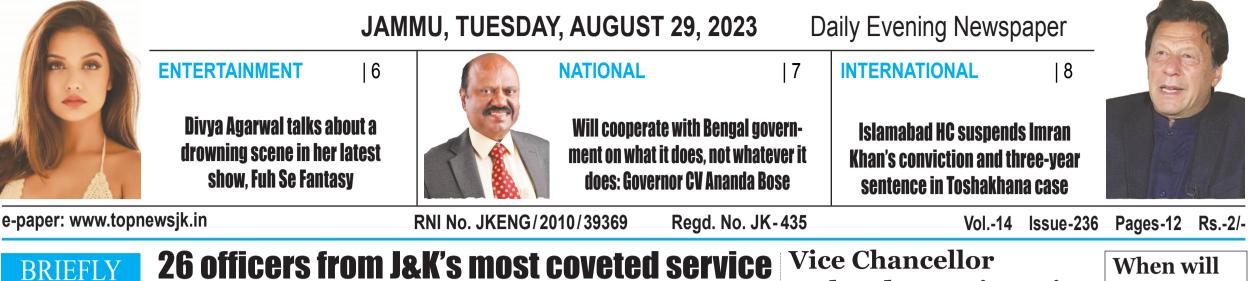
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## BRIEFLY

#### **Boy stabbed** in Srinagar College, Hospitalised

SRINAGAR, Aug 29 (Agencies): A 19-yearold boy was hospitalised after he was allegedly stabbed by a duo at Government Polytechnic College Bemina in central Kashmir's Srinagar district this afternoon.

Quoting sources, GNS reported that Mehran Ahmad, son of Parvaiz Ahmad Khuroo of Sopore was stabbed and injured in his chest, lower back and head after an altercation broke out in the College premises. "He was soon evacuated from the site and taken to JVC Hospital Bemina, where his overall condition is said to be stable",

they said. The official identified the accused duo as Abrar Shabir, son of Shabir Ahmad Dar of Doniwari Chadoora and Rahil Ali son of Ali Mohammad Phaloo of Lal Chowk (at present Dalgate). "A case has been registered into the matter and the accused have been arrested.'

J&K Govt orders minor reshuffle in civil administration

#### to attain superannuation in 2024 JAMMU, Aug 29 (Agencies): As many as 26 officers of Jammu

& Kashmir's topmost administrative service are attaining superannuation in the next calendar year.

26 officers of Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) would complete their bureaucratic innings in calendar year 2024.

Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad, son of J&K's former Chief Secretary Sheikh Ghulam Rasool, figures in the list of officers hanging up their boots in 2024.

Fayaz is currently posted as Commissioner Secretary, Department



of Floriculture, Gardens and Parks. Other senior offi-

cers figuring in the list includes Nisar Ahmad Wani (Director Employment), Tariq Ahmad Zargar (Secretary in the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj), Raman Kumar Kesar (Secretary

in the Power Development Department) and Suraiya Jabeen (Secretary in the Tribal Affairs Department).

The other officers attaining superannuation include Ashok Kumar (Mission Director, RUSA), Ashok Kumar Pandita (Additional Secretary, Revenue Depart-

#### Srinagar Imam arrested for alleged child sexual offense

SRINAGAR, Aug 29 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, Waseem Raja, son of Ali Mohd Malla and a resident of Noorbagh, who was currently serving as an Imam at Masjid Aisha Malikaagun, has been arrested by Srinagar Police for allegedly

## **Vice Chancellor** Nalanda University calls on LG Manoj Sinha



SRINAGAR, Aug 29 : Prof Sunaina Singh, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University called on Lieutenant Governor

China releases new edition of 'Standard Map' showing its territorial claims



BEIJING, Aug 29 "always been" and will (Agencies): China "always be" an integral part of the country. on Monday officially released the 2023 edi-"The 2023 edition of tion of its "standard map" China's standard map incorporating the diswas officially released on puted areas including its Monday and launched claims over Arunachal on the website of the

#### When will Jammu and Kashmir becomes State again, SC asks Centre

SRINAGAR, Aug 29 (Agencies): The Supreme Court raised auestions on the timeline for reinstating Jammu and Kashmir as a State, during the proceedings of the Article 370 abrogation case on Tuesday.

In a series of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, the Supreme Court pressed the Centre for a clear timeframe regarding the restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who is representing the Central government in this case, pointed out that a statement regarding this matter had been presented on the floor of the Parliament. He added that efforts are being made, once situation returns to normal, Statehood to J&K would be restored, to which the top court replied "restoration of democracy is important."

The Supreme Court also asked the Centre

## **Body of Missing AEE Found from LJHP Barrage in Gantmulla Baramulla**

SRINAGAR, Aug 29 (Agencies): Several days after going missing, body of an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) has been found from a barrage in Lower Jhelum Hydel Project (LJHP) in Gantmulla Baramulla district.

The Baramulla Police had formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) under DySP Baramulla to investigate the case after the AEE Gurmeet

NEW DELHI. Aug

29 (Agencies): Rajya

Sabha chairman Jag-

deep Dhankhar on

Tuesday nominated

former home minister

and Congress member

P Chidambaram to the

department-related

Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Home

Chidambaram's nomi-

nation comes in the

wake of the retirement

of Congress member

P Bhattacharya from

The Parliamentary

Rajya Sabha.

Affairs.



Police had also initiated a comprehensive operation involving SDRF, Canine squad, drone surveillance to uncover any potential clues even as asking for public tion, the body of Singh was sighted lying in a barrage in the Lower Jhelum Hydel Project

(LJHP) in Gantmulla. The body was lifted from the site and is being taken to a nearby hospital for medico-legal formalities.

Confirming it, a police official said that they have started investigations to ascertain the possible cause of death of the Engineer. "Once

ture, Kashmir), Suram Chand Sharma (Joint Director, Youth Services & Sports, Jammu), Kewal Krishan (Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment Department), Ahmad Hussain (Programme Officer. ICDS Project, Baramulla), Ghulam Rasool Wani (Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Ganderbal), Ravi Mohan

ment). Faroog Ahmad

Rather (Director Floricul-

Khajuria (Registrar, District Udhampur), Sushil Kumar Khajuria (Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department), Nissar Ahmad Malik

(Programme Officer, **Turn to page 9** 

JAMMU, Aug 29 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered transfers and postings in the administration.

According to an order by the GAD in this regard, In the interest of administration. Mr. Angrez Singh, JKAS, Deputy Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner (Central) with Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, with immediate effect.

Further, Mr. Ajay Bharti, JKAS, Deputy Director, Estates, Jammu, under orders of transfer as Assistant Commissioner (Central) with Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, in terms of Government Order No. 983-JK(GAD) of 2023 dated 19.08.2023, shall continue at his present place of posting.

#### Narcotic smuggler found dead near LoC in **Kupwara**

SRINAGAR, Aug 29 (Agencies): An alleged narcotics smuggler was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Karnah area of Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Tuesday. Police found the body of Mukhtar Ahmad Shah. 42. in Haridal forest area near the Line of Control in Karnah on

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Singh was reported to have gone missing. Besides the SIT, the

assistance. After intense opera-

Chidambaram nominated to

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Committee on Home

Affairs is currently look-

ing into the three new

bills Bharatiya Nyaya

Sanhita, Bharatiya

Sanhita and Bharatiya

Sakshya Bill, seek-

ing to replace criminal

laws Indian Penal Code

(IPC), Code of Criminal

Procedure (CrPC) and

the Indian Evidence Act.

Sabha has, on the 28th

August, 2023, nomi-

Shri P. Chidambaram,

Member, Rajya Sabha,

"The Chairman, Rajya

Suraksha

we have any details, we will share them accordingly", said the official.

committing an unnatural sexual offense against a 9-year-old child. The arrest came following the registration of FIR 30/2023 under sections 377 of the Indian parliamentary panel on Home Penal Code (IPC) and sections 5 and 6 of the affairs looking into criminal laws Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act at Mahato the Committee on raj Gunj Police Station. Home Affairs vice Srinagar Police took Shri P. Bhattacharya, to Twitter to announce who retired from the the arrest, stating, "One membership of Rajya Waseem Raja S/o Ali Sabha on the 18th Mohd Malla R/o Noor-August, 2023," a bullebagh presently worktin from the Rajya Sabha ing as Imaam at Masjid secretariat said. Aisha Malikaagun Dhankhar had on arrested for commit-August 18 referred the ting unnatural sexual three proposed laws offence on a 9-vear-old that will replace the child. FIR 30/2023 under IPC, CrPC and the Evi-

sections 377 of IPC and 5, 6 of POCSO Act registered in Maharaj Gunj PS." The accused is

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Pradesh, Aksai Chin region, Taiwan and the disputed South China

Sea. India has repeatedly said that the state of Arunachal Pradesh has

standard map service hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources,' state-run Global Times said in a post on X, formerly Twitter. Turn to page 9

accompanied by Prof.

A. Ravinder Nath, Vice

Chancellor, Central Uni-

versity of Kashmir.

can you convert a State into a Union Territory? Can a UT be carved out of a State, to which SG Mehta replied "there is no restriction. Assam, Turn to page 9

## **Centre reduces domestic LPG** cylinder price by Rs 200

NEW DELHI, Aug 29 (Agencies): In a relief for citizens, the Union Cabinet on Tuesday decided to cut LPG domestic gas cylinder prices by Rs 200 for all users Briefing reporters on

the decision of the union cabinet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said the decision is a gift from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to the women of the country on Onam and Raksha

Bandhan. "PM Modi has decided Rs 200 reduction in the price of domestic LPG cylinders, for all users... this is a gift from PM Narendra Modi, to the women of the country, during the occasion of Raksha Bandhan," he said.

The meeting of the Cabinet was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Thakur also said that the central government has decided to add another 75 lakh Ujjwala gas beneficiaries. At present, there are 9.6 crore beneficiaries of the scheme.

India is dependent on imports for 60 per cent of its natural gas requirements.

The minister said the current government has initiated several schemes for the development of women, including pucca houses,

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### People's issues must be addressed in a time bound manner: Kavinder

be addressed in a time

bound manner by those

who have the power to

do so, said Kavinder



**Top News Report** JAMMU, Aug 29: People's issues must

a particular reference to the directive issued to the government departments for clearing the under-process files within 7 days. Kavinder

Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by former MLA & J&K BJP Spokesperson R.S. Pathania and Executive Member Shailja Gupta

dence Act to the Stand-

ing Committee on Home

Affairs for examination

and asked it to submit its

Gupta, while he made

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## **Tibetan Parliament Members meet CCI members**

**Top News Report** 

Aug 29: JAMMU, Tibetan Parliament Members Dawa Tsering, Yeshi Dolma and Tenpa Yarphel accompanied by Rajinder Sadotra, General secretary Bharat Tibet Sanyog Manch, Sanjeev Mangotra, Convener North Zone (BTSM) and Indu Puri Vice President Mahila Morcha visited Chamber House and inter-



acted with President Bearers. Arun Gupta, Chamber of Commerce welcomed the visiting & Industry Arun Gupta delegation in Chamber and his team of Office house.

During interaction the visiting MPs of Tibet briefed that historically Tibet was an Independent nation having defined territory, distinct population, governments and maintained diplomatic relations with neighbouring countries. They further apprised

that how China invaded / occupied Tibet illegally. They further said that the Tibetan people have

## **10TH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father Dr Bansi Lal Gupta S/o Lt Sh Moti Ram (Retd Dy. Director A.H. Deptt) R/o W. No.10, Shiv Nagar NH1A Udhampur Near V.Mart.

10th Day will be held at our residence on 27.08.2023 (Sunday) at 11.30 AM onwards. KRIYA will be performed on 29.08.23 (Tuesday) at 12 Noon at our residence.

Rasam Pagri will be performed on 30.08.23 (Wednesday) at 9.30 AM at our residence. GRIEF STICKEN:-

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sh Ajay Gupta & Smt Neelam Devi

Sh Anil Gupta (Xen PHE City II Jammu) & Smt Saroj Sharma DR BANSI LAL GUPTA

**KUSUM SHARMA** 

Daughters & Sons-in-law Prof. Kusum Gupta & Dr Pushap Gupta Smt Renu Gupta & Sh Satkirti Gupta A.E. Smt Jyoti Gupta & Sh Ravi Gupta (Sis & Bro-in-law) Smt Leela Gupta (Bhabhi) Smt Lalita Gupta (Sis-in-law)

Grand Children: Sambhavi & Sahil, Sudiksha & Abhi, Sidhi, Disha, Heena & Dr Aditya, Sheena & Ranjan, Rydma & Kamlesh, Rachit & Divita, Dr Anmol Contact Nos: 9622516317, 9103373745

#### 10th DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

#### FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

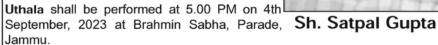
Our family is deeply saddened to inform you that our beloved Kusum Sharma wife of Prof. Sarup Chand Sharma, left this world for her heavenly abode on 19th August 2023. She was a woman of immense integrity who has been a pillar of strength, love and unity for our family her entire life. 10TH DAY will be held on Monday, August 28th,

2023 at 10:00 AM at our Residence 109/5 Trikuta Nagar Jammu KRIYA will be held on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023

at our Residence 109/5 Trikuta Nagar Jammu. UTHALA will take place on Wednesday, 30th August, 2023 at 8:30- 9:30 AM at Panch Mandir, Sector 5, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu IN GRIEF: Prof. Sarup Chand Sharma - Husband Daughters and Sons in Law Dr. Gudrun and Mr. Vibhav Kilam Dr. Mahima Sharma Mrs. Meghna and Mr. Mandeep Singh Sagoo Grandchildren Indrakshi, Kartik, Tejas **Raina and Sharma Family** 

#### 10TH DAY/ KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Sh. Satpal Gupta S/o Wadwa Mal R/o H.No. 157, Peer Mitha, Jammu. 10th Day shall be performed on 28th August, 2023 at 11.00 AM at Mahajan Sabha, Shalamar Road, Near Shree Ranbireshwar Mandir, Jammu Kriya on 31st August, 2023 at our residence at 12.00 Noon.



**GRIEF STRICKEN** Sons & Daughters-in-law Nand Kishore & Rajni Gupta Rakesh Gupta & Pooja Bala Ramesh Kr. Gupta & Indu Gupta Grand Sons & Grand Daughter Mohit, Shubam, Vasu, Kanhaiya, Bhoomi, Ishwary Contact No.: 9086285956, 9419190661

## TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Sheela

# **OBITUARIES**



**TENTH DAY KRIYA** 

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that SMT. SUDERSHAN BHAGAT W/o Dr. O. P.

Bhagat left for her heavenly abode on

The 10th Day will be held on Wednesday,

August 30th, 2023 at GURUDWARA TALI

SAHEB, Talab Tillo near BEE ENN Hospital



Sh. ANIL GUPTA (BITTU)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Jammu, Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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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 NO. 302, SECTOR-2, GANGTAL GARDEN, JAMINU O 21ST OF AUGUST 2023. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 30-08-202 (WEDNESDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT AT 8:30 A.M.



(WEDNESDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT AT 8:30 A.M. GRIEF STRICKEN:-SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW DWARIKA NATH PANDIT & PHOOLA PANDIT DBU NATH PANDIT & BASANTI PANDIT DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW SHARIKA AMBARDAR & MANUJI AMBARDAR HARIKRISHAN PANDIT - SON GRAND CHILDREN SULEKHAP BHAN & SUDHIR BHAN - GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW SATYARTH PANDIT & SUINITA PANDIT- GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ARUNA KOUL & VINEET KOUL - GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW SIDDHARTH PANDIT - GRAND SON SIDDHARTH PANDIT - GRAND SON ASHISH AMBARDAR & SHASHI AMBARDAR -GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

ABHINAV 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 Jog Lankar, Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir presently al Panchsheel Greens, Greater, Noida West left us for de on 21-08-2023. heavenly abode on 21-08-2023. The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Wednesday 30-08-2024 at Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar, UP. 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 chidren: Tanish Mattoo & Sakshi Kachroo Mobile No: 9811290385/9971005728/9906962799



Sh Pushkar Nath Matt (Poshe Touth)

SHRIMATI SOOMAWATI

#### **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. Smt. Phoola Gulla **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

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief, we inform that our beloved **Smt Kaushlyawati Raina** W/o Lt Sh Sat Lal Raina originally from Seer Jagir Sopore Baramulla at present House No. 29 Lane No. 1 Shiv Vihar Trilokpur, left for heavenly abode on 25th August 2023. The **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 3rd Seatember 23 et Multi Obat (near Directored of September 23 at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of

School Education) at 8.30 AM. School Education) at 8.30 AM. DEEPLY MOURNED BY : Son's & Daughter's in law Sh Bushan Lal Raina & Smt Prana Raina Sh Ashok Ji Raina & Smt Dura Raina (9018451738) Sh Mohan Lal Raina & Smt Rajni Raina (8803546098) Smt Kishori Raina & Smt Rajni Raina (Ba03546098) Smt Shakti Koul & Sh Nanaji Raina (Daughter in law) Sh Roop Krishan Raina & Smt Sangeeta Raina (9796446842) Daughter's & Son-in-law Smt Shakti Koul & Sh Yooinder Koul (9419717966) Smt Kaushlyawati Raina Smt Shakti Koul & Sh Yoginder Koul (9419717966) Grand Children's)

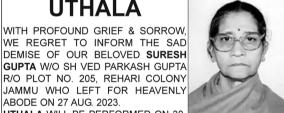
Vimalesh, Shiksha, Pooja, Ayush, Sunaina, Sneha & Saksham ALL NEAR'S & DEAR'S OF RAINA FAMILY OF SEER SOPORE

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

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Sh Kidar Nath Bakshi** S/o Late Sh Omkar Nath Bakshi original resident of Sheetal Nati Sathu Srinagar on 24th Aug 2023 at his residence H No.58 JK Colony Paloura Top Jammu. TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be perfo ned at ghat on 2 nd Sept 2023 at 9 a GRIEF STRICKEN Son & Daughter in law Sunil & Vijay Bakshi Daughters & Son in laws Surita ji & St K kaul Sunita ji & Subash Bhat Grand Children Shikha, Swiksha, Sumveg Anu



hikha, Swiksha, Sumveg Anuj & Smriti Contact Nos. 9419110300, 9419361310, 9816076065 **UTHALA** 



TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of Smt Ratna Devi W/o Lt Sh. Kashi Nath Pandit of Checki Rajwali, Vessu at present 53 Sector 2, Sharika Vihar, Roop Nagar on 25th Aug 2023. The 10TH DAY KRIYA will be held on 3rd Sep (Sunday) 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 9.00 AM **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt Dulari Pandita- Jaithani Smt Priya & Shri Anil Pandita -Bahu & Beta Smt Meenakshi & Shri Kuldeep Pandita -Bahu & Beta Smt Shikha & Shri Pardeep Pandita -Bahu & Beta Smt Kiran & Shri Surinder Ganjoo- Daughter & Son in Law Smt Suneeta & Shri Pankaj Kaul - Daughter & Son in Law

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA** 

With deep affection and cherished recollections of our dearest proud

mother, we, the Rainas of Bonapora Akingam residing at 37, Lane 2/6 Roopnagar Enclave B in Jammu, sorrowfully inform the peaceful depar-

ture of the noble soul, Karamyogi Smt. Janki Devi (Gunwati) W/o Late Karamyogi Sh. Dina Nath Raina on the 23rd of August, 2023, hav-

Mobile No: 7006449102, 7006179997, 8492880723

ing lived a life spanning nearly a century.

grieve will commence at 9:30AM.

Smt. & Sh. P. N. Raina.

Smt. & Sh. S. L. Raina

Smt. & Sh. K J. Raina

Smt. & Sh. Sanjay Raina

(W/o Late Sh. M. K. Raina)

Smt. Nana Raina.



LAL R/O WARD NO-4, KATHUA. 10TH DAY WILL HELD AT OUR RESIDENCE ON 29-08-2023 (TUESDAY) AT 10:00 AM ONWARDS. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 30-08-2023 (WEDNESDAY) AT 09:00 AM ONWARDS. RASAM PAGRI WILL BE PERFORMED ON 04-09-2023 (MONDAY). **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**SMT. SOMA DEVI - WIFE SH. SHIV PRASAD SHARMA - BROTHER

SMT. TARA DEVI - SISTER IN LAW SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN LAW :-ASHWANI KUMAR AND RITU SHARMA AMIT SHARMA AND AMBIKA KHAJURIA DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW :-JYOTI SHARMA AND ASHWANI KUMAR NEPHEWS AND DAUGHTER IN LAW :-AJAY SHARMA AND MEGHNA SHARMA AVNISH KUMAR AND GEETIKA SHARMA

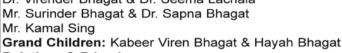
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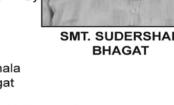
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SMT. SUDERSHAN

**Relatives & Friends** 

Husband : Dr. O.P BHAGAT

Sons & Daughter-in-laws:

Monday, August 21, 2023.

MOB: 9419140650

Mr. Kamal Sing

from

langar/prasad.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

**10TH DAY & KRIYA** WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET

TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER SH. BODH RAJ SHARMA S/O SH. GIRDHARI

Kakroo W/o Late Omkar Nath Kakroo, original residents of Peerbagh, Srinagar, J&K, at present residing in Triveni chowk, Abrol Nagar, Lane No.3, Pathankot (Punjab).

The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Barfani Mandir Ghat, National Highway, Pathankot on 30th August, at 8 am. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

(Son & Daughter in-law) Manoj Kumar Kakroo & Sureeta Kakroo (Daughter & Son in-law) Neelam Raina & R.C Raina

SMT SHEELA KAKROO

SAMAST KAKROO, RAINA & PANDITA PARIVAR PH NO. 9888488212,9417609212,9988890212

## TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Kartar Chand (Retd. FA/CAO) S/o Late Sh Nanak Chand R/o House No. 365, Shastri Nagar Jammu on 21-08-2023. Tenth Day will be performed at 12.00 hours at Durga Palace Rampura Mandir 30th August Jammu on 2023 (Wednesday).

Sh Kartar Chand (Retd. FA/CAO)

#### Grief Stricken

Kanethia Family

Contact No. 9086035355, 8492953047, 7889753239

#### LAST RITUALS

Smt. Pvari Bhan/ Khemoshri W/o Lt. Dawrika Nath Bhan P/R/o Manigam Ganderbal our beloved mother had left this world for Vaikunth Dham on early morning of Ravivar Ekadashi 27-08-2023 at her residence A-19, Lane 3, Sher Singh Enclave Karala, Rohini Sec 22, Delhi. The 10th Day Kriya will be held at Kashmiri Ghat, Rohini Sec - 18, Badali Road, Delhi on 5th September 2023 (Tuesday). GRIEF STRICKEN Bhan Dynasty of Manigam Raina Dynasty of Chapper Gund Smt. & Sh. Satish Bhan Smt. & Sh. Dileep Bhan Smt. & Sh. Rajinder Bhan Smt. & Sh. Raj Kumar Bhan Smt. & Sh. Ram Kishan Raina Smt. & Sh. Ashok Kr Raina Smt. & Sh. Anup Munshi



Smt. Pyari Bhan/ Khemoshri

9682679569, 9310657529

#### SMT RATNA DEVI

Aditya, Shriya, Krishna, Teena, Aadi, Aayana, Yashasvi, Vatsal- Grand Children

08-2023 BETWEEN 3.30 - 5.00 PM AT SURESH GUPTA ARYA SAMAJ REHARI COLONY JAMMU. **GRIEF STRICKEN** SH VED PARKASH GUPTA -HUSBAND SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW SATINDER GUPTA & KUSUM GUPTA SUCHET GUPTA & ANU GUPTA SANJAY GUPTA & RUCHI GUPTA GRAND CHILDREN: ARCHIE & MANIK, ARUSH. SWARCHA. CHARVI VISHBUTI ARCHIT MOB. 9797107346, 9419189012, 9906253360

## UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sa demise of our beloved Jeeto Devi (Bimla) W/ Late Comrade Balwant Rai Choudhary (E President Low Paid Nowshera) R/o Nonial Tehs

on 30-08-2023 AT 10 am to 11 am at Parental I

GRIEF STRICKEN Daughters & Sons-in-Law Pushp Lata & Capt Surjeet Kumar (Sarpanch) Suman Lata & Subash Chander (Master)

ABODE ON 27 AUG. 2023.

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Suman Lata & Subash Chander (Waster) Usha Devi & Vikram Choudhary (H.C. JKP) Prabh Lata & Devinder Kumar (Ex Hav) Vishav Lata (Teacher) & Manoj Kumar (Master) Brothers-in-Law Capt, Jia Lal Choudhary JEETO DEVI Sat Paul Choudhary (Retd. Sericulture) Om Parkash Choudhary (Retd Head Master) Grand Sons and Grand Daughters & All Nears & Dears

Vijay Choudhary (Insp JKP) & All Nears & Surinder Choudhary (Ex-MLC) Shammi Choudhary (Editor-in-Chief Jammu Parivartan) Devinder Singh (Sonu) Daljeet Singh (Mintu) lyoti Choudhary (SI JKP)



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Jammu on 30th August 2023 Sh Kartar Chand (Wednesday). Grief Stricken

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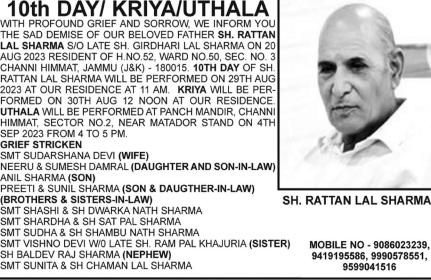
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of August, 2023, at the Muthi Ghaath. The gathering to remember and In this time of immense sorrow, the bereaved family members are: Grieving Sons & Daughters-in-law: Sorrowful Daughters & Sons-in-law: Smt. & Sh. B. L. Mastana Smt. & Sh. Satish Bhat Smt. & Sh. Subash Kangnoo

The observance of the 10th Day Rituals will take place on the 31s

# LOCAL/ ADVT

# District Admin Jammu gears up for Digital J&K **Week celebrations**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: District Administration Jammu has established a major setup in Kala Kendra to use it as the epicentre of activities during the Digital Jammu & Kashmir Week celebration.

The week-long event is set to start from August 31 to September 6, to showcase digital initiatives and services of the government.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Seointra, on Tuesday inspected the preparation made in the Kala Kendra in the run up to the weeklong event.

During the visit, the ADC revealed that celebrations will be held across the district, with Kala Kendra serving as the epicentre. A mobile

awareness van will traverse across the district, disseminating valuable information on digital services and government programs.

The ADC examined the venue's readiness, ensuring sanitation, access to drinking water and a reliable power supply. To enrich the experience, different departments are gearing up to establish stalls,

where they will spotlight their unique digital services and flagship

The BSNL officers were entrusted with



schemes

the task of ensuring seamless connectivity during the Digital J&K Week festivities. Meanwhile, the Education Department received instructions to orchestrate competitions and awareness activities involving school chil-

dren, thus spreading digital literacy to the masses. The Higher Education Department was also asked to actively engage their institutes in promoting digital awareness during this week of celebration. A significant emphasis was placed on educating the public about online fraud and digital

security, empowering

citizens to safeguard

themselves against

#### malicious online activities.

Each department was directed to appoint Nodal Officers for smooth coordination and execution. Moreover, officials will be stationed at the stalls to answer queries, educate visitors and offer hands-on training if

needed. An Aadhaar facilitation booth will also be set up on the occasion to provide services and awareness regarding Aadhaar cards. Officers from various departments, District Informatics Officer, Sanjeev Kapoor; Incharge UIDAI Jammu and representatives from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Kala Kendra were also present in the meeting.

## **DM Doda reviews Implementation** of District Environment Plan



**Top News Report** 

DODA, Aug 29: District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Mahajan on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive review of the implementation of the District Environment Plan (DEP) here at a meeting of the District Environment Committee (DEC) held in the DC office.

The meeting centred around the assessment of the action taken by different government departments to mitigate the detrimental effects of human activities on the environment. It also delved into the ongoing Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) initiatives designed to raise awareness about the critical importance of environmental preservation.

Notable attendees included Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom; ADC, Dr RK Bharti; GM DIC, Idrees Lone; ACD, Phulail Singh, SE PWD, DFO Doda and Bhaderwah, CMO Doda, Div Officer PCC Doda, EO MC Doda/Bhaderwah/ Thathri and

other concerned officers.

The meeting reviewed the progress made by different departments in key action areas, encompassing City Afforestation, Bio-medical waste disposal, water body restoration, creation of ponds and water bodies, enforcement guidelines for minor mineral mining, management of E-waste, Solid waste, and Industrial waste, among other pertinent issues. During the meeting, responsible officers and officials provided updates on their respective department's progress in implementing DEP within the district.

The DM, besides directing recycling of Plastic waste in the towns and panchayats, has instructed CEO Doda to place dustbins in every school out of their own resources and encourage young minds to create valuable things out of the waste in the schools. He also instructed Block Sanitation Officers (BDOs) to ensure strict compliance of the sanitation/waste disposal plan and start charging fines for violations, including the use of banned polythene.

#### **Mission Director reviews functioning of ICDS (POSHAN Projects) in District Doda**

**Top News Report** 

BHADERWAH, Aug 29: Mission Director POSHAN J&K, Rubina Kousar on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing ICDS-Poshan Projects in Dodan here at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of Dak Bungalow Bhadarwah. Accompanying her was Devinder Singh Katoch, Joint Director, Mission POSHAN, J&K. At the outset, Ashfaq Khanji, District Programme Officer Mission POSHAN Doda gave a detailed presentation, highlighting the project wise achieve-

ments of ongoing POSHAN schemes in the district. Attendees included CDPOs (Child Development Project Officers) and Supervisors from all eight Poshan Projects in the District Doda.

The Mission Director meticulously examined the financial and physical progress of all projects within the district, encompassing schemes such as PMMVY (Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana), Poshan tracker, SNP (Supplementary Nutrition Programme), ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education), Geo-tagging of AWCs (Anganwadi Centers), Honorarium, Rent, and expenditures across different categories.

Furthermore, the recruitment process for Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in all the Poshan projects of District Doda was thoroughly reviewed. Immediate directives were issued to fill any remaining vacancies for Sanginis and Sahayikas, in accordance with established rules and regulations.

Additionally, the Mission Director instructed each CDPO to oversee the procurement process of SNP and maintain accurate records of all procurement activities.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU MUTHI CAMP, JAMMU-181205

National Sports Day celebrated at GDC Kathua sons and Physical Edu-**Top News Report** cation Students partici-KATHUA, Aug 29: pated to celebrate the

As a sequel to Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat and val. Fit India Movement launched by the Prime Minister under Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. demonstration match on traditional martial Arts Gatka (M&W) was organized

by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, in joint collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS) Government Degree College Kathua.

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This demonstration match was organized on the eve of National Sports Day in commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of our Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand.

The theme of the organizing the traditional Martial Arts was Healthy India and Fit India and also to promote the knowledge of self defence.

The Match was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof. Seema Mir, Principal GDC Kathua. The elite sports perNational Sports Festi-

The Chief Guest in his address to the sports persons paid tribute to the Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand by recalling his contribution to the country and the Indian Sports at an International Platform.

She has highly elaborated about the significance of National Sports Day throughout the country. She has encouraged the students to come forward and to take active part in sports and Physical Activities.

She has clearly stated that the new education policy has included Physical Education and Sports as the part and parcel of main education system. He further stressed upon that the government is very serious about the promotion of sports along with education system.



India Inter University and State Level. She said that Sports

is a major asset of the college. The Principal apprised the students for adopting Fitness protocols by following the formula of sound mind in the sound body. Gatka demonstration started by the Principal Prof. Seema Mir accompanied by Prof. Raj Kiran, Prof. Rakesh Singh Jasrotia, HOD Chemistry and Coordinator IGNOU, Prof. Ritu Bhagat, Prof Shivani han Singh, Dr Kamaldeep Singh, Dr Nerha Bandral, Dr Poonam and Dr Pinky Sharma. The Principal highly appreciated the Physical Director Dr J S Soodan for leading the

Department to highest level in both Sports and Academics by organizing International Certificate Course and Webinars in collaboration with Foreign Universities and International Organizations of the world.

Later on, Principal distributed Trophies to

tions for representing College at National and All India Interuniversity level. He has also honored the elite players of Gatka by Medals and trophy for showcasing martial Arts for college students and faculty.

ing a memento. The Programme Concluded

the Gatka the traditional The Programme was coordinated by Dr J S Soodan organizing Secretary of the programme. Later the Senior Faculty Members honoured the Chief Guest by present-

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She lauded the achievements of Sports Department at National, Sr. National and All

Kotwal, Convenoer Sports Board, Dr. Rachna, Dr amita Dua, Dr Renu. Prof Manmo-

the participants of All India Interuniversity and National Competi-

with the vote of thanks Presented by Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Convener Sports Board.

# **Doda authorities take strong measures** against Drug Abuse

Peddler booked under PSA, many others under scanner, DM, SSP reveal in NCORD meeting

#### **Top News Report**

DODA, Aug 29: District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom on Tuesday convened the Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee meeting in the DC office here. The gathering served as a platform to discuss the progress made on previous directives and to chart a future course of action against drug abuse in the district.

During the meeting, SSP Abdul Qayoom, who is also the convenor of the Committee, provided updates on the district's efforts to control drug addiction and trafficking.

The DM informed that a notorious drug peddler has recently been booked under the Public Safety Act, and many others, including women are under scanner, and dossiers are being prepared for their preventive detention under PSA.

The Chief Education officer was directed to coordinate with the Revenue, Police, and Excise officials to conduct a major drive of Bhang (Cannabis ) destruction throughout the district on 5th of September 2023. A committee headed by ADC



Dr RK Bharti has been constituted to work out the proposal of restricting the availability of psychotropic drugs in some selected drug stores/ medical shops. The committee will report within 15 days, along with specific recommendations. The Rehabilitation centre at Bhaderwah shall be inaugurated

on the 1st of September 2023. The DM tasked magistrates and police officers to intensify the checking of Medical Stores and enforce compulsory installation of CCTV cameras and maintenance of proper record of psychotropic drugs in these medical stores. Revenue officials have been given the target

of marking entries in the revenue record of those land holders found involved in the Poppy cultivation in the district, within two days.

The SSP impressed upon officers to undertake exhaustive testing of the suspects in the hotbeds using testing kits. He has expressed his satisfaction with recent developments in combating drug abuse in the district and has urged to take the fight against drug menace to its logical conclusion.

He reiterated that 2023 has been dedicated to eradicate drug abuse from the district and encouraged all stakeholders to intensify the mission.

The 14th Narco Coordination meeting in Doda showcased a determined effort by local authorities to combat drug abuse comprehensively and achieve a drug-free district. The meeting was attended by ADC Doda, ADC Bhaderwah, SP Headquarter Doda, GM DIC Doda, ACD Doda, SDMs, SDPOs, Dy. SP Headquarter, DIO Doda, DSWO Doda, ETO Doda, CEO Doda, CMO Doda, CAO Doda, Tehsildars, SHOs, Assistant Drug Controller Doda and other concerned officials

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu's letter No: DMJ/LO//23-24/1582 Dated 03.08.2023.

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## SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

n every society some social arrangements are made to determine the role and status of the members and for social control. These systems are found in some form or the other in every society of the world. Indian (especially of Hindu society) caste system is a major institution of that social system. The form of Varna system has become perverted and has become caste system.

When we use the words caste system, casteism or Indian caste system, we mean the caste system prevalent in Hindu society. India is the repository of the caste system. There is hardly any group in India, including Muslims and Christians, who do not believe in or suffer from the caste system.

In very ancient times, the caste system was determined in our country according to merit and deeds and it was considered very useful and necessary for social welfare. What was the meaning of Varna at that time and what was the form of that system? There are differences among scholars in this regard.

It is certain that India's Varnashram system was created to run life systematically both at the level of individual and society. The division of illusion and duty was his main objective. In Manusmriti, the representation of the duties of each varna is available. There is neither a constitution for the rights of the varnas, nor has there been any discussion of their relative importance. The system aimed at division of labor has been supported by many thinkers even in modern times.

With the flow of time the form of varna system changed and it took the form of caste system or caste system. Many castes have become sub-castes on the basis of different occupations. Many defects have also come in this system, it has given shelter to casteism, many evils like small-big, high-low feeling have been included in it.

After independence, casteism has emerged as a curse. Its disgusting form is visible at the time of elections. Every person declares himself against casteism, curses casteism to the fullest, but while getting votes, he definitely calls out the name of the caste community. The selection of the candidate for the election is done keeping in mind that how many votes are there for which caste in the concerned constituency and how many votes can be obtained by appealing to the caste-community? The person elected in the name of casteism takes with him the bag of casteism. He wants to do good to his men on the basis of casteism, demands their representation etc. The caste system which was there before independence has now become casteism. It gave rise to untouchability at the social level. It has a reputation for individual-level untouchability. Castes are ending, casteism is flourishing. The roots of casteism are getting deeper day by day in the name of reservation.

## Who'll be awarded the next Nobel Prize in Economics?

#### By: Mohan Guruswamy

This is a time of great excitement in the ivory towers of economics faculties in the world's storied universities when the long list of nominations for the "Economics Nobel" is winnowed to a small number, and it is in September every year when one or a few are chosen for immortality. Undoubtedly, there are Indians like Raghuram Rajan (Chicago) and Raj Chetty (Harvard) who will figure, but no Indian institutions will figure among them. Raj Chetty is the William A. Ackman Professor of Public Economics at Harvard University and is considered among the brightest stars in the world economics firmament, and is my pick for a Nobel. The calibre of Indian economics faculties is much to be desired and in our hothouses only mediocrity breeds.

The mediocrity of our universities, despite the extension of higher education, is possibly Jawaharlal Nehru's single great failure. The exceptions were way back in the last century when scientists like Jagadish Chandra Bose and C.V. Raman independently inquired into the mysteries of nature. In 1930, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for discovering that when light traverses a transparent material, the deflected light changes its wavelength and frequency.

All the other Nobel Prizes in areas of academic excellence were awarded to Indians working abroad such as Hargobind Khorana (genetics), S. Chandrashekhar (astrophysics), Amartya Sen (economics), V. Ramakrishnan (chemistry), and Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee (economics). Then of course we have Rabindranath Tagore, who won it in 1913 for literature.

Englishman Ronald Ross received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1902 for his work in Secunderabad on the transmission of malaria, and that unrepentant imperialist Rudyard Kipling received it in 1907 for literature, mostly about India.

The other two Indian Nobels were for "Peace", which are voted for by the Norwegian Parliament, the "Storting". It's a political award and an assortment of undeserving people like Menachem Begin, Anwar Sadat and Henry Kissinger too have been found fit, while Mahatma Gandhi, despite being nominated six times was found undeserving. I do not consider the Peace Prizes to Mother Teresa or Kailash Satyarthi to be of any significance to the world of ideas and discovery.

In recent years, the Nobel Prize for Economics, the last of the Nobels instituted, has acquired a special value. The original four Nobels are chosen by committees (for Physics, Chemistry, Medicine/Physiology and Literature), which are working bodies within their prize-awarding institutions, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Karolinska Institute and the Swedish Academy. These four Nobel committees only propose laureates, while the final decision is taken by a larger assembly. The process for choosing awardees for the Economics Nobel is very different.

In September each year, the Economics Prize Committee sends out confidential forms to around 3,000 individuals globally — selected professors at top universities worldwide, laureates in Economics, and members of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, among others. The completed nominations are screened by the Economics Prize Committee and whittled down to about 250-300. This committee prepares a report with recommendations to the academy. In early October, the Academy of Sciences selects the laureates in Economics through a majority vote.

The winners of the Economics Prizes often acquire the voice of God in the intellectual discourse of nations.

What is thought of as the Economics Nobel is officially the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in memory of the late Alfred Nobel. The prize was established in 1968 by a donation from Sweden's central bank to commemorate its 300th anniversary. It is now easily the most awaited of the Nobels.

Last year the Economics Nobel was shared by Ben S. Bernanke, former head of the US Federal Reserve and now with the Brookings Institution, and Professors Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig for their work on banking and particularly on central bank regulation (or the lack of it). Diamond and Dybvig developed models that explained why banks exist, and their vulnerabilities to rumours and speculation. This work led to the creation of deposit insurance to shore up confidence in banking institutions. Bernanke's research was more focused on the role of central banks in keeping order in banking during normal times and during crises. Whether their work was deserving of a Nobel can be questioned, but it was undoubtedly significant.

In 2020, it was given Robert Wilson and Paul Milgrom for their contribution to auction theory. Humans have been selling things to the highest bidder or buying things from the cheapest source for thousands of years and sellers for the highest price they can get. These days, goods and services change hands for astronomical values at auctions daily, not just at Sotheby's or Christie's but also by nation states selling natural resources. Wilson and Milgrom translated their theories into practice and created new auctions for goods and services that are difficult to sell through traditional means, such as radio frequencies. Their discoveries have benefited sellers, buyers and taxpayers around the world. I am sure their work would have knocked the stuffing out of Vinod Rai's absurd projections of 2G values.

The winners in 2019, the husbandand-wife duo of Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, won it ironically enough for their study in eastern Odisha of one the most spectacular development economic bombs of recent times. It was a scheme to replace open-fire cooking used by three billion of the world's poorest people with more efficient, less polluting stoves. The \$400 million project was backed by the United Nations and was launched by former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton in 2010. It set out to reduce indoor air pollution, which kills two million people a year, while empowering women and helping the environment. After initial success, millions of stoves built in India were largely abandoned within four years.

Banerjee and Duflo studied the reasons for it and told the world why such an altruistic and even rational project flopped. The reasons were quite mundane, something which the world's finest development economics and policymaking minds didn't anticipate. The new stoves were prone to breaking down and took longer to cook food. They couldn't be moved because they were tethered to fixed chimneys, sending the smoke outside. I don't think Prime Minister Narendra Modi's genius factored the more mundane considerations when the Government of India launched its colossal public toilets scheme, which we know now is also a spectacular flop.

Open defecation is once again rampant. It's little wonder that Mr Modi has given the duo a big avoid.

# Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education for All Students

#### **By: Vijay GarG**

rtificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming an integral part of our everyday lives, transforming industries and reshaping the way we work, learn and communicate. This rapid technological advancement highlights the importance of incorporating AI education into the curriculum not only to ensure that all students are wellequipped for their academic futures but also for workforce development. With that in mind, it is crucial to consider underrepresented populations as these students are typically left out of the newest technological advancements. AI Support for Teaching AI has the potential to revolutionize the education sector by enhancing learning experiences, supporting teachers and offering more personalized learning opportunities for students. We must equip teachers with the knowledge and strategies they will need to use this new technology to improve and streamline everyday processes as well as classroom implementation. Some areas in which AI can transform the classroom include personalized learning, ideation, adaptive learning, special needs education, bilingual education, gamification and immersive learning. Personalized learning involves AIpowered systems that analyze students' learning styles, strengths and weaknesses to create tailored lesson plans and suggest resources to serve their individual needs. Adaptive learning platforms can adjust to each student's progress in real-time, identifying gaps in knowledge, providing immediate feedback, and suggesting targeted interventions to help students master the material. AI can also help teachers automate administrative tasks, enabling them to focus more on instruction and student interaction. Furthermore, AI-powered virtual

tutors can provide round-the-clock support to students, while customized learning solutions can empower students with special needs to reach their full potential. Gamification and immersive learning experiences can make education more engaging, fun and memorable. related fields. This diversity can lead to better problem-solving, creativity and innovation in the development of AI technologies and solutions.

AI education can empower under-

AI education can exacerbate the skills gap, making it more difficult for businesses and organizations to find the diverse talent they need to thrive in the AI-driven economy. Economic inequality - Students who lack AI education may find it more challenging to secure wellpaying jobs as many traditional roles may be automated or significantly transformed by AI. This can lead to increased economic inequality and limit social mobility for those who are not adequately prepared for the AI-driven job market. Loss of creativity and innovation - A diverse workforce in AI and related fields leads to more creative problemsolving and innovative solutions. By excluding certain students from AI education, we risk losing the valuable insights and ideas that they could bring to the development of AI technologies. Ethical concerns – As AI becomes more integrated into our lives, it is essential to have a diverse group of professionals involved in the development and regulation of AI systems to ensure ethical considerations are taken into account. Excluding students from learning about AI may result in a lack of diverse perspectives, leading to potential ethical issues and unintended consequences. It also leaves students unprepared to navigate ethical dilemmas. To mitigate these dangers, it is essential to promote equitable access to AI education for all students, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status. This will help to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the advancements in AI and contribute to a more inclusive and just society.

Under the Indian social system, the caste system (custom) determines the social status of a person and also determines a lot on his occupation. Different definitions of caste have been presented and many explanations have been presented to clarify it.

In conclusion, the nature of this system can be understood as follows – "Caste is a dynamic system of social stratification and segmentation on the basis of birth, which imposes many or some restrictions in relation to food, drink, marriage, profession and social cohabitation. enforces on its members. AI-driven language translation tools can break down communication barriers, enabling students and educators from different countries or with different languages to collaborate on projects and learn from one another.

All means all. Teaching students about AI is essential for developing digital literacy, critical thinking skills, and preparing students for future academic and career success. A basic understanding of AI systems enables students to engage and ideate with AI technologies safely, responsibly and ethically. Learning about AI also encourages students to analyze and evaluate question structure, complex information, question assumptions and consider the ethical implications of AI technology usage.

Moreover, AI is transforming the job market, with increasing demand for professionals skilled in AI and related fields. Teaching students about AI can help them develop the knowledge and skills needed to pursue careers in technology, data science and other in-demand industries. AI learning can inspire students to generate ideas and solutions, fostering creativity and innovation – essential skills in today's competitive and evolving job market.

It is particularly important to not exclude AI education from underrepresented student populations. In fact, it is vital to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion within this domain to ensure that a broad perspective of values are embraced to combat digital bias and discrimination.

Providing students with access to AI education can help close opportunity gaps, ensure they have the skills and knowledge to compete in the global workforce, and create a more diverse pool of talent in AI and represented communities to leverage technologies for social good and drive positive change in their local and global contexts. Lastly, ensuring underrepresented populations are well-versed in AI positions them to contribute to policymaking and decision-making processes, shaping the rules and regulations governing AI applications.

Risks of Excluding Students from AI Education

Excluding any student group – either deliberately or by neglect – from learning how to leverage artificial intelligence can lead to several negative consequences, both for individuals and society at large. Following are some of the dangers associated with excluding students from AI education.

Digital divide – Excluding students from learning about AI can contribute to the digital divide, as they may not have the knowledge and skills needed to navigate AI-driven technologies in their daily lives. This can hinder their ability to access information, participate in the digital economy and engage with online communities effectively.

Biased AI systems – AI systems often are trained on data collected from human behavior, which can contain biases. For example, facial recognition originally was designed exclusively with white faces because the developers were not diverse. Excluding diverse perspectives from the development and design of AI systems can perpetuate or amplify existing biases, leading to unfair or discriminatory outcomes for certain groups of people.

Wider skills gap – As AI becomes increasingly important in various industries, the demand for professional skills in using AI will grow dramatically. Excluding students from (Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab)

## LOCAL

# Power employees to go on protest on Sept 9

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: The Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) of the Power Development Department led by Sachin Tickoo, president JKEEGA and flanked by the Executive Council members Rajeshwar Jamwal, (Sr. Vice President), Sunil Gupta, Jahangir Ahmed, Gulshan Bhagat, (Vice president's), Yash Paul, Vishal Singh Chib (Provincial Secretaries), Ankush Sharma, Rohit Gupta, (Organizing Secretaries), Ankush Gupta, Vijay Sharma, (Secretaries Media & Grievances), Purshottam Lal Sharma and Vipul Sharma-(Treasurers) today held a press conference here in Press Club Jammu on the issue of the inordinate delay in the filling up of the vacant positions across the hierarchy of the department, which has severely dented not only the morale of the officers but also badly affected the delivery of public service and grievance redressal

The Government has failed to fulfill commitments even after nearly two years, made under the legal framework of the agreement dated 21.12.2021 signed between representatives of the Government and the Representatives of the Power employees after 4 days of confrontation.

While addressing the jampacked media gathering, Tickoo briefed that the meeting of its apex body -Guidance Council was held at Jammu and Srinagar respectively on this issue, which among others was attended by all Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers who are members of the Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association. The Guidance Council deliberated upon the step-motherly treatment being faced by the Engineers of the Power Development Department as the competent authorities have been delaying the promotions despite more than 750 vacancies in the hierarchy of engineering cadre, with 01 post of



Managing Director, 03 post of Executive Director, 05 Chief Engineers, 14 Superintending Engineers, 61 Executive Engineers, 132 Assistant Ex Engineers, 164 Assistant Engineers and around 350 Junior Engineers which are vacant leading to situation where every other person is having minimum two or three charge in the corporations of PDD. It is pertinent to mention that promotion files of all cadres are languishing for months and tossed between the office of the Chief Secretary and the administrative department, the recent example being the promotion file of AEE as Executive Engineer which has been recommended for promotion by the administrative department in the month of January and is being tossed for last 8 months now and officers falling in the proposal at fag ends of their career, many of whom have superannuated, and officers down the line are also cumulatively affected adversely.

He asserted that the situation is so gruesome that right from Chief Engineer to down the line up to Junior Engineer multiple charges have been assigned practically affecting the delivery of the services to the end consumer. Scores of vacancies of Chief Engineer and superintending Engineers, and with more than 60 positions of Executive Engineers vacant, the Executive Engineers/Assistant Ex. Engineers are being overburdened by additional charges with each Executive Engineer holding the charge of two to three Divisions spanning across various Districts. It is pertinent to mention that the situation is such that Executive Engineer TLMD-IV Jammu is also having charge of TLMD-III Udhampur having jurisdiction up to Kishtwar on one side and up to Kishenpur on the other side, seriously affecting the progress of projects of prime importance. Similarly, the Executive Engineer in Project Division Right, Srinagar has been assigned two additional charges of Project Division Baramulla spanning across District Baramulla & Kupwara and Project Division, Ganderbal spanning across District Ganderbal & Bandipora. The Assistant Executive Engineers also have been assigned multiple charge and Junior Engineers are manning up to 15-20 feeders on average, overburdening them to the extreme.

It is pertinent to mention that regularization proposals despite the SAC vide decision dated 23.10.2019 which had sought that the regular promotions be completed within a period of two months, but despite the lapse of 4 years now, the fact is that the entire engineers presently working in different Power Corporations have not been granted a single regular promotion. The Chief Engineers are working in the substantive grades of Assistant Engineers and Superintending Engineers and those below are working in the substantive grades of Junior

Engineers. The in-charge placements have also been put to a complete halt thereby leading to a huge chunk of vacancies at each and every level.

Accordingly, JKEEGA has issued the notice to the administration after the Guidance Council of JKEEGA of both Jammu & Kashmir regions in a meeting held on 24.8.2023 have resolved that All the Engineers of J&K Power Development Department shall submit oneday protest leave to the Government for 9th Sept 2023 and shall assemble at PDD complex Gladni Jammu and Bemina, Srinagar on 9th Sept 2023 to register one-day peaceful protest and abstain from work for 24 hours against non-seriousness of the Government towards their legitimate demands of Regularization, Timely Promotions, Recruitment at Junior Engineer level and non-filling of hundreds of vacant positions. Further, all the Engineers of the J&K Power Development Department having assigned additional charges by the Government shall submit a joint memorandum to the Government through JKEEGA requesting to relieve them of the additional charges for the effective functioning of the Department/ Power Corporations. The various other associations of PDD namely the Diploma Engineers Association, Provincial Power employee's union, Lineman and Workers Union, Technical Employees Federation, PDL/TDL, and other workers Union have rendered unconditional support to the call of the JKEEGA for observing complete protest for 24 hours and shall also abstain from work for 24 hours.

JKEEGA appealed the Lieutenant Governor J&K to intervene and direct the competent authority to issue the approvals of the proposals recommended for promotion and regularization of the eligible officers before the said date so that the decision of the Guidance Council can be reviewed and confrontation shall be avoided.

## Mahant Rohit Shastri meets Dr. Mandeep Bhandari



Every year, the Shrine

Board spends Rs. 5

He suggested that the

Gurukul be upgraded

as a Adarsh Sanskrit

Mahavidyala under a

Central Government

Scheme of Central

Sanskrit University,

New Delhi, the intake

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tion can be increased

significantly. Central

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Sansthan), New Delhi,

is the nodal agency of

the Ministry of Educa-

tion, Government of

India for Sanskrit lan-

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University provides rec-

ognition and financial

assistance to Sanskrit

Schools / Gurukuls /

Pathshalas of India.

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: To promote Devvani Sanskrit, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust met Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary Lieutenant Governor and presented a Book "Saral Sanskrit Bodh".

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit told him that due to lack of Sanskrit institutions in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, Sanskrit students are not getting enough opportunities and facilities.

Especially for the students of remote areas like Udhampur, Ramban, Ramnagar, Doda, Reasi etc., this opportunity to study Sanskrit has become a distant dream. One of the main reasons is that every year around 300 applications are received in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sanskrit Gurukul Katra and the Shrine Board administration admits only 30 students, while around 270 students are deprived of studying Sanskrit.

other states. But, there is no Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyala (College) in the state till date.

Therefore, "Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sanskrit Gurukul" located in Katra, equipped with educational and material resources, operated by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, should be recognized as "Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya". With this, not only the Shrine Board will get sufficient financial relief, but the Sanskrit lovers of the state of Jammu and Kashmir will also get immense cognitive benefit from it.

Therefore, if Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sanskrit Gurukul gets the status of Adarsh Sanskrit College, then it is possible to restore the lost Sanskrit philosophy in the state.

Special Secretary Raj Bhawan Jammu Kashmir Krishan Lal Sharma , Additional Secretary Raj Bhawan Jammu Kashmir Dr Udham Sharma and Prof Sharad Chander Sharma were also present.

## Multilingual Mushaira on patriotism organized by JKAACL

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 29:



proud of him. SSP Shiv Kumar

JAMMU, Aug 29: In connection with celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organised a Multilingual Mushiara at K.L.Saigal Hall, Jammu. The programme was organized in connection with Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign to recall the sacrifices of war heroes and paying a poetic tribute to them. About 30 poets from six languages like Hindi, Dogri, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Gojri and Pahari presented their poems on the theme. In the beginning Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh welcomed the Guests and the dignitaries. In his welcome address he said that main thought behind organizing this program was to show that what the importance of this Day in our lives is. In ancient days our Country was known as Golden sparrow and what happened to this country, the people here had to suffer cruelty or unjust acts of exploitation, oppression, and wrongdoing of slavery. And after a lot of struggle for Independence our country got Independence. Now we have our own constitution. Today's programme is dedicated to all those people who



(Punjabi), Dr. Liayaqat

Jafri (Urdu), Aiay Singh

(Dogri), Bilal Zam Zam

(Gojri), Sadeeq Ahmed

Sidiqui (Pahari), Nitish

Dev Seeman (Hindi),

Balvinder Singh Deep

(Punjabi), Pankai

Sharma (Dogri),

Saddam Saraf (Gojri),

Gursaran Singh (Pun-

jabi), Rattan Sehgal

(Dogri), Usha Kiran

Kiran (Dogri), Ahmed

Shanas (Urdu), Krishan

Kumal Sharma (Hindi),

Bachan Bharti (Punja-

bi), Brij Mohan (Dogri),

Anil Sehgal (Hindi), Indu

Bhushan Bali (Hindi),

Dildar Mohan (Kash-

miri), Farid Ahmed,

Rajinder Aghosh (Kash-

miri), Ghulam Sarwar

Chouhan (Goiri) and

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the programme were

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The programme con-

cluded with the vote of

thanks presented by Dr.

Shahnawaz, Editor cum

Cultural officer, Gojri,

JKAACL.

tant Editor, JKAACL.

Amin Banihali (Urdu).

had sacrificed for this freedom.

Ahmad Shanas was the chief Guest on the occasion while Prof. Rajkumar Presided over the function.

Shanas congratulated Academy for organizing such programs. He said that JKAACL has come alive since Sh. Bharat Singh has taken over as the Secretary of this prestigious institution. He said he knows how to take JKAACL to its heights.

Prof Rajkumar in his precedential address said that such program gave him opportunity to listen to so many thoughts at one place. After welcome speech Multiligual Mushaira began in which renowned writer/ poets along with young writers presented their poetry in Hindi Dogri, Punjabi, Urdu, Pahari and Gojri. The writers included Sahil Badyal (Dogri), Zahida Khanum (Gojri), Tahir Mohamad (Pahari), Heena

Mahaian (Hindi), Bhu-

NGO, Anti Crime Bureau a Social Service Organization formed for the welfare of public and society met SSP Shiv Kumar Sharma. The meeting was chaired by NGO Chairman Sham Lal Gupta.

Gupta welcomed SSP Shiv Kumar by giving him a bouquet and Mata ki Chunri.

Gupta congratulated SSP Shiv Sharma on



getting IPS grade., Gupta said that he has brought laurels to the police department by providing better services at many places in which he was GRP at Jammu, Principal PTTI

Vijaypur, Traffic Jammu and also in Samba. Gupta said that the Police Department and Sharma also appreciated the efforts of NGO Anti Crime Bureau for helping marriage of daughters of poor and needy families and motivated them to work for public in future also.

Those present include Councillor MC Bishnah Sahil Gupta, Team Members Vijay Kumar, Ratna Lal, Ravi Kumar, Sudhir Arora, Tushar Digra, Rohit Kumar and Abhishek Sharma.

# National Sports Day celebrated at GDC Chatroo



**Top News Report** 

CHATROO, Aug 29: In order to pay tribute to Major Dhyan Chand, the hockey legend of our country, the department of physical education and sports GDC Chatroo in collaboration with the NSS unit of the college organised different sports events on the occasion of National Sports Day.

The different competitions which started at 11 am in the morning commenced with an inaugural function wherein the chief organiser Dr Jaswant Singh, physical education director of the college welcomed all the students and faculty members. He threw light on the history of National Sports Day and urged the students to participate in different games and show exemplary discipline and sportsman spirit.

The highlights of the day were tug of war, volleyball,carrom, chess and other recreational sports competitions like sack race, lemon race, three leg race and throw ball.

The students participated with full zeal and enthusiasm and showed the highest degree of unity, comradeship and discipline.

Towards the end of the day, refreshment was served to all the students.

The day concluded with a prize distribution ceremony in which the winners and runners up of various games were awarded with medals.

The whole event was organised under the able guidance and oveall supervision of Dr. Ved Kumar Principal GDC Chatroo. Principal congratulated the students and faculty members of the college for the successful culmination of National Sports Day. He further expressed his satisfaction on the overall working of the college. In his message to the students Dr ved Kumar stressed upon them to participate in such programmes and pass on the message of communal harmony and peace to the society at large. The formal vote of

thanks was presented by Dr Muddasser Nazar. Other faculty members who were present on the occasion are Prof Chander Parkash, Prof Ajeet Kumar, Prof. Waseem Rasheed and Mr Mudasir Butt.

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## **ENTERTAINMENT**

## In Amritsar, celebrated chef and LGBTQIA+ rights activist Ritu Dalmia says food and mood go hand-in-hand

A celebrated chef, restaurateur and LGBTQIA+ rights activist, Ritu Dalmia is a purist at heart, one who loves to keep things simple - whether it's her food or thoughts.

Dalmia has been a pioneer of Italian cuisine in India and over the years, has been making Indians explore Italian flavours and vice-versa through her chain of restaurants in India as well as Italy. The self-taught chef has won many awards, including Peaklife Gourmet Awards 2019, DelWine Excellence Award 2019 as Women of Wonder (WOW), Ordine della Stella d'Italia, the highest civilian honour of Italy, among others. However, her biggest achievement is not related to her culinary prowess.

"Between 2015 and 2018, when we had petitioned for decriminalisation of Section 377, I faced a lot of trolls. In 2018, when 377 were decriminalised. a sense of relief washed over me. I don't think that there will be another achievement in my life to top it. I am done now," she said at an event in Amritsar recently.

She was among the five peti-

tioners who challenged Section 377 of Indian Penal Code. "Look at the number of suicides happening in small towns just because we fail to address the issue and offer support," she

sent a box of mangoes to my partner. This was her way of offering support to her daughter," she said. Talking food

About food, something she feels passionate about, Dalmia said food and stories go handin-hand. "When you travel, you might be eating at the finest restaurants in the world, but if you are not in a good company or good mood, you would not enjoy it. There has to be a sense of honesty in the food. Italian and Indian food, in this respect, are quite similar as they both are ingredient-based and use local, freshly sourced flavours."

About the experience of cooking her first Italian meal, Dalmia said, "When I made a risotto for my friends the very first time they said I had given them khichdi." She also shared her worst and best food experiences. "Well, it's a no-brainer that Italy is my favourite country and food destination. The only time I wished I carried theplas and achaar with me was when I was in Burma. The country is beautiful, its people warm, but the food was quite bad."

## Adele gets angry at security for bothering a fan at her show formance. In a fan-



captured video that made its way online, the singer looked furious while confronting a security member in the crowd. The 35-year-old walked toward the edge of the stage and asked: "What is going on with that young fan there ... " She then stressed: "What's going on with him?" "Yes, you with your hand up. Yes, you, put your hand up," Adele said to the unidentified person. "Yes, you, with the stick in your hand. Yes, him. What are you

doing? Why are you out bothering him?" Adele then told the individual: "Can you leave him alone, please?"

The Hello songstress went on to assure the fan: "They won't bother you again now, darling. You enjoy the show. Leave him alone."

## Divya Agarwal talks about a drowning scene in her latest show, Fuh Se Fantasy

Known for her appearances on reality shows, actress, model and dancer Divya Agarwal has opened up about a drowning scene in the romantic drama series Fuh Se Fantasy that pushed her boundaries beyond her comfort zone.

Talking about the same, Divya said, "The scene that truly tested my limits was when I had to portray drowning. It was challenging because I'm actually a proficient swimmer, and simulating drowning felt unnatural. I found myself repeatedly floating upwards, struggling to get it right.



## Miley Cyrus to share 'untold stories' of life in her new TikTok series

Singer Adele is the

latest artiste to defend

American singer, songwriter and actor Miley Cyrus is all set to share some untold stories of her life through her new TikTok series, reported People.

said. About her orientation,

she told her parents when she

was just 23. "The next day, my

mother, who was not very edu-

cated, came from a conserva-

tive and orthodox background,

The 30-year-old actress and singer announced the beginning of a new TikTok series in an Instagram post, in which she will be "looking back" on her life and "sharing untold stories" from the past. Cyrus mentioned that she took inspiration from her new single, 'Used to Be Young'.

In 1992, Cyrus made a commitment to "start at the beginning" of her narrative and follow it over the next three decades, providing fresh information on some of



that my dad didn't have," she added.

fans from security

guards during a per-

The 'Flowers' singer got emotional as she reflected on the disparities between her and her father's experiences with stardom.

"Him feeling loved by a big audience impacted him emotionally more than it ever could me. When he feels special or important, it's like healing a childhood wound, and I've always been made to feel like a star," she said before wiping away tears. "It makes me emotional, so I think that's the difference." According to People, Cyrus is also in storytelling mode in her new Hulu special, "Endless Summer Vacation: Conwho was publicly experiencing mental health

struggles at the time. Cyrus expressed contrition and acknowledged in the Hulu special that she had "no idea about the fragile mental state" that O'Connor was in. I was just 20 years old, too," she added. I could only really understand mental illness to a certain extent.

"All that I saw was that another woman had told me that this idea was not my idea, and even if I was convinced that it was, it was still just men in power's idea of me and they had manipulated me to believe that it was my own idea when it never really was. And it was. And it is. And I still love it." She continued, "At the time when I made 'Wrecking Ball', I was expecting for there to be controversy and backlash, but I don't think I expected other women to put me down or turn on me, especially women that had been in my position before."

This process took some time and even impacted my well-being, underscoring its difficulty."

She added, "Stepping beyond the familiar is a beautiful aspect of our humanity.

Personally, I've always embraced this idea, and this project was no exception. Immersing myself in it was genuinely exciting; I didn't need exhaustive preparation.

The thrill was akin to a sleepless night before a school field trip, and I'm genuinely happy with the outcome.'

It stars Milind Soman, Divya, Arjit Taneja,

emotions, the series Nyrraa M Banerjee, Smaran Sahu, Poulomi paints a vivid canvas Das and Anuj Sachdeof modern relationships that unapologetically va. Delving into the complexities of human embrace their fantasies.

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"I'm just your average

teen with 250 individual

hair extensions," the

"Wrecking Ball" singer

joked as she held up

a photo of one of the

movie's most memora-

ble scenes where she'd

zoomed in on her then-

15-year-old self.

"Sometimes it feels like my life started when Hannah Montana was born." she wrote in the post's caption, teasing the series. "But before Hannah there was Miley. My fantasy was to light up the world with laughter, music & iconic moments that last beyond my lifetime. Decades later I continue to fulfill my purpose because of the love provided by my fans." She urged her fans to "follow along on my TikTok page over the next few days" to catch new updates in the series, as per

She also opened up Cyrus recalled her part about her relationship in the 2009 film adaptawith her father, Billy Ray tion of Nicholas Sparks' Cyrus, who had the No. book 'The Last Song', 1 country song in 1992, where she first met her the year she was born ex-husband, Liam Hemin one of the videos sworth, in a short clip posted on her Instagram that accompanied her handle. Instagram announce-

She said, "My dad arew up the opposite of me. I grew up on a soundstage, like in a house with a family who was super close and all lived under the same roof, and I grew up financially stable and emotionally stable, I think, in my relationships also." "That's something

tinued (Backyard Sessions)", which premiered Thursday. One moment she addressed was her very public feud with Sinéad O'Connor, which resulted from a letter the Irish singer wrote in the wake of the release of Cyrus' 'Wrecking Ball' music video in 2013. In the letter, O'Connor who died suddenly at age 56 last month," wrote that she was 'extremely concerned' for Cyrus, who

she said was 'pimping' herself out. Cyrus then mocked

O'Connor in a series of

tweets, comparing her to

actress Amanda Bynes,

She concluded with a shout-out to O'Connor as she said, "God bless Sinéad O'Connor for real, in all seriousness," before she performed a rendition of her song 'Wonder Woman' and dedicated it to the Irish musician, reported People.

## Shahid Kapoor exudes Punjabi Munda vibes as he dons turban in latest pictures

Actor Shahid Kapoor on Tuesday exuded 'Punjabi Munda' vibes as he donned a turban in his latest pictures.

Taking to Instagram, Shahid shared a string of pictures which he captioned, "Dad always says ghar pe shaadi hogi to pag paega na."

In the first picture, the 'Jab We Met' actor can be seen sitting with his hand on his bicep and a helper tying the turban for him.

Shahid wore a black kurta paired with an offwhite turban.

In one of the pictures, he can be seen posing with his father and veteran actor Pankaj Kapur as both donned

off-white turbans. Soon after the 'Kabir Singh' actor shared the pictures, his fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

"Pajii Rock", a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "And here u look so handsome in pagg."

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shahid was recently seen in the action thriller film 'Bloody Daddy'. He will be soon romancing Kriti Sanon in a yet-to-betitled film, which Amit Joshi and Aradhana Sah are helming. The film is all set to hit

the theatres on Decem-

ber 7.



# **Anjum Fakih gets eliminated from** KKK 13 again

Anjum Fakih, who had re-entered the Khatron Ke Khiladi 13, was again eliminated from the stunt-based reality show. Anjum was earlier out of the race for the title of the ultimate Khiladi. However, she re-entered the show two weeks ago, and her second innings started with a bang. While all contestants

gave their best shot. Anjum was eliminated for the second time after being bested by Nyrraa M. Banerji in the Target week of the show.

Anjum embarked on her journey with an exhilarating helicopterrelated task and her



friend Ruhi Chaturvedi stood by her side for two most intense chalmost stunts during the lenges they faced were the see-saw trial and the car-and-trolley feat. The tagline of her journey became Darrti hain par karrti hain as she faced her fears headon and left everyone awestruck. In the target week, Anjum was unwell and could not perform to the best of her ability. Bidding farewell to show, Anjum shared, "I'm so grateful for this remarkable journey of Khatron Ke Khiladi 13 that has been in a masterclass in knowing myself. Throughout the show, I unearthed treasures of self-discovery and learnt how to manage my mental state."

## **NATIONAL**

## Apart from India's Aditya-L1, 5 missions are currently observing the sun

Why are scientists exploring sun—our star at the centre of our solar system

CHANDIGARH, Aug 29 (Agencies): These are exciting times for India and space scientists

After the moon mission Chandrayaan-3, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to study the sun, the star at the centre of our solar system.

Scientists of India's premium space research will on September 2 launch the Aditya-L1 Solar Observatory spacecraft to explore its various activities in real time and study their influence on space weather.

By studying the nearest star, ISRO also hopes to learn more about the Milky Way and other stars in it. Aditya-L1

Aditya-L1 will be the first space-based Indian observatory

in a low earth orbit. Subsequently, it will be launched towards the Lagrange point (L1).

The total travel time from the launch to L1 is expected to be around four months.

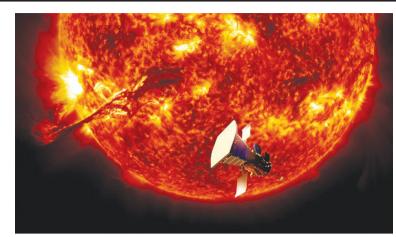
Aditya, which signifies 'newly risen sun' or lord Surya, will carry seven 'made in India' payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the sun (corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors

Its four payloads will directly view the sun and the other three carry in-situ studies of particles and fields at L1.

L1 point of the earth-sun system gives an uninterrupted view of the sun and according to NASA is currently home to its Solar and Heliospheric Observatory Satellite SOHO. Lagrange points

According to NASA's solar system exploration, Lagrange points are positions in space where "objects sent there tend to stay put".

"At Lagrange points, the gravitational pull of two large masses precisely equals the centripetal force required for a small object



tions at its core. It radiates this

energy-light, ultraviolet, and

infrared radiation-the most

important source of energy for

Its enormity and size vis-à-vis

other celestial objects can be

understood from the fact that it

constitutes about 99.86% of the

Our sun may be one of at least

100 billion stars in the Milky Way

but without it life on earth would

The sun is closer to us than

any other star and also plays the

role of an anchor, creating grav-

ity that keeps earth and other

planets in the space around it.

Without it, earth would have

flown off loose into the universe.

By studying the sun, scien-

tists hope to explore and learn

more about other stars. A better

understanding of other stars

will help them know about the

Milky Way, other galaxies and

Scientists at space agencies

have designed and launched

multiple solar observation

probes to operate in heliocentric

orbit or at one Lagrangian point.

In fact, NASA'S Pioneer 10 (of

the Pioneer Spacecraft Missions

series) "made valuable scien-

tific investigations in the outer

regions of our solar system until

the end of its science mission on

March 31, 1997," according to

Parker Solar Probe was

developed as part of NASA's

people, including a

woman, have died in the

incident and six other

are seriously injured.

They are being treated

at Medinirai Medical

College and Hospital.

The driver has fled with

the car after the inci-

dent and a manhunt

has been launched to

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Solar observatories

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to move with them. These points in space can be used by spacecraft to reduce fuel consumption needed to remain in position." In other words, at Lagrange points in space, gravitational forces of the sun and the earth produce enhanced regions of attraction and repulsion which can be used by spacecraft to reduce fuel consumption needed to remain in position.

Lagrange points are named in honour of Italian-French mathematician Josephy-Louis Lagrange.

Of the five Lagrange points, three are unstable and two are stable.

The unstable Lagrange points (L1, L2 and L3) are along the line connecting the two large masses

The stable Lagrange points (L4 and L5) form the apex of two equilateral triangles that have the large masses at their vertices.

L4 leads the orbit of earth and L5 follows.

Why sun

With the current technology as on date, it is not humanly possible to physically explore the sun—the celestial object crucial for our survival on earth. However, scientists hope to learn more about it to have a better understanding of earth's future and other stats in our galaxy, the Milky Way.

The sun is basically a massive hot ball of plasma, inflated and heated by nuclear fusion reac-

'Living with a Star' programme to explore aspects of the sunearth system that directly affects life and society. According to NASA, Parker Solar Probe accomplished a "milestone on June 27, 2023 - its 16th orbit of the sun".

"This included a close approach to the sun (known as perihelion) on June 22, 2023, where the spacecraft came within 5.3 million miles of the solar surface while moving at 3,64,610 miles per hour. The spacecraft emerged from the solar flyby healthy and operating normally," it said.

Launched in 2018, NASA's Parker Solar Probe is studying the sun's atmosphere by being in it, the closest any spacecraft has ever ventured.

Ongoing missions According to the Planetary Society, five missions are currently observing the sun. Apart from Parker Solar Probe, they include the ESA-led Solar Orbiter mission in 2020 which is imaging the sun and huge swaths of its corona up close for the first time.

"Since 2010, NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) has been comprehensively mapping the sun's active regions to understand how solar flares develop and erupt.

"Since 2006, NASA's STE-REO-A spacecraft has been providing us insights on solar eruptions.

"The ESA-NASA SOHO spacecraft has been observing the sun since 1995, particularly using its coronagraph to block sunlight in order to better see the corona and track solar eruptions," as per the website. Happening soon

While India is launching Aditya-L1 in September, in 2024, ESA's Proba-3 comprising two spacecraft will fly in formation to create a coronagraph that will study inner layers of the sun's atmosphere, according to reports.

NEW DELHI, Aug 29 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has officials said. filed a supplementary charge sheet against two members of an

Assam-based module of an Al-Qaeda-linked terrorist group conspiring to spread terror and violence in the country, officials said Tuesday. The supplementary charge sheet has been

filed against Akbar Ali and Abul Kalam Azad who were arrested on April 5, they said.

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They were part of the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) based in Assam's Barpeta which was led by Bangladeshi national Saiful Islam who operated under the cover of an Arabic teacher at 'Shaikhul Hind Mahmadul Hasan Jamiul Huda Islamic Academy' and Imam at the Dhakaliapara Masjid, officials said.

The agency is on the trail of Bangladeshi handlers of the module, they said. The NIA has invoked various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in its supplementary charge sheet against the duo, The central agency

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NIA files supplementary charge

**Al-Qaeda-linked terrorist group** 

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sheet against two members of

Assam-based module of

had filed the first charge sheet against eight other accused of the group in August last year.

"The two accused, Md Akbar Ali alias Akbar Ali and Abul Kalam Azad, had conspired with the other accused to instigate and promote terrorist activities as part of an active terror module of the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT), which is affiliated to the proscribed terrorist organisation, Al-Qaeda in Indian Sub-Continent (AQIS)," an NIA spokes-

person said in a statement. The spokesperson alleged that the two accused were engaged in strengthening the Al-Qaeda and ABT and grooming the youth to

commit terror acts. The NIA has also found that they were co-conspirators in organising meetings for expanding the activities of AQIS to various religious places in the neighbouring districts.

"The radicalisation and mobilisation of Muslims was being done under the active guidance of the module's Bangladeshi handlers, namely Zakir alias Mehdi Hassan alias Aminul Islam, Mehboor Rahman alias Mehboob Alam alias Sultan," the spokesperson said.

The NIA had taken over the case which the Assam Police registered on March 4, 2022. The NIA re-registered it on March 22 2022.

Bangladeshi national Saiful Islam led the group that operated from Barpeta in Assam. NIA has alleged that Saiful was "actively engaged in indoctrination and radicalisation of Muslims to join jihadi outfits to work in modules for building a base for Al-Qaeda and its various manifestations/ outfits in India".

A search is on for the Bangladeshi handlers of the module and other members involved in the promotion and perpetration of terrorism for Al-Qaeda and ABT in the country, it said.

## Will cooperate with Bengal government on what it does, not whatever it does:

3 killed, 9 seriously injured in Jharkhand as car ploughs into group returning from

#### cultural event

MEDININAGAR (JHARKHAND), Aug 29 (Agencies): At least three people were killed and nine others seriously injured after a car ploughed into a group of people returning home from a cultural programme in Jharkhand's Palamu district, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place in Baraon village in Chainpur police station area, around 175 km from the state capital Ranchi, on Monday midnight, a police officer

said. They were returning to their homes after attending a cultural programme organised in the village on the occa-

# Accident

sion of the last Monday of the holy month of Shravan, he said. Additional Superintendent of Police Rishav Garg said, "Three

#### 4 militants arrested in Manipur

IMPHAL, Aug 29 (Agencies): Four militants belonging to different outfits were arrested in separate operations and arms and ammunition were seized from them, police said on Tuesday.

During search operations, police teams nabbed one insurgent each of the NSCN (IM) and the People's Liberation Army (PLA), and two overground workers of Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) (Lamyanba Khuman faction) from Imphal East and Bishnupur districts, a police statement said.

Six firearms, five cartridges and two explosives were also seized during the operations, it said.

Search operations were conducted by security forces in fringe and vulnerable areas of the five valley districts, it said.

Movement of vehicles along National Highway 37 (Imphal-Silchar Road) is taking place with strict vigil in vulnerable areas and security convoys are being provided in sensitive stretches, the statement said.

A total of 129 checkpoints have been erected in various hill and valley districts and 2,027 people were detained for violations, it added.

#### **Major Drug Haul In** Kerala Airport, 44 **Crore-Worth Narcotics Seized**

KOZHIKODE, Aug 29 (Agencies): In a major drug haul, 44 crore worth narcotics, including cocaine and heroin, were seized from a passenger at the international airport in Karipur in Karala, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said today.

The Calicut Regional Unit, under the Cochin Zonal Unit of the DRI, seized 3.5 kilo gram of cocaine and 1.3 kg of heroin from Rajeev Kumar, a resident of Musafar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh.

The seized drugs were worth 44 crore, DRI officials said.

The DRI officials successfully intercepted the passenger who had arrived from Nairobi in Kenya through Sharjah in an Air Arabia Flight and seized 4.8 kg of drugs from the said passenger at Calicut International Airport on Monday, they said.

The passenger had concealed the contraband inside the items like shoes, hand purses, hand bags, picture boards and file folders in his checked-in baggage, they said.

The passenger has been arrested and further investigation is in progress, the DRI officials added.

#### **Governor CV Ananda Bose**

KOLKATA, Aug 29 (Agencies): West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose on Tuesday said that while he would always cooperate with the state government, that support may not extend to "whatever it does"

In an exclusive interview with agency, Bose made it clear that in a democracy, while the front face of a state is the chief minister and not the nominated governor, each has to stay within the constitutional provisions of their respective 'Lakshman Rekha' (a boundary that should not be crossed).

"The chief minister is the esteemed constitutional colleague of the governor. In a democracy, the front face of a government is the elected chief minister, and not the nominated governor," he said. Bose, in his free-wheeling interview said, "As the governor, I will cooperate with the (state) government on what it does, not whatever it does."

"Each should play their role within their turf. Everyone has a 'Lakshman Rekha'. Don't cross the 'Lakshman Rekha'. And most importantly, don't try to draw the 'Lakshman Rekha' for the other. That is the spirit of cooperative federalism," the governor said.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had on Monday alleged that Governor Bose was violating constitutional norms, and that she does not support his "unconstitutional activities".

"Don't take 'panga' (challenge) with an elected government. I respect the chair, but cannot respect him as an individual since he disregards the Constitution. He is appointing his friends as vicechancellors of universities," the chief minister had said, referring to Bose.



Governor Bose pointed out that the university statutes do not state that vice chancellors have to be necessarily academics.

"I have appointed a former chief justice and a retired IPS officer as officiating VCs because of their qualifications," he said, adding, "Anybody can be appointed as Interim VCs".

In his capacity as chancellor of West Bengal's state-run or statesupported universities, the governor has appointed Justice SK Mukherjee, former chief justice of Karnataka as interim VC of the Rabindra Bharati University and retired IPS officer M Wahab as interim VC of Aliah University.

The governor pointed out that Calcutta High Court has said that on appointments of vice chancellors, the governor needs to consult the state government, but has upheld that he does not need the state's concurrence in appointment of VCs.

"There are many people from West Bengal in top academic positions in prestigious foreign universities, IIMs and IITs who are interested in serving the state, we will see how we can make the state a thriving educational hub," he said. Drawing attention to the recent case of a Jadavpur University student who died after being allegedly ragged, besides incidents

of campus violence, the governor said, "Our universities have become highly politicised. It is natural for political parties to wish to control universities but we need to bring some sanctity to our educational system."

With a wry smile, he said that while no party would want "another party to control universities, I believe that they will also not object to genuine autonomy for universities".

"Universities are also suffering from hooliganism which outsiders have imported into the campuses," Bose said, adding, "That is why we need to check the presence of outside elements."

In the case of alleged ragging and subsequent death of a first year student of Jadavpur University, a number of former students of the premier institute who were overstaying in the campus hostel were found involved.

"The universities belong to the students. Campuses belong to the new generation. Every teacher, every functionary in the university should realise their first duty is to the student, second duty is to the student and third duty is to the student," he said.

He underlined that poet laureate Rabindranath Tagore "has given us the dream of that land where the mind is without fear and the head is held high; where knowledge is free".

However, in place of that, "Our universities have become places where the mind is full of fear and the head is held low ... in the background of the mounting violence and the presence of miscreants in the campuses," he said, adding, "We need a transformation from this -- from chaos to order, from the ridiculous to the sublime.'

## **INTERNATIONAL**

# Japan decries China's harassment of its citizens over Fukushima water release

Japan has urged its citizens in China to keep a low profile and has increased security around schools and diplomatic missions

TOKYO, Aug 29 (Agencies): Japan demanded on Tuesday that China ensure the safety of Japanese citizens as it reported a brick being thrown at its embassy in Beijing in an escalating row over the release of Fukushima water.

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Last week, China banned all seafood imports from its neighbour as Japan began releasing treated wastewater from the crippled plant in an operation the UN nuclear watchdog has declared safe.

Since then, Japan has urged its citizens in China to keep a low profile and has increased security around schools and diplomatic missions.

Japan's foreign minister on Tuesday confirmed media reports that a brick was thrown at its embassy in Beijing and echoed calls from Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for China to calm the situation. "It is extremely regrettable and worrying," Yoshimasa Hayashi told reporters in Tokyo.

"We would like to urge the Chinese government again to take appropriate measures immediately, such as calling on its citizens to act calmly to prevent the situation from escalating, and to take all possible measures to ensure the safety of Japanese residents and our diplomatic



missions in China."

He added that China should "provide accurate information" about the Fukushima water release "rather than unnecessarily raising people's concerns by providing information without any scientific basis."

In Beijing, a spokesperson at the Japanese embassy told AFP that staff were "extremely worried."

"Some individuals have come to our (embassy) entrance," the spokesperson said.

"They took these kinds of actions, then were led away by armed police."

In response, foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said Tuesday that Beijing "protects the safety" of foreigners in China. "China always protects the safety and legitimate rights and interests of foreigners in China, in accordance with law," he said, dismissing the "socalled concerns of the Japanese

side." "Ignoring the strong doubts and opposition of the international community, the Japanese government unilaterally and forcibly started the discharge of contaminated water from the Fukushima nuclear accident, which aroused strong indignation among people of all countries," he added.

"This is the root cause of the current situation." 'Don't speak loudly' On Sunday, Japan's foreign

ministry urged its citizens in

China to be "cautious in your speech and behaviour. Do not speak Japanese unnecessarily or too loudly."

A range of businesses in Japan, from bakeries to an aquarium, have reportedly been subjected to thousands of crank calls that have included abusive and racist language.

Social media users in China have posted recordings and videos of the calls, some of which have attracted tens of thousands of likes.

Japan began releasing more than 500 Olympic swimming pools' worth of diluted wastewater from Fukushima into the Pacific on Thursday, 12 years after a tsunami knocked out three reactors in one of the world's worst atomic accidents.

All radioactive elements have been filtered out except for tritium, levels of which are within safe limits and below that released by nuclear power stations in their normal operation, including in China, plant operator TEPCO says.

Test results from seawater and fish samples near the plant since the start of the discharge -- which will take decades to complete -- have confirmed this, according to Japanese authorities

## Australian neurosurgeon investigating patient's mystery symptoms plucks a worm from woman's brain



CANBERRA, Aug 29 (Agencies): A neurosurgeon investigating a woman's mystery symptoms in an Australian hospital says she plucked a wriggling worm from the patient's brain.

Surgeon Hari Priya Bandi was performing a biopsy through a hole in the 64-year-old patient's skull at Canberra Hospital last year when she used forceps to pull out the parasite, which measured 8 centimetres, or 3 inches. "I just thought: 'What is that? It doesn't make any sense. But it's alive and moving," Bandi was quoted Tuesday in The Canberra Times newspaper.

"It continued to move with vigour. We all felt a bit sick," Bandi added of her operating team.

The creature was the larva of an Australian native roundworm not previously known to be a human parasite, named Ophidascaris robertsi. The worms are commonly found in carpet pythons.

Bandi and Canberra infectious diseases physician Sanjaya Senanayake are authors of an article about the extraordinary medical case published in the latest edition of the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Senanayake said he was on duty at the hospital in June last year when the worm was found. "I got a call saying: 'We've got a patient with an infection problem. We've just removed a live worm from this patient's brain," Senanayake told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

The woman had been admitted to the hospital after experiencing forgetfulness and worsening depression over three months. Scans showed changes in her brain.

A year earlier, she had been admitted to her local hospital in southeast New South Wales state with symptoms including abdominal pain, diarrhoea, a dry cough and night sweats.

Senanayake said the brain biopsy was expected to reveal a cancer or an abscess.

"This patient had been treated ... for what was a mystery illness that we thought ultimately was an immunological condition because we hadn't been able to find a parasite before and then out of nowhere, this big lump appeared in the frontal part of her brain," Senanayake said.

"Suddenly, with her (Bandi's) forceps, she's picking up this thing that's wriggling. She and everyone in that operating theatre were absolutely stunned," Senanayake added.

The worms' eggs are commonly shed in snake droppings which are eaten by small mammals. The life cycle continues as other snakes eat the mammals.

The woman lives near a carpet python habitat and forages for native vegetation called warrigal greens to cook. While she had no direct contact with snakes, scientists hypothesize that she consumed the eggs from the vegetation or her contaminated hands.

#### "Cash Reward" For Chinese Couples If Bride Is Aged 25 Or Younger

HONG KONG, Aug 29 (Agencies): A county in eastern China is offering couples a "reward" of 1,000 yuan (\$137) if the bride is aged 25 or younger, the latest measure to incentivise young people to get married amid rising concern over a declining birth rate.

The notice, which was published on Changshan county's official Wechat account last week, said the reward was to promote "ageappropriate marriage and childbearing" for first marriages. It also included a series of childcare, fertility and education subsidies for couples who have children. Concerned about China's first population drop in six decades and its rapid ageing population, authorities are urgently trying an array of measures to lift the birth rate including financial incentives and improved childcare facilities.



China's legal age limit for marriage is 22 for males and 20 for females, but the number of couples getting married has been falling. That has driven down birth rates due to official policies which make it harder for single women to have children. Marriage rates hit a record low in 2022 at 6.8 million, the lowest since 1986, according to government data released in June. There were 800,000 fewer marriages last year than in 2021.

to a record low of 1.09 in 2022, state media reported. High childcare costs

High childcare costs and having to stop their careers have put many

# Islamabad HC suspends Imran Khan's conviction and three-year sentence in Toshakhana case

ISLAMABAD, Aug 29 (Agencies): The Islamabad High Court on Tuesday suspended former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's conviction and threeyear sentence in the Toshakhana corruption case.

A division bench comprising Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamir Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri announced



family during his 2018-2022 tenure. He has d also been barred from a

asserting that the verdict was given in haste and full of shortcomings. there were "shortcomings" in the judgment of the sessions court. The panel observed that the verdict was given in haste and without giving the right of defence to the accused. "Prima facie, there are shortcomings in the trial court verdict," the chief justice said. The apex court had

also stated it would

wait for the IHC hear-

Khan had "deliberately concealed" details of the gifts he retained from the Toshakhana - a repository where presents handed to government officials from foreign officials are kept - during his time as the prime minister from 2018 to

sent to jail. Khan is cur-

rently in Attock Jail fol-

lowing his arrest from

The case alleges that

his Lahore home.

China's fertility rate, already one of the world's lowest, is estimated to have dropped women off having more children or any at all. Gender discrimination and traditional stereotypes of women caring for their children are still widespread throughout the country.

Low consumer confidence and growing concerns over the health of China's economy are also key factors cited by young Chinese for not wanting to get married and have children. (\$1 = 7.2900 Chinese

yuan renminbi)

the much-anticipated reserved verdict. On Monday, the IHC reserved the verdict on Khan's plea challeng-

ing his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case. A trial court in Islamabad had convicted and sentenced the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman to three years in prison on August 5. The cricketer-turnedpolitician was sentenced on charges of unlawfully selling state gifts acquired by him and his politics for five years, preventing him from contesting an upcoming election.

Earlier on Monday, the IHC resumed hearing on Khan's plea challenging his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case. It had adjourned the case on Friday after the lawyer representing the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) did not appear due to illness.

Khan's lawyer Latif Khosa completed his argument on Thursday, He urged the court to set aside the sentence but the defence team demanded more time to complete its arguments. Separately, a threemember Supreme Court panel led by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial heard petitions against the Toshakhana case on Monday. The party said that the top court would hear the case today after the announcement of the verdict by the Islamabad High Court. Earlier, the Supreme Court had observed that

ing before giving its judgment. It resumed the hearing Thursday but adjourned it without fixing any date after it was told that the IHC was holding a hearing. The Toshakhana case was filed by ruling party lawmakers in 2022 in the ECP, alleging that Khan concealed the proceeds from the sale of state gifts. The ECP first disqualified Khan and then filed a case of criminal proceedings in a sessions court which convicted him and subsequently, Khan was

2022 and proceeds from their reported sales.

As per Toshakhana rules, gifts/presents and other such materials received by persons to whom these rules apply shall be reported to the Cabinet Division.

According to reports, Khan received 58 gifts worth more than Rs 140 million from world leaders during his threeand-a-half-year stint and retained all of them either by paying a negligible amount or even without any payment.

# Syria protests spurred by economic misery stir memories of the 2011 anti-government uprising

BEIRUT, Aug 29 (Agencies): Antigovernment protests in southern Syria have stretched into a second week, with demonstrators waving the colourful flag of the minority Druze community, burning banners of President Bashar Assad's government and at one point raiding several offices of his ruling party.

The protests were initially driven by surging inflation and the war-torn country's spiralling economy but quickly shifted focus, with marchers calling for the fall of the Assad government.

The demonstrations have been centred in the government-controlled province of Sweida, the heartland of Syria's Druze, who had largely stayed on the sidelines during the long-running conflict between Assad and those trying to topple him.

In a scene that once would have been unthinkable in the Druze stronghold, protesters kicked members of Assad's Baath party out of some of their offices, welded the doors shut and spray-painted anti-government slogans on the walls.

The protests have rattled the Assad government, but don't seem to pose an existential threat. They come at a time when government forces have consolidated control over most of the country. Meanwhile, Damascus has returned to the Arab fold and restored ties with most governments in the region.

Still, anger is building, even among Syrians who did not join the initial anti-Assad protests in 2011. Those demonstrations were met with a harsh crackdown and plunged the country into years of civil war. For some, the final straw came two

weeks ago when the Syrian president further scaled back the country's expensive fuel and gasoline subsidy program. Assad also doubled meagre public sector wages and pensions, but those actions did little to cushion the blow, instead accelerating inflation and further weakening the already sinking Syrian pound. The results further piled on the economic pressure on millions living in poverty.

Soon after, protests kicked off in Sweida and the neighbouring province of Daraa.

Over the past decade, Sweida had largely isolated itself from Syria's uprising-turned-conflict. The province witnessed sporadic

protests decrying corruption and the country's economic backslide.

This time, crowds quickly swelled into the hundreds, calling out political repression by Assad's government and stirring echoes of the protests that rocked the country in 2011. "People have reached a point where they can no longer withstand the situation," Rayan Maarouf, editor-in-chief of the local activist media collective Suwayda24, told The Associated Press. "Everything is crumbling."

While Assad's political fortunes have been on the rise in recent months, life for much of the country's population has become increasingly miserable. At least 300,000 civilians have been killed in the conflict, half of Syria's prewar population of 23 million has been displaced and large parts of the infrastructure have been crippled. Ninety per cent of Syrians live in poverty. Rampant corruption and Western-led sanctions have also worsened poverty and inflation.

In Daraa — often referred to as the birthplace of the 2011 uprising but now under government control — at least 57 people were arrested in the current protests, according to the Britain-based Syrian Network for Human Rights. Unlike in 2011, government forces did not use lethal force. In Sweida, the response has been more

restrained, with Assad apparently wary of exerting too much force against the Druze. During the years of civil war, his government presented itself as a defender of religious minorities against Islamist extremism. Over the years, the province's young men also have armed themselves to defend their villages from Islamic State militants and Damascus-associated militias that produce and trade in illegal amphetamine pills, known as Captagon.

Joseph Daher, a Swiss-Syrian researcher and professor at the European University Institute in Florence, believes that this provides a layer of protection for protesters. "Unlike other government-held areas, Sweida has some form of limited autonomy," Daher said.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, Lattakia, Tartous and other urban government strongholds, some are voicing their discontent more quietly. They write messages of support for the protests on paper, take pictures of those notes on the streets of their towns, and share them on social media.

Others suffer in silence and focus on daily survival. In Damascus, some have taken to carrying backpacks instead of wallets to carry the wads of cash they need to make everyday purchases amid the rampant inflation, while families struggle to buy basic necessities. "If I buy (my son) two containers of milk, I'd have spent my entire month's salary," Damascus resident Ghaswan al-Wadi told the AP while preparing her family dinner at home after a long day at work. The ongoing protests highlight Assad's vulnerability as a result of the failing economy, even in areas that tried to withstand the situation and not hold large-scale protests against his rule.

Could the protests eventually threaten his rule?

Daher said this could only happen if the protesters banded together. "You have forms of solidarity from other cities (with Sweida)," Daher said. "But you can't say it would have a real effect on the regime unless there would be a collaboration between (protesters in) different cities."

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# NGO, BPCL organize Medical Health Check-up Camp

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: NGO SUP-PORT and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) organized a Medical Health CheckUp Camp, in collaboration with the Common User Facility (CUF) constructed by BPCL.

The event, tailored for the betterment of Construction Site Workers and BPCL Staff, marked a pivotal stride in addressing the healthcare needs of these often underserved individuals.

Dr. Navneet Kour, the driving force behind the camp and the founder Chairperson of NGO



SUPPORT, emphasized the fundamental role of awareness and care. The initiative aimed not only to offer medical checkups encompassing oral dental health and eye care but also to raise awareness about hygiene and cleanliness practices.

Dr. Kour underscored the sincerity required in such undertakings, shedding light on the pressing health challenges that workers and staff face at construction sites. These individuals often grapple with limited access to quality healthcare due to cost constraints and inadequate medical facilities. Dr. Kour's call for respectful and nondiscriminatory treatment reflects the essence of the camp's approach.

The collaboration between NGO SUPPORT and BPCL showcased a shared commitment to social responsibility. Adeep Mehta, Chairman of North Rotary International, graced the event as the Guest of Honor, further underlining the significance of this collective endeavor.

# Man donates kidney to save sister's life

**Top News Report** 

CHANDIGARH, Aug 29: "I had seen my mother's painful journey while fighting with kidney problems and finally succumbed to it. At that time we could not save her because of the lack of awareness on organ donations. Her death left a big void in our family that could not be filled yet. Personally it hit me very hard to lose my mother like that. So when my elder sister developed kidney problems a year back, I wasted no time donating my kidney to save the life of my motherlike-elder sister Anju Vig (52).

Pardeep Gulati (46) from Model Colony Yamunanagar, who donated his kidney for Anju said that my family including my wife and two children supported me fully in this and encouraged me to donate the kidney.

Anju underwent a successful kidney transplant at Alchemist Hospital, Panchkula by Dr. Neeraj Goyal the chief kidney transplant surgeon who has performed around 600 successful kidney transplants and recently completed 200 kidney transplants at Alchemist.

Pardeep said, "It is the duty of every brother to provide 'raksha' to his sister in whatever way they can. My sister Anju who also lives in Yamunanagar is like my mother and i could not afford to lose my mother



Kumar Vig who runs a

departmental store at

Gandhi Nagar in Yamu-

nanagar said that we

decided to go for the

transplant as my wife's

health was not suitable

for the regular dialysis.

Pardeep offered to

donate his kidney with-

out any second thought

despite us asking him

to take time to make a

like sister again. So it was a quick and unanimous decision when doctors asked for kidney transplantation,"

Anju developed kidney problems in 2021 and during the treatment at a local hospital, she was advised for regular dialysis or kidney transplant. Anju's husband Satish decision on it. His love and affection for Anju also encouraged us to go for transplantation despite we were a little afraid and scared initially, asserted Satish.

I am blessed to have a brother like Pardeep who doesn't give a second thought when it comes to the safety of their sister, said Anju, who also has two elder brothers and two younger sisters.

Dr. Neeraj Goyal said," Post-transplant, Anju is living a normal and healthy life thanks to the timely donation of a kidney by her younger brother. There is an urgent need to spread awareness on donation of body organs in society so that precious lives can be saved on time."

# Vilakshan condemns targeting of JKNPP leaders by expelled members

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU Aug 29: Vilakshan Singh, President J&K National Panthers Party in a statement issued to the media has strongly condemned the targeting of JKNPP leaders by the expelled members of the party.

Singh said that through social media he has come across a letter written one Maqbool Malik whereby he has levelled false and frivolous allegations on Hakikat Singh Jamwal, State General Secretary of the party.

Singh said that Maqbool Malik does not hold any post in the party and he has been expelled from the party for his anti party activities.

Singh apprised that Maqbool Malik had also joined Aam Admi Party. Singh said that those leaders who deserted JKNPP and joined AAP have formed a lobby to hijack J&K National Panthers Party and they are imputing false allegations on the leaders of J&K National Panthers Party to harass and victimize them.

Singh said that those JKNPP leaders who always stood by Prof. Bhim Singh and his ideology are being targeted by those who harassed and humiliated Prof. Bhim Singh.

He said that JKNPP leaders who have refused to bow down before the deserters of JKNPP are being unnecessarily harassed by the deserters by abusing the process of law.

Singh reminded Maqbool Malik and masterminds behind him that by abusing the process of law, they won't be able to capture JKNPP.

Singh warned Maqbool Malik that if does not apologise for levelling false allegations on Hakikat Singh Jamwal, strong legal action against him and masterminds behind him shall be taken. He also warned other deserters of

JKNPP that if they don't mend their ways they would also be dealt with strongly in accordance with law.

### Lord Shiva High School celebrates Raksha Bandhan



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: Lord Shiva Day Boarding High School celebrated Raksha Bandhan.

"We started this Raksha Bandhan Programme with Gaytri Mantra followed by speech on importance of the day by Ryan. After that Rakhi, the ceremony was performed. Every class student tied Rakhi to their classmates. The school wore a festive look for the celebration of Raksha Bandhan Rakhi

making, painting and kite flying activities were the centre of attraction.

The 6th to 10th classes students used beads, gliters, ribbons laces, threads and flower to make Rakhi.

The Principal Sakshi Magotra said Raksha Bandhan is an occasion when brothers vow to safeguard and love their sister unconditionally, students enjoyed a lot the function.

## Nadir Godrej honoured with prestigious CLFMA Lifetime Achievement Award

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 29: Nadir Godrej, Chairman and Managing Director of Godrej Industries Ltd and Chairman, Godrej Agrovet Ltd was conferred with the prestigious CLFMA Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the livestock industry and The Compound Feed<br/>Manufacturers Associa-<br/>tion (CLFMA) of India is<br/>the apex organizationed sectors across the<br/>country.Having served as a<br/>Chairman of CLFMA of

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country's dynamic live-

With over 230 mem-

bers representing the

entire animal protein

value chain, it is recog-

nised by livestock farm-

ers, Central & State gov-

Having served as a Chairman of CLFMA of India in the past, Godrej on receiving the award said, "I am deeply honoured to receive this recognition, which is a testament to the collective efforts of the entire Godrei Agrovet team."

Godrej Agrovet team." "In envisioning the



unexpected opportunities. From pioneering compound feed with global collaborations to addressing challenges head-on, our evolution has been marked by innovation. With government interventions and forward-looking state-of-the-art centers like NGCARD, we see a pathway towards

for quality protein, the industry's potential to provide efficient and accessible sources becomes clear. By embracing innovation and collaboration, we can steer the sector towards self-sufficiency, prosperity, and a greener future for India's agriculture," he further added. cymakers, and stakeholders to collaborate and deliberate on strategies for the sustainable growth of the fisheries, animal husbandry, and dairying sectors. The event served as a catalyst for envisioning a brighter future for these industries, promoting technological innovation, responsible farming practices, and the overall development of the nation.

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achievements for the sector at the recently concluded the CLFMA of India Symposium. ernments, agricultural universities, research institutes in the country in addition to relat-

stock sector

future of India's animal feed industry, our journey has been one of diversification and



realizing this potential. As urbanization and changing consumption patterns drive demand

The CLFMA of India Symposium provided an ideal platform for industry experts, poli-

#### 26 officers from J&K's most coveted service to attain superannuation in 2024

ICDS Project, Shopian), Mohammad Jahangir Khanday (Joint Director, Education, South Kashmir), Saleem Ahmad (Collector Land Acquisition, Defence, Rajouri), Kewal Kumar (Additional Secretary, Cooperatives Department), Sohan Lal (Registrar, GCET Jammu), Saleem Beigh (Deputy Secretary, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens), Ram Lal Sharma (Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department), Ishtaq Ahmad Bhat (Secretary, Srinagar Development Authority), Parveen Akther (Deputy Director (Administration) Handicrafts and Handlooms Jammu), Noor-ud-din Bhat (Deputy District Election Officer, Bandipora), Shakeel Hussain (Deputy District Election Officer, Srinagar) and Ghulam Dastigir Alam (Deputy Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment).

#### When will Jammu and Kashmir becomes State again, SC asks Centre

Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh all became a UT before being made into a State."

#### Srinagar Imam arrested for alleged child sexual offense

currently in police custody, and further legal proceedings will follow as the case progresses.

#### Chidambaram nominated to parliamentary panel on Home affairs looking into criminal laws

report within three months.

The three bills were introduced in Lok Sabha by Home Minister Amit Shah on August 11.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs is of the Rajya Sabha and has members from both Houses of Parliament.

BJP member Brij Lal is the chairman of the committee.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita provides for several changes in the existing provisions including that of defamation, attempt to commit suicide and expanded the scope of offence against women pertaining to sexual intercourse by employing "deceitful means".

It also lists new offences such as acts of secession, armed rebellion, subversive activities, separatist activities or endangering the sovereignty or unity in the new avatar of the sedition law.

For the first time, the word terrorism has been defined under the BNS which was not there under the IPC.

#### China releases new edition of 'Standard Map' showing its territorial claims

"This map is compiled based on the drawing method of the national boundaries of China and various countries in the world," the post said.

The map also displayed by the Global

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Times showed Arunachal Pradesh, which China claims as South Tibet, and Aksai Chin occupied by it in the 1962 war.

India has repeatedly told China that "Arunachal Pradesh was, is and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India." The map also incorporated China's claims over the estranged island of Taiwan and the nine-dash line claiming a large part of the South China Sea.

China claims Taiwan as part of its mainland and its integration with the mainland is part of a vowed objective of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have counterclaims over the South China Sea areas.

#### Centre reduces domestic LPG cylinder price by Rs 200

toilets, additional foodgrains and Direct Benefit Transfer during the Covid pandemic.

#### People's issues must be addressed in a time bound manner: Kavinder

was conducting grievance redressal at BJP headquarters, Jammu.

Kavinder Gupta said that all the people have their issues, which are related to their day-to-day problems, some societal and other developmental issues. The people have little choice when it come to approach to a right person or the genuine office for the prompt disposal and hence it becomes the duty of the concerned person, especially the designated department official, to immediate provide relief to those who have approached the office with high hopes. He said that the BJP, as a public party, has built up a robust grievances redressal mechanism at the party headquarter, where people approach with their issues.

Kavinder pointed out that a directive has also been issued to the government departments by the LG administration not to keep pending the under process files more than 7 days. He hailed the initiation of the mechanism and expressed hope that the people would get the desired relief in letter an in spirit.

Ranbir Singh Pathania said that the e-platforms have gone a long way to strengthen the democracy in the country. He said that now the people have a mechanism in place to file their complaints, approach the concerned officials and check out for the redressal. But, he pointed out that still the e-mechanism has to be backed up with the manual approach, while calling for a more professional approach to the issues of the common masses.

Shailja Gupta diarized the issues presented by the visiting people and said that these camps provide a good platform to the masses for many development and welfare issues.

Earlier, during the camp, various visiting people and deputations shared their dayto-day problems related to various departments under UT administration, which were taken up with the higher officials by the senior BJP leaders for appropriate and early action.

#### Tibetan Parliament Members meet CCI members

been traumatized by systematic violations of their most fundamental human rights and threat to their distinct culture and national identity since China occupied Tibet.

They also said that at present half of the migrated pollution of Tibet is settled in India. The Government of India has already highlighted our issues and we also request your association that our cause should be highlighted at an appropriate level.

Arun Gupta President CCI said that your demands are very genuine and every country has the right of freedom and China Should declare Tibet as an independent country. He assured the visiting MPs that demands put before the Chamber shall be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

The other Office bearers present in the meeting include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Manish Gupta, Secretary General Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

#### Narcotic smuggler found dead near LoC in Kupwara

Monday night after some gunshots were heard, a police spokesman said. "Preliminary investigations suggest that the deceased has been killed by rival narcotics smuggling gang members or rival terror operatives," the spokesman said.

Shah's body has been transferred to SDH Tangdhar for necessary medico-legal procedures. A case has been registered and a thorough investigation has been initiated.

The spokesman said Shah was a highprofile narcotics smuggler and a person of significant interest in the region. He had been found involved in two cases of narcotics and weapons smuggling in the recent past and had confessed to orchestrating the transportation of substantial quantities of narcotics and weaponry across the border.

"His association with his brother, Sadiq Shah, a prominent figure as a launching commander and supplier of narcotics and weapons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK), underscores the depth of his involvement in these illicit activities. Sadiq Shah is himself charge sheeted in narco-terror cases and happens to be a top terrorist commander based in POJK," the spokesman said.

# **BUSINESS / HEALTH**

## Sensex, Nifty open marginally higher as investors remain cautious

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 0.16 per cent to 65,098.01 at around 9:18 am, while the NSE Nifty50 was up 0.16 per cent to 19,337.80.

MUMBAI, Aug 29 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened marginally higher on Tuesday as investors remain cautious ahead of the release of India's quarterly GDP data and key US economic data.

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The S&P BSE Sensex rose 0.16 per cent to 65,098.01 at around 9:18 am, while the NSE Nifty50 was up 0.16 per cent to 19,337.80. Broader market indices have outperformed the benchmarks in early trade.

Nifty Realty was the top gainer among sectoral indices, rising nearly 1.5 per cent. Heavyweights Nifty Bank, Nifty Financial Services and Nifty IT also opened in positive territory.

The top 5 gainers on the Nifty50 were Jio Financial Services, Adani Enterprises, UPL, Tech Mahindra and Power Grid. On the other hand, the top



losers were Bharti Airtel, Axis Bank, Apollo Hospitals, Reliance and Dr Reddy's. It may be noted that Jio Financial shares gained over 2 per cent to become the top

gainer on the Nifty50, but Reliance Industries Limited was among the top losers a day after the company's 46th Annual General Meeting.

were keenly waiting for conglomerate's plans for IPOs of retail and telecom businesses. How-

will also be released

Market observers announcements on the ever, no such updates were shared by Chair-

man Mukesh Ambani. the Meanwhile, domestic market remains cautious ahead of the release of key macroeconomic data in the US, which will provide fresh insights into whether the Federal Reserve will hike interest rates. In addition, India's quarterly GDP

later this week. These two factors seem to have made investors cautious, impacting the benchmark indices at a time when weak global cues have already led to a slowdown in trade

# **UBS set to post first results since Credit Suisse merger**

ZURICH, Aug 29 (Agencies): As UBS prepares to post earnings this week, investors and employees are eagerly awaiting clues as to how Switzerland's largest bank is faring after swallowing its fallen rival Credit Suisse.

UBS is due to release its second-quarter income statement early Thursday, the first results presented since the megamerger that rocked the Swiss banking scene last March.

Particularly keen attention will be paid to layoff plans and the fate of Credit Suisse's Swiss division, which have been at the heart of swirling rumours in recent months.

Swiss authorities strongarmed UBS into the \$3.25 billion takeover on March 19 to prevent its closest domestic rival from going under -- which could have had catastrophic consequences for the global financial system. But since the complex merger

was completed in June, UBS has divulged little about its plans. In the meantime, the number

of questions about the repercussions of the deal has swelled. Details wanted

"The list is long," Andreas Venditti, an analyst at Swiss investment manager Vontobel, told agency.

In particular, he added, he will be looking for details on



the retention of Credit Suisse staff and clients, and hopefully a timeline for the integration process

Venditti also said there would be less focus this time around on UBS's net profit -- usually a key measure of how the bank is faring -- since it will be distorted by a string of exceptional items.

UBS has already indicated that the results should include an exceptional accounting gain of nearly \$35 billion due to the difference between the purchase price and the recognised net assets of Credit Suisse.

They will also include less than a month of integrated Credit Suisse results, making any profit estimates difficult, he said.

While little has been said publicly about Credit Suisse's results, the SonntagsZeitung weekly newspaper cited insiders at the bank suggesting it suffered a loss of 3.5 billion Swiss francs (\$4 billion) during the second quarter.

Analysts with the Zurich Cantonal Bank agreed that results from UBS's own operations were likely to "take a backseat", suggesting in a research note that most attention would be paid to "integration details". It predicted that investors

would be especially interested in the outflow of funds, as they search for indications of client confidence in the newly merged behemoth.

Real value? Ipek Ozkardeskaya, an analyst at Swissquote Bank, agreed.

"We will be closely watching the revenue after the merger, the further integration plans, job cuts and what the bank will do with its Swiss banking unit," she said.

The results themselves, she said, "are expected to be strong of course after the merger".

"Yet investors will watch whether this forced marriage will create real value for the mega-UBS.

There has been particularly intense speculation around the fate of Credit Suisse's Swiss unit, with questions over whether it could continue to operate independently because of the significant overlap with UBS's business in Switzerland.

Last week, the Bloomberg financial news agency, citing unidentified sources, reported that UBS was leaning towards full integration of Credit Suisse's domestic bank, rather than spinning it off.

That suggests that significant job cuts could be expected.

A source close to the case said that a first wave of layoffs has already begun at Credit Suisse, while the Financial News website reported that 200 investment bankers had already been asked to leave.

At the same time, observers noted recent positive developments for UBS, including its settlement of lawsuits in the United States dating back to the 2008 global financial crisis.

The bank also announced this month that it would not need the billions in support offered by the Swiss government and the central bank to go through with the Credit Suisse takeover.

UBS seems to be sailing on "a summer breeze of good news rather than a storm", Deutsche Bank analyst Benjamin Goy said in a research note.

## China warns US trade curbs threaten global supply chains; to hold fresh talks on trade disputes

BEIJING, Aug 29 (Agencies): US and Chinese officials will hold a fresh round of talks on contentious trade issues on Tuesday, the third day of a visit to Beijing by US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo. Raimondo's trip to

China is the latest by a senior US official in recent months as Washington seeks to defuse tensions with the world's second-largest economy

On Monday she met with Commerce Minister Wang Wentao, with the two sides agreeing to set up a working group to iron out the laundry list of trade disputes

Washington said. In a statement on the talks, the US Commerce Department said that "Secretary Raimondo emphasized the importance of ensuring open lines of communication between the United States and China and took concrete steps to deliver on that goal".

But Beijing painted a less rosy picture, saying Wang had raised "serious concerns" over Washington's trade curbs on Chinese busi-

nesses. Those included "US Section 301 tariffs on Chinese goods, its semiconductor policies, restrictions of two-way investment, discriminatory subsidies, and sanctions on Chinese enterprises", Beijing's commerce ministry said. Washington defends the policies as necessary to "de-risk" its supply chains. But Wang warned they "run counter to market rules and the principle of fair competition, and will only harm the security and stability of the



global industrial and supply chains"

Raimondo met China's Culture and Tourism Minister Hu Heping on Tuesday, underscoring "the importance of people-to-people exchange to the broader US-China bilateral relationship",

the US Commerce

of senior US officials

to visit China in recent months -- part of an effort by Washington to improve its working relationship with its largest concerns".

"We seek healthy competition with China. A growing Chinese economy that plays by the rules is in both of our interests," she said. In June, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken travelled to Beijing, where he met President Xi Jinping and said progress had been made on a number of key points of contention. US climate envoy John Kerry also visited China in July.

#### ChatGPT turns to business as popularity wanes

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 29 (Agencies): OpenAI said it was launching a business version of ChatGPT as its artificial intelligence sensation grapples with declining usership nine months after its historic debut.

ChatGPT Enterprise will offer business customers a premium version of the bot, with "enterprise-grade" security and privacy enhancements from previous versions, OpenAI said in a blog post.

The question of data security has become an important one for OpenAI, with major companies, including Apple, Amazon and Samsung, blocking employees from using ChatGPT out of fear that sensitive information will be divulged. "Today marks another step towards an AI assistant for work that helps with any task, is customized for your organization, and that protects your company data," OpenAl said.

The ChatGPT business version resembles Bing Chat Enterprise, an of ChatGPT Enterprise.

The release came as ChatGPT is struggling to maintain the excitement that made it the world's fastestdownloaded app in the weeks after its release

That distinction was taken over last month by Threads, the Twitter rival of Facebook owner Meta.

According to analytics company Similarweb, ChatGPT traffic dropped by nearly 10 per cent in June and again in July, falls that could be attributed to school summer break, it said.

Similarweb estimates that roughly one-quarter of ChatGPT's users worldwide fall in the 18-24 demographic.

OpenAI is also facing pushback from news publishers and other platforms -- including X, as Twitter is now known, and Reddit -- that are now blocking OpenAl web crawlers from mining their data for AI model training.

A pair of studies by pollster Pew Research Center released on Monday

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen sought to reassure Chinese officials about the expected curbs during a visit to Beijing last month. And Raimondo on Monday told Chinese officials that while there was "no room to com-

target sectors such as

semiconductors and

artificial intelligence.

promise or negotiate" on US national security, "the vast majority of our trade and investment relationship does not involve national security

strategic rival. Relations between the two countries have plummeted to some of their lowest levels in

between them.

They also agreed to set up what Washington called an "export control enforcement information exchange" -- described as a platform to "reduce misunderstanding of US national security policies".

The information exchange will convene for the first time at Beijing's Ministry of Commerce on Tuesday, Department said. She was also set to meet with Vice Premier He Lifeng and to pay a courtesy visit to Premier

> Li Qiang. Raimondo will then head to China's economic powerhouse Shanghai, before leaving the country on Wednesday.

> Healthy competition The commerce secretary is one of a number

decades, with US trade curbs near the top of the list of disagreements.

This month, Biden issued an executive order aimed at restricting certain US investments in sensitive hightech areas in China -- a move Beijing blasted as being "anti-globalisation".

The long-anticipated rules, expected to be implemented next year,

offering by Microsoft, which uses the same OpenAI technology through a major partnership. ChatGPT Enterprise will be powered by GPT-4, OpenAl's highest-performing model, much like ChatGPT Plus, the company's subscription version for individuals, but business customers will have special perks, including better speed

"We believe AI can assist and elevate every aspect of our working lives and make teams more creative and productive," the company said.

It added that companies including Carlyle, The Estée Lauder Companies and PwC were already early adopters also pointed to doubts about AI and ChatGPT in particular.

Two-thirds of the US-based respondents who had heard of ChatGPT say their main concern is that the government will not go far enough in regulating its use.

The research also found that the use of ChatGPT for learning and work tasks has ticked up from 12 per cent of those who had heard of ChatGPT in March to 16 per cent in July.

Pew also reported that 52 per cent of Americans say they feel more concerned than excited about the increased use of artificial intelligence.

### Sex-specific warning signs seen before imminent cardiac arrest, Lancet study finds

NEW DELHI, Aug 29 (Agencies): People experienced gender-specific warning symptoms before an imminent sudden cardiac arrest, new research published in the journal The Lancet Digital Health found.

In women, shortness of breath was the most prominent symptom of a sudden cardiac arrest about to occur. whereas in men, it was chest pain, the study led by the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre, California, US, found. However, smaller subgroups of both genders were found to have palpitations, seizure-like activity and flu-like symptoms.

Further, 50 per cent of those having a sudden cardiac arrest felt at least one telling symptom such as chest pain, breathlessness, light-headedness or irregular heart beat 24 hours prior to loss of heart function, the researchers found.

Harnessing warning symptoms to perform effective triage for those in dire need of emergency health care services could lead to early intervention and prevention of imminent death, the study said.

"Our findings could lead to a new paradigm for prevention of sudden cardiac

death," said Sumeet Chugh, from Smidt Heart and senior and corresponding author on the study.

Out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest has been found to claim the lives of 90 per cent of those experiencing it, thus marking an urgent need to better predict and prevent the condition, the study said.

For this study, researchers took data from two US community-based studies, both developed by Chugh -- Californiabased Prediction of Sudden Death in Multi-Ethnic Communities (PRESTO) study and Oregon-based Sudden Unexpected Death Study (SUDS).

Fifty per cent of the 823 people, or 411 people, who had a sudden cardiac arrest witnessed by a bystander or emergency health care professional experienced at least one tell-tale symptom 24 hours previously, the PRESTO study showed. It was started eight years ago and a total of 1672 individuals with out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest of probable cardiac cause had been included.

The SUDS study, initiated 22 years ago, too, showed similar results, the researchers said.

## Gene therapy offers potential new treatment for liver cancer

NEW YORK, Aug 29 (Agencies): US researchers have found that a type of gene therapy can someday help treat people with hepatocellular carcinoma—the most common form of liver cancer-and metabolic diseases like diabetes.

The team led by University of California-Davis discovered a gene therapy that induces the body to create microRNA-22 (miR-22), a naturally occurring molecule, aided in treating mice with hepatocellular carcinoma.

The miR-22 treatment also reduced liver inflammation and produced better survival outcomes with no observable toxicity compared to the US FDAapproved liver cancer treatment lenvatinib

"This research introduces miR-22 gene therapy as a promising and innovative approach for treating hepatocellular carcinoma," said Yu-Jui Yvonne Wan, Professor from the UC Davis Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

"The study's findings suggest

that miR-22 therapy could provide better survival outcomes. enhance anti-tumour immunity, improve metabolism and reduce inflammation."

In the study published in the journal Molecular Therapy, the researchers explained that the miR-22 acts like a brake, stopping the production of certain proteins, including cyclin A, protein deacetylases and hypoxiainducible factor-all that can fuel liver cancer growth.

Wan's previous research shows that metabolites produced by the gut microbiome help create miR-22 and have anti-cancer benefits. These metabolites include retinoic acid, short-chain fatty acids, bile acids and vitamin D3.

When people have colon or liver cancer, signalling from these metabolites is reduced, which in turn reduces miR-22.

This was a clue for Wan that returning miR-22 to a higher level might act as a treatment for liver cancer.

For the study, Wan used an



inactivated adenovirus, and introduced miR-22 into mice with a single intravenous injection.

The mice treated with the gene therapy were compared with mice treated with the current US FDA-approved drug lenvatinib (administered orally once a day), untreated mice and healthy mice.

Both miR-22 and lenvatinib inhibited the progression of liver cancer compared to untreated mice. However, the miR-22-treated mice had longer survival times without toxicity compared with lenvatinib-treat-

#### ed mice.

MiR-22 and lenvatinib reduced serum alanine transaminase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and cholesterol levels, indicating improved liver function. MiR-22-treated mice showed no blood or organ toxicity.

At five weeks, untreated mice had enlarged livers, making up 33.5 per cent of their body weight. The treated mice had smaller, less diseased livers, with ratios of 10.9 per cent (miR-22) and 12.0 per cent (lenvatinib) of body weight.

The median survival rate was 46 days for the lenvatinib group and 50 days for the miR-22 group.

Two mice treated with miR-22 remained alive for 60 days. In contrast, the survival time for the untreated mice was about 40 days.

"The positive findings from this preclinical study give us hope that miR-22 could be a promising alternative to treat hepatocellular carcinoma," Hu said.

# **SPORTS**

# Want to create memories with this team, says Rohit

NEW DELHI, Aug 29 (Agencies): Rohit Sharma understands the gargantuan pressure that a home World Cup brings but the Indian captain wants to insulate himself from the outside chatter as he embarks on an arduous journey to win the country's first ICC trophy in a decade.

Shouldering more than a billion hopes, the 36-year-old India skipper knows what's at stake in the ODI World Cup, which starts October 5 with England taking on New Zealand in Ahmedabad.

"For me, it is important how I keep myself relaxed and not worry about external factors that play a role, whether positively or not negatively. I want to shut out everything," Rohit told PTI in an exclusive interview just before joining the Asia Cup camp in Benglauru.

"I want to get into the phase I was in before the 2019 World Cup," said Rohit, who carries an aura of Zen even in the most tense of situations

The same calm was visible as he put across his point of view in an uncomplicated manner during the interview, just like the straight face of his bat when he hits the bowler's back-drive.

"I was in great frame of mind and prepared really well for the tournament," he said referring to the last edition, where he scored 648 runs with an unprecedented five hundreds to emerge as the highest run-getter.

"I was in good shape, good mindset. I want to bring that back and I have time to do that. Trying to recollect what were the right things that I was doing before the 2019 World Cup as a cricketer and as a person. I want to revisit that thought-process of mine personally," the skipper said.

World Cups and the vagaries associated with the results can change a lot of things but for Rohit, one month of cricket can't make or break the player that he is.

"A person can't change overnight with his success or failures," he said.

"I don't think one result or one championship can change me as a person. I have not changed as a person in the last 16 years and I don't think anything needs



ing 'Class of 2011'. It had hurt,

back then and no one knows

"While picking the best com-

bination, there will be guys who

will miss out for various reasons

and Rahul bhai (Dravid) and I

have tried our best to explain

to the players why they are not

in the squad." "We have tried to

communicate with the players

after every selection and play-

ing XI that has been announced.

We talk to them face to face,

one-on-one why they have not

"Sometimes, I try and put

myself in their shoes. When I

wasn't picked in 2011, it was

such heart-breaking moment

for me and I felt what's left after

being dropped from a World

Cup squad?" He had no qualms

in admitting that at times his and

Dravid's decision can go wrong.

"Me, coaches, and selectors,

take into account all factors

like opposition, surfaces, our

strengths, their weaknesses,

and then reach a common

ground. There is every chance

that we will not be perfect

"At the end of the day, few indi-

viduals make decisions, and we

are bound to make mistakes as

humans. We won't always be

Rohit feels that he "needs to

keep an open mind" and listen to

everyone's view and what other

people around him are thinking.

"It's not like, I don't like this

person, so I am dropping him.

Captaincy is not based on

personal likes and dislikes. If

anyone misses out, there is

a reason for it. If you are the

right," he added with a pause.

always.

been picked," he said.

that better than him.

to change on that front," he said. "The focus will be on how I can achieve my goals in the next two months, for me and my team. A person can't change in a period of one or two months.3

Rohit has won five IPL titles as Mumbai Indians captain, Asia Cup as India captain (2018) and led the team to World Test Championship final as recently as June this year.

Do you ever think about your legacy in Indian cricket after being around for 16 years?

"No," pat came the reply. "I am not the person who thinks about what kind of legacy I will leave behind. My legacy will be for people to judge and talk about. Not for me to say." He has 30 ODI hundreds, second only to Virat Kohli's 46. Add 10 Test hundreds and four T20I tons. A total of 17,000 plus international runs aren't bad numbers.

"I am not a firm believer in numbers. You should be happy and enjoy the time you have in-front of you, and try to live in that kind of moment. I am thinking about what gives me happiness," he added.

"For me, it's all about creating memories and creating a good rapport with my teammates. Be happy in whatever you get and whatever you have.

TEAM SELECTION HEART-BREAKS

Rohit will have an unenviable task of telling at least three out of 18 members of the core group that they won't be a part of World Cup's exclusive 15. There is a sense of déjà vu.

When he was 23, Rohit didn't get a look-in in that history-makunlucky one, we can do noth-So who was the one ing." who put an arm around his shoulder after the 2011 World Cup team was announced?

"I was sad and sitting in my room and didn't know what to do next. I remember Yuvi (Yuvraj Singh) calling me to his room and taking me out for dinner.

"He explained to me how it feels when you are left out. He told me, 'the best thing is that you have so many years in-front of you. As we play in the World Cup, you take this chance to work hard on your game, skills and make a comeback. There is no way that you won't play for India or not get a chance to play in the World Cup'." Skipper MS Dhoni and selectors felt that an additional wrist spinner in Piyush Chawla would be more useful than an extra batter back

in 2011. "I went back to the drawing board, worked hard and immediately after the World Cup, I made a comeback and it has been good since then. Since this is me, who has gone through this emotion, no one can tell me that "easier said than done". "I have faced exclusion in a

World Cup, and I know how it exactly feels.3

If there is one shot that has become 'signature Rohit' over the years, it is the pull-shot that he has played mostly with success, though at times it does bring about his downfall.

So how much does he practice the pull in the nets against throwdown experts?

"There is no specific training I do to play that shot. Nobody knows about the work I did before that.

"Raghu (Raghvendra), Nuwan (Senaviratne) and Daya (Garani) have all come in recent years and I have been playing this shot for a long time, he said, referring to the three support staff members.

"I have worked on this shot since U-17 and U-19 days. Now I don't practice this shot specifically during the training. If I find a ball pitched short, I play the pull. The bowlers are not just going to bowl short, so during training I tell bowlers to bowl everything in a manner they want."

## Want ODI World Cup 2023 to propel me to another level: Virat Kohli

the players. The ICC

trophy has eluded India

since Mahendra Singh

Dhoni's tenure ended as

the India captain. Kohli

himself has won the

tournament as a player

back in 2011, but has

never got his hands on

the trophy as a captain.

After his tenure ended

after the 2021 World

Cup, India have played

one world tournament

in 2022, where they lost

to England in the semi-

"The pressure is

always there. The fans

always say we want (the

team) to win a cup very

badly. I'd like to say not

more than me. So, I'm in

finals.



BENGALURU, Aug 29 (Agencies): Former India captain Virat Kohli is raring to play in the ODI World Cup 2023. Set to start on October 5, the tournament will be played exclusively in India for the first time. India will be the favourites to win the title, given their strong batting unit and the presence of stalwarts like Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja and Kohli himself.

Speaking in an event in Bengaluru, Kohli spoke about the expections and said that nobody wants to win the ODI World Cup more than the right place. Honestly, I know the expectations are there and the emotions of the people are there. But please know that no one wants to win more than players," Kohli said while talking about the World Cup.

The batter has regained his lost form in the last year. After finding his range against Afghanistan in Asia Cup 2022, Kohli has been in fantastic form. The batter would be hoping to have a tremendous world tournament, given India's struggles with injury in the middle order.

"Any challenge in front of you, you look forward to it. When difficulty comes in front of you get excited. You don't shy away from it. After 15 vears I still like encounters, and the World Cup 2023 is one (challenge). It excites me, I need something new to, you know, propel me to another level," agency quoted Kohli as saying. India begin their ODI World Cup 2023 campaign against Australia on October 8.

## **Rishabh Pant visits team** India's camp in Alur ahead of Asia Cup 2023

ALUR, Aug 29 (Agencies): Indian cricket star, Rishabh Pant, made an unexpected visit to Team India's training camp in Alur, Karnataka, demonstrating his determination on the road to recovery following a devastating car accident in December 2022. Currently undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru, the 25-year-old took time out to join his team-



his unfaltering spirit, portrays the indomitable persona of an athletic champion. has resumed batting Pant's accident, which happened on Decem-Asia Cup 2023. ber 30, 2022, was a major setback for the talented wicketkeeperbatter, necessitating his withdrawal from several crucial matches. Notably, he missed the ICC World Test Championship final, a major disappointment as India suffered a loss to Australia. Yet optimism is evident in Pant's recovery progress. played an instrumental Despite initial estirole in India's decisive mations hinting at an 2-0 victory over Banglaextended rehabilitation desh in the Test series period, the wicketkeeplast year.

er-batter appears to be bouncing back quicker than anticipated. He

'Baby AB' Brevis steps onto international stage

DURBAN, Aug 29 (Agencies): Dewald Brevis will take a step onto cricket's big stage during Australia's white-ball tour of South Africa, which starts with the first of three Twenty20 internationals at Kingsmead on Wednesday. Brevis, 20, was nicknamed 'Baby AB' for the way he modelled his game on that of retired South African star AB de Villiers. He wears the same number 17 on his shirt and has the abilitv to hit big sixes, particularly in the area between midwicket and long-on. He slammed a South African T20 record score of 162 off 57 balls in a domestic match last October but has yet to have consistent success for franchise

teams in four countries.

Australia's leading fast bowlers will miss the 120 series, providing an opportunity for newcomer Spencer Johnson as well as Sean Abbott and Nathan Ellis to make a mark in the shorter games before being part of the one-day series. Australian batsman Travis Head said that Johnson deserved his selection after injuries had hampered him early in his career. "He bowls at high speed and swings the ball. He can be a match-winner' All-rounder Aaron Hardie will want to make the most of his first international call-up.



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Brevis is expected to make his international debut in the T20 series and will need to live up to the early hype about his career to secure a ticket to the 50-overs Cricket World Cup in India in October and November.

Brevis is part of an 18-man squad for a five-match one-day international series that follows the T20s. Only 15 players will go to the World Cup.

"I know there will always be expectations," he said. "Pressure is always there; I feel the pressure, but I like it. I just want people to get to know me as Dewald Brevis and just see how I go about my things.

Several other players from both sides will also be keen to press their World Cup claims.

South African fast bowler Gerald Coetzee, 22, has had a rapid rise to prominence and will be making his T20 international

debut after playing in two Test matches and two one-day internationals.

The white-ball series will provide hard-hitting Tristan Stubbs with a chance to cement a World Cup place.

Matthew Wade was a late replacement in the Australian T20 squad after Glenn Maxwell suffered an ankle injury in training in Durban.

mates as they are preparing for the upcoming

His visit to the training camp in Alur, detailed in a video shared by the Indian Cricket Team on Instagram, saw him engaging cheerily with his mates

Despite his personal challenges, this interaction adds a distinct dash of hope. His resilient spirit and determination illustrate the making of a true sportsperson, providing his teammates and fans with ample motivation. Pant's fast recovery, coupled with exercises in the nets and is speculated to return to the pitch in a few months' time. However, Pant's tragedy is likely to keep him out of the impending ICC ODI World Cup. commencing on October 5 on home turf. This comes as a blow to Team India and Pan considering his stellar performance in his last appearance. Pant

#### Fourth seed Rune crashes out of **US Open to Carballes Baena**

NEW YORK, Aug 29 (Agencies): Danish fourth seed Holger Rune crashed out of the US Open, losing in four sets to Spanish journeyman Roberto Carballes Baena

Rune, beaten in the quarter-finals of Wimbledon by Carlos Alcaraz, succumbed 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in 2hr 42min. Carballes Baena, a clay-court specialist ranked 63rd in the world who has never been further than the third round at a Grand Slam tournament, will face either Russia's Aslan Karatsev or the Czech Republic's Jiri Lehecka in the second round.

The defeat was the latest in a series of disappointing early exits for Rune, the 20-year-old regarded as one of the brightest young talents in men's tennis. Since his quarter-final loss to Alcaraz at Wimbledon, Rune has suffered first-

round losses at the Canadian Open, the Cincinnati Open and now the US Open.

The young Dane, who reached the third round of the US Open last year, had lashed out at organisers before this tournament, complaining about the



decision to place his opening game on Court No.5 of the USTA's Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

However Rune refused to blame the choice of court for his defeat on Monday.

"It's not difficult, but it's different," Rune said. "You're more close to all the people. It's a nice atmosphere. It's no problem with the court.

"That's obviously disappointing, but not going to blame the court on the loss. He played very, very solid. Credit to him.

Against Carballes Baena, Rune was always struggling to find his rhythm, racking up 43 unforced errors and seeing his serve broken seven times by the 30-year-old Spaniard.

## **BCCI President To Attend Asia Cup 2023 Opening Ceremony In Pakistan: PCB Chief Zaka Ashraf**

KARACHI, Aug 29 (Agencies): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) boss has confirmed that The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Roger Binny is set to travel across the border to attend the opening ceremony of the Asia Cup, which begins on August 30. While PCB remains the host for this edition's Asia Cup, the tournament will only partly be held in Pakistan, with the majority of the matches scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka. Such a format was set up over the BCCI's reluctance to send its players to Pakistan for the tournament, over security issues.

But, the BCCI president Roger Binny and vicepresident Rajiv Shukla have accepted the Pakistan board's proposal of hosting them in Multan on the opening day of the tournament.

"BCCI President and Vice President are coming to Pakistan for the opening ceremony of Asia Cup," Zaka Ashraf said, according to Pakistan media. "We welcome everyone who is coming to Pakistan [during Asia Cup]". The Pakistan board

chief's comments came on the occasion of the jersey launch of the men's national ODI team. Ashraf also expressed faith on his team's ability to emerge

united and performing

Asia Cup and the forthwell, and consequently is number one in the ODI team rankings," he said.

"Looking at the recent performances of the team, it is hoped that our team will be successful in the World Cup, however, at the moment all the attention is focused on the Asia Cup," he added.

The PCB boss also shed some light on the team's new ODI jersey. "The Star Nation Jersey bears witness to the enduring bond between our cricketers and the passionate fans who stand by them through every match. This jersey encapsulates our rich cricketing heritage and the luminous future that awaits," he said.

successful in both the

coming World Cup. "Our team is currently

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Tuesday, August 29, 2023

# LOCAL

## Royal Bee Natural launches "Walkwell", Ayurvedic Joint Reliever in J&K instances of joint pain.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: Royal Bee Natural, a leading name in the world of natural and Ayurvedic products, is excited to announce the launch of its latest offering, "Walkwell," in the picturesque region of Jammu & Kashmir.

With a primary focus on enhancing sales and creating widespread awareness about joint pain relief, Royal Bee Natural is set to revolutionize the health and wellness market in the Jammu & Kashmir region.

Walkwell, a groundbreaking product, offers rapid joint pain relief within just 48 hours. Its unique blend of 100% Ayurvedic ingredients ensures a chemical-free and steroid-free solution for individuals seeking relief from joint discomfort.



The choice of Jammu & Kashmir as the launch location is strategic, given its prolonged winter season, which often leads to an increased occurrence of joint pain. Walkwell is poised to become a vital ally during these months, catering to the well-being needs of the local population.

Speaking about the product launch, Anjenay Agarwal, the Founder and Director of Royal Bee Natural Products, said - "We take immense pride in



Ayurvedic composition, Walkwell is a testament to our unyielding dedication to superior quality and the power of natural solutions. He further added "The

decision to embrace Jammu & Kashmir as our chosen market was both strategic and meaningful. The region's extended winter season, extending over 8 to 9 months, often ushers in heightened

Walkwell's introduction in this context seeks to offer timely and efficacious relief during these challenging months, aligning perfectly with our mission to enhance the overall well-being of individuals." Royal Bee Natural's broader objective is to establish Walkwell as a trusted brand in the region, fostering sales growth, and serving those who suffer from joint pain. The company brings with it a legacy of successful products in the Jammu & Kashmir market, including topsellers like Slim Honey, Pileset, Royal Kalp, Siroliv, Neem Karela Jamun, and a range of Honey variants. Walkwell holds a unique advantage in the market by providing relief within a mere 48 hours. Its clinically proven formula without chemicals or steroids further underscores its appeal. Endorsed by esteemed doctors in the region, Walkwell stands as a reliable solution for joint pain relief.

The product is available in two variants: 60 capsules for Rupees 569 and 20 capsules for Rupees 199, offering flexibility to consumers. Walkwell can be conveniently purchased from local medical shops, Ayurvedic stores, and online platforms. It'll be available at some prominent chemists, Al-Faroog Unani Dawakhana, Hakeem Mukhtar Ah Shapoo, and so on. While catering to a broad audience, individuals with high blood pressure and heart conditions are advised to consult their physician before using Walkwell. The recommended dosage is 1 capsule twice a day, pref-

erably with milk.

# engages in dialogue with JU students

**ABVP student leader Rahul Rana** 

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 29: Rahul Rana, the All India Central University Incharge of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), on Tuesday paid a visit to Jammu University (JU) to engage in a meaningful discourse with the students of the institution.

The primary focus of this visit was to discuss and assess the environaddressing their issues and seeking solutions where necessary. The session aimed to bridge the communication gap between the student body and the ABVP leadership, fostering an environment of transparency and collaboration.

This visit and meeting underscored ABVP's commitment to the welfare and empowerment of students across the nation. Rahul Rana, as the All India Central University Incharge, reaffirmed ABVP's dedication to addressing the unique challenges faced by students in various educational institutions. ABVP remains dedicated to promoting student welfare, fostering an inclusive academic environment, and ensuring that the voices of students are heard and

## JU starts coaching classes for upcoming JKSET examination

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 29: In continuation with the visionary approach of the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Professor Umesh Rai, for encouraging and strengthening the students to excel in competitive examinations, the Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) has organized Coaching Classes for upcoming JKSET Examination 2023. The main objective

of the Coaching programme is to prepare the student community who are appearing in the JKSET examination so that a good number of candidates become available for selection

as Assistant Professors in higher education in the UT of J&K.

The Department of Lifelong Learning through its coaching programmes has always endeavored the strengthening of the student's community by catering to their specific needs so that they can excel in various competitive examinations. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Incharge Director, DLL welcomed the students to the department and shared her views and objective behind organizing such coaching programmes, The faculty members for the coaching programme present on the occasion were Prof. Sanjeev Gupta and Dr. Rakesh

Atri who interacted with the students and shared

the roadmap to success. Dr. Vivek Sharma, Coordinator of the JKSET Coaching motivated the students to perform to their optimum capacity with confidence and undertake adequate preparation for attaining success in the various competitive examinations and also shared tips for cracking JKSET examination.

It is important to mention here that the Vice Chancellor has always laid thrust on undertaking more student-centric initiatives for making them excel in various competitive examinations so that they are able to serve the society.

## **JKBS felicitates elderly** man Ishar Dass Sargotra



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 29: Members of the Jammu and Kashmir, Batwal Sabha on Tuesday visited army retired personnel Ishar Dass Sargotra at his residence in Sari Rakwalan. DDC Member, Vidya Motan who also accompanied the JKBS members. said, "Even though Ishar Dass is 96, he is mentally strong. He has tremendous courage to face any challenge that comes in his life. He motivates people whenever they are under stress". While locals who were also present on the occa-



reasons, mainly because of his self-confidence. No matter how hard life was he never gave up. He stood up for himself and his close ones. He always portrayed himself as a bold-independent man' All present felicitated Ishar Dass and wished him

good health Prominent among the JKBS members who met Ishar Dass were Subedar Tilak Rai Motan, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, Bishan Dass Lakhotra Puran Chand Lakhotra and Pinta Kumar.

## Army inaugurates women volleyball championship to celebrate National Sports Day

**Top News Report** KUPWARA, Aug 29:



The inaugural match was played between WCC Kupwara -A and

the occasion as Chief Guest.

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Jammu University, saw

the presence of numer-

ous prominent ABVP

karyakartas (activists)

from the university. This

gathering served as a

platform for open and

constructive dialogue,

allowing students to

voice their opinions,

grievances, and ideas

related to their academ-

During the meeting,

Rahul Rana encour-

ic and campus life.

## **UIET Kathua Campus celebrates National Sports Day**

the runner ups: Hite-

ash Mahajan (CSE,

2nd Sem.) in Chess,

Janvi Khajuria (CSE,

2nd Sem.) and Meen-

akshi (CSE, 1st Sem.)

in Carrom and Sahil

Sharma (Civil, 1st Sem.)

in Table Tennis were

lauded for their excep-

tional performances and

awarded certificates and

tokens for their dedica-

tion and excellence.

Moreover students of

UIET (Civil and CSE 1st

Sem.) showcased their

skill in displaying a skit

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam,

Rector, Kathua Campus,

University of Jammu in

her message expressed

her happiness to see

the enthusiasm and

passion exhibited by

our students during the

National Sports Day cel-

She said that these

events provide a valu-

able platform for stu-

dents to showcase their

talents, build friend-

ships, and learn impor-

tant life skills such as

teamwork, discipline,

on "Drug Abuse"

#### **Top News Report**

KATHUA, Aug 29: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus (JU) organised National Sports Day showcasing an exhilarating display of athleticism and camaraderie.

The day is celebrated to commemorate Major Dhyan Chand, a true sporting hero, who has left an indelible mark on the world of sports, particularly in the field of hockey. The National Sports Day celebration at UIET underscored the institution's commitment to holistic education by promoting physical fitness, mental agility, and social interaction. The highlight of the day's festivities was the diverse range of games offered to students, including table tennis, chess, and carrom. The winners of the various games: Arpit Sudan (Civil, 1st sem.) in Chess, Jatin Kumar (Civil, 1st Sem.) and Vikrant Singh (CSE, 1st Sem.) in Carrom and Vishawan Mansotra (CSE, 2nd Sem.) in Table Tennis and physical activities are an integral part of a student's journey towards personal growth and development.

She also added that the day is dedicated to Major Dhyan Chand for his remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication to the sport which today also continues to inspire athletes and enthusiasts worldwide.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Coordinator, UIET, said that National Sports Day celebration underscored UIET's belief in the importance of sports and physical activities in an individual's overall development. He further added that organising such physical activities emphasized the significance of nurturing a balanced lifestyle that encompasses both academics and extracurricular pursuits.

Vishawjeet Singh presented the welcome address; Dr. Seema Jamwal coordinated the whole programme and Er. Vedika Khullar presented the vote of thanks during the event.

On the eve of National Sports Day and to promote the culture of sports among the women of Kupwara Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers inaugurated Kupwara Women Volleyball Championship at Hirri Kupwara on Friday.

The National Sports Day in our country is celebrated on 29 August every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend

Major Dhyan Chand Singh. In this regard a volley-

ball Championship for the women of Kupwara is organised by Indian Army to highlight the importance of sports in human life.

The championship will benefit about 120 women players from nine different teams of Kupwara.

The aim of this championship is to make youth especially women of Kupwara aware about national Sports Day and to minimise the gap between Army and Awaam.

BHSS Trehgam Hirri which was won by WCC Kupwara - A by 2-0. Dar Nusrat of WCC Kupwara - A was declared player of the match for here brilliant performance. She alone managed to score 14 points for her team. Gh Mohd, Principal Higher Secondary School Hirri Trehgam along with officers from

Indian Army's Kup-

wara Terriers graced

Besides them the match was enjoyed by over 200 locals and students.

At last the Chief Guest applauded all the participants and awarded women of the certificate to Dar Nusrat.

Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers remains in the forefront of encouraging sporting events in Kupwara to enable the youth especially women to come out and participate in sporting activities.

and resilience. She further stressed upon the event as a reminder that sports and

ebration.

## Tech Thrive event organized at SMVDU

er Antrixsh Gupta, a

top data scientist, dis-

cussed Graphs in tech

and offered internships.

aries Jitender Gupta,

Jasmin Kaur Khausla,

and Abhishek Sharma

covered diverse topics.

Anil Bhardwaj led

Tech Talks by vision-



**Top News Report** KATRA, Aug 20: At

SMVDU, the Tech Thrive Event brought together tech enthusiasts and experts for a dynamic session.

The event showcased tech advancements and trends. Keynote speakevent coordination while Aman Raj ensured seamless execution. Partnerships with Neo4j, Codeblues, and Elastic enhanced the event's success. Tech Thrive inspired students with its networking and innovation opportunities.

Refreshments, a guiz, and swag distribution concluded the event. Faculty Coordinator thanked Prof. Pragati Kumar, Dr. A K Das, Dr. Manish Sabraj, J.P Singh, Rahul Gupta, and staff for their support.

# **Rare urological anomaly resolved through** minimally invasive procedure

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU / NAWANSHAHR. Aug 29: Ivy Hospital, Nawanshahr, achieved yet another milestone in medical excellence with the successful resolution of a complex case involving a

A 45 year female underwent a successful minimally invasive procedure to resolve a rare urological anomaly at Ivy Hospital, Nawanshahr recently.

Giving information, Dr. Amit Sandhu, consultant urologist said that the patient was enduring right flank pain for the past six months. She had a prior history of open kidney surgery on the left side due to stone-related



issues. This time, she sought a minimally invasive solution for the removal of a stone on her right side.

Examination revealed the patient's medical condition far from ordinary and contrast study unveiled a complete duplication of the kidneys and ureter on her right side which is an extremely rare urological anomaly occurring in just about 1 in 700 patients, said Dr. Sandhu.

To ensure comprehensive care, further investigations were conducted to rule out any associated urological complications, including potential reflux or ureteral obstruction.

Complicating the situation further, the patient was also diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus during the pre-operative assessments.

This necessitated a carefully tailored approach that considered her overall health and medical history.

A medical team, led by Dr. Sandhu, formulated a wellstructured plan to address this unique case. Employing cutting-edge techniques, the team performed a right percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL), an intervention that posed significant challenges due to the stone's location in the anterior calyx, a notoriously difficult-toreach area.

The procedure culminated in the complete clearance of the stone following which the patient experienced a smooth and remarkable recovery. She ultimately achieved a state of being asymptomatic.

**SMVDU** Architecture student bags International Award

**Top News Report** 

KATRA, Aug 29: Shreya Gupta, a student of SoALD at SMVDU, won the World Architecture Community Award for her thesis project "The Third Place."

The award was in the student category for the 44th cycle, and she was

guided by Ar. Abhiney Gupta. The VC, Prof.

Pragati Kumar, and Head, Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, along with faculty members, Ar. Navin Gupta & Ar. Abhimanyu Sharma, congratulated her.

The World Architecture Community Awards celebrate inspiring architectural projects.

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