUL (BARBUZOO)ON 20/8/2023, ORIGINAL RESIDENT OF HABBAKADAL AT PRESENT LANE NO A-2 LAKSHMIPURAM CHINORE, JAMMU.

THE 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD ON 29TH OF AUGUST 2023 (TUESDAY) AT MUTHI GATH AT 8:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-ASHOK KOUL (BARBUZZO) - FATHER

PHOOLA KOUL (MOTHER) MRS ANITA KOUL (WIFE) BHAVESH & BIPPIN (SONS)

PAWAN KOUL (BROTHER) SAMAST KOUL, BHAT, PAHALWAN, TICKOO'S PARIVAR 9149950310, 9596622715, 8899419939



**SMT. ASHA KACHROO** 

**AMIT KOUL** 

SH. SURA I PARKASH SHARMA

KAS (ASSTT. COMMISSIONER

REVENUE RETD.)

### **TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. SURA I PARKASH SHARMA KAS (ASSTT. COMMISSIONER REVENUE RETD.) S/O LATE PT. RAM DHAN SHARMA (SUCHANI WALE) AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO 51, HAZIPURA, LAST MORH, GANDHI NAGAR, JAMMU ON WEDNESDAY 16/08/2023.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY 25/08/2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE 10.30 AM.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY 26/08/2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE 12.00 NOON.

UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY 26/08/2023 AT RAM MANDIR SHASTRI NAGAR FROM 5 PM TO 6 PM.

DAUGHTERS IN LAW & SONS:

SMT. ASHU LEKHA & SH LOKESH SHARMA SMT. NATASHA SHARMA & SH. RAKESH SHARMA JIKAS

(DY. DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT JAMMU)

DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW: SMT. RADHA GUPTA & SH. PARVESH GUPTA

BHABHIS & BROTHERS: SMT. KRISHNA SHARMA & SH. MOOL RAJ SHARMA

SMT. SANTOSH SHARMA W/O LATE SH. S. K. SHARMA ( DIRECTOR FUNDS RETD)

SMT. NIRMAL SHARMA & PROF R. L SHARMA ( DEPT. OF CHEMISTRY, JAMMU UNIVERSITY RETD ) GRAND CHILDREN: ER. ANTRIKSH, AARAV, ADHVI, DR. KASHISH & KISHIKA

CONTACT NO. 9796251122, 9419166602, 9419183326

## **BARKHI**

BARKHI OF OUR BELOVED **RAVINDER** SINGH MANHAS S/O LT. SH BHIKAM SINGH MANHAS AND SMT. SAVITRI **MANHAS** R/O H.NO-6 SEC-A EXTN SAINIK COLONY JAMMU.

**BARKHI SHALL BE HELD ON** FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST 2023

**SINGH MANHAS** AT 12PM AT RAM MANDIR SEC-D HERITAGE SCHOOL ROAD SAINIK COLONY

JAMMU. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY ALL FAMILY MEMBERS PHONE- 9070600061, 8899600061, 9419123023, 9419155955

#### TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SH NARINDER SINGH JAMWAL S/O LATE SH. DHRUV SINGH JAMWAL ORIGINAL RESIDENT OF BIRPUR, SAMBA AT PRESENT SECTOR D SAINIK COLONY. THE 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT RAM MANDIR, SEC D, SAINIK COLONY,

JAMMU AT 10 AM ONWARDS ON 25



SH. RAVINDER

SH NARINDER SINGH

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Kanta Jamwal ( Wife)

AUGUST (FRIDAY).

Dr. KP and Dr. Niharika Jamwal ( Son and Daughter in law) Vivek Jamwal and Mahima ( Son and Daughter in law)

Joginder Singh Jamwal & Urmil Jamwal ( Brother and Bhabi)

Ravinder Jamwal (Sculpture) Veena Jamwal ( Sarpanch Birpur)

Sukhdev Slathia and Pushpa Slathia (Sister and Brother in Law) (Rt. CAO) DR. Subhash Slathia and Dr. Madhuri Slathia (Brother in law and Bhabi)

#### FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved jija ji SH. ANIL GUPTA (BITTU) former Jr. Vice president, Chamber of Commerce and Industries H/o Smt. SANDHYA GUPTA (Corporator ward no. 15) R/o 314-Vikas Lane Talab Tillo Jammu on 21-08-2023. FIFTH DAY Will be performed on 25-08-2023 Friday at 11am at Mahajan Hall Sabha Shalamar, Jammu.



SH. ANIL GUPTA (BITTU)

Sh. Anil Gupta and Lt. Smt. Sneh Gupta Sh. Rajinder Gupta(Nitu) and Smt. Sunita Gupta Sh. Rajesh Gupta and Smt. Renu Gupta. **RAWAL PINDI SWEETS** 

TRIKUTA NAGAR/THANDI KHUI/JAIN BAZAR **GUPTA ACCOUNTS ASSOCIATES** 

MOB. 7006782226, 9697638463, 9086053445, 6005188644, 9906297191

#### **SATSANG**

**Grief Stricken** 

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



Singh Harji

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

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Th. Dayal Singh Slathia IPS (Retd SSP) on 13-08-2023.

10th Day will be performed on 22-08-2023 at 11.00 am and Kriya on 25-08-2023 at 12.00 noon at our residence F-791, Street 6, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

**Uthala** shall be held on 25-08-2023 at 5.00 to 6.00 pm at Panj Mandir, Sector - 5, Th. Dayal Singh Slathia Channi Himmat, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Mrs. Rani Devi - Wife

Sons & Daughters-in-law Bhavna and Rajinder Slathia (Mobel Garages)

Dr Mala & Er. Rakesh Slathia (SMVDSB) Neetu & Ravi Dev Singh Daughter & Son in law

Jyoti & Capt. (IN) V S Pathania

**Grand Children** Capt. (Dr.) Ansruta Pathania Dr Manasvi Pathania Josika Slathia, Aryaman Slathia, Vrenica Slathia, Savirya Slathia, Nirbhay Slathia

IPS (Retd SSP)

Mobile: 9796800000, 9906019497

13TH DAY/KIRYA/UTHALA WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT. NISHA WAZIR W/O SH. VINOD SINGH WAZIR ON 13 AUGUST 2023. R/O SAINIK COLONY HOUSE NO 405, SECTOR C, JAMMU. 13TH DAY/KIRYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON

25TH AUGUST 2023. UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED AT RAM MANDIR SAINIK COLONY JAMMU FROM 04 TO 05 P.M. ON 25TH AUGUST 2023

GRIEF STRICKEN VINOD SINGH WAZIR - HUSBAND (Mob.7006441048) PROP. VINAYAK FILLING STATION UDHAMPUR

(PETROL PUMP) GREEN FILLING STATION (PETROL PUMP UDHAMPUR) SUPER GAS AGENCY UDHAMPUR.

HOTEL NEW GREEN VIEW KATRA AWANTIKA WAZIR - (DAUGHTER) (JKPS) VINAYAK WAZIR - (SON)

SMT. SANTOSH KUMARI (MOTHER) MOHAN LAL WAZIR (FATHER IN LAW) SMT RAJ RANI (MOTHER IN LAW)



SMT. NISHA WAZIR

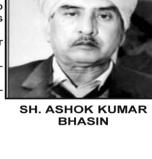
#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhasin S/o Late Sh. Sat Pal Bhasin R/o Jattas B-24, Basant Nagar Opp. Dominos Pizza, Janipur, Jammu. Tenth Day will be performed at 11 AM at our

residence on 25 Aug, 2023 (Friday). Kriya will be performed at 12.00 Noon at res idence on 28 Aug, 2023 (Monday). Uthala will be performed at 5.00 PM at resi dence on 28 Aug, 2023 (Monday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Manisha Bhasin - Wife Miss Versha Bhasin - Daughter Miss Palvi Bhasin - Daughter Sh. Davinder Bhasin - Brother Sh. Anil Bhasin - Brother

& Bhasin family Contact No: 9086144508, 9086039191



#### FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Nirmal Kishor Mahajan H/o Smt Vijay Gupta of Udhampur.

FIFTH DAY will be performed on 25-08-2023 at Kalgidhar Gurudwara Rehari Chungi, Jammu at 11 AM **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Brother in Law & Sister in Law Late Sh. Jeet Raj Gupta & Smt Darshna Gupta Sh. Banarsi das Gupta & Late Smt Champa Gupta Late Sh. Karan Lal Gupta & Late Smt Neelam Gupta Sh. Ramesh Gupta & Smt Rekha Gupta Sister in law & Brother in Law Smt Santosh Gupta & Sh. Ram Swaroop Gupta Smt Kanta Gupta & Late Sh. Bushan Gupta Smt Darshana Gupta & Sh. Ramesh Gupta Smt Babbli Gupta & Sh. Madan Lal Gupta Gupta General Store, Rehari Chungi Jammu Ramesh Fruit Corner, Rehari Chungi Jammu Ramesh Communication, Rehari Chungi Jammu



Sh. Nirmal Kishor Mahajan

Sunny Prov Store, Rehari Chungi Jammu Maniya Fast Food, Rehari Chungi, Jammu 9419100711, 7006399450

#### OBITUARY / TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Sh. Nath Ji Pandita R/o Ram Ghat, Baramulla at prese Flat No. - 16.Block No. - 145. Lane No.-23 Jagt Гownship, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Monday 28th of August, 2023 at Muthi (Ghat) and assembling will be at Community Hall (Lane No.- 23 near Block - 147) at 9.30 am. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt ChanderKanta - Wife

Rajinder Kumar & Suman Pandita -Son & Daughter-in-Law Ashok Kumar & Anu Pandita - Son & Daughter-in-Law Sunil Kumar & Sunita Pandita - Son & Daughter-in-Law Rajni Pandita & Sunil Pandita - Daughter & Son -in-Law Varsha Kohli & Aman Kohli - Daughter & Son -in-Law Grand Sons & Daughters

Akansha Pandita, Nisha Pandita Tushar Pandita, Siya Pandita Paras Pandita, Mehak Pandita, Parth Pandita, Prabhas Kohli Contact: 7006743896, 6006028716

#### **OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret you to inform the untimely demise of Sweety Bhat originally resident of Seer Jagir Sopore W/o Sh. Sanjay Kumar Bhat originally resident of Khonmoh who passed away peacefully on 19th of August, 2023 at Ludhiana, presently residing at Ajit Colony, Talab Tillo, Camp Road.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 28th of August (Monday) at Muthi Ghat at 8.00 a.m. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

**Sweety Bhat** Bhat's, Raina's, Shah's, Koul's and Dhar's



SH. DWARIKA NATH

BHAN (BOBA)

Basanti Bhat (Tickoo

Mob.: 9070400135, 9796622668

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA** TITH 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 NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

GRIEF STRICKEN: SMT. PYARI BHAN WO LT. PRITHVI NATH BHAN (BHABI) DAUGHTER-IN-LAW & SON SMT. BITA & SH. RAMESH KUMAR BHAN DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW SMT. VEENA & SH. TEJ KRISHEN KOUL GRANDDAUGHTER-IN-LAW & GRANDSON DR. SUNAYNA & DR. DEEPAK BHAN MRS. ARCHANA & MR. ARVIND KAUL
GRANDDAUGHTER & GRANDSON-IN-LAW

MRS. INDU & MR. SANDEEP RAINA

MRS. NAVETA & MR. RAHUL BHAT GREATGRAND CHILDREN: KAMAKSHI, SAANVI & DIWAKAR CONTACT: 9419133283, 7006863496, 9419265455. C/O SUPREME CLINICAL LABORATORY & DENTAL CLINIC, MUTHI.

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad &
untimely demise of our beloved Basanti Bhat
(Tickoo) W/o Sh. Ramesh Chander Tickoo originally
from Bijbehara, presently at H.No. 40/2 Vijay Nagar,
Talab Tillo, Jammu on 17-08-2023.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 26-08-2023
(Saturday) at Muthi Ghat Near Director School
Education, Jammu at 8:30 AM. Education Jammu at 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

amesh Chander Tickoo - Husband (9858011523)

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TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved Father Shri Sri Krishan Dhar, Chief Engineer (RedtJ),NHPC. Formerly resident of Nawa Kadal, Kashmir, resident of House No 303, New Plots, Jammu Tawi -5 and currently residing with his son Sushim M Dhar, at Flat No 303, B-3, Shakun Sun City Appartments, Baddi, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, left for his he

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GRIEF STRICKEN

Sushim M Dhar and Renu Dhar (Son and Daughter in law) Anita Darbari (Daughter)
Suniti Dhar and Deepa Dhar (Son and Daughter in law)
Sumer Dhar and Shweta Dhar (Son and Daughter in law)
Sunita Raina and Ashutosh Raina (Daughter and Son in law) Shri Sri Krishan Dhar Chief Engineer (Retd.) NHPC

Shilpi and Nitin Dhir, Tripti and Reship Razdan, Tavishi and Rahul Zalpuri, Anurag and Meghna Dha Kavya Dhar, Shoungruf Raina, Kushagra Raina, Valentina Dhar Great Grand Children: Daniela, Ryaann, Nyesha.

in GNEFT: Pran Nath Ticku JI, Shashi Dhar Ji, Subhash and Meena Dhar, Sushil and Rajani Dhar, Narender M. and Nirmal Ticku, Nalin Ranjan and Indu Ticku, Sudhir and Jyoti Dhar Usha and Pushkar Nath Kaul Ji, Phoola Mahaldar Ji, Shashi Kokroo Ji Surmalis, Kauls, Mahaldars, Kokroos, Bazazs, Darbaris, Duloos, Rainas, Dhirs, Razdans, Kaks

and Zalpuris.

Contact Details: S.M.Dhar, Flat No. 303, B-3, Shakun Sun City Apartments, Baddi Solan (Nea Chandigarh). Mobile: 8219594698, 8894495224

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR MOTHER SHRIMATI SOOMAWATI PANDIT W/O LATE SHRI KASHI NATH PANDIT RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. 302, SECTOR-2, GANGYAL GARDEN, JAMMU OF

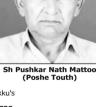
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#### SIDDHARTH PANDIT - **GRAND SON** ASHISH AMBARDAR & SHASHI AMBARDAR -**GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW** BHINAV AMBARDAR & MONITA AMBARDAR - GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW MOBILE NO:- 9320612741/ 9873884833

#### OBITUARY It is with profound grief & sorrow to inform you that our beloved father **Sh Pushkar Nath Mattoo** (**Poshe Touth**) originally resident of 39/1 Bagh Jogi Lankar, Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir presently at Panchsheel Greens, Greater Noida West left us for de on 21-08-2023. The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed or Wednesday 30-08-2024 at Chota Haridwar

Muradnagar, UP. GRIEF STRICKEN: GRIEF STRICKEN:
Son & Daughter -in-law
Anil Mattoo & Renu Mattoo
Son-in-Law & Daughter
Kapil & Suman Kachroo
Mattoo Family
Misri's, Raina's, Koul's Dhar's, Gagroo's, Pandita's, Hakku's
Grand children: Tanish Mattoo & Sakshi Kachroo
Mobile No: 9811290385/9971005728/9906962799



SHRIMATI SOOMAWATI

Smt. Phoola Gulla

#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of Smt. Phoola Gulla W/o Lt. Sh. Omkar Nath Gulla originally resident of Anantnag (Kashmir) presently residing at H.No. E-23, Nawada Housing

Complex, Kakrola More, New Delhi 110059 on 21st August 2023. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 30th August '23 at Rohini Ghat, New Delhi.

**GRIEF STRICKEN: Gulla Family** Rajinder Kumar Gulla (Son)

Mob No: 8384091178/8851745477/9711515965

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# ARMA demands flyover's pillar number as permanent landmarks

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Aug 24: Akhnoor Road Market Association (ARMA), Jammu has appealed Jammu Municipal Corporation and Jammu **Smart City Corporation** Limited for not erasing the pillar number from the pillars of Akhnoor Road flyover on the name of beautification as permanent address.

Addressing a press conference, President Akhnoor Road Market Association (ARMA), Puneet Jamwal said that the entire landscape and landmarks of Akhnoor Road has been changed after construction of New Flyover.

Earlier the landmarks of Akhnoor road were trees, park gates, drain etc, but due to construction of flyover the entire area seems identical and it's very difficult for people in

the shops He said the outsider loaders and carriage vehicles, which supply goods in the market also faced problems due to non display of pillar numbers and travelled more than 10-kilo-

general and customers

in particular to locate

their right destination. Flanked by senior office bearers, Pankaj

meters in search of

Chibber, Rajesh Gupta and Anadhi Gupta, Jamwal said from the last few years people have understood to accept conceived pillar numbers as their new landmarks and accordingly updated the

address. However, he added that from the past few days under city beautification Municipality and Smart City author-

ities started colouring the pillar walls and easing its numberings, which could again lead to puzzling people for establishing new landmarks.

Welcoming the beautification works, Jamwal said, "we are happy the government beautifying our localities however, after so many struggles, people are now able to understand the

pillar number as landmarks and if erased, losing direction could be more frequent for the locals as well as shoppers, who visit the commercial space on Akhnoor Road".

The ARMA has urged the government to consider its proposal and make pillar number permanent entitles on address for convenience of people.

#### **Union Minister & NHAI at cross-roads** on Sarore Toll Plaza issue: Rattan Lal

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Aug 24: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta while condemning the brutalities against the youth staging a peaceful protest demanding removal of toll collection at Sarore Toll Post and asking the Govt to immediately release the detained protestors. He vehemently tore into the BJP Govt at the Centre saying that what could be more mocking than the fact that the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are at cross-roads with each other.

In a statement issued to media here today, Rattan Lal said that the Union Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari announced on the floor of the Parliament that a minimum distance between two toll plazas should not less than 60 kilometers while the Regional Officer of NHAI quoted entirely contradictory provisions of the rules in this regard defending the presence of two toll points at Sarore and Ban. He quoted Nitin Gadkari while replying to a guestion in the Parliament on 06-02-2020 as per Rule 8(2) of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 -"Any other fee plaza on same section of national highway and in the same direction shall not be established within a distance of sixty kilometers.

He said that in such a situation the Regional Officer of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) J&K P Siva Shanker ruling out scope for any concession in toll to the people is highly condemnable. He lamented that either the Union Minister is unaware about the law, rules and regulations on the issue or else the NHAI authorities are misleading the people of Jammu and

The senior NC leader said that NHAI has been given National Highway-44 from Lakhanpur to Kashmir and the distance between stretch of this highway from Sarore to Ban is nearly 45 km. But unfortunately, the NHAI not considering the stretch of Sarore to Ban on the same section of NH-44 which is quite unjustified, he added.

Rattan Lal said that even the Lt Governor Manoi Sinha led Administration has totally failed to address the miseries of the people on this count as a result of which whole Jammu region is on roads to get the genuine and justified demand fulfilled. He appealed to the Union Minister Gadkari to clarify the chaos and confusion created by the department headed by him as the Union Minister and ensure that people of Jammu heave a sigh of relief. Gupta said to the LG administration to release all the protesters immediately without any further delay.

#### Congress organises meeting, discusses issues

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

A meeting of Indian National Congress organized by President Ward No 8 Dogra Hall Rehari Jammu Pardeep Bhagat.

Kapil Singh, Spokesboth are the Members of the observing dent Block-1 Nageshwar Narayan Jammu the Ward No 8 were

all the leaders unanimously recommended the potential candidates for contesting the forth coming Election of Jammu Municipal Cor-

poration. In the meeting, all the members as well as dignitaries agreed to this decision and appreciated the efforts of Block and Ward Presidents.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Block President Block -1 Jammu east organized a joining programme in which the Janmeet Singh and Pankaj Khajuria, former Booth Presidents BJP Ward 9 joined the Congress party.

They expressed full faith over the policies and programme of Congress party and said that the only Congress party can deliver the justice to down trodden and common masses of the country and Jammu Kashmir Union Territory.

JAMMU, Aug 24:

person JKPCC and Harvinder Singh Mehta Committee of Urban Jammu, Block Presi-East and Romesh Chander Sr. Vice President, Suraj Kumar, Jit Ram Bhagat, Camres David, Chanchal Dogra and other dignitaries of present on the occa-

Both the members of the Observing Committee listened the problems are being faced by the Congress leaders and workers at the grass root level.

After a long and detailed discussion

the youth, inspiring them to become active participants in shaping the future of the region.

Later, the Youth National Conference (YNC) activists staged a protest against the installation of Smart Meters in Jammu.

Led by Tejiner Pal Singh, the District President of YNC, along with Nistish Goswami and Adv Zameer Qureshi, Secretaries of YNC, the protest aimed to voice the apprehensions and grievances regarding the introduction of Smart Meters in the region.

Prominent those join National Conference are Gurpreet Singh, Amandeep singh, Rajesh Sharma and others

Those who present in the program are Abid Magrey, Som Raj, Tejinder Pal Singh (Aman) Nitish Goswami, Zamir Qureshi, Rohit Choudhary, Avtar Singh, Amit Sharma, Prince, Krishna, Jatinder Manhas, Janjot Singh, Sedanahu and others.

#### Rajesh demands immediate release of YRS leaders

JAMMU, Aug 24: Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chief Rajesh Gupta on Thursday demanded to release of the arrested leaders of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS).

Gupta took a dig at the BJP government and said that for those who raised their voices against Toll Plazas, Smart meters, liquor shops, inflation, unemployment and corruption, the BJP government is harassing the general public by using the police force. It is trying to suppress the voice of the Jammu people, which will not

The JWF leader alleged that J&K has witnessed huge setbacks due to the revocation of statehood by the BJP government including the seizing of jobs, land, and the suppression of political and civil rights. He also castigated the Centre for remaining busy in rhetoric rather than doing work on the ground.

#### Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division, Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned below:

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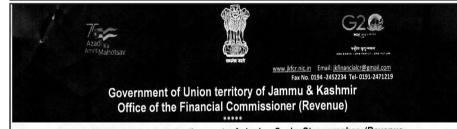
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DIP/J-7326/23

SD/-(Er. Vishal Mahajan) Executive Engineer

Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division GMCH, Jammu



Subject: Appointment to the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (Revenue Department) District Cadre Rajouri in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021 under Item No 443

issued by the J&K SSB.

1. Letter No. Rev-NG/13/2023(7152177) dated 28.06.2023 from Administrative Department, J&K.

2. Letter No. JKSSB/23/2023-03(E-7164134) dated 13.06.2023 from J&K Service Selection Board.

ORDER No: 441 FC (REV) of 2023

DATED: 21 /08/2023. On the recommendations of the J&K Service Selection Board, and endorsed

by the Administrative Department vide their letters referred above, sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of the below mentioned candidate as Junior Scale Stenographer in the Revenue Department, District Cadre Rajouri, in the pay level-

700	District Cadre	Name of the candidate (Mr.)	Parentage (Mr.)	Address	Category	CID Character verification form no
1.	Rajouri	Rahul Maini	Kuldeep Kumar	Quarter No.298, Rehari Colony, Jammu	ОМ	68922 dated 12.08.2023

The appointee shall report to the office of Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of issuance of this order and shall be allowed to join after the production of following documents/certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-

- Academic/ qualification Certificates.
- (ii) Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificates.
- (iii) Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
- (iv) Domicile Certificate issued by the competent authority
- (v) If the candidate has taken loan for self employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counseling Centre of the domicile District, he shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes if any, in such a self-employment unit/enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
- (vi) Valid relevant Category Certificate, if any, applicable.

The above appointment shall further be subject to the following conditions:

(a) The clearance received from the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K is provisional and it shall be mandatory for the appointee to fill in the Verification Rolls (V-Rolls), as available through the online mode under the Electronic Employment Verification System (EVS). Any false information provided by the appointee, or an adverse finding subsequent the the V-Roll is the interpretation of the provided by the appointee, or an adverse finding subsequent the the V-Roll is provided by the appointee, or an adverse finding subsequent the theory and the provided by the appointee or an adverse finding subsequent the provided by the appointee or an adverse finding subsequent to the provided by the appointee. to the V-Roll submitted electronically shall result in cancellation of appointment ab-initio, without any further notice.

The appointee shall give an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit to the effect that if, on verification, genuineness of the qualification /category certificate from the concerned issuing authority are found fake/forged, the appointment shall be treated to have been cancelled ab-initio.

(c) The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed to him

unless a satisfactory report in respect of (a) above is received in his

The appointee shall be initially on probation for a period of two years.
The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO 400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009.

The inter-se-seniority of the appointee shall be strictly as per their merit in the select list.

The cadre allocated by appointing authority/SSB shall not be changed under any circumstances. (h) This appointment order is issued subject to outcome of any petition(s)

Inis appointment order is issued subject to outcome of any pention(s) pending in any competent Court/Tribunal, etc. If the appointee fail to join within a period of 21 days (twenty one) days from the date of issuance of this order they shall forego their right to appointment which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio

By order of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) J&K.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS (J&K)

No: FCR-NGAZ/191-2023-06-FCR -7228808

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Financial Commissioner, (Revenue) Dated: 21/08/2023

# Ajaz Jan holds present Govt accountable for hardships faced by J&K youths

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Aug 24: Ajaz Jan. Provincial Youth President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has strongly condemned the use of cane-charge against peaceful protesters who were demanding the suspension of the toll plaza situated at Sarora.

Addressing a meeting of youth activists at Shere-Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu, Jan expressed his deep concern over the incident and the underlying issues. He said Sarora toll plaza has become a symbol of violation of toll plaza norms. He emphasized that its installation has sparked rightful protests among the people, as it goes against the principles and regulations that should govern such toll collection points.

Jan voiced the genuine and justified demand of youth of Jammu region for the immediate removal of the Sarora toll plaza. He highlighted



damaged national highway and stressed that the toll plaza's removal is crucial for the overall well-being of the region.

Pointing fingers at the current administration, Jan held them accountable for the myriad challenges faced by the youth of the Jammu region. He stated that Jammu and Kashmir ranks among the highest in terms of unemployment and recruitment scams in the country, placing the blame squarely on the lack of

effective policies and ini-

the present government. The senior NC leader

raised serious concern over the faulty and inflated power bills that have emerged following the installation of Smart Meters in the Jammu region. He demanded immediate replacing of Smart meters with old meters

Jan firmly stated that only the National Conference has the vision and commitment to address the pressing issues confronted by the youth of the Jammu region. He reassured the public that the party is dedicated to

finding comprehensive solutions and advocating for the welfare of the people. Meanwhile, numerous

youth from across the region enthusiastically joined the party fold. The decision to join was largely motivated by the unwavering dedication of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, who have shown deep sincerity and commitment towards the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The leadership of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah has resonated strongly with

# **EDITORIAL**

# **DIVERSE CULTURE**

alking 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

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.

a continuous integration of people

from many cultures located around

India.

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

n 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 pollbound 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 globetrotting expenses!

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING -A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

By: Simple Chhabra



HAT IS HUMAN TRAF-FICKING

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 2011about 35,000children 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 preety high.

Human trafficking is one of the major problems in india.Till date no concerete 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 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 300such 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 Causes of human trafficking in india

Sex trafficking

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

Action against guilty

Under the immoral trafficking preventation Act

(ITPA) Trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation is penalized. The punishment rages 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.

(Wrter, legal advisor, counselor)

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

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

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-

### 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 different disciplines with full zeal and zest.

In the end ZPEO Jammu, proposed words of appreciation and panegyrizing 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

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sion's Lander Module

on the Moon's surface.

This is a big achieve-

ment because only a

few other countries,

like the USSR, the US

and China, have done

He said The mission's

success will help India

demonstrate its tech-

nological advance-

this before.

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 soci-

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 Panditian, 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

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Aug 24: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programmed in Jammu University, and on the Birth anniversary of Rajguru who laid his life for the country. Amid slogans "Rajguru Amar Raha "inqulaab 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

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JAMMU, Aug 24: Mis-

sion 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 deci-

Addressing the protes-

tors Sunil Dimple warned

to give call for "jammu

band" on Monday if the

demands are accepted

Dimple gave a "three

with immediate effect.

sion for the same.

over the function. Vikshay 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 SaroreToll 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

RESTORE J&K STATE HOOD

WE WANT PRC, STATE SUBJECT

the arrears and the

present electricity tariff

of the people of Jammu

Kashmir, suspend smart

meters work till the situ-

ation gets normal and

the youth to shun their self-centered outlook and contribute in the development of the

Vikshay 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, Aditiya sharma, and others.

tax law immediately.

Sachin Soi, Satpal

Sharma, Rupesh Bhat,

Bunty, Arjun, Rakesh,

Ramesh Ashok and

many others were pres-

(RHS) ,Shivam Chan-

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

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Aug 24: All Jammu Based Reserved Catagory 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 scien-

tists 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 push-

ing the boundaries of

human capability.

"Congratulations to ISRO, the Prime Minister of India, and the entire nation for this remarkable accomplishment." Kumar added

ment," Kumar added. In his greetings president AJBRCEAK Anil Radhey expressed We stand united in celebratsuccess and look forward to a future filled with more groundbreaking achievements that make India and its citizens proud.

ing this monumental

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.

ing card issuer in the

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

Dimple threatens to call 'Jammu Bandh' on Monday



point agenda" to stop the

ongoing and worst situa-

He sought release the

arrested Rajput Sabha

leaders and stop sarore

tion in jammu region.

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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.

nament.
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.

Runner Up Champion.
Pooja Malhotra
(Founder Patron JKSB)
applaudded 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

dan (RHS), Shaurya Veer Singh (RHS), Koushki Charak(RHS), Megha Pathania (DPS), Aryana Choudhary (DPS), Hitashi Pathania (DPS), Kashvi Narayania (DPS) Aahil Anand (DPS), Manvendra Sinh(JSSK), Sannath Andotra (JSSK), Lavya Mahajan (JSSK), Mahajan Tanshiq (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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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 members with more ways to earn through everyday purchases. More importantly, this collaboration accentuates our holistic vision

of hospitality and allows

us to add personalised benefits for our members, that extend beyond hotel stays."

Parag Rao, Country Head - Payment Business, Consumer Finance, Technology and Digital Banking, HDFC Bank commented, "We are pleased to introduce India's first co-branded hotel credit card in partnership with Marriott Bonvoy. This collaboration reflects 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 leadcountry, 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."

### 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



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 Instagramsavvy 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

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

very distinctive way."

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 karmabhumi and all that I am is because of this

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 Paramavatar 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

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 re 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 created 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.

#### Hollywood star Jen-

divorce.

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.

#### Jennifer Aniston reveals why she prefers to be single either be angry or be a

nifer 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'

"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

"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 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 exert-

ing social pressure.

The trend has become

very big and has been

frequently criticised by

many celebrities, rang-

ing from Chris Rock,

Lizzo, Cate Blanchette,

Elon Musk and more.

#### Tamannaah Bhatia on playing Anya in Aakhri Sach into the lives of various



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

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

The series will delve

characters as Tamannaah Bhatia, playing the role of Anva. 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 welldeserved 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 lookalike! 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.

## Work collectively to ensure equitable competition between large, small sellers: PM Modi to G20 ministers

Also emphasises on the need to address problems faced by consumers in fair price discovery and grievance handling mechanisms

JAIPUR, Aug 24 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday suggested the G20 trade ministers to work collectively to ensure equitable competition between large and small sellers as there are challenges in the fast growing cross-border e-commerce.

In a video message at the G20 Trade and Investment Minister's meeting here, he also emphasised on the need to address the problems faced by consumers in fair price discovery and grievance handling mecha-

"Digitising processes and use of e-commerce have the potential to enhance market access. I am glad that your group is working on the 'High Level Principles for the Digitalization of Trade Documents'. These principles can help countries in implementing cross-border electronic trade measures, and reduce compliance burdens

"As cross-border e-commerce continues to grow, there are challenges as well. We need to work collectively to ensure equitable competition between large and small sellers," he said.

Trade ministers of G20 grouping have gathered to discuss ways to promote international commerce and investments.

Terming the government ini-



tiative Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) as a gamechanger, he said it will democratise the digital marketplace eco-system.

Digitising processes and the use of e-commerce have the potential to enhance market access, the prime minister added.

Modi also said that India is seen as a combination of openness, opportunities and options as the world sees optimism and confidence in the Indian econ-

During the last nine years, India has become the fifth largest global economy and it has increased its competitiveness and enhanced transparency, he

"Today we see global optimism and confidence in the Indian economy. India is seen as a combination of openness, opportunities and options," he

India has expanded digitisation and promoted innovation and it has moved away from red tape to red carpet and liberalised FDI flows, he said.

"Above all we have brought policy stability," he said, adding, "we are committed to make India the third largest global economy in the next few years.'

He further said that the global uncertainties have tested the world economy and as members of the G20, it is the responsibility of the countries to rebuild confidence in international trade and investments.

"We must build resilient and inclusive global value chains that can withstand future shocks. In this context, India's proposal to create a generic framework for mapping global value chains is important," Modi said.

He added that this framework aims to assess vulnerabilities, minimise risks and enhance resilience.

Further, he added that there is a need to put special focus on MSMEs as they account for 60 to 70 per cent of employment and contribute 50 per cent to the global GDP.

"They need our continued support... For us MSME means maximum support to micro, small and medium enterprises," he said.

Further, he said that the proposed "Jaipur Initiative to foster seamless flow of information to MSMEs" will address the challenge of inadequate access to market and business related information faced by the sector.

"I am confident that you will work collectively to ensure that the global trading system gradually transitions into a more representative and inclusive future," he added.

### Sonia Gandhi writes to Isro chief, congratulates team for Chandrayaan-3 success



NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Thursday wrote to ISRO Chairman S Somanath over the success of Chandrayaan-3, saying the space agency's outstanding capabilities have been built up over decades and it being anchored on self-reliance since the early sixties has contributed to its great success.

In her letter to Somanath, the Congress parliamentary party chief said she was writing to him to let him know how thrilled she was by the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) magnificent achievement on Wednesday evening.

"It is a matter of great pride and excitement to all Indians, particularly the younger generation," Gandhi said.

"ISRO's outstanding capabilities have been built up over decades. It has had remarkable leaders and a spirit of collective endeavour has always driven it. Its being anchored on selfreliance since the early sixties has contributed to its great successes," Gandhi said in her letter.

"I wish the entire ISRO fraternity all the very best and extend my warm greetings to each and every member of it on this momentous occasion," she said.

In a giant leap for its space programme, India's Moon mission Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole at 6.04 pm on Wednesday, propelling the country to an exclusive club of four and making it the first country to land on the uncharted surface.

With this touchdown on Moon after a flawless 41-day voyage to script history and less than a week after a Russian lander headed to the lunar south pole crashed, India is the fourth country to master the technology of softlanding on the Moon after the US, China and the erstwhile Soviet

### 2 Killed After Ceiling Slab From 20-Year-Old Building Collapses In Mumbai

THANE, Aug 24 (Agencies): Two persons were killed and six others injured when the slab of a 20-year-old residential building collapsed in Nerul area of Navi Mumbai, fire brigade officials said

The third floor ceiling slab of the fourstorey Tulsi Bhavan building located at Shirsole in Nerul collapsed at around 8.50 pm on Wednesday, they said.

The slab came crashing down on the second and first floors, killing a labourer and another person, divisional fire officer Purushottam Jadhav said.

The building has four wings and the slab collapsed in its 'B' wing, he said. Some civil work was underway on the third floor when the slab collapsed, said another fire official.

The building has a tailoring shop on the ground floor and the shopkeeper closed the outlet and left the place a few minutes before the incident, he said. One of the them has been identified as

Babaji Shingade, Jadhav said.

The injured persons have been admitted to a local hospital, he said.

The building has been evacuated and the occupants currently lodged at the Ahilyabai Holkar Samaj Mandir hall in Nerul, the official said.

After being alerted, fire engines from Nerul and Vashi along with the disaster management team rushed to the spot and carried out rescue operations and later cleared the debris.

Navi Mumbai Municipal Commissioner Rajesh Narvekar and other senior officials also reached the spot to super-

vise the rescue and relief operations. The building was legal and had all the requisite permits, another civic official

The bodies have been sent to a government hospital for postmortem.

Local police have as of now registered a case of accidental death, Jadhav said.

### 13-year-old girl abducted by man she met online from Delhi; raped multiple times in Punjab, Chandigarh and UP, rescued

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): A 13-year-old girl, who was kidnapped from the national capital and taken to Punjab, Chandigarh, and Uttar Pradesh where she was raped multiple times by her abductor, has been rescued, a DCW official said on Thursday.

The matter came to light after the girl's mother approached the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) and submitted a complaint regarding the kidnapping of her daughter.

"On July 21, in the Fatehpur Beri area of Delhi, a mother reported her daughter's abduction from near her school. Following this, an FIR was lodged at the Fatehpur Beri police station" said the DCW official. After passage of several days,

her complaint and her daughter remained missing. "The mother was emotion-

ally distressed and physically drained from daily visits to police stations, yielding no information about her daughter's whereabouts. Responding promptly, the DCW Member issued a notice to the SHO of

the mother expressed her frus-

tration to DCW Member Firdos

Khan on August 18, stating that

no progress had been made on

Fatehpur Beri on August 18, urging immediate action," said the official.

The official said that a phone call was also made to the SHO to demand swift measures.

Subsequently, Delhi police traced the girl to Lakhimpur Khiri in Uttar Pradesh. "A Delhi Police team promptly rescued and brought her back to Delhi on August 19, following the Commission's intervention,"

said the DCW official. The girl narrated that she was abducted by a man in his thirties whom she had met online. She revealed that the abductor took her to various places in Punjab, Chandigarh, and Uttar Pradesh. where he kept her at the residences of his relatives.

Tragically, she shared that

the abductor subjected her to multiple instances of rape. The primary suspect has been apprehended.

"The Commission received a complaint of kidnapping. Our team took up the matter with Delhi Police and ensured prompt action in the matter within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. The girl has been rescued and united with her family. Our team is constantly in touch with the girl and her family and we will work towards her proper rehabilitation. We have issued notice to the Police again as we want that all the accused persons involved in the matter should be arrested and strict action should be taken against them," said DCW chief Swati Maliwal.

#### Telangana High Court suspends judge who ordered FIR against CEC Rajiv Kumar over minister's poll affidavit

HYDERABAD, Aug 24 (Agencies): The Telangana High Court has placed under suspension a special sessions judge in connection with a "direction" given by him to police for registering an FIR against Chief Election Commissioner Raiiv Kumar and several others, saying the judge acted in "undue haste"

Official sources in Hyderabad and people aware of the development in Delhi said the

suspension was initiated on the administrative side against K Jaya Kumar, the judge of special sessions court for trial of MPs/MLAs, after a complaint was lodged with the high court by a senior official of the Election Commission.

Based on a private complaint filed under Section 200 of the CrPC by Raghavendra Raju, the judicial officer "acted in undue haste" without conducting any preliminary inquiry and without recording the statement of the complainant, the high court said.

Thus, there was a serious lapse in the procedure followed by the officer while discharging his duties, the sources said citing the order issued by the high court on the administrative side.

The FIR was registered on August 11 against Telangana Excise Minister V Srinivas Goud, CEC Kumar and a host

of other officials after being referred by the sessions court for allegedly "tampering" Goud's 2018 state assembly election affidavit.

The matter was referred to police by the sessions court on a private complaint which alleged that Goud, MLA from Mahabubnagar, had "tampered" with the election affidavit by suppressing facts.

While Goud was named as the first accused, CEC Kumar and several other officials were made coaccused, who the complainant alleged had colluded with the minister and closed the election affidavit without taking any further action.

The judicial officer was placed under suspension by the high court in exercise of the Telangana Civil Services Rules, 1991 "in larger public interest", the sources said citing the order.

#### Nine killed as tractor falls into drain in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur

SAHARANPUR, Aug 24 (Agencies): A tractor-trolley fell into a drain near Redhibodki village in the Saharanpur district, leaving nine people dead, four of them children, police on Thursday

The incident took place Wednesday evening in the Tajpura area when a tractor carrying around 50 devotees was on its way to Randaul village for a religious event. Superintendent of Police, City, Abhimanyu Manglik told agency. On Wednesday, police recovered four bodies from the drain.

The victims were identified as Sulochana, 58, Manglesh, 50, and Aditi and Arjun, both aged five and 12.

Five bodies recovered on Thursday are yet to be identified, Manglik said.

Several people were washed away due to a strong current in the river. A rescue operation is still on to retrieve

The spot was visited by Saharanpur District Magistrate Dr Dinesh Chand and SSP Dr Vipin Tada.

one missing person, the SP said.

Tada told agency that the villagers had been told not to take the route but the

driver disregarded the warning. An excavation machine has been called in to assist in the rescue work,

the SSP added. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed his grief over the deaths and asked the Saharanpur

administration to immediately grant Rs

4 lakh each to victims' kin, an official

statement said.

# Eight buildings collapse in Himachal's Kullu due to rain-triggered landslide

The buildings housing shops, banks and other commercial establishments had developed cracks four-five days ago

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

The assessment of damage is being done and some other unsafe buildings along the National Highway305 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 Sukhvinder 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.

# North Korea says latest spy satellite launch failed, but will try again

Pre-dawn launch prompts emergency alerts in Japan; South Korea, US, Japan condemn use of missile technology

SEOUL/TOKYO, Aug 24 (Agencies): North Korea's second attempt to place a spy satellite in orbit failed on Thursday after the rocket booster experienced a problem with its third stage, state media reported, as space authorities vowed to try again in October.

Its first try in May also ended in failure when the new Chollima-1 rocket crashed into the

The pre-dawn launch came in the first hours of an eight-day window that North Korea had announced for the attempt.

The nuclear-armed country has been seeking to place what would be its first military spy satellite into orbit, saying it plans a fleet of satellites to monitor moves by U.S. and South Korean troops.

"The flights of the first and second stages of the rocket were normal, but the launch failed due to an error in the emergency blasting system during the third-stage flight," state news agency KCNA said of Thursday's launch.

South Korea's military said it tracked the flight from its launch at the North's Sohae Satellite Launching Ground and concluded that it was a failure. It said it was seeking to find and potentially salvage any wreckage.

The launch prompted an emergency warning in Japan just before 4 a.m. local time (1900 GMT) over the J-alert broadcasting system, telling residents of the southernmost prefecture of Okinawa to take cover.

About 20 minutes after the



alert, the Japanese government followed up with a notice that the missile had passed and lifted the emergency warning.

In a televised news conference, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said the repeated missile launches were a threat to regional security.

"We will strongly protest against North Korea and condemn it in the strongest possible terms," he said.

Matsuno said parts of the rocket fell into the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, and the Pacific Ocean.

South Korea's National Security Council condemned the launch as a provocation and violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions banning the North's use of ballistic missile technology.

The White House condemned the launch as violating multiple U.N. Security Council resolutions, while the U.S. State Department urged North Korea to refrain from "further threatening activity" and calling on

Pyongyang to engage in seri-

ous diplomacy. "Space launch vehicles (SLVs) incorporate technologies that are identical to, and interchangeable with, those used in ballistic missiles, including intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)," a State Department spokesperson said in a state-

MORE LAUNCHES TO COME North Korea's National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA) said it would investigate and take steps to fix the cause of Thursday's failure but that it "is not a big issue" in terms of the rocket system's overall reliability.

"NADA expressed the stand that it would conduct the third reconnaissance satellite launch in October after thoroughly probing the reason and taking measures," KCNA reported.

The North's May 31 bid to launch the Chollima-1 satellite rocket ended with the booster and payload plunging into the sea after a failure in the second stage. State media blamed the setback on an unstable and unreliable new engine system

South Korea recovered parts of that failed rocket, including the satellite payload, which it said did not appear to have military capability.

Despite the failure on Thursday, the state media report suggests that North Korea has made progress since May's crash, said Ankit Panda of the U.S.-based Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"There appear to still be time pressures for NADA to succeed given the commitment to an October follow-up launch," he

"That may or may not provide enough time for North Korea's scientists to go back to the drawing board and iterate once again."

The secretive North considers its space and military rocket programs a sovereign right, and analysts say spy satellites are crucial to improving the effectiveness of its weapons.

North Korea has made multiple attempts to launch "earth observation" satellites, two of which appeared to have been successfully placed in orbit, including in 2016.

International observers have said the 2016 satellite seemed to be under control, but there was lingering debate over whether it had sent any transmissions.

### Greece struggles to gain upper hand on sixth day of fires



ATHENS, Aug 24 (Agencies): Hundreds of firefighters in Greece struggled Thursday to gain the upper hand against major wildfires burning unchecked for a sixth day, leaving 20

A dangerous blaze continued to burn on Mount Parnitha near Athens, in the largest forest adjoining the capital, threatening a national park for a second day.

Fire department spokesman Yiannis Artopios told state television ERT there was an "explosion of fire" in a forest ravine early Thursday that renewed the threat to inhabited areas.

The largest front was in the north, where a mega-fire that erupted on Saturday near the port city of Alexandroupoli has now formed a unified front of over 15 kilometres (9 miles).

The bodies of 19 people believed to be migrants, two of them children, were found in the area this week.

Officials have warned that as the area is a popular entry point for smugglers from neighbouring Turkey, more casualties are likely to be found among asylum seekers who could not escape the flames.

A third large fire was in Boeotia, north of Athens, where a 1,000-year-old UNESCO-listed Byzantine monastery, Hosios Loukas, narrowly escaped destruction on Wednesday.

The hot and dry conditions that increase the fire risk will persist until Friday, according to meteorologists.

Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias on Wednesday said the country was going through the worst summer of fires since fire-risk maps were introduced in 2009.

"It's an unprecedented situation, this is not a figure of speech," he

The fires have burned over 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres) in northern Greece and another 5,000 hectares west of Athens, according to estimates from the national observatory of forest fires operated by Aristotle University in Thessaloniki.

### Japan releases Fukushima wastewater into the ocean, China protests

TOKYO, Aug 24 (Agencies): Japan on Thursday started releasing treated radioactive water from the wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean, a polarising move that drew fresh and fierce criticism from China as being "selfish and irresponsible".

Approved two years ago by the Japanese government and greenlighted by the U.N. nuclear watchdog last month, the discharge is a key step in a dauntingly long and difficult process of decommissioning the Fukushima Daiichi plant, including the removal of molten fuel after it was destroyed by a tsunami.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power (Tepco) said the release began at 1:03 p.m. local time (0403 GMT) and it had not identified any abnormalities with the seawater pump or surrounding facilities.

However, China reiterated on Thursday its firm opposition to the plan and said the Japanese government had not proved the legitimacy of the water discharge.

The Japanese side should not cause secondary harm to the local people and even the people of the world out of its own selfish interests," China's foreign ministry said in a statement.

China has said it would also take measures to protect the marine environment and public health, and would step up monitoring of radiation levels in its waters following the discharge.

Tokyo has in turn criticised China for spreading "scientifically unfounded claims."

It maintains the water release is safe, noting that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has also concluded that the impact it would have on people and the environment was "negligible." DECADES LONG

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The Fukushima Daiichi plant was destroyed in March 2011 after a massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake generated powerful tsunami waves that caused the meltdowns of three of its reactors.

The release of the

wastewater has unsettled other countries in the region, with Cook Islands Prime Minister Mark Brown saving that while science supported Japan's decision, the region may not agree on the "complex" issue. Japanese fishing groups, hit with years of reputational damage from radiation fears. have long opposed the plan. They fear it will lead to a loss of sales,

markets. Hong Kong and Macau - both Chineseruled regions - are set to implement a ban on Japanese seafood from regions including the capital Tokyo and Fuku-

including from export

restrictions to major

shima starting Thursday. South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo said import bans on Fukushima fisheries and food products will stay in place until public con-

cerns were eased. The water will be released in smaller portions initially and with extra checks. The first discharge totalling 7.800 cubic metres the equivalent of about three Olympic swimming pools of water - will take place over about 17 days.

According to Tepco test results released on Thursday, that water contains about up to 63 becquerels of tritium per litre, below the World Health Organization drinking water limit of 10,000 becquerels per litre. A becquerel is a unit of radioactivity.

Japan will conduct monitoring around the water release area and publish results weekly, the environment minister said.

Tepco expects the process of releasing the wastewater - currently totally more than 1.3 million metric tons - to take about 30 years.

Civic groups have launched protests in Japan and South Korea, although South Korea's government has said its own assessment found no problems with the scientific and technical aspects of the release.

South Korean police arrested at least 14 protesters who entered the Japanese embassy in Seoul, according to an organiser and a agency witness.

Ahead of the release, a few dozen protesters gathered in front of Tepco's headquarters in Tokyo holding signs reading "Don't throw contaminated water into the sea!" The rally was over in about an hour.

"The Fukushima nuclear disaster is not over. This time only around 1% of the water will be released," 71-year-old Jun lizuka, who attended the protest, told Reuters. "From now on, we will keep fighting for a long time to stop the long-term discharge of contaminated water."

#### Trump set to surrender at Georgia jail on charges that he sought to overturn 2020 US election Labat said at a news conference earlier this month.

ATALANTA, Aug 24 (Agencies): Donald Trump is set to surrender Thursday to authorities in Georgia on charges that he schemed to overturn the 2020 election in that state, a booking process expected to yield a historic first: a mug shot of a former American president.

Trump's arrival follows a presidential debate featuring his leading rivals for the 2024 Republican nomination, a contest in which he remains the leading candidate despite accelerating legal troubles.

His presence in the state, though likely brief, is expected to swipe the spotlight at least temporarily from his opponents in the aftermath of a debate in which other candidates sought to seize on Trump's absence to elevate their own presidential prospects.

The Fulton County prosecution is the fourth criminal case against Trump since March when he became the first former president in US history to be indicted. Since then, he's faced federal charges in Florida and Washington and, this month was indicted in Atlanta with 18 others including his ex-chief of staff. Mark Meadows, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani under a racketeering statute normally associated with gang members and organized crime.

The criminal cases have spurred a succession of bookings and arraignments, with Trump making brief court



ing to the campaign trail. He's turned the appearances into campaign events amid a far lighter schedule than his rivals, with staff delighting in wall-thewall media coverage that has included news helicopters tracking his every move.

The campaign has also used the appearances to solicit fundraising contributions from his supporters as aides paint the charges as part of a politically motivated effort to damage his reelection chances.

His Atlanta appearance will be different than others, though, requiring him to surrender at a problem-plagued jail — but without an accompanying court appearance for now. Unlike in other cities that did not require him to pose for a mug shot, Fulton County officials have said they expect to take a booking photo like they would for any other defendant. "Unless somebody tells me

differently, we are following our normal practices, and so it doesn't matter your status, we'll have a mugshot ready for you," Fulton County Sheriff Patrick

District Attorney Fani Willis has given all of the defendants until Friday afternoon to surrender at the main Fulton County jail. Trump has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

He said in a social media post this week that he was being prosecuted for what he described in capital letters as a "perfect phone call" in which he asked the Republican secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, to help him "find" enough votes for him to overturn his loss in the state to Democrat Joe Biden.

Trump is expected to turn himself in at the Fulton County jail, which has long been a troubled facility. The Justice Department last month opened a civil rights investigation into conditions, citing filthy cells, violence and the death last year of a man whose body was found covered in insects in the main jail's psychiatric wing. Three people have died in Fulton County custody in the past month.

But he is not expected to spend much time there. His attorneys and prosecutors have already agreed to a bond of \$200,000, along with conditions that include barring the former president from intimidating co-defendants, witnesses or victims in the case — including on social media.

When defendants arrive at the jail, they typically pass through

Brazil, Russia, India, China and

South Africa -- had dominated

the agenda at its three-day

summit and exposed divisions

a security checkpoint before checking in for formal booking in the lobby. During the booking process, defendants are typically photographed and fingerprinted and asked to provide certain personal information. Since Trump's bond has already been set, he will be released from custody once the booking process is complete. Unlike in other jurisdictions,

in Fulton County, arraignments — where a defendant appears in court for the first time — generally happen after a defendant surrenders at the jail and completes the booking process, not on the same day. That means Trump could have to make two trips to Georgia in the coming weeks though the Fulton County Sheriff's Office has said some arraignments in the case may happen virtually if the judge allows, or he could waive Trump's arraignment.

When he eventually appears in court, the public is also likely to see much more of the proceedings firsthand. Georgia courts typically allow photographs and video of the proceeding, unlike in federal court and in New York, where press access is tightly controlled. Only in Manhattan were still photographers allowed to capture images of Trump briefly while he sat on the witness stand. Federal courts generally prohibit photography, recordings and electronics of

## BRICS to admit six new members next year

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 24 (Agencies): South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced Thursday that the BRICS club of emerging nations will admit six new members, including Saudi Arabia, UAE and Iran, at the start of next

"We have decided to invite the Argentine Republic, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, to become full members of BRICS. The membership will



take effect from the first of January 2024," Ramaphosa told a

summit in Johannesburg. Calls to enlarge the BRICS -- and criteria for admitting new But the group, which makes

among the bloc over the pace

decisions by consensus, had agreed on "the guiding principles, standards, criteria and procedures of the BRICS expansion process", said Ramaphosa.

Nearly two dozen countries had formally applied to join the club, which represents a quarter of the global economy and more than three billion people.

Some 50 other heads of state and government are attending the summit in Johannesburg, which concludes on Thursday.

# 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. Shallu Sehgal, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Dr. Neetu Dhar, Chief Coordinator and Master Trainer,

Dr. Shallu Sehgal informed the students about self employment

JKDCUL and Dr. Rewa

Khajuria, Counsellor,

EIAB, DLL, JU.

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 Lakhanpur 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 Lakhanpur 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 Sampark, 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 Samnotra. Fifteen Members of both clubs attended the drive.

Secretary Manpreet Kaur, editor Ritu Sharma, IWC Sampark 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

strengthen National Conference at gross root level.

Those who were present in the

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.

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Sarore, imposing property tax

and issuing highly enhanced

and faulty bills to power con-

sumers in Jammu and Kashmir

is not just highly objectionable

She exhorted women to

but it is totally illegal.

# 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.

Luthra asserted that collect-

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 prominents 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 Khellani 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, Thathri 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 give 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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#### 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 Kochar 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** Bench in 2019.

#### 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.

# 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.

tally 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.

# **Sensex closes lower by 180** pts as RIL, HDFC Bank decline; snaps 3-day gaining streak

Jio Financial Services fell the most by 4.99 per cent

MUMBAI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Thursday after three days of gains dragged mainly by selling in index majors Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank.

The BSE Sensex pared early gains to settle 180.96 points or 0.28 per cent lower at 65,252.34. During the day, it hit a high of 65,913.77 and a low of 65,181.94

The NSE Nifty declined 57.30 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 19,386.70 as 35 of its stocks declined while 16 advanced

Sensex and Nifty opened higher following overnight gains in US stocks and positive cues from Asian markets. However, losses in IT, oil, and banking shares dragged the indices into negative territory.

From the Sensex



pack, Jio Financial Services fell the most by 4.99 per cent. Reliance Industries, Power Grid, Larsen & Toubro, JSW Steel, HCL Technologies, NTPC, Tata Steel, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank also declined.

IndusInd Bank, Infosys, UltraTech Cement, ICICI Bank, Nestle and Axis Bank were among the gainers.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the positive territory.

European markets were trading in the green.

The US markets ended with gains on Wednesday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers on Wednesday as they bought equities worth Rs 614.32 crore, according to exchange data.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.10 per cent to USD 83.29 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark had climbed 213.27 points or 0.33 per cent to settle at 65,433.30 on Wednesday. The Nifty had gained 47.55 points or 0.25 per cent to end at 19,444.

### **Qatar deal affirms Reliance Retail Ventures** Ltd's robust valuation, say analysts

The deal has increased Reliance Retail's value to 16 trillion or 2,253 per share compared to Rs 1,520 three years ago, said analysts from Motilal Oswal.

MUMBAI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Qatar Investment Authority's decision to acquire nearly one percent of Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd affirms RRVL's robust valuation, according to analysts. Welcoming Qatar's

investment of Rs 8,278 crore in the retail arm of Reliance Industries Ltd for a 0.99 percent stake, analysts from Motilal Oswal said the deal has to be seen in the context of the strong growth seen in the retailer's numbers every year. Reliance Retail, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd. is India's largest offline retailer, and operates around 18,500 stores selling grocery, consumer electronics, fashion & lifestyle, and pharmaceuticals.

"Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) is expected to grow quite a bit," said Motilal Oswal. "We expect their earnings and profits to increase by about 25% and 34% each year, which would make their



total revenue around INR 4.1 trillion and their profits around INR 320

billion by the year 2025." This investment is set at a pre-money equity valuation of Rs 8.3 trillion or about \$100 billion. Adding the net debt of Rs 332 billion in FY25, the RRVL's enterprise value stands at Rs 8.6 trillion and equity per share value stands at at Rs 1.200. This is almost half of Reliance Industries' own equity share price of Rs 2,523.

The current valuation is nearly double compared to what RIL was able to get when it sold 10.09 percent of the retail arm to a group of foreign investors three years ago.

"The valuation aligns with prior transactions, hovering around 27x EV/EBITDA based on a 2-vear forward." said the broker.

It pointed out that the retail unit's EBITDA has doubled in the last three years to Rs 17,900 cr in FY23.

Motilal Oswal said it its own estimate for the company's valuation is Rs 11.7 trillion rupees, based on an EV/EBITDA multiple of 37 times on a two-year forward basis. This has led it to arrive at an equity valuation of

Rs 1,670 for Reliance Retail - higher than the valuation of Rs 1,485 for Reliance Industries.

Slight decrease in

RIL's ownership: With Qatar's investment in RRVL increas-

ing its stake by 0.99%, Reliance Industries Limited ownership in RRVL has decreased to 88.9% from 89.9%. This resulted in a slight

reduction in RRVL's value within RIL, which is now worth around Rs 1,485 per share instead of Rs 1,500. "It will be interesting to see how both companies handle these shifts and what it means for their future plans," the report added. In FY23, the company's revenue to EBITDA ratio was INR 2.6 trillion to Rs 179 billion.

"Looking ahead, there's an expectation that the company will achieve a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 25% for revenue and 34% for EBITDA from FY23 to FY25. This growth trajectory is projected to lead to figures of Rs 4.1 trillion for revenue and Rs 320 billion for EBITDA by FY25," it noted

Besides retailing, RRVL is also present in petro retail and connectivity businesses, catering to RJio's customer base.

In addition to Reliance Retail, RRVL has other subsidiaries and joint ventures such as Reliance Brands and Marks & Spencer, which oversee the remaining apparel and other retail operations.

#### Google unveils changes before strict EU rules kick in

BRUSSELS, Aug 24 (Agencies): Google vowed Thursday to be more transparent about content moderation across its services, including its ubiquitous search engine, as tech firms rush to meet stricter European Union rules that kick in this week.

Sweeping rules will apply from Friday to Google, alongside 18 other large social media platforms and websites including Meta-owned Instagram, Twitter (rebranded as X) and TikTok, forcing the companies to better police content, or face the risk of billions of euros in fines.

Among the Google products listed were YouTube, Google Maps, Play, Search, and Shop-

The wide-ranging Digital Services Act (DSA) means the EU will be able to get a closer peek at the 19 platforms -labelled as "very large" because they have at least 45 million monthly active users -- and how their algorithms work.

The DSA means stricter regulation on targeted advertising, and forces firms to implement a better mechanism to flag and remove illegal content.

Google's latest steps include expanding its "Ads Transparency Center", where users will find more information about targeting for ads in the European Union, and giving researchers more data access to understand how Google's products work in practice.



The measures were announced in a blog post by Laurie Richardson, Google's vice president for trust and safety, and Jennifer Flannery O'Connor, YouTube's vice president for product management.

They also said Google would publish transparency reports with extra information about how content moderation has been handled for more of its services including Maps, Play, Search, and Shopping.

The DSA compels the internet's biggest players to assess the risks associated with the use of their services and take appropriate action to mitigate those risks. In the past weeks,

the biggest tech companies including TikTok have announced the steps they have taken to comply with the DSA, vowing to give users more control over their feeds on popular social media websites like Instagram and Facebook.

#### PMO, Finance Ministry resisting pressures to expand PLI scheme to more sectors

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): The pressure to expand the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to more sectors has been mounting, but the Prime Minister's office (PMO) and the finance ministry have been resisting it, government sources told news agency.

According to sources, several ministries have been pushing for PLI schemes for their respective sectors, many of which are already doing well without the support of the scheme. "We must compliment the PMO and other top levels of the government for keeping such pressures at bay. The general attitude among many ministries has been that their 'constituents' should also get the benefit of the PLI scheme whether they need it or not," said a government official.

The government has allocated Rs 1.97 lakh crore for the PLI schemes in 14 sectors. It has disbursed incentives to manufacturers in eight sectors, and the focus



is now on six remaining sectors where the scheme has been slow to pick up. There were talks of expanding the PLI to three more sectors – new-age e-bikes, toys and footwear. However, the official mentioned above said that it is unlikely that the government would agree to a PLI scheme for toy manufacturers.

"Toy manufacturers asking for PLI does not make sense as the country is already a net exporter of toys," he said. In 2022-23, India exported toys worth \$521 million compared to imports worth \$421 million. The official said that ministries must understand that it is not easy money. "The amount of Rs 1.97 lakh crore is more than three years of MNREGS allocation. You cannot expect only cash incentives to boost manufacturing in the country," he added.

Meanwhile, the official told this newspaper that the government has no plans to make changes in the PLI scheme for now. The focus, he said, is on effectively implementing the schemes in the 14 identified sectors. Under the PLI scheme, a cash incentive of 4-6% is given to eligible companies on incremental sales of goods manufactured in India. The scheme is for a period of five years.

## **8** Allergies Asthmatics Should Watch Out For

#### We list some of the most common asthma-triggering allergies one should look out for

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition characterised by inflammation and narrowing of the airways in the lungs. It leads to recurrent episodes of wheezing, breathlessness. chest tightness, and coughing. Asthma symptoms can range from mild to severe, and they can be triggered by various factors like allergens, irritants, exercise, respiratory infections, and more.

Allergies can indeed trigger asthma. Allergic asthma is a common type of asthma where symptoms are primarily triggered by exposure to allergens and certain food allergies. When an allergic person with asthma comes into contact with these triggers, it can lead to an asthma attack or exacerbation of symptoms. The allergic response causes an immune reaction in the airways, resulting in inflammation and tightening of the muscles surrounding the air passages. This causes the characteristic symptoms of

People with asthma should be cautious and aware of several allergies that may trigger or exacerbate their condition. In this article, we list some of the most common asthma-triggering allergies one should look out for.



Here are 8 allergies that individuals with asthma should keep an eye on:

1. Pollen

Pollen from trees, grass, and weeds can significantly affect people with asthma. When inhaled, pollen can irritate the airways, leading to asthma

symptoms. 2. Dust mites

Dust mites are tiny organisms that thrive in mattresses, pillows, carpets, and upholstery. Their waste particles can trigger asthmatic reactions in people who are allergic to them.

Pet dander

The allergens present in the skin flakes, urine, or saliva of animals such as cats, dogs,

or rodents can cause asthma symptoms. People with asthma should avoid close contact or exposure to such allergens. 4. Mould

Mould spores can be found both indoors and outdoors. Damp areas like bathrooms, basements, or areas affected by water damage can facilitate mould growth, and inhaling mould spores can worsen asthma symptoms.

5. Cockroaches

Cockroach droppings, saliva, and decaying body parts contain allergens that pose a risk to asthma sufferers. Making efforts to reduce cockroach infestations, keeping the house clean, and sealing any cracks or openings can minimise exposure. 6. Certain foods

While asthma is primarily a respiratory condition, certain food allergies, such as peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, and eggs, can trigger asthmatic reactions. Individuals with known food allergies should be cautious while consuming these allergenic foods.

7. Strong scents and chemi-

cals For some people with asthma, strong odours like perfumes, cleaning agents, or chemicals can be a trigger. Ensuring good ventilation and avoiding exposure to such irritants can be helpful.

8. Certain medications

Some individuals with asthma may be allergic to specific medications, such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), beta-blockers, or certain antibiotics. It is important to inform healthcare professionals about any known drug allergies to prevent potential asthma exacerbations.

It is worth noting that asthma triggers and allergies can vary from person to person. It is advisable for individuals with asthma to work closely with their healthcare provider or allergist to identify and manage their specific triggers to minimise the risk of asthma attacks.

## Private investments picking up: Finance Ministry



NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Private investments have picked up in the first quarter (Q1) of the current fiscal, the finance ministry has indicated in its latest monthly economic review. As per the ministry, new investment project announcements by the private sector were the highest in Q1 in 14 years.

The private sector project announcements during the quarter were up 11.6% against the corresponding period of the previous year. The ministry said that higher capacity utilisation along with doubledigit growth in non-food bank credit signals positive intent of the private sector to undertake fresh investment, going forward.

As per an SBI report, credit uptake has shown a 19.7% growth in FY24 (till July 27). Rating agency ICRA has pointed out that capital expenditurerelated external commercial borrowings (ECBs) flows -- for the purpose of modernisation, new projects, and local purchase and imports of capital goods -- jumped to \$13 billion in Q1 FY2024, exceeding \$9.6 billion for the

full FY23. "The gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) in the Q1 of FY24 grew in double digits based on indicators like increased net borrowing by states and private sector and capex spends by the government," says ICRA in a recent statement.

The ministry has highlighted that the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme and emerging sectors like green hydrogen, semiconductors, wearables, and solar modules are projected to contribute nearly 17% of capex between FY23 and FY27.

The ministry noted the healthy balance sheet of the private sector, coupled with increased government capex, which is expected to create favourable opportunities for private companies to engage in infrastructure development. The report also highlighted the significant growth in the capital goods and infrastructure/construction sectors as evidenced by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data.

# **Chess World Cup: Knight holds King again**

Praggnanandhaa, Carlsen draw second game, tie-breaker

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): R Praggnanandhaa and Magnus Carlsen will both be content even though the chess World Cup final failed to produce a winner and headed into a tie-breaker.

Even as the two players settled for a draw in the second classical game after 30 moves, both the contenders will sleep knowing they did well to stay in the contest.

Carlsen, who had disclosed he suffered from food poisoning after his semifinal, played a safe game. Praggnanandhaa held his own with the black pieces.

"I did not really think that he would agree for a quick draw, but I was also fine with that," the Indian Grand Master said.

"Yeah. I did feel that he did not have a lot of energy. I hope he recovers tomorrow," Praggnanandhaa said of his oppo-

Incidentally, today's game was the shortest for both the players in the classical format in this tournament

Praggnanandhaa, who has already qualified for Candidates 2024 tournament thanks to his standing in this World Cup, played down the fact that



he has a better tie-break record than Carlsen in the tournament. "Carlsen is the favourite but anything can happen and I will try to give my best," Praggnanandhaa

But Carlsen has taken note of the Indian's tie-break success so far. "Praggnanandhaa has already played a lot of tie-breaks against very strong players. I know he is very strong. If I have some energy, if I have a good day, obviously I will have good chances," Carlsen said.

"I am very grateful to FIDE and the doctors and nurses, who got me some good treatment. Today, I am feeling a bit better but I still didn't feel like I had the energy for a full fight, so I thought, let's get one more day of rest. Hopefully, I will have more strength tomorrow," the world No. 1 added

The players will now go head to head in two tie-break games in rapid format that will have a time control of 25 minutes for each player plus 10 seconds increment per move. If these games fail to decide a winner, two more games with time control of 5 minutes for each player will be played.

Anand hails India's golden generation

With India producing chess

Grandmasters aplenty, legendary Indian GM Viswanathan Anand firmly believes that the current lot happens to be a golden generation in Indian chess

His comments came at a time when Indian players have hogged the limelight in the Chess World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan, where young GM R Praggnanandhaa is competing in the final against world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen.

"I'm throwing in the title early, but they are a golden generation. They are all in the 2,700plus group (Elo rating). And they're all under 20. That just does not happen, it's really something special," Anand said.

"And what this means, and the reason I call them the golden generation, is they're going to spend the next 10 years at the top. With varying career trajectories, of course, but they're going to spend the next 10 years being rivals and colleagues and friends and everything," he added.

"It's a very different vibe because I was used to being the only Indian in a tournament for very long. So, it's incomparable to my experience," he added.

## Rajeshwari shows early promise in trap event



BAKU (AZERBAIJAN), Aug 24 (Agencies): Rajeshwari Kumari seems to be a woman on a mission. The trap shooter shot the day's joint secondhighest score of 73 in the opening three rounds of the qualification stage to be in the hunt for finals in the ongoing ISSF World Championship in Baku, Azerbaijan.

She was placed fourth with two more rounds to be held on Thursday. If she maintains her form, the Indian has the chance of finishing in the top six. The top six finishers will go on to compete in the final and will have the opportunity to secure the all-important Olympic quota (four quotas on offer in the event) for

London Olympic champion, Jessica Rossi of Italy, was leading the 75-strong field with a perfect score of

75. Rajeshwari missed just two targets on the day with rounds of 24, 25 and 24, respectively. Compatriots Manisha Keer and Preeti Rajak shot scores of 68 and 67 to end the day in 24th and 41st spots, respectively.

In the men's category, Prithviraj Tondaiman and Olympian Kynan Chenai garnered 72 points and were placed 40th and 41st, respectively. With six shooters sharing the top spot with 75 hits out of 75, the Indians will be hoping to for a perfect outing in the final two rounds of the qualification stage on Thursday. Zoravar Singh Sandhu, the third Indian in the field, started off on a bright note with a perfect 25 before falling behind in the following rounds. He was placed at the 100th spot. India has so far won nine medals (5 gold, 4 bronze) and three Olympic quota places in the ongoing marquee event. Gold for Amanpreet

Meanwhile, Amanpreet Singh won the men's 25m standard pistol gold while the women's standard pistol team captured a bronze medal in the team competition. However, this is a non-Olympic

Amanpreet shot 577 in the men's standard pistol, a clear three points ahead of silver-winning Korean Lee Gunhyeok, who shot 574. Tiyana, Yashita Shookeen and Kritika Sharma bagged the bronze with a combined score of 1601.

#### **Wrestling Federation of India** membership suspended on world stage

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): The United World Wrestling (UWW) has indefinitely suspended the membership of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) due to the federation's failure to conduct the necessary elections.

The WFI has been embroiled in a series of controversies, causing its elections to be postponed significantly. The federation, which is India's wrestling governing body, was supposed to hold elections in June 2023. However, the elections have been repeatedly postponed due to a series of protests by Indian wrestlers and legal petitions from various state units.

The elections for 15 positions on the WFI's governing body were scheduled to be held on August 12. On Monday, four candidates, including outgoing Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's close aide Sanjay Singh from Uttar Pradesh, filed nominations for the post of president at the Olympic Bhawan in New Delhi.

Darshan Lal of the Chandigarh wrestling body was nominated for the position of general secretary, while SP Deswal of Uttarakhand was nominated for treasurer from the Brij Bhushan

The WFI was suspended first in January and then again in May after India's top wrestlers protested against its functioning and alleged its then president Brij Bhushan sexually harassed female wrestlers. The day-to-day affairs of WFI are currently being managed by the Indian Olympic Associationconstituted ad-hoc committee led by Bhupender Singh Bajwa. Notably, the United World Wrestling, the governing body of the sport at the highest level, warned WFI of suspension if the elections were delayed. Maharashtra and Tripura will not have any representatives at the elections as the Returning Officer deemed claims of both factions from the former "ineligible" while Tripura has remained disaffiliated since 2016.

### Virat Kohli beams after finishing Yo-Yo test between dreaded cones: 17.2 done

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Virat Kohli has proven time and again why he is considered a fitness icon in the world of cricket. Since his tenure as the captain of the Indian team, the star batter has consistently prioritised fitness and health, starting a veritable fitness revolution within the sphere of Indian cricket. His insistence on the incorporation of the Yo-Yo test for every cricketer undoubtedly consolidated the team's performance, particularly in the longest format of the game.

On August 24, Kohli astounded the cricketing realm by taking his fitness prowess a notch higher. A time trial of 17.2 on the Yo-Yo test put the much-celebrated cricketer on the radar across national and international platforms. The fitness test, which is a measure of an athlete's capacity to sustain



prolonged periods of athletic output, involves a set of cones that are spaced apart at different distances. Players must run between these cones within a certain time, which becomes progressively shorter.

Kohli, unabashed in his joy, shared his feat on his Instagram story. Accompanying a picture of the test, he wrote,

"The happiness of finishing the yo-yo test between the dreaded cones. 17.2 done." The marked achievement speaks volumes about the athlete's dedication towards maintaining his fitness levels, always pushing for more. He will return to action in the Asia Cup 2023, when India take on Pakistan on September 2. Kohli's unwavering commitment to fitness has been reflected in his performance on the pitch, playing a crucial role in his ascension through the cricketing ranks. His recent yo-yo test result exhibits his indomitable spirit and the sheer will to keep raising his fitness bar, setting an inspiring precedent for aspiring and existing cricketers.

His influence on the culture of fitness within Indian cricket has been described as transformative, fostering an environment where endurance, strength, and agility are viewed as vital elements contributing to successful cricket. This has led to a more robust and dynamic team performing at their optimum level in the longest format of cricket. His accomplishment further cements his position as an exemplary figure in world cricket, inspiring millions across the globe.

### "No Spinner Better Than...": Harbhajan Singh Slams India Star's Asia Cup Snub

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh has shared his views on Yuzvendra Chahal's exclusion from the World Cup squad. The veteran leg-spinner failed to make the cut for the tournament as the Indian team management gave preference to Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel. The 33-year-old has been in and out of the side over the last two years or so. He was part of the T20 World Cup squad last year but did not play a single game Down

Under as India crashed

out of the tournament in the semi-final.

Harbhajan Chahal is India's best spinner in white-ball cricket, adding that a few bad games don't make him a bad bowler.

"The one thing I feel is lacking in the team is the absence of Yuzvendra Chahal. A leg-spinner who can get the ball to turn away. If you talk about genuine spinner. I don't think there's any spinner in India better than Chahal in white-ball formats. Yes, his last few games weren't good, but that doesn't make him a bad bowler," Harbhajan



said on his YouTube channel

Harbhajan hoped Chahal would return to the team for the World Cup, especially with the tournament set to be

held in India.

"I think his presence in the team was necessary. I hope the doors aren't closed to him. It's important to consider him for the World Cup because the tournament is in India. Chahal is a proven match-winner. I can understand his form isn't good, so you may have rested him. But I think if he was with the team, his confidence would've staved intact. Any player who comes back after being dropped, the pressure to perform is always there," he added.

Chahal had a bad outing in the T20I series against West Indies as he picked just five wickets in as many matches, and leaked runs in the last three encounters.

#### Cricket World Cup 2023: Former **BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly to look** after Eden Gardens preparations



KOLKATA, Aug 24 (Agencies): The muchanticipated Cricket World Cup 2023 tickets will officially go on sale from Friday, August 25, signaling the arrival of the grand tournament. Preparations are underway in full swing across India, the host nation of the forthcoming World Cup, with the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) stepping up their efforts to arrange the event comprehensively at the iconic Eden Gardens. Eden Gardens will host

five matches throughout the tournament, which includes four group fixtures and a high-stake semi-final. To ensure the efficient organization of these matches and the World Cup as a whole, the CAB has laid out a special committee composed of 12 board members.

Prominent among the members is former **BCCI President Souray** Ganguly, who also consented to participate in the committee's role after visiting Eden Gardens, affirming that works were progressing steadily and would be completed on schedule. Drawing upon Ganguly's wealth of experience in handling such significant events, he will be invaluable in ensuring the World Cup's smooth operation.

"Eden's work is going well. The work will be completed in time," Ganguly said.

Additionally, the committee includes another well-known figure, former CAB president

Abhishek Dalmiya. The present CAB President, Snehashis Gangopadhyay, has incorporated five office bearers, aiming to delegate responsibility and foster a systematic approach towards organizing such a major cricketing event. Over the next six weeks, this committee will oversee all aspects concerning the World Cup's organization. Their tremendous effort to successfully administer the prestigious "yajna", for, as they envision, cannot

be overstated.

"We have made a com-

mittee of 12 members

for the World Cup. Both

Sourav and Avishek

who is the member of IPL governing council have been kept. All of us are ready to achieve success in this great yajna," Gangopadhyay said. These decisions were made following discussions at the Apex Council meeting, where the committee's creation was unanimously

approved. A distinct annual general meeting (AGM) was also decided in the CAB meeting and is scheduled for September 30. However, unlike previous years, there will be no voting in this year's AGM.

#### Rashid Khan withdraws BBL boycott threat, makes himself available for 2023-24 season: Report

MELBOURNE, Aug 24 (Agencies): Afghanistan's star leg-spinner Rashid Khan has withdrawn his boycott threat of Australia's Big Bash League and made himself available for the 2023-24 season of the T20 franchise tournament.

Rashid had threatened to boycott BBL in January this year following Australia's decision to withdraw from a threematch ODI series in Afghanistan in March last year on human rights grounds after the Taliban banned university education for girls.

"If playing Afghanistan is so uncomfortable for Australia, then I wouldn't want to make anyone uncomfortable with my presence in the BBL. Therefore, I will be strongly considering my tion," Rashid had said in

future in that competia statement at that time. But according to the Australian Associated Press (AAP), the 24-year-old spinner's name features in the official list of players available for next Sunday's overseas draft.

The BBL is scheduled to be held from December 7 to January 24

The AAP report further states that Mujeeb-ur-Rahman, Noor Ahmed Izhar-ul-haq Naveed are the other Afghan players in the overseas draft.

Rashid has represented Adelaide Strikers in the last six seasons of the BBL and is expected to be retained by the franchise.



# 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 Ravia 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 Social Sciences discipline, under the able guidance of Vice Chancellor Professor Sanjeev

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 Iqball, Dr Ranvir Singh, Ms Nidhi Singhal and Mr Fateh Lal for their coordination.

# Pahari literary & Cultural Programmme held at GDC Darhal

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

DARHAL, Aug 24: A day long "Pahari literary and Cultural Programmme" 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. Mussaraf 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 Fiazi, Arif Igbal Mirza, Mohd Iqbql 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 Igbal Nazish, Iqbal Shal, Zanfar Khokhar, Mohd Aslam Mirza and Farzana Shaheen Haidery.

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 Kotli colony along with Coucnillor 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 Yousuf, 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 lead-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 roads are not improved, the collection of Toll is illegal.

He urged the Union Transport Minster 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 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, Jammu, Shabir Choudhary on Thursday demanded road connectivity and clean drinking water at ward number 5 in Aatham Panchayat in Nagrota constituency. He raised this demand

during a meeting that was organized at Aatham Panchayat in Nagrota last evening.

The meeting was organized under the

leadership of 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.

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