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## BRIEFLY

**UGC bars varsities from printing Aadhaar number on degrees, provisional certificates**

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Printing of Aadhaar number of students on degrees and provisional certificates is not allowed, the University Grants Commission has told varsities.

The directive by the higher education regulator comes amid reports that state governments are considering printing of full Aadhaar numbers on provisional certificates and degrees issued by universities, for subsequent use in verification of said documents at the time of recruitment or admission.

"As per norms, no entity in possession of Aadhaar number shall make public any database or record containing the same unless the number has been redacted or blacked out through appropriate means," UGC Secretary Manish Joshi said in a letter to varsities.

**75-year-old man found dead in Tral: Police**

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): An elderly man was found dead in a paddy field in Tral area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, police said today.

"In the evening of 1st September, PS Tral received an information that a dead body of a person is lying in the paddy fields of Kangloora Tral," said a police spokesman. He said a Police team rushed to the spot and found the Information true.

"The body has been identified as Karan Singh S/O Aya Singh Age about 75 yrs R/O Kangloora (Tral)," he said.

Initial examination, he said, revealed no external injuries on the body.

"Detailed FSL inspection/scrutiny & crime scene photography has been done. Postmortem is being conducted through Board of Doctors. Legal proceeding has been initiated & enquiry has been started," said the spokesman.

## President Murmu to confer National Teachers' Award 2023 to 75 teachers on Sept 5

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Teachers' Award 2023 to 75 selected awardees on 5th September 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, said the Union Ministry of Education in a statement.

Every year, India celebrates 5th September, the birth anniversary of India's former president Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, as National Teachers' Day. The purpose of the National Teachers' Award is to celebrate the unique contribution of teachers in the country and to honour those teachers who, through



their commitment and dedication, have not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of their students.

Each award carries a certificate of merit, a cash award of Rs. 50,000 and a silver

medal. The awardees would also get an opportunity to interact with the Prime Minister, said the statement.

Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has been organising a National level function on

Teachers Day every year to confer the National Awards to the best teachers in the country, selected through a rigorous, transparent selection process.

This year, the ambit of the National Teachers' Award has been expanded to include teachers of the Department of Higher Education and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. 50 School Teachers, 13 teachers from Higher education and 12 teachers from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be awarded this year.

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## President appoints three cat members for Srinagar, Jammu benches

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): The president of India has appointed Advocates Mir Syed Latif and Rajinder Singh Dogra besides Sanjeev Gupta, District Judge, as Judicial Members of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Srinagar and Jammu Benches respectively.

As per an order by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, M S Latif has been appointed for a period of four years from the date he assumes the charge of the post, or till attaining the age of 67 years, or until further

orders, whichever is earlier.

"The conditions of service of Mir Syed Latif as Judicial Member in the Central Administrative Tribunal shall be governed by the provisions of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 and Rules framed thereunder, as amended from time to time," the order reads.

Mir Syed Latif, the order said, has been asked to join CAT, Srinagar Bench within 30 days.

The President also appointed Sanjeev Gupta Dogra,

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## Pakistan Army Major among two personnel killed in restive northwest

PESHAWAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): A Pakistan Army Major and a soldier were killed in a gunbattle with militants during an intelligence-based operation in the restive northwest tribal district bordering Afghanistan, the army said on Saturday.

The incident happened two days after nine soldiers were killed in a suicide attack by the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terror group in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The clash occurred in Miran Shah in North Waziristan tribal district on Friday when the forces engaged in an operation on a tip-off, said Inter-Services Public Relations, the army's media wing.

According to the statement, the army was attacked by the militants which led to an intense exchange of fire between the two sides, killing a Major and a soldier. One terrorist was also killed and another injured in the exchange of fire.

The army said a clearance operation was

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## J&K all set to become 'Terror Free Region' soon: DGP Dilbag Singh

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh Saturday said the UT is moving towards becoming a "terror free region" and the police will now take on drug challenge tooth and nail.

"Jammu and Kashmir is all set to become a terror free region. Terrorism is at an all time low and the number of terrorists is very less. We are working to eradicate



remnants of terrorism," the DGP told reporters on the side-lines of a function at District Police Lines (DPL), Sopore. He said that police will now take on the challenge of drug menace and will ensure to eradicate

drug abuse and narcosmuggling from J&K.

"Sopore was once known as a hot bed of militancy and today business is flourishing everywhere here. Peace prevails on roads and there is a smile on the faces of people," the DGP said. He was accompanied by DIG north Kashmir range, Vivek Gupta.

He said after terrorism, next challenge is drug smuggling. "We are committed to make

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## JKNPP leadership crisis deepens: nephews clash over top post

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): The ongoing tussle over the leadership of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) has resurfaced, with two nephews of the late party founder, Bhim Singh, asserting their claims to the presidency of the party, Indian Express reported. This has led to conflicting statements regarding their affiliation with the Opposition INDIA alliance.

Former state education minister Harsh Dev Singh, one of Bhim Singh's nephews, is currently participating in the third strategy meeting of the INDIA alliance as the JKNPP president. However, Harsh Dev's cousin, Vilakshan Singh, has challenged this claim.

In a letter addressed to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, dated August 30 and written on the party's official letterhead, Vilakshan Singh

asserted himself as the genuine party president. He also stated that the "Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party is not inclined to be part of the INDIA alliance" and accused Harsh Dev of falsely representing himself as the party president.

The letter, as per Indian Express stated, "Any representation or assurance made by Harsh Dev Singh may be considered only in his

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## PGTI: Jammu set to host over 120 Golfers at Scenic Tawi Golf Course for 2nd yr in a row



JAMMU, Sep 2 (Agencies): Last year after the successful conduct of the Professional Golf Tournament in India (PGTI), the scenic 18-hole Jammu Tawi

Golf Course is yet again set to welcome more than 120 golfers from all over the country for five-day tournament teeing off from October 4.

The tournament will

conclude on October 8.

Special Secretary Tourism, Jammu and Kashmir government, Amarjit Singh speaking to media at a press conference at Jammu Tawi Golf Course club on Saturday morning said, "it is an honour for us that we are hosting the second edition of the PGTI starting from October 4 that will conclude on October 8 with a Pro Am event."

He said that 126 golfers of national and international repute will participate in the prestigious event.

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## Woman impersonating as 'Police Officer' arrested in Kashmir: Police

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Saturday said to have arrested a woman impersonating as a police officer.

According to an official statement issued on September 1, 2023, the incident came to light when a complaint was filed by Wasif Hassan of Kunzer at Police Station Kunzer. Hassan reported that during a bus journey, he was approached by a woman named Aisha, who claimed to be a Sub-Inspector cur-



rently serving at Police Station Kunzar. She assured Hassan that she had the authority to secure a Constable position for him within the Jammu & Kashmir Police. Tempted by the

promise of a job opportunity, Hassan handed over ₹10,000 to the impersonator.

"The impersonating officer (Ashia) further recontacted Mr. Hasan on 01/09/23, soliciting

additional amount to expedite the delivery of his appointment order. She promised that this process would be completed within 2 to 3 days. Suspecting deception, Mr. Hasan promptly reported the matter to Police Station Kunzer. Accordingly, a case was registered in a police station and investigation was set into motion", reads the statement.

"During the course of investigation, Police successfully apprehended the

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## After Chandrayaan 3 Success, JK businessman buys land on Moon

JAMMU, Sep 2 (Agencies): In a move closely following the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon on August 23, Jammu-based businessman and educationist, Rupesh Masson, 49, made an intriguing purchase on August 25 – land on the Moon.

Masson, who also serves as the regional director of UCMAS for Jammu and Kashmir



and Leh, while speaking to Hindustan Times announced that he had acquired land at a specific lunar location known as "Lacus

Felicitatis" or the "Lake of Happiness," situated in Luna Earth's Moon, Tract 55-Parcel 10772.

He shared the details of his celestial acquisition, stating, "I purchased the land from The Lunar Registry in New York City, and it was officially certified on August 25."

Reflecting on the significance of this unconventional investment, Masson remarked,

"The concept of staking a claim on lunar territory symbolizes humanity's innate curiosity to explore the unknown, which, in essence, mirrors our continuous quest for deeper understanding of ourselves."

In his view, as per Hindustan Times, owning a piece of land on the Moon could serve as either a symbol of hope for a future yet to

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## Kashmiri lecturer suspended for advocating Article 370 case appears before inquiry committee

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): A Kashmiri lecturer, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, who was suspended before the Supreme Court on August 23, arguing for the petitioners in the Article 370 abrogation case, presented himself before the committee constituted by the Lieutenant Governor's (L-G) administration, media reports said.

The Hindu reported that Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, a senior lecturer of Political Science, appeared before Subah Mehta, Joint Director, of School Education, Jammu, on Thursday as part of an inquiry and provided the committee with his leave application, station permission, and other relevant documents.

Bhat has produced

before the inquiry committee the two-day leave application, where he had sought permission to visit New Delhi on August 22 and 23, Hindu reported.

Pertinently, the School Education Department had on Friday placed Bhat under suspension. In an order SED said "The School Education Department on Friday

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**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 Ranbireswar Mandir, Jammu **Kriya** on 31st August, 2023 at our residence at 12.00 Noon.

**Uthala** shall be performed at 5.00 PM on 4th September, 2023 at Brahmin Sabha, Parade, Jammu.

**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

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**Sh. Satpal Gupta**

**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 LAL R/O WARD NO-4, KATHUA.

**10TH DAY** WILL BE 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

**GRAND SONS AND GRAND DAUGHTERS:-**

SUSHANT, UTKARSH, AARYA, AAYAN, AADYA,  
SIONA, AARISH, AAHANA & DIVYAM

**MOBILE NOS:- 9419107794,  
9797601475**



**SH. BODH RAJ SHARMA**

**KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Preeto Devi** W/o Late Sh. Bansilal Gupta of Pushpa Enclave, House No. 537, Sector-4 Gangyal Jammu on Sunday 20-08-2023.

**KRIYA/KARAM:-** on Friday 01-09-23, at our residence, starting 11:00 am onwards.

**UTHALAJ RASAM PAGRI:-** on Monday 04-09-23, at Durga Mandir, Gangyal, 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Sh. Kulddeep Gupta and Anuradha Gupta  
Sh. Narender Gupta and Meena Gupta  
Sh. Nareesh Gupta and Pooja Gupta

**Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Smt. Nirmal Gupta and Sh. Mohinder Gupta  
Smt. Shashi Gupta and Late Sh. Rajinder Gupta

**Deeply Missed By: Gupta Family**  
Ms. Rajeev Medicate  
Ms. Regal Exports  
Ms. Nareesh Medicos

Mob: 9419145478, 9419160067, 9797562522



**Smt Preeto Devi**

**BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **S. Avtar Singh Modi (Retd. AEE PWD)** Who left for heavenly abode on 29-08-23. Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence 5 B/B Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on 3-09-2023 at 9:00 am, Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Guru Nanak Nagar from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

(Son & Daughter In Law) (Brother In Law & Bhabhi)  
Sdn. S. Jaskaran Singh Modi Sdn. S. Jasvir Singh Bedi Ph: 94191 92514  
Sdn. S. Dursaran Singh Modi Sdn. S. Gobind Singh Bedi 95289 44787

(Grand Children) Harmeet Kaur Modi & Vikram Jit Singh Khajuria | Taramvir Singh Modi & Resleen Kaur Modi  
Harpreet Singh Modi | Gurleen Kaur Modi



**S. Avtar Singh Modi**

**LAST RITUALS**

**Smt. Pyari 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 Ekdashi 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

9682679569, 9310657529



**Smt. Pyari Bhan/ Khemoshri**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Hira Lal Tickoo (Baisahab)** S/o Late Sh Domodhar Tickoo R/o Sheiltang, Habbakadal Sgr, presently at Wanowarie Pune on 27th Aug, 2023.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Sangam Tal, near RTO, Pune on 5th Sept 2023 (Tuesday) at 8 AM.

**Grief Stricken :**

Smt Nancy Tickoo (Razdan) (Wife)  
Smt Sheelaji W/o Late Sh M L Tickoo (Sister-in-law)  
Smt Jyoti Ji W/o Late Sh J L Tickoo (-do-)  
Sh Vivek Tickoo - Son  
Ms Ambika Tickoo (Daughter)  
Smt Lalita Ji and Sh R L Khosa (Sister and Brother-in-law)  
Smt Vijay Ji W/o Late Sh M K Koul (Sister)

Mobile No. 09923456148, 09881150062



**Sh Hira Lal Tickoo (Baisahab)**

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

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**SMT RATNA DEVI**

**10th DAY/ KRIYA/UTHALA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM YOU THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH. RATTAN LAL SHARMA** S/O LATE SH. GIRDHARI LAL SHARMA ON 20 AUG 2023 RESIDENT OF H.NO.52, WARD NO.50, SEC. NO. 3 CHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU (J&K) - 180015. **10TH DAY** OF SH. RATTAN LAL SHARMA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 29TH AUG 2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 11 AM. **KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 30TH AUG 12 NOON AT OUR RESIDENCE. **UTHALA** WILL BE PERFORMED AT PANCH MANDIR, CHANNI HIMMAT, SECTOR NO.2, NEAR MATADOR STAND ON 4TH SEP 2023 FROM 4 TO 5 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
SMT SUDARSHANA DEVI (WIFE)  
NEERU & SUMESH DAMRAL (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW)  
ANIL SHARMA (SON)  
PREETI & SUNIL SHARMA (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)  
(BROTHERS & SISTERS-IN-LAW)  
SMT SHASHI & SH DWARKA NATH SHARMA  
SMT SHARDHA & SH SAT PAL SHARMA  
SMT SUDHA & SH SHAMBU NATH SHARMA  
SMT VISHNO DEVI W/O LATE SH. RAM PAL KHAJURIA (SISTER)  
SH BALDEV RAJ SHARMA (NEPHEW)  
SMT SUNITA & SH CHAMAN LAL SHARMA



**SH. RATTAN LAL SHARMA**

**MOBILE NO - 9086023239,  
9419195586, 9990578551,  
9599041516**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Mr. Kuldeep Singh Sambyal** S/o Late Th. Kushal Singh R/O Mandi Sangwai, Samba left for heavenly abode on 23.08.2023.

**10TH DAY** will be performed at Talab, Mandi Sangwai, Samba at 9AM on 01.09.2023.

**KRIYA** will be performed at 10AM on 04.09.2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Pushpa Sambyal - Wife  
**Brother and Bhabhi**  
D.S. Sambyal (Ex. AGM JK Bank) & Kanta Sambyal  
Late Upinder Singh and Shashi Sambyal  
**Brother in Law and Sister**  
Capt. (Retd) K. S. Katoch and Pushpa Sambyal  
**Sons and daughter in law**  
Anil Singh and Neetu Kharyal.  
Subedar Amit Singh and Vaishali Sambyal  
Nb.Sub. Kapil Dev Singh and Pooja Sambyal  
**Daughters and Son in law**  
Smt. Ranjana and Sh. Jarnail Singh Jamwal  
Smt. Anu and Sh. Sat Pal Singh.

Mobile Number. 9419104978, 7006673001, 7889568092



**Late Sh. Kuldeep Singh Sambyal**

(02/11/1946 - 23/08/2023)

**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 September 23 at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of 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 & Lt. Sh Nanaji Raina (Daughter in law)  
Sh Roop Krishan Raina & Smt Sangeeta Raina (9796446842)

**Daughter's & Son-in-law**  
Smt Rajni Bhat & Sh Ramesh Kumar Bhat (9596948940)  
Smt Shakti Koul & Sh Yoginder Koul (9419717966)

(Grand Children's)  
Vimalsh, Shiksha, Pooja, Ayush, Sunaina, Sneha & Saksham

**ALL NEAR'S & DEAR'S OF RAINA FAMILY OF SEER SOPORE**



**Smt Kaushlyawati Raina**

**SHADMOS AND MASVAR**

**NAINAM CHINDANTI SHASTRANI**  
**NAINAM DAHATI PAVAKAH**  
**NA CHAINAM KLEDAYANTYPO**  
**NA SHOSAYATI MARUTAH**

Your life was a blessing, your Kriya and selfless devotion to God. Your memory a treasure you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

**Shadmos and Masvar of**  
**Smt Sumangla Kar** W/o Lt Sh Soom Nath Kar shall be performed at H.No. 5/1 Block A Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu on 3rd and 4th of September 2023 respectively.

**Deeply Missed And Remembered By:**  
**Samast Kar Parivar, Labroo's and Jalali's**  
**Mob: 9419189958, 9891672609**



**Smt Sumangla Kar**

**MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SISTER **SMT CHUNI DEVI (BENGASHI)** D/O LATE SH TARA CHAND BHAT AND LATE SMT TARA WATI BHAT ORIGINAL RESIDENT OF MURAN DISTT PULWAMA ON 29th AUG 2023.

**MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE** WILL BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL LANE NO 4 JAGTI TOWNSHIP JAMMU.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
(BROTHER & SISTER-IN-LAW)  
SMT GIRJA BHAT & SH R L BHAT  
SMT REETA BHAT & SH J L BHAT  
SH M K BHAT  
SMT BABU L BHAT & SH K L BHAT  
SMT SARLA BHAT & SH B L BHAT  
(SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW)  
LATE SMT SHANTA & LATE SH D N BHAT  
SMT KISHNI & SH K L KICHLOO  
SMT BABY & SH R K KOUJ  
SMT DAIZY & SH RAJENDER KOUJ  
MOB:- 9906223857, 7006486457, 9419112639, 9797665961



**SMT CHUNI DEVI (BENGASHI)**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Pritam Chand** S/o Late Sh. Dhammu Ram R/o Bann Batehra.

The **10TH DAY** will be performed at Bhagwati Palace, Simbhalal near Baba Talab Akhnor Road Jammu on Sunday 03-09-2023

**Satsang:** at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.  
**Langar:** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Darshana Devi - Wife  
Ramesh Chander & Darshana Devi- Brother & Bhabhi  
Sanjay Angral & Shivani Angral - Son & Daughter in Law  
Sanjeev Kumar- Son  
Arun Kumar & Archana - Son & Daughter in Law  
Ankush & Madhu Bala - Son & Daughter in Law  
Abhinandan, Kuhu, Arika, Puvika- Grand Children  
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**SH. PRITAM CHAND**

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**OBITUARY**

With deep regrets, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Kanaya Lal Dhar**, S/o Late Sh. Daya Ram Dhar, original resident of village Hugam, Anantnag presently at H.No. 47, Lane No. 6, Vasuki Vihar, near Vasukinag Temple, Bantlabal Jammu has left for heavenly abode on 31st of Aug 2023.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Friday 8th Sept, 2023 at 8.00 am at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of School Education) Muthi Jammu.

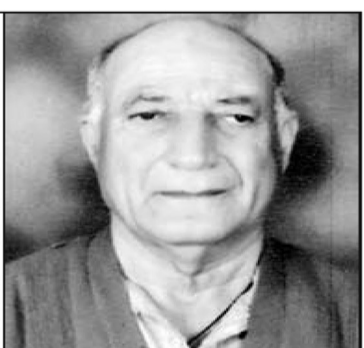
**Grief Stricken**

Smt. Drupdi Dhar- Wife  
Smt. Sheela Dhar W/o Late Sh. Rattan Lal Dhar

**Daughters-in-Law & Sons**  
Mrs. Sulochana and Sanjay Dhar  
Mrs. Sonali and Sunil Dhar  
Mrs. Rajni & Vijay Bhat- Daughter & Son-in-Law

**Grand Children:** Himanshu, Kunal, Gourvi, Tejasvi and Gunika

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**Sh. Kanaya Lal Dhar**

# DSS urges LG to redress Jammu's issues on priority

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: Former cabinet minister and president of Dogra Sadar Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir, Th. Gul-chain Singh Charak demanded that the Toll Plaza should be immediately abolished and collection of toll tax stopped forthwith, as even the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari and the LG of J&K UT Manoj Sinha had assured that Toll Plazas established within a distance of 60 km were illegal and shall be abolished.

Taking to reporters here, Charak flanked by Sheikh Abdur Rehman Ex MP, Ratan Lal Gupta Provincial President NC, Naresh Gupta former MLC, Col. (Ret.) Karan Singh Jamwal VP DSS, condemned the non-considerate and dictatorial attitude of the authorities, there were reports of some fasting youth having been hospitalized.

"If any harm occurs to these people, the entire responsibility for the



consequences shall lie with the government," he said that the Toll Plaza should be abolished immediately without any further delay.

He also condemned unkind installation of electricity Smart Meters and demand was made to put a halt to this whole exercise which had infuriated the people.

He demanded that the reported move of shifting historical documents, archives and about 8 lakh files from Mubarak Mandi heritage complex to any outside place should be aban-

doned and no palace should be converted into hotel in any case as these unethical steps will render this historical place worthless.

In another resolution, the participants demanded that the pristine Ranbir Canal must be declared a state heritage and developed on the pattern of Sabarmati River Front with solar paneling to ensure its proper upkeep and maintenance, enhancing utility and making this lifeline of Jammu attractive for tourists.

It was demanded that

Statehood must be restored and elections held for the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly immediately.

In the meanwhile, the Lt. Governor must appoint an advisory committee with due representation to experienced persons of integrity from the both, Jammu and Kashmir regions, as an interim arrangement.

The participants appealed to the people to remain peaceful in every case and maintain brotherhood during their struggle for genu-

ine rights.

It was also decided to constitute an Action Committee of prominent leaders to decide future course of action.

Other prominent personalities among the participants who expressed their views included I D Khajuria Convener IDP, Prem Sagar Gupta General Secretary DSS, Gambir Dev Singh Charak I/C Youth Wing DSS, Amanat Ali Shah Joint Secretary DSS, Manish Sahni President Shiv Sena (UBT), Sanjeev Kholi Vice President Shiv Sena, Sohit Sharma Distt President PDP, Ashwani Pardhan CPI, S. Narinder Singh Khalsa Akali Dal A, Mir Shahid Saleem of United Peace, Com. Sukhdev Singh DBYC, Quadar Hussain, Amrik Singh Member CWE, Anil Chopra IPTA, Hardeep Singh President IPTA, Shiv Charan Singh Sambhal President DSS Samba, Rakesh Sambhal President Sambhal Bradari and Davinder Slathia DSS.

# J&K's over 300 remote villages to get high speed Internet service

JAMMU, Sep 2 (Agencies): To make high speed internet service accessible to the people of around 300 remote villages across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the administration has transferred large chunk of land at separate locations to the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for the installation of the towers.

Official sources said that high speed internet service will soon reach every household in Jammu and Kashmir including the remote villages of hilly and border belts.

"The Jammu and Kashmir Revenue Department has transferred 37 kanals of land to the BSNL to ensure 4G mobile network for which necessary guidelines have also been issued," they said.

Sources said that the Revenue Department has been asked to allot the land free of cost to the BSNL—the government owned organisa-

tion.

"More than 300 villages are inaccessible to the high speed internet but the service will soon be made available to them as soon as the installation of towers commences," they added.

"The 37 kanals of land has been allotted at around 100 identified places in parts of Jammu and Kashmir for the installation of towers," said an official.

He added that the land has been given to the BSNL as per a decision taken earlier in the meeting of the State Administrative Council and the executing agency can now prepare its infrastructural facilities on the land with the permission of the concerned departments and by completing the necessary formalities.

He added that the telecom operator has to comply with all the provisions of the law relating to Revenue, Forest, J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Man-

agement) Act, 2010, Housing and Urban Development Department and Jal Shakti Department.

"They also have to comply with the relevant orders of Jammu and Kashmir or any other competent court, if any, regarding the use of the land," he added.

The official added that the land has been provided free of cost, adding, "under the scheme to ensure uninterrupted connectivity under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), over 300 villages will be covered.

"After this, no settlement or area in Jammu and Kashmir will remain without internet connectivity," he said.

Confirming about the transfer of land, Secretary Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla said, "The land has been transferred to the BSNL for installation of towers in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir where high speed internet is inaccessible."

# NHAI functionalities' visit to NH-44 at Sarore Toll Plaza a mere eye wash : Rattan Lal

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu has asserted that the visit of the NHAI senior functionalities to make on the spot assessment of National Highway-44 especially in Sarore Toll Plaza area as a mere eyewash just to befool and betray the people of this Union Territory.

In a statement issued to media here today the National Conference stalwart said that the Govt had assured the protesting people that it

would resolve the issue of removal of Sarore Toll Plaza in four days but nothing has been done in this regard till date. He accused the BJP Govt at the Centre as well as the Union Territory Administration of betraying the people of Jammu on every significant issue. He lamented that the Govt has taken the people of Jammu for granted least bothering about their aspirations. He said that what could be more sarcastic than the concerned minister Nitin Gadkari's failure to fulfill the commitment made in the Par-



liament on 06-02-2020 that no Toll plaza will be installed within less than 60 kms range and if it was installed that would be illegal and will be removed within three months.

Rattan Lal said that as

of today there is a massive anguish among the people that is evidenced by Jammu Bandh calls becoming successful, agitations and protests going unabated against illegal Sarore Toll Plaza and installation of Smart Meters. He claimed that the recent Jammu Bandhs have given a heavy financial setback to J&K for which the government stands wholly and solely responsible. He lamented that youth are protesting against recruitment scams and even the employees, especially the daily wagers are on roads

staging protests against Govt for their quite genuine demands. In such a scenario, it can be said without any doubt that the BJP Govt is just befooling the people of this Union Territory and the nation.

Rattan Lal Gupta asserted that people of J&K have now realized that only National Conference is their first and last hope and they are anxiously waiting to give a befitting reply to BJP in upcoming elections by dislodging the incompetent Govt at the Centre and J&K who did nothing for J&K except betraying its people.

# Amit Kapoor to agitate continue till removal of smart meters

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: Amit Kapoor, President of Dogra Welfare Organisation, which is agitating against smart meters, today said that the issue of smart meters is a household issue across Jammu and Kashmir and their agitation will continue till smart meters are removed.

Along with this, he accused the BJP leaders of fixing with the LG.

Due to this, he tried to mislead people by meeting LG that the issue of smart meters is almost resolved and prepaid meters will not be installed.

Amit Kapoor said that he also took a dig at senior BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma and others who tried to mislead people by holding a press conference after meeting LG saying that the issue of smart meters has been resolved and prepaid meters are now will not take.

Kapoor said that these leaders do not know that when smart meters



are installed, there will also be prepaid meters among them.

On the other hand, Kapoor said that even a secretary does not listen to him and he says in the press conference that smart meters and prepaid meters will remain installed.

He said whom should people believe, believe the statements of the Secretary on the LG or on the BJP leaders. He said that the real issue is of smart meters and property tax and even as far as toll plaza is concerned, there should not

be any toll plaza in the state as the BJP leaders themselves have said that there is no toll plaza in the UT.

Kapoor said that to divert people's attention from the issue of smart meters, the BJP has raised the issue of toll plazas. He said that a toll plaza is being built at Thandi Khui, two kilometers away from Sarore, which will be ready soon. Kapoor said that if there were no toll plazas in the UT, then why were peoples blood being sucked by installing toll plazas in Jammu

and Kashmir.

Kapoor said that there should not be any toll plaza in Jammu and Kashmir and toll plaza should be set up only after the statehood is restored.

He also raised questions regarding the silence of Dr. Jitendra Singh in this matter and said that why is he also maintaining silence regarding this matter.

He strongly criticized the LG administration for deploying police force to forcibly install smart meters. He said that after the installation

of smart meters, people are being handed huge electricity bills.

Kapoor said that if smart meters are correct then why are people's bills getting higher.

He appreciated the step taken by Yuva Rajput Sabha regarding toll plaza but also put into the dock the leaders of transporters who are saying that first fix the roads and then collect toll.

Kapoor said that if there is no toll in the UT then what is the use of toll plaza. He said that people do not accept toll plazas, smart meters and property tax and their agitation will continue until the government withdraws these decisions.

Kapoor said that he had started the issue of smart meters from Janipur and there is opposition in the entire state and it has taken the form of a mass movement. He said that the people of the state have the first right on the electricity generated in Jammu and Kashmir and they should be provided free electricity.

# GDC Neeli Nallah organises awareness program on "Ill effects of Drug Abuse"



## TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Sep 2: NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah, Udhampur organized poster making and Slogan writing competition on "Ill effects of Drug Abuse" under Nasha Mukth Bharat Campaign.

The whole event was conducted under the guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. Hans Raj.

Around a dozen of students participated in the competition who presented their posters

depicting different serious ill effects of drug abuse.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college emphasized that the habit of drug abuse not only greatly affects the body and mind, but also finishes the bright future of a person.

Sometime students make use of drugs to stimulate their performance in sports and studies because of peer pressure of scoring good rank.

He also stressed upon the students to adopt sports and yoga activi-

ties as a part of their daily life in order to enhance their performance in sports and sharpening of brain instead of indulging in drug addiction. Rupali Rajput of Sem 5th, Neharika Sharma of Sem 5th, Aman Sharma of Sem 3rd secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

The program was organized by Dr. Radha Rani, NSS PO and Dr. Swati Dutt. Others present were Neha Devi, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Pradeep Kumar, Kumari Mahima Bhagat, Akhter Hussain RATHER.

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## EDITORIAL

## SAVE NATURE

The way science is progressing, our Nature is becoming polluted. The increasing noise of vehicles all around, the sound of trees increase in industrial units lack of sense of cleanliness are polluting the environment.

Man is an integral part of nature. He depends on nature for all kinds of needs of his life. But to satisfy your unlimited needs. He is busy exploiting nature. Its evil result is increasing. Let us all together take a pledge to protect our environment needed. Due to the joint efforts of all, it is easy to pollute the environment. Can be saved or gone. We want that we should put garbage, flowers, neither put Puja materials, burnt wood, idols etc. yourself, nor do others. We should create awareness among the people that due to their actions. The environment gets polluted. People should stop bathing so that the environment is not polluted.

Life in earlier times was much better than today. Earlier people did not have advanced technology, but they had pure air to breathe and water to drink. This helped him stay healthy for a long time. But today even a small child is vulnerable to many diseases due to increasing environmental pollution. If the right steps are not taken then the time is not far when we will have to face many difficulties and our life will stop.

The lifestyle of the new generation or youth is contributing more to environmental pollution. They are becoming lazy due to technical implementation. Now they use bikes and cars which create more air pollution instead of environment friendly cycles. Their comfort needs are met by manufacturing industries which are the main cause of air and water pollution.

However, youth can protect the environment by raising more and more awareness. Adopting healthy and eco-friendly habits will help them achieve these goals. Planting trees, choosing to cycle or walk for nearby distances, etc. would be a great help.

Environmental pollution is a major concern which will hollow our coming future. Pollution is dangerous for the present and is turning into a major threat for the future. Every human being is responsible for this imbalance. So we need to work together, a little help today will return a big happiness tomorrow.

Increasing environmental pollution is not the problem of any particular country, but it is the problem of the whole world. Modernization is giving us comfortable and enjoyable life, but on the other hand, its effect is limiting our days of life. So, it is time to fight together and get out of this problem.

## Confronting bigotry and violence in the classroom

By: Patralekha Chatterjee

Every Indian has every reason to celebrate the spectacularly successful mission of Chandrayaan-3. But being over the moon should not mean taking our eyes off terrestrial issues. Or the growing challenges and contradictions on the ground. The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) makes India look good. It is just as important to pay attention to what does not make India look good.

In recent days, three widely reported incidents in different parts of the country point to a shameful reality. India's youngest continue to be subjected to brutality and bigotry within the classroom. And sometimes, those tasked to expand their minds see nothing wrong in using violence to make their point within what should be a safe space, the classroom. This is happening at a time when the country is getting increasingly polarised. The victims are typically the weakest and lack the power to confront bigotry and brutality head-on.

In Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, a teacher ordered her students to slap their classmate, a seven-year-old Muslim boy. The video clips of the incident, which went viral in the social media, made clear that the boy's religion was flagged. The teacher, Tripta Tyagi, who also owns the school, denies using a communal slur and claims it was punishment for not doing homework, but has no cogent explanation as to why she had to mention his religion. The boy's family has taken him out of the school and is looking for an alternative. A case has been registered but the charges, based on a complaint from the boy's family under

IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), are non-cognisable offenses and bailable. Ms Tyagi has not been arrested at the time of writing.

What is truly disturbing is the teacher's justification of her brutality and her defence -- she says that since she was handicapped, she had no choice but to ask other children to punish the Muslim boy. Which is tantamount to making a case for corporal punishment and its outsourced variant.

The second incident took place in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir. Farooq Ahmad, a teacher, brutally assaulted a Hindu student, because he had written "Jai Shri Ram" on the blackboard, according to media reports. The student had to be rushed to a hospital. The teacher has been arrested.

A third incident, which has got much less play in the media, involves a 15-year-old Dalit student in Rajasthan who allegedly had been facing casteist slurs from his teachers. Unable to cope with persistent humiliation, he had approached his principal and vice-principal for help. No support came his way. He died by suicide. Two teachers have been suspended.

The three incidents were reported and have triggered a joust between sharply contrasting narratives. Many incidents go unreported. All these instances point to the horrific situation within many classrooms in India.

Many teachers see nothing wrong in using violence to teach a lesson to a child, though corporal punishment and mental harassment are strictly prohibited by law. These are the youngest Indians and the three incidents point to children being traumatised and scarred for life.

It also points to the many

faces of vulnerability, powerlessness, and despair in India as socio-religious fault lines deepen. Dying by suicide is the extreme; living in chronic despair, being subjected to persistent humiliation and abuse is almost as bad. The incidents raise two critical issues. One, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009 explicitly prohibits "physical punishment" and "mental harassment" under Section 17(1) and makes it a punishable offence under Section 17(2). But in practice, corporal punishment -- the use of violence to "teach" a child a lesson -- continues in many parts of the country. How long are we going to let this continue under one pretext or the other? Two, corporal punishment risks being used as a ruse to mask bigotry in a fractured political landscape. The victims are typically the weakest and powerless.

Whichever way you slice it or dice it, brutality, be it physical or mental, is unacceptable within the classroom. We empower the bigots if we do not confront brutality within the classroom and safe spaces. Whomsoever seeks to rationalise it needs to think how she or he would react if the child was their own.

A recent report by Unesco posed a simple question: "Can you learn when you are afraid?" The report titled "Ending corporal punishment in schools to transform education for all children" (May 2023) poses extremely important questions: "Can you experience the transformative power of education when your teacher beats you? How can you learn the skills for later employment if school is a dangerous place?"

"Evidence", the report notes, "tells us repeatedly that violence -- and the fear, anger, and humiliation it creates -- stops

children from learning. As well as causing physical and psychological harm, it affects children's brain and cognitive development, leads to lower educational achievement, prevents them from building healthy relationships, and causes school drop-out".

It goes on to reference a major 2016 meta-analysis of 75 studies published over 50 years which found "an association between experience of corporal punishment (in any setting) and impaired cognitive ability". Many other studies, says Unesco, have found a similar connection, "linking corporal punishment with lower IQ scores, smaller vocabularies, poorer cognitive abilities, less ability to pay attention, hyperactivity, and slower cognitive development".

Today, corporal punishment is banned in schools in 136 countries. But unfortunately, despite the long list of known negative effects, violent punishment of children in schools continues in many places.

The bottom line -- you cannot bulldoze a child into learning multiplication tables or doing homework. Brutality has no positive benefits in the classroom. In fact, it is a hindrance to learning and leads to lower academic achievement, and school dropouts. At a time when India is seeking to position itself as a twenty-first-century knowledge hub, what is the story we want to tell our children who will shape this country and its future? What is the story we want to tell the world we seek to inspire?

Rationalising violence against children in the classroom in the name of "teaching them a lesson" will be used to target the weakest in a polarised milieu. It will be used as a cover for communal and casteist acts.

## How to Start Your Career in cybersecurity

By: Vijay GarG

Here is the comprehensive guide to starting your journey in cyber defense

In today's digital age, cybersecurity has become essential to our interconnected world. As cyber threats evolve and pose significant risks to individuals and organizations, the demand for skilled cybersecurity professionals is at an all-time high. Suppose you're considering a career in cybersecurity but need to know where to begin. In that case, this article will guide you through the fundamentals of starting your journey in this exciting and rewarding field.

Understand the Cybersecurity Landscape

Before delving into a cybersecurity career, it's crucial to grasp the cybersecurity landscape. Familiarize yourself with various cyber threats, such as malware, phishing, ransomware, and social engineering. Learn about different attack vectors and the potential consequences of cyber breaches on individuals and businesses. A comprehensive

understanding of the cybersecurity landscape will help you appreciate the significance of your future role in defending against these threats.

Obtain Relevant Education and Certifications

A strong educational foundation is essential for a successful career in cybersecurity. Pursue a degree in computer science, information technology, or a related field. Consider enrolling in specialized cybersecurity programs offered by universities and technical institutions. Additionally, acquiring industry-recognized certifications such as CompTIA Security+, Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), or Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) can boost your credibility and demonstrate your expertise to potential employers.

Develop Technical Skills

Cybersecurity professionals require a diverse skill set to protect and defend digital assets effectively. Sharpen your technical skills in networking, operating systems, cryptography, and program-

ming languages (e.g., Python, Java). Understanding these foundational concepts will lay the groundwork for more advanced cybersecurity practices.

Gain Hands-On Experience

Hands-on experience is invaluable in the cybersecurity field. Seek internships, volunteer opportunities, or entry-level positions that allow you to work on real-world projects and collaborate with experienced professionals. Additionally, participate in cybersecurity competitions and capture-the-flag (CTF) events to challenge yourself, learn new techniques, and showcase your problem-solving abilities.

Stay Informed and Continuously Learn

Cybersecurity is rapidly evolving, and staying updated with the latest trends and emerging threats is essential. Follow cybersecurity news, blogs, and reputable online resources to keep abreast of industry developments. Engage in webinars, workshops, and conferences to expand your knowledge and network with other profes-

sionals in the field.

Develop Soft Skills

In addition to technical expertise, soft skills are vital for a successful cybersecurity career. Develop strong communication skills to articulate complex technical concepts to non-technical stakeholders effectively. Cultivate critical thinking, adaptability, and the ability to work under pressure to excel in dynamic cybersecurity environments.

Focus on Specialization

As you gain experience in the cybersecurity field, consider specializing in a specific area of interest. Cybersecurity offers various career paths, including penetration testing, incident response, security analysis, and governance. Focusing on specialization will allow you to deepen your expertise and become a sought-after professional in that particular domain.

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## Brig Cheema visits Training Academy Nagrota, delivers inspirational address

### TOP NEWS REPORT

NAGROTA, Sep 2: Brigadier PS Cheema, SM, VSM, Group CDR, Jammu Group made a significant visit to the Training Academy Nagrota, where he interacted with cadets undergoing training at the Training and Selection Camp (Pre-TSC-II Camp). The visit was marked by his engagement with the cadets, witnessing their training, and delivering a thought-provoking address that left a lasting impact on the young minds.

The visit of Group Commander, Jammu Gp to the TSC Camp underscored the importance of mentorship, leadership, and motivation in nurturing the potential of cadets. The Training and Selection Camp, a rigorous training



program, aims to develop character, discipline, and leadership qualities in future military leaders. He spent valuable time engaging with the cadets, learning about their training experiences.

His presence provided cadets with a unique opportunity to interact with a decorated Officer and gain inspiration from him. His

address to the cadets was marked by words of wisdom, encouragement, and guidance. He emphasized the significance of resilience, teamwork, and adaptability in the journey towards becoming effective leaders.

His anecdotes and lessons from the field resonated deeply with the young cadets, leaving them motivated and

eager to excel in their training. The Camp Commandant, Col RS Jasrotia, SM\*\* said, "We were honoured to host Brigadier PS Cheema, SM, VSM at our TSC Camp. His visit served as a source of inspiration for our cadets, reinforcing the values of dedication, discipline, and leadership that are essential in their training and future roles."

## Surya Vihar residents thank Mayor, Dy Mayor, Sanjay Baru

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: The residents of Lane 7 of Surya Vihar Bohri Patta, who joined R.L Kaith here on Saturday, thanked the Jammu Municipal Corporation Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Deputy Mayor Baldev

Singh Billawaria and the Ward 41 Corporator Sanjay Baru for getting their choked centre deep drain cleaned, desilted and repaired and also getting their lane constructed with new pave tiles at a cost of Rs 13.94 lakh.

The residents also thanked the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Kumar Sinha's Secretariat for considering their plea and taking up the matter with JMC.

Among others who met here included Messrs Shiv Kumar

Chirvi, Roshan Lal Dhar, Shammi Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Adv. Shashi Kumar, Kamlesh Kumari, Anmol Motan, Neha Kalsi, Sheetal Kumari and Sonali Kumari.

The residents said they are very happy now.

## Inter school zonal level tournament begins at Basohli

### TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Sep 2: Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized inter school zonal level tournament u/19 years boys and girls at zone Basohli with the directions of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua Sunil Kumar under the overall supervision of Incharge Zonal Physical Education Officer Tara Singh along with field staff zone Basohli.

The competition was inaugurated by the Principal of Govt. Model Hr Sec School Basohli, Lalit Kumar Sharma.

Five Higher Secondary schools of Zone Basohli took part in different dis-



cipline and almost 131 boys participated on the first day.

While addressing to the participants, Princi-

pal Lalit Kumar Sharma advised the field staff to take care of participants during the competition. He impressed

upon all the participants to actively participate in the sports to achieve all-round development of their personality.

## 76th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam to begin soon

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: Once again we shall witness the beautiful township of Shamianas at the Sant Nirankari Spiritual Complex, Samalkha where the unique form of Universal Brotherhood will be seen at the 76th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam.

This spiritual Sant Samagam shall be organized in the holy presence of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ji. Lakhs of devotees from all over the country and overseas will participate in this auspicious Sant Samagam, where alongwith witnessing this grand Sant Samagam, they will also receive the bliss of the pious Darshan and

blessings of their Satguru.

As it is well known that it is the desire of every devotee to witness this blissful spiritual gathering and hence the wait ends. This Sant Samagam is such a powerful medium adopted by the Mission to convey the divine message of truth, love and peace. This shows a beautiful form of equality, harmony and love to the whole world through spiritual awareness which is of vital need in the present times.

The theme of this 76th Samagam is 'Sukoon - The Peace Within'. The poets, songwriters, speakers from within the country and overseas will express their thoughts through

poems, songs and speeches based on this theme. The presentations will be in different regional languages and mostly in their traditional attires.

The first Samagam of Sant Nirankari Mission was held in 1948 at Paharganj, Delhi under the leadership of the second Satguru of the Mission, Shahenshah Baba Avtar Singh Ji, after which Shahenshah Ji gave momentum to the series of Sant Samagams with His guidance. Thereafter, Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji spread it in many countries with the teachings of human values like tolerance and humility.

Baba Hardev Singh made his vital contribution in spreading this

Brahmygyan to an international level, as a result of which today the Mission has approximately 3,485 branches all over the world. Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev Ji also made tireless efforts to carry this beacon of spirituality to the masses and dedicated Herself to the Mission. At present Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj is the lighthouse of Brahmgyan and is spreading this Divine Light to every nook and corner of the world with great energy and zeal.

This spiritual gathering fulfills the main aim of the Mission by portraying a beautiful symbol of peace, harmony, universal brotherhood, compassion, tolerance and human virtues.

## Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society holds protest rally

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: Trikota Nagar Welfare Society, Jammu visited to Primary Health Centre behind, Main market, Trikota Nagar Colony, Jammu and not satisfied with the working and system of PHC and raised the issue with health department of J&K.

The then Director Health upgraded Urban Health Centre with the demand of TNWS as per Urban Health Center norms under the control of the principle GMC Jammu, TNWS members said.

There were roster of five doctors in UHC, they said adding that during COVID period UHC again converted into immunization center itself as per demand of that time.

After receiving numerous complaints team TNWS Jammu again visited UHC even provided with huge building structure in July 2023 to assess the facts of complaints. It was surprised to see that UHC has been now converted to Urban Health training center and Pharma staff only & not providing health issues / cover to public.

The concerned authorities are playing with the health of public / residents of adjoining areas and also seen



the shamble conditions of building and Bathrooms which required immediately repairing and renovation.

Team TNWS Jammu again raised the issue with grievance cell of LG but no action has been taken by any authority like Principal and Dean

of Government Medical College, director health, CMO while DC Jammu forwarded our issues to every concerned authorities and every department thrown the cap of responsibility to another department by quotes that they are not sub users of this UHTC.

Now, team TNWS Jammu raised this issue by peace full protest rally on Saturday from society office main market Trikota Nagar colony Jammu to Urban Health Training Center behind Main Market, Trikota Nagar colony Jammu.

## Dismantling J&K state is violation of human rights: Dimple

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, Sunil Dimple, while addressing a press conference, appealed the youths, people to unite to save the respect dignity of J&K princely Dogra state of Maharaja Hari Singh.

"We are sure that J&K people will definitely get



everything back Justice, during the verdict of Supreme Court," he said.

Dimple said that dismantling J&K state is violation of human rights. He threatened that indefinite agitation will continue till the process of smart metering, shifting of Raika HC from Janipur and toll plaza not stopped immediately.

Senior leader Nitin Saini was also present in the press conference.

## AJBRCEAK appeals LG to notify transfer policy

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK) appealed Lt Governor Jammu and Kashmir UT to notify comprehensive Transfer Policy for Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees working in Kashmir.

In a statement, Vipen Kumar Chairman of the Association urged Lt Governor to issue notification of Transfer policy for these employees on the occasion of Teachers Day.

Kumar expressed strong hope that definitely LG will fulfill his

commitment, and time is not far away when the employees appointed on inter District basis (Jammu Based Reserved Category) may get a chance to serve in their home district as well.

"We are very much optimistic for Transfer policy notification, LG Administration has taken several employees friendly steps in recent past, and we expect notification of Transfer policy is also on the way to boost up the confidence of Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees working in Kashmir from last 15 years and Com-

mittee constituted for this purpose last year reflects the seriousness of LG administration to find out an employee friendly Solution for this long pending demand of Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees," chairman added.

He further appealed to Lt Governor that leave settlement issue of Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees is needed to be settled as per the aspirations of employees, taking into consideration the circumstances and situation, No doubt there are several measures taken up by the administration for welfare of Jammu

Based Employees working in valley, but the main demand of a comprehensive Transfer policy is always a prime concern, and it's right time to fulfil it now, Mr Kumar further stated.

Meanwhile President AJBRCEAK Anil Radhey also requested for timely resolution of genuine issues of employees. He said we are thankful for LG Sahib for their commitment to reach out every section of employees, and hopefully Jammu Based Employees will get what they are demanding for, Hopefully Teachers day will bring some good news for them.

## Raman greets LG administration for successful conduct of Amarnath Yatra

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JAMMU, Sep 2: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri on Saturday greeted Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh and his entire administration for the successful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, for which Chhari Mubarak reached the holy cave shrine for darshan on 31st August 2023. He said that the role of paramilitary forces and all those who were directly and indirectly associated with this year's yatra remained commendable due to which pilgrims did not face any inconvenience and performed Darshan comfortably.

The yatra to the holy cave in Himalayas of South Kashmir in district Anantnag, he added, has also crossed last year's

mark which itself speaks of people's enthusiasm and administration's elaborate arrangements. The Union Home Ministry deserves a big applause for conducting this year's annual yatra which was a big challenge in all aspects.

With around 4.5 lakh pilgrims paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine during the 62-day long annual yatra that started on July 1 this year from twin tracks of Baltal and Nunwan-Pahalgam, last year's number stands surpassed.

Raman Suri said, now that the administration is continuing to add more facilities for pilgrims, there is every possibility of yatra crossing even this year's number in the subsequent year.

The BJP leader also greeted Mahant Deep-

endra Giri for his relentless devotion in carrying Chhari Mubarak to the holy cave with all rituals. Raman Suri also appreciated the langar committees from all other states and organisations who come to Jammu and Kashmir every year without fail and help pilgrims.

Suri said that the people of Kashmir, who are directly associated with the Yatra, also played an exemplary role in this holy pilgrimage, and helped the pilgrims by all means in order to ensure their hassle free yatra, which also brings with it many employment opportunities. This bond, he added, is unique and speaks of Jammu and Kashmir's cultural ethos. This year's yatra could cross the previous number because

of elaborate arrangements made by the local administration.

This was for the first time in the history of pilgrimage that the entire route was illuminated for the convenience of pilgrims. Unlike the past, there was no chaos and thankfully, the weather also remained favourable. Despite that, the government was well-prepared to deal with even the natural calamities on war footings, Raman Suri said.

Hoping that more and more pilgrims will arrive in Jammu and Kashmir next year, Raman said that this year's pilgrimage even attracted renowned badminton player Saina Nehwal, Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan and many foreigners from the United States of America (USA).

## Sidharth Shukla death anniversary: Fans pay emotional tribute to 'Bigg Boss 13' winner

Leaving his fans and well-wishers across the world heartbroken, actor Sidharth Shukla breathed his last on September 2, 2021.

As his second death anniversary falls today, netizens took to social media and fondly remembered him. "Missing badly on his death anniversary. #SidharthShukla#SidharthShuklaLive sOn," a fan wrote on X.

"You will be forever in our hearts @sidharth\_shukla ,we miss you always #SidharthShukla," another one tweeted.

"Remember him with a smile today. He was not one for tears. Reflect instead on memories. Of all the happy years. Recall to mind the way he spoke. And all the things he said. His strength, his courage, the way he lived,



Remember that instead," Sidharth's fan posted on social media.

Be it Twitter or Instagram, Sidharth's fans have flooded all social media platforms with his images and videos.

Sidharth was 40 when he passed away two years ago. He died due to a cardiac arrest.

Sidharth made his acting debut in 2008 with Babul Ka Aangann Chootey Na. He followed this up with shows such as Jaane

Pehchaane Se Ye Ajabbi and Love You Zindagi.

He later appeared in the popular show Balika Vadhu and played the role of District Collector Shivraj Shekhar. Sidharth then bagged a role in the film Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania. He participated in the celebrity dance reality show Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 6 and even hosted shows such as India's Got Talent 6. He later appeared on Khatron Ke Khiladi 7 in 2015 and won the show.

After this, he participated in Bigg Boss 13 and emerged as the winner. He rose to fame like never before in Bigg Boss. His bond with fellow contestant Shehnaaz Gill and his winning personality had fans across the world cheering him on.

## Madonna returns to rehearsals



Veteran pop star Madonna has revealed she is back to rehearsals for her Celebrations

Tour, just months after she was rushed to an intensive care unit after being found unconscious. The Queen of Pop was forced to reschedule her world tour after her worrying hospital dash. She was intubated for at least one night back in June after suffering a "serious bacterial infection".

After being released from hospital, Madonna spent time recovering in her New York home, where she was looked after by her children. She's now taken to her Instagram Stories to announce she was back to work. Sharing a picture of herself dancing, the 65-year-old wrote, "Good news...back to rehearsals now. See you on the road!"

## Miley Cyrus shares throwback viral photo of herself revealing she is bisexual

Pop singer Miley Cyrus spoke about a viral photo of herself wearing sweat pants and boots next to a glammed-out Taylor Swift, Demi Lovato and Hannah Montana co-star Emily Osment, and said, "If you guys didn't know I was bisexual." Cyrus, 30, while going through her archives, unearthed a memory from a night out with Swift, Lovato and Osment.

On the latest installment of her Used to Be Young TikTok series, she wondered how no one picked up on her bisexuality based on a viral meme from 2009. "This picture has become a meme — where it says 'Be the Miley of your friend



group," the singer recalled on TikTok, before joking, "If you guys didn't know I was bisexual from this damn picture, I don't know

what's wrong with you." After noticing laughter off-camera, Cyrus said she was only stating the obvious and offering a bit more context.

## Rajinikanth's 'Jailer' to start streaming on Prime Video from September 7

Amazon Prime Video has set September 7 as the digital premiere date of superstar Rajinikanth's latest movie 'Jailer'.

Produced by Sun Pictures and directed by Nelson Dillipkumar, 'Jailer' stars Rajinikanth in the lead role. Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu, Vinayakan, Tamannaah Bhatia and Master Ritvik round out the cast.

The film also features special cameos from Malayalam superstar Mohanlal, Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar, and Bollywood star Jackie Shroff.

The story centres on a retired jailer Tiger Muthuvel Pandiyan (Rajinikanth), who goes on a manhunt to find his son's killers. As he navi-



gates the shadows of his son's world, Muthuvel's determination is put to the test, leading him through a complex and familiar path, the official synopsis reads.

'Jailer' is extremely special to me; I had Rajinikanth sir to elevate the story with his signature acting style, and had superstars from the Indian film industry — Mohanlal sir, Shiva Rajkumar sir, and Jackie Shroff sir — to add their magical touch to this mass entertainer. We are excited for audiences across the globe to now enjoy this action drama, anytime and anywhere, from their homes," director Nelson said in a statement.

'Jailer' released in

theatres on August 10. Following its digital debut, Prime members in India and over 240 countries and territories worldwide will be able to stream the action entertainer in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Hindi.

C. Sembian Sivakumar, COO, Sun Pictures, said they are excited to show the film to the global audience.

"The film's overwhelming success across theatres is a testament of Nelson's vision and the entire team's hard work and dedication. We are now excited to take this emotionally rich entertainer to audiences across the globe in multiple languages through Prime Video," he said.

## Ayushmann Khurrana says he has created his 'own genre' with films on unique subjects

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana says making films that haven't been attempted before in Hindi cinema brings him great joy and it has helped him in creating a genre of his own.

With a filmography that boasts of diverse films such as 'Vicky Donor', 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha', 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan', 'Andhadhun', 'Bala' and 'Badhaai Ho', Khurrana said he is aware that people consider him as an "unconventional actor".

"I've to make unconventional choices and it is fun to make these choices. In fact, it becomes easier if your subject or concept is supporting your film. The uniqueness of the concept will be the main draw for the public.

"It is a lot of fun and that's how I've created my own genre, there's no point being vanilla. It is a great joy to be part of films that are a first attempt in Hindi cinema," the actor told agency in an interview.

Khurrana said he is glad that he has built his career with films, which were never considered "commercially viable on paper".

"I've built my entire career around it, so I'll never follow a rule book. Whatever goes with my gut and core, I'll go for it irrespective of any formula set by people," he added.

The actor is currently basking in the box office success of his latest release 'Dream Girl 2',

a sequel to his 2019 hit of the same title.

Released on August 25, the comedy-drama has earned Rs 67 crore at the domestic box office.

The actor said the Raaj Shaandilyaa-directorial made its debut in theatres at an appropriate time when mid-budget movies have started finding acceptance, be it Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan's 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke' or Kartik Aaryan-Kiara Advani starrer 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'.

But what made the success of 'Dream Girl 2' special was the fact that the movie did well for itself, despite running alongside Sunny Deol's 'Gadar 2', which has become a runaway hit since its release on August 11.

"It is a great victory that we have come in a cluster where we are sandwiched between 'Gadar 2' and 'Jawan' coming up. And still it has done these kinds of numbers, so it is satisfying," Khurrana said.

In 'Dream Girl 2', the actor reprises his role of Karam, who decides to cross dress as Pooja to make enough money to marry the love of his life, played by Ananya Panday.

Khurrana said he was confident about the film's prospects from the moment he heard its script.

"When I heard the script for the first time, we were all rolling on the floor laughing. We were



confident that it would be a commercially successful film because it is outrageously funny. The trailer also clicked well," he said.

At the same time, the 38-year-old actor said it is crucial to avoid getting carried away by a movie's success.

"It (success) should not go to your head. There is a great sense of validation from people for 'Dream Girl 2'. But at the same time, you need to keep your head on your shoulders that this is a volatile industry.

"It is time to party, yes, but at the same time

your commitment to the process has to be bigger than the result." "Dream Girl 2" is a career-high for the actor, whose last few releases — 'An Action Hero', 'Doctor G', 'Anek' and 'Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui' — hadn't performed as per the expectations.

Khurrana said he believes in learning and evolving with every film.

"There was a dream run pre-pandemic, like seven-eight films getting back-to-back commercial hits. But the last two years were a great sense of learning, we learnt and evolved a lot,

we consumed a lot of content.

"The viewing pattern of the audience has changed but again the curve is back on our side with theatricals. So, we always go through that curve. I'm glad we are back with community viewing," he added.

In the current scenario, Khurrana believes his critically-loved film "An Action Hero" would have found more acceptance if it had released today.

"I think 'An Action Hero' is a film if it had been released now, it would have done better. It had commercial tonality to it, it was fast-paced film, it was topical at the same time. It is fine that some films can be underrated, it is better to be underrated than overrated.

"In the long run, 'Action Hero' will be regarded as those underrated films and one of those gems which couldn't score at the box office but received a lot of love on OTT," he said.

Now Khurrana wants to do a mythological film.

"I've good command over the language. I've done hardcore Hindi theatre and public speaking in Hindi. I would love to do a mythological big budget film. Hope that happens soon." "Dream Girl 2", produced by Ekta Kapoor's Balaji Motion Pictures, also features Paresh Rawal, Annu Kapoor, Rajpal Yadav, Vijay Raaz, Asrani, Abhishek Banerjee, Manjot Singh and Seema Pahwa.

## Actress Pooja Gor, who is riding high on the success of Guns & Gulaabs, believes stories are not just about the lead actors



A 90s kid, acclaimed directors Raj and DK's series and even if hers wasn't a 'central' part, so many things were tipped in favour that Pooja Gor could not have possibly refused Guns & Gulaabs. Rather she beams, "I think I manifested it." Today she is both exhilarated and humbled by the response to the Netflix series.

Part of the exhilaration comes from the two celebrated makers who helmed it. She shares, "Raj and DK sir put you at ease immediately, are so much fun on the sets and have such a fantastic wry sense of humour, no 'ha ha' jokes for them." Their unorthodox and unique way of storytelling with 'lots of heart in it' too finds fulsome praise from her. And to cap it all, she got to play superstar Dulquer Salmaan's wife. Could she have asked for more? On her gifted co-actor, she says, "Apart from being such a fantastic actor, a natural at that, he is a good-hearted human being. He is very chivalrous and on point in his etiquette, all the qualities you want in a co-actor. The way he talks about his wife and daughter is so endearing; his eyes simply light up."

Of course, in the show he plays a flawed family man. Would she forgive infidelity in real life? Her answer oscillates between yes and no. "No, for obviously such a thing would be earth-shattering and yes if one has to move on." But she would rather 'forgive and not forget' than simply forgive and compromise. On the other trait of her onscreen character, well, she could certainly understand, if not relate to, the wifely quality of a supportive and

entrepreneurial spouse ready to push her career in the background for her husband's sake. "I have seen women of my mother's and grandmother's generation do it." If love beckons she can't say whether she would move lock, stock and barrel from Mumbai, which is home now. But, yes her other love, her work, does take her to different places.

Ready for challenges With a popular serial Mann Kee Awaaz Pratigya behind her, where she essayed the titular role of Pratigya, saying yes to a smaller part in the film Kedarnath does not bother her. "When you are part of ensemble, you can't think in conventional terms of hero and heroine. The film gave me a chance to do something new, as I got to play a grey character. As actors, we feed off challenges. Sometimes even a single scene act can be the driver in the narrative. Stories are not just about lead actors."

Though right now she would like to focus more on OTT and movies for 'I have done enough of television', she would not say OTT is the medium of today. She adds, "Young India prefers streaming platforms. But there is an audience for every medium and actors like us tend to gain a lot from this new algorithm, and get to work in different genres across mediums." Working with directors like Abhishek Kapoor and of course Raj & DK too is an enriching process.

Critics may have felt that as compared to four male characters in Guns & Gulaabs female ones were not as fleshed out, she insists, "Wait for the unravelling in the second season." You bet, apart from the second season, Guns & Gulaabs has opened doors as "many positive aftereffects" and many offers are on the table for her.

Watch out for her in yet another Netflix series, starring Vijay Varma and directed by Anubhav Sinha. The biggest lesson she has learnt from top-notch directors she has worked with is, "No matter how successful you are, you must strive harder." Of course, lasting in any profession that is competitive requires resilience. Thus, to all those young aspirants who want to be part of the entertainment industry, her advice is, "Have a heart of steel."

## “Scientific Efforts Will Continue”: PM Modi On Sun Mission Launch

On Aditya-L1's successful launch, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, “After the success of Chandrayaan-3, India continues its space journey.”

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): India's latest mission in its ambitious space programme blasted off today, a week after the country's successful unmanned Moon landing. Congratulating the scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the tireless efforts to better understand the Universe would continue. “Our tireless scientific efforts will continue in order to develop better understanding of the Universe for the welfare of entire humanity,” Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted.



ISRO on Saturday launched the country's ambitious solar mission Aditya-L1, eyeing history again after its successful lunar expedition, Chandrayaan 3, a few days ago.

The mission is carrying scientific instruments to observe the Sun's outermost layers in a four-month journey. As the 23.40-hour countdown concluded, the 44.4-metre-high Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) soared majestically at the prefixed time of 11.50 am from the Sriharikota spaceport, located on the eastern coast about 135 kilometres from Chennai. “Congratulations to our scientists and engineers at @isro for the successful launch of India's first Solar Mission, Aditya-L1,” the prime minister said.

## Ahead of Chhattisgarh polls, Amit Shah releases ‘Arop Patra’ against Baghel government



RAIPUR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday released an “Arop Patra” (chargesheet) against the Bhupesh Baghel government in Chhattisgarh, accusing it of indulging in scams and loot, and committing atrocities against the people of the state, where elections are due by the year-end. He also accused Chief Minister Baghel of making Chhattisgarh an “ATM of Gandhi Pariwar”, and claimed that his government has broken “all records of corruption”. The minister charged the Congress government of not preventing religious conversions in tribal areas of Chhattisgarh for its vote bank politics. Shah listed out alleged scams related to coal, liquor, online betting

being probed by central agencies in the state, and asserted that only the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) can save Chhattisgarh from the Congress' scams, atrocities and misrule. Referring to the money laundering case related to an alleged illegal betting app ‘Mahadev Online Book’, he said whether people of Chhattisgarh want the Baghel government that is pushing youth to online betting or the BJP government does the work of development of youths. “People of Chhattisgarh have to decide whether they want the Bhupesh Baghel government, which has committed corruption to the tune of thousands of crore or BJP government that paves the way for development,” he said.

“People have to decide whether they want the Baghel government that talks about protecting the rights of tribals even as religious conversions flourish under it or the BJP government which protects and preserve tribals and their culture,” he said. Shah alleged that the Baghel-led government has broken all records of corruption and said if BJP is elected to power, those who indulged in graft will be hung upside down and will be brought in order. The senior BJP leader expressed confidence that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government will be elected to power again, and said the BJP will form a government with full majority in Chhattisgarh prior to that. “I promise to the people of Chhattisgarh that if BJP is elected to power, every house will have access to clean water supply within two years,” he said. Shah also expressed happiness over the successful launch of the Aditya L-1 mission.

## Aditya-L1 spacecraft separates from launch vehicle, proceeds towards the sun: ISRO

SRIHARIKOTA, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Aditya-L1 spacecraft onboard a PSLV rocket on Saturday successfully got separated and would be proceeding on its journey towards the sun on a 125-day voyage, ISRO said on Saturday. ISRO chief S Somanath said the spacecraft was injected in the “precise orbit”. “Aditya L1 spacecraft has been injected in an elliptical orbit of 235 by 19,500 km which is intended, very precisely by the

PSLV,” he said. “From now on, Aditya L1 will go on a long journey for 125 days,” towards the sun, he said from the Mission Control Centre here. He was flanked by Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Project Director Nigar Shaji and Mission Director Biju. Shaji said the spacecraft was injected into the orbit flawlessly by the PSLV “as always,” and that the solar panels are deployed. “Aditya L1 has started

125 days of long journey to the sun,” she said. Union Minister Singh described today's achievement as a “sunshine moment,” and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the support to the space sector. The sun is a giant sphere of gas and Aditya-L1 would study its outer atmosphere. Aditya-L1 will neither land on the sun nor approach it any closer, ISRO said. It is expected to travel for about



125 days to reach the Halo orbit around the Lagrangian Point L1, which is considered closest to the sun.

## Ex-Army man guns down elder brother, nephew; injures daughter in Madhya Pradesh

SAGAR (MP), Sep 2 (Agencies): A former Army man allegedly shot dead his brother and nephew and injured his daughter after they intervened while he was quarrelling with his wife at their house in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district, police said on Saturday. The police have arrested the accused Ramadhar Tiwari (50) in connection with the shooting that took place in Lalepur village, around 15 km from the district headquarters, on Friday, inspector RP Dubey of Sanodha police station said. Ramadhar was quarrelling with his wife Sandhya when his elder brother Rammilan (62) and nephew Aju (36) intervened to pacify him, he said. The accused opened fire at the duo, and also shot and injured his daughter Varsha (24) outside their house, the official said. Ramadhar then escaped from the scene in his car and was apprehended hours later, he said. The two men succumbed to their inju-



ries at a hospital, while the woman is undergoing treatment at Bundelkhand Medical College, the official said. Talking to reporters, Superintendent of Police Abhishek Tiwari said the accused was a former Army man, and he committed the murders with a licensed firearm. According to police, the accused has four daughters and a son. Two of his children were in school at the time of the shooting.

## ‘Pregnant’ tribal woman in ‘relationship with another man’ paraded naked by husband in Rajasthan; 8 arrested

JAIPUR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Eight people, including the husband of a 21-year-old tribal woman who was allegedly stripped naked and paraded in a village in Rajasthan's Pratapgarh district, have been detained, police said on Saturday. The incident, caught on camera, was widely criticised by various political leaders. In a statement, DGP Umesh Mishra said 10 people have been named in the FIR for molestation, thrashing the woman besides other relevant sections. Of these, eight, including the main accused, have been detained, it said. He said the victim



lodged a complaint against her husband Kanha Gameti along with Suraj, Beniya, Netiya, Nathu and Mahendra for forcibly taking her on a motorcycle and parading her naked. “The main accused Kanha, Netiya, Beniya and Pintu and a minor have been detained

apart from spectators of the crime Punia, Khetia and Motilal,” the police statement said. Police also said that Kanha, Netiya and Beniya got injured while trying to flee and are being treated at Pratapgarh district hospital. “The search for the remaining accused is on. Additional force has

been deployed for maintaining peace and law and order,” the statement stated. Initial investigation revealed that the woman was in a relationship with another man, said Dhariyawad SHO Peshawar Khan. Police said the in-laws of the woman kidnapped her and took her to their village where the incident took place on Thursday. Her in-laws were annoyed as she was staying with another man. They also said that six teams have been formed to arrest the accused and Pratapgarh Superintendent of Police Amit Kumar is camping in the village. On the direction of

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, DGP Mishra sent ADG (Crime) Dinesh M N to Pratapgarh Friday night. Gehlot took cognisance of the incident and posted on X, “Such incidents have no place in a civilised society.” He said the accused will be arrested soon and tried in a fast-track court. Former chief minister Vasundhara Raje alleged that the video of a pregnant woman being stripped in front of people was doing rounds on social media, but the administration was not aware of it. She also appealed to people to not share the video, saying the incident has put Rajasthan to shame.

## Maharashtra man shoots wife dead and dies soon afterwards due to ‘heart attack’

THANE, Sep 2 (Agencies): A 56-year-old man allegedly shot dead his wife, but soon afterwards collapsed and died, apparently due to a heart attack, at their residence in Thane city of Maharashtra, police said on Saturday. The incident occurred around 10.15pm on Friday in Yashwanth Nivas building located in Kumbhar Ali of Kalwa, they said. The victims were identified as Dileep Salvi and his 51-year-old

wife Pramila, the police said. A police official said, “Soon after Salvi returned home on Friday night, an altercation broke out between him and his wife. In a fit of rage, he took out his revolver and fired two rounds at his wife, who died on the spot.” Soon afterwards, Salvi collapsed on the ground and died after apparently suffering a heart attack, he said.

Sources close to Salvi said when the latter pointed his revolver at his wife, she raised an alarm and called her son, but before he could arrive at the spot she was dead. The exact motive behind the killing is being ascertained by the police, the official said. According to police, Salvi belonged to an influential family in Kalwa as its members are known to be involved in local

politics and social activities. A number of civic and other projects are named after his father late Yashwanth Rama Salvi. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone I) Ganesh Gawade visited the site after the incident and he is supervising a probe. The bodies of the couple were sent to a government hospital for post-mortem and an offence is being registered, the police said.

## Thane woman jumps to death from 10-storey building after tiff with husband

THANE, Sep 2 (Agencies): A 20-year-old woman allegedly jumped to death from a 10-storey building following a tiff with her husband in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Saturday. The incident took place in Dombivili town on Friday morning

when the newly married couple was visiting a relative, an official from Manpada police station said. Pooja Karan Solanki allegedly jumped to death from a fourth-floor apartment in the 10-storey building and was found lying in a pool

of blood, he said. The woman's body was sent for post-mortem and a case registered, the official said. The victim was chatting with someone and her husband objected to it, following which she took the extreme step, he said. “Investigations revealed that Baruva's complex network was involved in facilitating the issuance of Indian passports to Bangladeshi nationals. He maintained active connections with associates in Bangladesh, aiding numerous illegal border crossings into Nagpur over the past decade,” he said. Following his arrest, a case was registered against Baruva under Sections 420 (cheating), 463, 467 and 468 (all pertaining to forgery) of the IPC and an investigation is on, the police said.

## Man arrested for smoking inside washroom of Indigo Dubai-Kolkata flight

KOLKATA, Sep 2 (Agencies): A man has been arrested at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata early Saturday morning on the charges of smoking inside the washroom of an Indigo flight from Dubai to Kolkata. The accused, Suvam Shukla, entered the washroom and started smoking there, an official at the airport said. Cabin crew and even a co-passenger noticed it and informed pilot of the aircraft immediately after which the flight landed. The flight official immediately contacted the airport security personnel and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel, who were deputed for security arrangements at the airport,

immediately arrested the passenger. First, Shukla was questioned by the CISF officers and finally he was handed over to the cops of Airport Police Station under the Bidhannagar City Police. The cops are currently questioning him on what prompted him to make such an illegal action while being on board. He was booked under Section 25 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. The Indigo Airlines officials said smoking is totally prohibited in flight for the safety of the passengers. They also said that fortunately the passenger was spotted smoking in time and the action was taken or else it could have led to a mishap.

## Buddhist monk-turned-gym trainer Bangladeshi man lands in police net for illegal stay, running passport racket

NAGPUR, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Maharashtra ATS has arrested a Bangladeshi man in Nagpur, where he was found residing illegally for more than a decade - initially as a Buddhist monk and then as a gym trainer - and also operating a racket to help people from his country obtain Indian passport fraudulently, an official said. The 40-year-old Palash Bipan Baruva was arrested by the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on Friday, police said today. During the probe, it was found that he had entered India illegally under the guise of being a Buddhist monk and later trans-

sitioned into the role of a gym trainer in Nagpur. He had been living in Pivali river area at Teka in north Nagpur, they said. “The ATS uncovered Baruva's illegal activities when two Bangladeshi nationals, Maitri Baruva and Ankon Baruva, were apprehended at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad while trying to board flights to foreign countries using Indian passports,” an official from Kapil Nagar police station said. Their interrogation revealed that their passports had been fraudulently obtained on the basis of fake identity documents

supplied by Baruva, he said. Following this, the Nagpur unit of the ATS launched a covert operation, spanning more than a month, during which Baruva's activities were closely monitored, he added. “The accused had crossed the Indian border as a Buddhist monk before 2010. He managed to evade law enforcement agencies for around four years by residing in various Buddha Viharas in the city,” the official added. Baruva then transitioned into an ordinary life, taking up the job of a gym trainer. He also formed a romantic relationship and trav-

elled to Thailand, he said. “Investigations revealed that Baruva's complex network was involved in facilitating the issuance of Indian passports to Bangladeshi nationals. He maintained active connections with associates in Bangladesh, aiding numerous illegal border crossings into Nagpur over the past decade,” he said. Following his arrest, a case was registered against Baruva under Sections 420 (cheating), 463, 467 and 468 (all pertaining to forgery) of the IPC and an investigation is on, the police said.

## North Korea fires cruise missiles into the sea after US-South Korean military drills end

SEOUL, Sep 2 (Agencies): North Korea launched several cruise missiles into the sea Saturday, South Korea's military said, extending its weapons testing activities in response to the United States-South Korea summer military drills.

South Korea's military detected the launches early Saturday morning off the North's west coast, the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

The statement said South Korean and US intelligence authorities were analyzing details of the launches. It said South Korea has boosted its surveillance posture and maintains a firm military readiness in close coordination with the United States.

The launches came two days after the US and South Korean militaries wrapped up their 11-day training exercises that North Korea regards as a rehearsal for invasion. Washing-



ton and Seoul officials maintain their drills are defensive.

A day before the US-South Korean training ended, North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea in a launch it said was meant to simulate "scorched earth" nuclear strikes on South Korea.

The North said it was separately holding a command post exercise aimed at rehearsing an

attempt in October.

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## Pakistan: Imran Khan's party chief re-arrested after court orders his release

LAHORE, Sep 2 (Agencies): Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, the president of former PM Imran Khan's party, was on Friday re-arrested by the Islamabad police hours after the Lahore High Court ordered his release in a graft case and explicitly directing the authorities not to take him in custody in any other case, a media report said on Friday. Elahi, 77, was released from the custody of the National Accountability Bureau on Friday afternoon after the HC ordered the authorities to set him free as they did not present him in the court despite clear orders, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The Lahore High Court ordered the police not to re-arrest Elahi as the National Accountability Bureau failed to produce him on one pretext or another.

"Former Punjab CM Chaudhry Parvez Elahi was taken into custody on the orders of the district magistrate under Section 3 of the Maintenance of Public Order (MPO). He is being shifted to jail," the Capital police in Islamabad said in a tweet on the platform X (formerly Twitter).

Section 3 of MPO empowers the government to arrest and detain suspected persons.

Elahi is among sev-

eral Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) leaders and workers who have been arrested amid the state's crackdown on the PTI leadership following the May 9 riots during protests over party chief Imran Khan being whisked away by paramilitary personnel at the Islamabad High Court premises.

He was first arrested on June 1 but was deprived of his freedom repeatedly and dragged in on several graft cases. Earlier in the morning after ordering the release of Elahi, the HC warned the NAB against arresting the Punjab ex-CM in any other case.

## Mohamed Al-Fayed, father of Princess Diana's boyfriend Dodi, dies at 94

LONDON, Sep 2 (Agencies): Mohamed Al-Fayed, a self-made Egyptian billionaire and father of Princess Diana's boyfriend Dodi, has passed away, his family said today.

He died just a day before the 26th anniversary of Dodi and Diana's death.

"Mrs Mohamed Al Fayed, her children and grandchildren wish to confirm that her beloved husband, their father and their grandfather, Mohamed, has passed away peacefully of old age ON August 30," a statement issued by the family said, BBC reported.

"He enjoyed a long and fulfilled retirement surrounded by his loved ones," the statement added.

He rose from selling fizzy drinks on the streets of Alexandria in Egypt. During a two-year marriage to Samira Khashoggi, he started to work for his brother-in-law Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi Arabian



arms dealer and businessman which helped Fayed to forge connections.

Fayed launched his own a shipping business, later bought the Ritz hotel in Paris, took over Harrods, a departmental store. However in 2010, he sold Harrods.

## Russia puts nuclear capable 'Satan II' missile system on combat duty

MOSCOW, Sep 2 (Agencies): Russia announced the deployment of its RS-28 Sarmat Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), which is referred to as the "world's deadliest missile." The announcement was made by Russian space agency chief Yuri Borisov on Saturday. However, the exact date and location of the deployment were not disclosed.

The Sarmat missile has been nicknamed "Satan II", as it will replace Soviet-era Voevoda missiles, known by the NATO designation SS-18 "Satan".

The new missile is designed to carry out nuclear strikes on targets thousands of miles away in the United States or Europe.

Referring to the combat capability of this next-generation intercontinental ballistic mis-



sile, Russian President Vladimir Putin had earlier said that RS-28 would make Russia's enemies "think twice."

Quoting the space agency chief, the state-run news agency TASS said, "Based on experts' estimates, the RS-28 Sarmat is capable of delivering a MIRVed

warhead weighing up to 10 tonnes to any location worldwide, both over the North and South Poles."

The Sarmat strategic system has assumed a combat alert posture, the news agency reported.

RS-28 Sarmat is a nuclear-

capable three-stage missile with a range of 18,000 kilometres and a launch weight of 208.1 metric tons. It is capable of carrying up to 10 heavy or 15 light warheads. It can also carry up to 24 Avangard hypersonic glide vehicles that can manoeuvre in flight, making them difficult to intercept.

"The new complex has the highest tactical and technical characteristics and is capable of overcoming all modern means of anti-missile defence. It has no analogues in the world and won't have for a long time to come," Putin said earlier, referring to the new missile.

The missile was launched and test-fired on April 20, 2022, just months after the Russia and Ukraine war started.

## Typhoon Saola batters Hong Kong, weakens after landfall in China's Guangdong

HONG KONG, Sep 2 (Agencies): Typhoon Saola made landfall in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong early on Saturday as violent winds lashed nearby Shenzhen, Hong Kong and Macau, leaving at least one dead and a trail of destruction and flooding in many areas.

The Asian financial hub of Hong Kong and China's neighbouring populous province of Guangdong cancelled hundreds of flights on Friday and shut businesses, schools and financial markets as Saola had edged closer.

Packing winds of more than 200 kph (125 mph) as a super typhoon, Saola was among the strongest to menace the southern province since 1949. It was a severe typhoon, Chinese authorities said, as it made landfall in Zhuhai city with winds slowing to around 160 kph.

Railway operations in Guangdong were allowed to gradually resume from 8:30 a.m. (0030 GMT), the railway operator said.



Despite weakening, Saola continues to affect the region, Chinese authorities said, as it moves towards Taiwan's eastern coast.

More than 300 people were stranded at Hong Kong's airport after some 460 flights were cancelled, the city's Airport Authority said.

Flagship carrier Cathay Pacific (0293.HK) said flights would resume from noon (0400 GMT) on Saturday after being suspended since Friday afternoon.

Hong Kong imposed its highest hurricane storm signal 10

on Friday night, lowering it to 8 by Saturday morning. The city's observatory said it would remain in force until 4 p.m. (0800 GMT) as heavy rain and flooding were still affecting the territory.

Fallen trees were strewn over many roads, particularly in the more exposed outlying islands. In the bustling Causeway Bay district many building signs had flown off.

A large window was blown out of an office building in the Tseung Kwan O district, footage from broadcaster TVB showed. Photos posted on Facebook

showed water levels at Repulse Bay beach surging several metres higher than normal level, partially submerging its landmark Tin Hau temple.

More than 500 people sought refuge in government shelters while more than 50 people were admitted to hospitals due to the typhoon, the government said.

In Macau, the world's biggest gambling centre, casinos were allowed to reopen from 8 a.m. on Saturday, the government said, after shutting Friday night.

One person was killed in Shenzhen after a tree fell and hit their vehicle, local media reported.

Haikui, a typhoon not as strong as Saola, was forecast to make landfall on Taiwan's far south-eastern coast late on Sunday afternoon and bring heavy rain across the island into next week.

Taiwan's two main domestic airlines cancelled all flights for Sunday, and the government warned people to stay away from beaches and mountain areas.

## 98-year-old German charged with assisting in thousands of deaths at Nazi camp

BERLIN, Sep 2 (Agencies): A 98-year-old man has been charged in Germany with being an accessory to murder as a guard at the Nazis' Sachsenhausen concentration camp between 1943 and 1945, prosecutors said.

The German citizen, a resident of Main-Kinzig county near Frankfurt, is accused of having "supported the cruel and malicious killing of thousands of prisoners as a member of the SS guard detail," prosecutors in Giessen said in a statement. They did not release the suspect's name.

He is charged with more than 3,300 counts of being an accessory to murder between July

1943 and February 1945. The indictment was filed at the state court in Hanau, which will now have to decide whether to send the case to trial. If it does, he will be tried under juvenile law, taking account of his age at the time of the alleged crimes.

Prosecutors said that a report by a psychiatric expert last October found that the suspect is fit to stand trial at least on a limited basis.

German prosecutors have brought several cases under a precedent set in recent years that allows for people who helped a Nazi camp function to be prosecuted as an accessory to the murders there without direct evidence that they participated in a

specific killing. Charges of murder and being an accessory to murder aren't subject to a statute of limitations under German law.

More than 200,000 people were held at Sachsenhausen, just north of Berlin, between 1936 and 1945. Tens of thousands died of starvation, disease, forced labor, and other causes, as well as through medical experiments and systematic SS extermination operations including shootings, hangings and gassing.

Exact numbers for those killed vary, with upper estimates of some 100,000, though scholars suggest figures of 40,000 to 50,000 are likely more accurate.

## Maui fire missing list falls slightly to 385: Governor had indicated it would be below 100

HONOLULU, Sep 2 (Agencies): The number of people on the official list of those missing from the Maui wildfire stood at 385, nearly unchanged from a week earlier.

In a news release, the Maui Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation said 245 people on the list of 388 made public the previous week were located and removed. However, a nearly equal number of new names were added.

The updated total was a startling departure from what had been expected, a day earlier Gov. Josh Green said he believed the number would fall below 100.

"We think the number has dropped down into the double digits, so thank God," Green said in a video posted to his account on X, formerly known as Twitter.

After Maui police released the updated list, the governor said the numbers of fatalities and missing are often in flux in mass

casualty events until investigations are completed.

"Exact numbers are going to take time, perhaps a long time, to become finalized," Green said in a statement provided through a spokesperson.

He said there are less than 50 "active missing person cases." He didn't elaborate but indicated those are the people for whom more information was provided than the minimum to be on the missing list compiled by the FBI. It only requires a first and last name provided by a person with a verified contact number.

Authorities have said at least 115 people died in the blaze that swept through Lahaina, the deadliest wildfire in the U.S. in more than a century. So far, the names of 50 people have been publicly released and five others have been identified but their identities withheld because next of kin



haven't been reached. The rest have yet to be identified.

The flames turned the picturesque seaside town into rubble in a few short hours on Aug. 8. Wind gusts topping 60 mph (97 kph) ripped through the town, causing the flames to spread exceptionally quickly.

Lahaina has deep significance in Hawaiian history as the one-time capital of the former Hawaiian kingdom and as the home to high-ranking chiefs for centuries.

In recent decades, the town became popular with tourists, who ate at its oceanfront restaurants and marvelled at a majestic 150-year-old banyan tree.

Half the town's 12,000 residents are now living in hotels and short-term vacation rentals. The Environmental Protection Agency is leading an effort to clean hazardous waste left in a burn zone stretching across some 5 square miles (13 square kilometres).

Reconstruction is expected to take years and cost billions.

Initially, more than 1,000 people were believed unaccounted for based on family, friends or acquaintances reporting them as missing. Officials narrowed that list down to 388 names who were credibly considered missing and released the names to the public last week.

New names on Friday's updated list were

added from the Red Cross, shelters and interested parties who contacted the FBI, Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said. He urged family members of the missing to submit their genetic data to help identify their relatives.

"If you have a loved one that you know is missing and you are a family member, it's imperative that you get a DNA sample," Pelletier said in a video posted to Instagram.

The cause of the fire hasn't been determined, but it's possible powerlines from downed utility poles ignited the blaze. Maui County has sued Hawaiian Electric, the electrical utility for the island.

The utility acknowledged its power lines started a wildfire early on Aug. 8 but faulted county firefighters for declaring the blaze contained and leaving the scene, only to have a second wildfire break out nearby.



## Army organises Medical and Veterinary Camp at Sirur, Bunjwah

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 2: As a goodwill gesture and in continuance of its commitment to work for welfare of general public, the Indian Army organised a Medical & Veterinary Camp for locals and live stocks at Sirur Bowl & Bunjwah Bowl.

The aim of this camp was to deliver basic medical services at the door steps of the medically less privileged clientele residing in remote and far flung villages & provide veterinary support for animals and medical facilities for migrating gujjars which are not available thereby depriving them of the required



basic medical facilities for themselves and their livestock.

During the camp, Veterinary doctors and a team of doctors from the Indian Army and Civil comprising Medical Specialists & Dentist attended the patients

requiring medical care actively participated in the event. A total of 216 Male, 184 Female, 42 children from Sirur Bowl and 20 Male, 266 Female, 28 Children from Bunjwah Bowl were provided with free medical care

along with preliminary investigation and medicines for the commonly occurring ailments.

On the other hand 163 live stocks from Sirur Bowl and 294 live tocks from Bunjwah Bowl included sheeps, goats, cows and horses, which were treated and also provided with free medicines during the camp. The local populace appreciated this Endeavour of Indian Army to address their genuine requirements and aspirations.

This camp will go a long way in alleviating the health issues of local population & their live stocks and further strengthen bonds of friendship between Indian Army and Awaam.

## Army conducts Grievance Redressal Meet at Bhagwah



### Top News Report

DODA, Sep 2: To interact with the Ex-servicemen, Indian Army Widows and Veer Naris residing in Bhagwah, Doda and to resolve their pension anomalies and grievances, Indian Army organised a Grievance Redressal Meet at

Bhagwah, Doda.

More than 08 Ex-serviceman attended the meet.

During the meet, they shared their grievances which were noted down for redressal subsequently. During the interaction with Ex-servicemen, Indian Army Widows and Veer Naris,

they were educated / apprised about various welfare and financial schemes launched by Indian Armed Forces / Central Government / J&K Government in recent times.

In addition, they were also educated about functioning of ESM Help Line, ECHS and Pensioner benefits including to the post retirement schemes.

This kind of meets stand as a testimonial to the veterans and Indian Army Widows that the organization cares for them and always stands by them.

## 'LEAD poised to take J&K UT to new horizons of knowledge'

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Technocrats hold the key to self-employment in J&K Ladakh Jammu & Kashmir Economic Development Dialogue is a key initiative of concerned citizens pushing the youngest UT's of India, J&K, and Ladakh, towards the great era of holistic development; continues to analyse the anomalies left by previous political regimes concerning the younger generation at every required platform. There remained a great resentment for long among commerce students about the selective promotion of students from only one region of erstwhile J&K State at The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Kolkata by offering a fee waiver to students of CMA course (foundation & inter-

mediate levels).

Sunil Shah, Chairman LEAD, had raised the issue with CS Ashwin Dalwadi, National President, the Institute of Cost Accountants of India during a specially organised interaction at the LEAD Ahmedabad office.

The logical presentation of the facts to Dalwadi by LEAD Chairmain about depriving CMA students of Jammu region from patronship of the Institute has borne fruit. The institute, vide its notification no. G/128/09(1)2023 dated 1st September 2023 issued by Secretary CMA Dr. Kaushik Banerjee has removed anomaly and has announced 100% fee waiver for female students and 75% fee waiver for male students belonging to all districts of J&K U.T thus symbolising a true spirit

of equality among regions.

100% fee waiver to female students empowers the daughters once again after they got their historic rights of gender equality in August 2019 through Parliament under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The historic decisions were taken in the 348th General Meeting of Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

Whole of the LEAD core team and Board members appreciate the decision taken by the Institute and Care of the opinion that this decision will open a new era of promotion of Cost Accounting as prime profession for youth of J&K. To take it further, LEAD will organise an awareness programme for the budding Cost Accountants with help of Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

## Jugal leads Amrit Kalash Yatra in Reasi



### Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 2: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Jammu along with DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag, District President BJP Rohit Dubey & others toured village Kotli Manyotri, Sirla Bhagha, Sujangdhar Bhomag and adjoining areas of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Assembly constituency and led Amrit Kalash Yatra under Meri Maati Mera Desh a Nationwide programme.

He also paid tribute to

the martyrs who sacrificed for the Nation.

Member Parliament, while addressing the gathering present at the occasion, said that Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has started a Nationwide Amrit Kalash Yatra under "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign.

He said that under this programme Maati from every household from urban and rural area is collected in a Amrit Kalash and taken up to the Block & District

Level and then UT and take it to Delhi.

He said that our Prime Minister Narendra Modi is very visionary and initiated a step to construct "Amrit Van" in remembrance of those people sacrificed for the country. He said that a fundamental aspect of the program is to express heartfelt gratitude to all the bravehearts (Veers and Veeranganas) who have made supreme sacrifice.

He said that a Shilaphalakam also installed having names of the bravehearts.

Freedom fighters, defense personnel, personnel of Central Armed Police Forces and State Police who laid down their lives in the line of duty are remembered by every heart of the Nation.

He said that a initiative of planting 75 plants/trees near Amrit Sarovars or Prime Location of villages also included in this programme.

He said that at the memorial site people will be take a solemn pledge covering the Panch Pran of Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Jugal also attended Shri Nag Devta Mela a grand cultural fair at village Sujangdhar Bhomag.

DDC Nirmla Devi, BDC Ashok Thakur, Tehsildar Mehak Mahajan, Mandal President Ramesh, Sarpanch Kaya Devi, Rekha Devi, Shabman Bano, Senior BJP Leaders Adv. Pawan Singh, Balwant Singh, Kulwant Singh, Tej Singh and others were also present at the occasion.

## GoI appoints Dr. Sanjay Bansal as Zonal Board Member Northern Railway

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Dr. Sanjay Bansal National President of Federation of Trade and Industry of India (FTII) has been appointed as a Zonal Board Member of Northern Railways by Indian Railways.

The objective of this appointment is to provide opportunities for frequent consultation between Railways and users (passengers) on matters relating to and including improvement in the service provided by the Railways.

His appointment will

contribute to the betterment of the services provided by the Railways to the passengers and overall development of the railway stations of Northern zone.

It's a matter of pride for the people of Jammu as Dr. Sanjay Bansal got appointed as zonal

board member for the Northern Railways. He is also a member of many committees like GST grievance redressal committee, Red Cross executive committee, RBI committee, member of Board of governance of many colleges.

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## President Murmu to confer National Teachers' Award 2023 to 75 teachers on Sept 5

With a view to recognize innovative teaching, research, community outreach and novelty of work the nominations were sought in online mode to maximize participation (Jan Bhagidari). The Union Education Minister constituted three separate Independent National jury comprising eminent persons for the selection of teachers, said the statement.

## President appoints three cat members for Srinagar, Jammu benches

District Judge as Judicial Member in CAT. He,

according to the government has been advised to join CAT, Jammu Bench within 30 days.

## Pakistan Army Major among two personnel killed in restive northwest

underway in Waziristan for the elimination of militants.

Thursday's suicide attack by TTP militants on a security forces convoy killed nine soldiers and injured 20 others in the Bannu district of the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Recently, Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorist activities orchestrated by the outlawed terror outfit.

## JKNPP leadership crisis deepens: nephews clash over top post

individual capacity and not as a represen-

tative of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party," and mentioned that the Election Commission (EC) had been notified of this matter.

Sources indicate that both Harsh Dev Singh and Vilakshan Singh have approached the EC to gain recognition for their respective factions as the legitimate JKNPP. Harsh Dev claimed that he was elected JKNPP president on April 2 after his return from the AAP, replacing Vilakshan. On the other hand, Vilakshan asserted that he was elected president on June 19, 2022, by the party's working committee meeting, chaired by Jay Mala Singh, the wife of Bhim Singh, until March 2023. This presidency was reportedly extended by two years at a subsequent working committee meeting on April 14.

The EC has requested responses from both parties by September 8 to resolve this leadership dispute. It's worth noting that Harsh Dev Singh and MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, another nephew of Bhim Singh, had departed from the JKNPP to join the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) during Bhim Singh's lifetime. After the passing of the party's founder-president on May 31, 2022, the JKNPP split into two factions, led by Vilakshan Singh and P K Ganjoo.

Ganjoo, a long-standing associate of Bhim Singh, claimed to have been elected president of his faction by the working committee in June 2022, while Vilakshan maintained that he was elected president of his faction on June 19, 2022. Both factions assert that they have the support of the majority of the working committee members from the original, undivided party.

## Woman impersonating as 'Police Officer' arrested in Kashmir: Police

accused person known as Ashia (Fake name), whose real identity has been revealed as Bisma Yousuf Sheikh daughter of Mohd Yousuf Sheikh resident of Tappie Khag. In addition to her apprehension, the investigating team also recovered a

police uniform and ₹10,000/- rupees from her possession that had been fraudulently obtained from Mr. Hasan", the statement reads.

"Community members are requested not to fall prey in the hands of such fraudulent people and share such information with Police. Our consistent action against anti-social elements shall assure community members that Police have resolved to act tough against such inimical elements", the statement reads further.

## J&K all set to become 'Terror Free Region' soon: DGP Dilbag Singh

J&K a drug free place," he said.

To a query about two incidents where Sikh community members were found dead in Baramulla and Tral, the DGP said that such incidents are general ones. "Police have taken cognizance of both incidents and there is no need to worry. FIR has been lodged and probe is on," he said. "The case of death of Sikh community member from Baramulla has been handed over to the Crime Branch."

On Panchayat polls preparations, the DGP said that all arrangements are in place and police will ensure smooth polls as and when they are held.

## PGTI: Jammu set to host over 120 Golfers at Scenic Tawi Golf Course for 2nd yr in a row

He was flanked by Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekananda Rai, Secretary, JTGC, Manav Gupta, Joint Director, Jammu Tourism, Sunaina Mehta and PGTI representative Vikas.

"The tournament will not only exploit the potential of local and budding golfers but will also provide opportunity to them in learning the skills vis-à-vis bringing a boom in the tourism sector," said Singh.

The Special Secretary said, "it is not less than a privilege for JTGC to host this tour-

nament of international standard," adding, "we have five international standard golf courses in Jammu and Kashmir and with a motive to tap the potential of tourism, such events are very helpful and we are sure that golfers through PGTI will definitely be our brand ambassadors across the country and the world with a message of normalcy."

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekananda Rai stated, "the government is giving special impetus to golf tourism and this tournament will surely be resourceful in meeting our aspirations."

"We are promoting various forms of tourism to attract more tourists in Jammu region for which the administration is taking adequate steps and focus towards golf tourism is among them," he said.

Rai said that the golfers will not only participate in the tournament but also carry along a message of peace and harmony on behalf of the Jammu and Kashmir administration to their native places.

Secretary, JTGC, Manav Gupta said that the event likewise previous year is going to be a game changer for professional and budding golfers in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Jammu Tawi Golf Course is an 18-hole course of international standard spread in 1400 kanals and the PGTI (controlling body of Professional Golf Tour in India) team last year after inspection, declared the venue fit and signaled green for the event," Gupta said.

He added, "this event will help Jammu scale new heights in terms of a golfing destination for national and international players," adding he said that surrounded by heritage structures like Amar Mahal, Mubarak Mandi and Bahu Fort, the rich flora of the JTGC which is a result of continuous plantation every year has created an ecological niche, to say the least.

Gupta said that few pre-events to involve the local population into the golf are also being planned before the PGTI matches to motivate and inspire them for the game.

Joint Director, Jammu Tourism, Sunaina Mehta revealed that the Jammu Tourism has also planned a 'Dogri Food Festival' for the golfers and the participants so that being in Jammu they could relish the local cuisines and get to know about the culture and traditions of this place.

A PGTI representative said, "the conditions are favourable for the golfers and they will again love to enjoy playing at the golf course of international standard."

The officials however, appealed to the public, especially the golf lovers to be part of the event and be good spectators.

## After Chandrayaan 3 Success, JK businessman buys land on Moon

be realised or as an economically feasible escape plan for those concerned about climate change's impact on Earth.

He elaborated, "By establishing a tangible connection with an alternative future, such a purchase fulfills the desire for a semblance of preparedness in the face of an uncertain future."

Masson pointed out that he is not alone in this celestial endeavor, as approximately 675 celebrities and even three former United States Presidents also possess extraterrestrial land holdings, making it a unique trend in today's world.

## Kashmiri lecturer suspended for advocating Article 370 case appears before inquiry committee

placed Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, senior lecturer, of political science under suspension with immediate effect for violation of provisions of Jammu & Kashmir Civil Service Regulations, Jammu & Kashmir Government Employees Conduct Rules, J&K Leave Rules."

Meanwhile, Supreme Court had on August 28 asked the Attorney General of India to look into the suspension of the senior political science lecturer at a government school in Srinagar, after Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal raised the issue before a five-judge Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud.

## Analysts temper optimism on strong Q1 GDP numbers

While India's GDP growth for the Apr-Jun quarter came in above expectations, several factors are keeping the outlook cautious for the world's fifth largest economy.

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Even as India registered a notable GDP growth of 7.8% for the April-June quarter of FY2024, analysts are cautiously optimistic about the economic outlook for the rest of the fiscal year.

"The acceleration in real GDP growth during Q1FY24 is primarily a statistical phenomenon driven by a falling deflator, while nominal GDP growth slowed to a ten-quarter low of 8% YoY. This shift can be attributed in part to deflationary forces, with the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) recording a decline of 2.9% YoY in Q1FY24," pointed out analysts from Nuvama.

The GDP exceeded expectations, contributing to renewed optimism in the economy, said analysts from Motilal Oswal adding, "The remarkable growth was underpinned by robust private consumption and investment, even as challenges persisted in the export sector."

The surge in GDP was contributed by a lot of factors including a fall in the deflator. Meanwhile nominal GDP slowed to 8%, marking a ten-quarter low.

In terms of sectoral performance, the services sector, particularly financial services, real estate, and public administration, played a pivotal role in driving the rise.

Meanwhile, manufacturing activity remained stable, and the farm sector exhibited slower but healthy growth at 3.5% YoY.

"A noticeable uptrend in combined state and central government capital expenditure (Capex) during FY21-23, compared to the last decade, high-



lights the government's investment focus. Notably, the north-eastern states exhibit higher traction in Capex," pointed out JM Financial.

Investment growth (Gross Fixed Capital Formation or GFCF) remained robust, registering a substantial 7.1% growth rate in 1QFY24, a testament to the resilience of non-corporate investments.

Final domestic purchases, excluding exports, surged to an eight-quarter high of 12.9% in April-June quarter of FY2024, surpassing the 11.1% recorded in the same period in FY2023.

"Private consumption emerged as a significant contributor to overall growth, growing robustly at 9% Year-on-Year, while government consumption and capital expenditure lagged during the quarter," noted Antique Stock Broking in its review of the numbers.

Festive season boost

Experts anticipate real GDP growth to reach 6.5% for the entire fiscal year 2023-24, implying a 6% target for the remaining quarters.

"The near-term outlook appears favorable, driven by

robust investment growth and anticipated demand in the festive season. However, vigilance is required to navigate the potential headwinds stemming from inflation, monetary conditions, and weather disruptions in the coming months," added analysts from Nuvama.

Caution Ahead

While high-frequency indicators continue to indicate robust economic activity, signs of demand fatigue may emerge due to factors such as tightening financial conditions, past rate hikes' lagged impact, weather disruptions, and high inflation, pointed out analysts from Kotak.

"Accordingly, GDP growth is projected to moderate to 5.2% in the second half of FY24, following a robust 7.4% in the first half of the fiscal year," they pointed out.

The analysts flagged several areas of concern. One of them was the farm sector, which faces potential downside risks due to erratic monsoon patterns. The sector witnessed its growth slow down to 3.5% Year-on-Year, compared to the previous quarter's reading of 5.5% Year-on-Year.

"The progression of the south-west monsoon is considered a key risk factor, as it has been weaker than usual, with approximately 30% of the sub-divisional area of the country experiencing deficient rainfall," said analysts from Antique Stock Broking.

The second area of concern was that the global economic landscape continues to pose challenges, with services exports slowing and concerns about a potential global downturn if the US labor market and consumer demand falter.

Muted export performance and discrepancies in external trade data also remain areas of concern.

"Due to the better-than-expected growth in 1QFY24, there are plans to revise the FY24 real GDP growth forecast, which was previously projected at 5.6% as of June 2023. It is expected that the revised outlook will reflect the current momentum, although nominal GDP growth may continue to hover in the single-digit range," noted JM Financial.

Analysts anticipated India's real GDP growth for FY24 to fall within the range of 6.5% to 7.0% Year-on-Year.

However, the economic outlook faces headwinds in the form of global uncertainties and erratic weather conditions, suggesting a tapering of growth in the remaining three quarters, noted JM Financial.

Analysts from Nuvama pointed out that the softer growth in Nominal GDP could have implications for business revenues, tax collections, and credit growth.

## Centre's tax revenue growth likely to remain muted in FY24

Analysts expect tax collections in FY24 to slow down due to a lower-than-expected nominal GDP growth rate.



NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Centre's tax collections in the current financial year may remain muted as nominal GDP growth has been slower than expected. The signs of the same have started to show with gross tax collections in the first four months of the financial year showing year-on-year growth of only 2.83%.

In the April-July period, the gross tax collection of the Central government was Rs 8.94 lakh crore compared to Rs 8.69 lakh crore in the same period the previous year. Last financial year (2022-23), the government's gross taxes grew by over 10%, while this year the government has budgeted for a similar kind of growth - Rs 33.6 lakh crore in FY24 against Rs 30.53 lakh crore in FY23.

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collections in FY24 to slow down due to a lower-than-expected nominal GDP growth rate. The recently released first quarter GDP numbers showed that the nominal GDP, or GDP calculated at the current prices, grew at only 8% compared to 10.4% in the previous quarter. In the first quarter, the real GDP, or GDP calculated at the base year price of 2011-12, grew at 7.8%.

The government has budgeted for a nominal GDP growth of 10.8% in FY24.

With a low nominal GDP growth, tax revenue growth is expected to be muted, says Dr DK Srivastava, chief policy advisor, EY India. "As per the CGA (Controller General of Accounts) data, the buoyancy of the Centre's gross tax revenues (GTR) is only 0.4 in the first quarter. If low nominal GDP

growth is combined with a significantly low buoyancy, the resultant tax revenue growth is expected to be considerably low," says DK Srivastava.

Gaura Sengupta, India economist, at IDFC First Bank, told TNIE that the nominal GDP in the current financial year would be 9% or lower against the government's nominal GDP growth projection of 10.8%.

Nominal GDP captures the impact of inflation or price rise, and therefore, it is higher than the real GDP number. Wholesale inflation, which contributes majorly to nominal GDP calculation, turned negative in the first quarter.

In the first four months of the financial year, corporate tax collections fell by over 10% year-on-year to Rs 1.76 lakh crore, while personal income tax collections grew by a modest 6.4% to Rs 2.57 lakh crore.

Excise duty collections also contracted by 10% to Rs 76,200 crore.

However, Central GST collections showed a healthy growth of 16.6% during the April-July period.

## Byju's, lenders seek out-of-court solution for USD 1.2 billion term loan

BENGALURU, Sep 2 (Agencies): Edtech firm Byju's, which has been conducting one-on-one talks with term loan B (TLB) lenders for some time now, has decided to postpone the disagreement with its lenders in the US courts until October 6. With this, both (lenders and Byju's) have time to negotiate an out-of-court solution.

In June, the company elected not to make any further payments on a \$1.2 billion TLB, including any interest until the dispute with lenders is decided by the court. It had filed a complaint in the New York Supreme Court to challenge the acceleration of the \$1.2 billion TLB and also sought to disqualify Redwood, an investment management firm.

The edtech company had raised the term loan in November 2021 and it had alleged that a series of predatory tactics were conducted by the lenders, led by Redwood. In March this year, the TLB lenders "unlawfully" accelerated the TLB on account of certain alleged non-monetary and technical defaults, Byju's claimed. Subsequently, a group of ad-hoc term loan lenders said Byju's meritless lawsuit against its term loan



lenders is an effort to avoid complying with its obligations, including making contractually required payments.

They collectively own over 85% of Byju's \$1.1 billion term loan. After these challenges, Byju's started individual talks with the lenders to find mutually beneficial resolutions among lenders and the firm. It had missed the August 3 timeline set by its creditors. But now, the parties have agreed to delay the legal battle till October 6.

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## Windfall profit tax on crude oil cut; levy on diesel, ATF exports hiked

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The government has cut the windfall profit tax on crude oil produced in the country while the levy on exports of diesel and ATF has been hiked, an official notification said.

The tax, levied in the form of special additional excise duty or SAED, on domestically produced crude oil was reduced to Rs 6,700 per tonne from Rs 7,100 a tonne.

SAED on the export of diesel was increased to Rs 6 per litre from Rs 5.50 a litre and on jet fuel or ATF to Rs 4 per litre from Rs 2, the notification said. SAED on export of petrol will continue to be zero.

The new tax rates came into effect from Saturday, the order dated September 1, said.

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1 last year, joining a growing number of nations that tax supernormal profits of energy companies.



At that time, export duties of Rs 6 per litre (USD 12 per barrel) each were levied on petrol and ATF and Rs 13 a litre (USD 26 a barrel) on diesel.

A Rs 23,250 per tonne (USD 40 per barrel) windfall profit tax on crude oil produced by companies such as Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) was also levied.

The tax rates are reviewed every fortnight based on average oil prices in the previous two

weeks. A windfall tax is levied on domestic crude oil if rates of the global benchmark rise above USD 75 per barrel.

Export of diesel, ATF and petrol attract the levy if product cracks (or margins) rise above USD 20 per barrel. Product cracks or margins are the difference between crude oil (raw material) and finished petroleum products.

International crude oil prices averaged USD 86.43 per barrel in August, up from USD 80.37 in

the preceding month and USD 74.93 a barrel in June. The levy on domestic crude oil dropped to nil in the first half of April as international crude oil prices fell but was back in the second half in step with a rise in rates.

The levy on diesel became nil in April but the levy was brought back in August. Levy on ATF became nil in March and was brought back in the second half of August. The export tax on petrol was scrapped in the very first review.

Crude oil pumped out of the ground and from below the seabed is refined and converted into fuels like petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

Reliance Industries Ltd, which operates the world's largest single-location oil refinery complex at Jamnagar in Gujarat, and Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy are primary exporters of fuel in the country.

## Global dengue coalition to deliver treatment within 5 years: Lancet comment

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): A coalition of institutions from dengue-endemic countries aims to deliver a new treatment for dengue from repurposed drugs and combinations within 5 years, according to a comment published in The Lancet Global Health Journal.

The mission of the alliance, The Dengue Alliance, is to accelerate research and development and deliver dengue therapeutics through an inclusive partnership, it said.

"An integrated approach that comprises vector control, use of safe and effective vaccines, and an effective treatment is needed to face the growing challenges of dengue infection," the alliance formed by the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), Switzerland, said in its comment.

The DNDi, founded in 2003, is an international, not-for-profit research and development organisation developing new affordable and patient-friendly treatments for neglected tropical

diseases.

The Dengue Alliance, launched in 2022, is co-created, co-owned, and co-funded by dengue-endemic countries, and includes the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute in India, along with institutions from Brazil, Malaysia and Thailand.

Dengue, a global public health threat, is a climate-sensitive neglected tropical disease and currently the most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne viral infection in the world.

It is estimated to infect approximately 390 million individuals annually, with 96 million infections being symptomatic, the comment said.

The Dengue Alliance attributed the rapidly increasing incidence of dengue to climate change, rapid urbanisation, and widespread international travel.

Further, according to their comment, vector control, which involves taking measures for mosquito control, had so far been the only strategy adopt-



ed to reduce the burden of dengue, even though it alone was likely inadequate to reduce the burden.

The currently available dengue vaccines, while having shown to reduce hospitalisation, lack efficacy against some dengue serotypes, the alliance said.

"Therefore, an integrated approach that comprises vector control, use of safe and effective vaccines, and an effective treatment is needed to face the growing challenges of dengue infection," they said.

The alliance, involving different

working groups and a steering committee, coordinates efforts to address gaps in knowledge, such as epidemiology (specifically in Africa), biomarkers and diagnostics, clinical trials, and regulatory framework, while promoting open science, it said.

In parallel, clinical trials for these drug candidates were being designed using the expertise of clinicians in these countries who have been treating patients with dengue for many years, with initiation planned by the end of 2023, the alliance said.

With climate change becoming more of a concern in high-income countries, there is an increasing possibility that many global funding organisations will acknowledge the true burden of dengue, the devastation it causes to health systems and patients in endemic countries, and, therefore, the importance of funding initiatives to accelerate the development of new treatments for dengue, they said in their comment.

## 5 reasons why you should have curd every day

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Curd is a powerhouse of nutrients that offers numerous health benefits when consumed daily. It's formed through a fermentation process where bacteria like Lactobacillus sp., Lactococcus sp., and Streptococcus sp. convert the lactose in milk to lactic acid, giving curd its characteristic sour taste.

One of the primary reasons to include curd in your daily diet is its role in improving digestion. As a probiotic food, curd contains live microorganisms that help maintain a balance in the stomach's acid levels, making it an effective remedy for indigestion.

Studies have shown that curd can modulate gut microbiota composition, reducing low-grade gut inflammation, weight gain, and risk of insulin resistance.

Gastroenterologist Pal Manickam shared an Instagram Reel about the importance of curd on our gut. "In a study, curd increased the short chain fatty acids called butyrate and there was a significant decrease in this bad bacteria called Bilophila wasdworthia which causes Irritable Bowel Syndrome," the caption mentioned.

Curd also plays a crucial role in bone

health. It's rich in calcium and phosphorus, essential elements for developing bone strength.

Regular consumption of curd can reduce the risk of fractures and bone-related diseases like arthritis and osteoporosis.

Moreover, curd is beneficial for heart health. Despite its fat content, curd helps improve heart health by increasing HDL or good cholesterol and reducing blood pressure and hypertension, major factors that increase the risk of heart disease.

Another significant benefit of curd is its contribution to weight management. Curd is high in protein, which is associated with reduced blood sugar levels.

It helps in reducing insulin resistance and glucose levels in the body, thereby controlling the risks of heart conditions and diabetes.

Furthermore, curd consumption has been associated with lower body weight, body mass index (BMI), and a lower risk of being overweight/obese among adults.

While most experts recommend three servings of plain, fat-free, and unsweetened curd every day, overconsumption can lead to obesity and constipation.

## Battle Royale: India begin campaign with high-pressure game against Pakistan in Asia Cup

PALLEKELE, Sep 2 (Agencies): Virat Kohli won't mind an encore of that magical moment against Haris Rauf while Rohit Sharma would be ready with his answers for Shaheen Shah Afridi's banana in-swingers as India take on Pakistan in their opening Asia Cup match here today.

Kohli's lofted check-drive off Rauf during the T20 World Cup under the Melbourne skyline last year became a part of Indian cricket fans' memory while Pakistan rejoiced when Rohit failed to negotiate a lethal delivery from Shaheen and was caught plumb in front.

Such performances help players grow into legends and tomorrow's game will be another opportunity for cricketers from both sides to emerge as heroes.

However, with steady rain predicted in the hilly Kandy region tomorrow, an anti-climax to a mouth-watering clash can't be ruled out.

The Indian team will be hoping that skipper Rohit, Kohli and Shubman Gill are ready to fight fire with fire against Shaheen, Rauf and Naseem Shah.

Overcast conditions are all that Shaheen and Naseem would need during the opening Powerplay to unsettle the Indian top-three.

The puzzle surrounding India and Pakistan's middle-orders assumes significance. India's concern is accentuated primar-



ily by the absence of KL Rahul, who will miss at least the first two games. While India and Pakistan are travelling in the same boat as far as their middle-order woes are concerned, the latter have an advantage in the bowling department.

Of course, India have been bolstered by the return of Jasprit Bumrah, who bowled well in the T20I series against Ireland recently. But the Indian management will be keen to watch how he responds to the rigours of 50-over cricket.

Rohit plays down hype around the blockbuster game, saying their focus is on using the tournament to fine-tune their preparations for the home World Cup.

India and Pakistan could face each other up to three times in

two weeks during the course of the tournament, and Rohit appeared determined not to get carried away by emotion.

"Rivalry is there for people to talk about. For us, we don't want to look into all those things," the opener deadpanned in the pre-match press conference.

"What we, as Team India, want to focus on is we have an opposition to play tomorrow, how we can perform (well)... rather than looking at all sorts of other things, which eventually is not going to help you. What is going to help us is keep doing the right things on the pitch and make the right decisions that take us forward as a team. We have prepared well, hopefully we can execute our plans well today," he added.

The six-team tournament assumes more importance

for India as they chase their first global title in more than a decade. "We're here to tick a lot of boxes," Rohit said. "When we finish the tournament, hopefully we can achieve that and go into the next one and half months of the World Cup," he added. — Agencies

Pak banking on familiarity with conditions: Babar

Pakistan captain Babar Azam today played down the talks of pressure on his side and said they were banking on their experience in Sri Lankan conditions to do well against India. Pakistan had played a two-match Test series in Sri Lanka in July and then several players, including Babar, stayed back for the Lanka Premier League (LPL).

After the LPL, Pakistan took on Afghanistan in a three-match ODI series, which they won 3-0. Babar said the whole trip would stand the side in good stead. "We have been here since July. We have played Test matches, some league (LPL) matches and then the ODIs (against Afghanistan). We are hoping that this will help us to do well against India tomorrow," said Babar during the pre-match press-conference. "There is no extra pressure. Yes, the India vs Pakistan match is always one of high intensity, but we have experienced players and we just need to concentrate on our strengths and do well," he added.

## Bonhomie among India, Pakistan players before Asia Cup clash wins hearts online



PALLEKELE (SRI LANKA), Sep 2 (Agencies): Virat Kohli walked up to Haris Rauf and they hugged each other and exchanged a few words and laughter. Perhaps, they were having a bit of a joke about those two sixes on a starry Melbourne night last year.

It wasn't a mere put on. There was a touching genuineness to it. But that moment at the Pallekele Stadium has more significance to it than its temporary value.

It was emblematic of the evolving relation between Indian and Pakistani cricket players, so different from the edgy political connection between the two South Asian neighbours.

Later, Kohli also met Pakistan vice-captain Shadab Khan and shared a few champagne moments.

Alongside, Mohammed Siraj held a mini pace bowlers' conclave with Rauf, discussing the Pallekele pitch.

The pictures and videos went viral on social media and were celebrated.

It would have been an astonishing sight for a fan from the '80s or '90s. Back then, the cricketers seldom engaged in such public display of camaraderie, and it was even looked down upon.

Behind the stage, they remained friends.

Imran Khan and Wasim Akram used to drop in to New Delhi or Mumbai on private invitations or the players sat around a table in a posh Dubai hotel to share some stories. But not so much in daylight.

Perhaps, this generation of players have learned to treat cricket just as a sport, or they are bold enough to take a call on these matters for themselves.

When Kohli was going through a modest phase with the bat, Pakistan captain Babar Azam posted a supportive message through his X account.

It wasn't an effort to win a few thousands quick social media followers, rather it was a well-meaning line from another international cricketer who understands the demands of the sport at the highest level.

But the fans from both the sides of the border, at times, cross the limits.

The troll gangs enter the social media battlefield armed with contrived stats and memes, trying to establish the superiority of either Kohli or Babar. It can take an ugly turn in seconds.

But both Babar and Kohli remain immune to this online frenzy. In fact, Kohli recently termed the Pakistan skipper as the best all-format player in today's game.

A Babar Azam press conference these days hardly finishes without a question about his imaginary rivalry with Kohli.

The pre-match presser on Friday ahead of Pakistan's Asia Cup match against India was no exception.

"When I met him in 2019, he was at his peak. He's still at his peak. I wanted to take something from his game. I learnt a lot from him. He gave a detailed explanation to all my questions," Babar had said.

"That helped me and there is always good respect between us. I don't know what people from outside are talking about and leave those talks to them."

Despite all the expanding bonhomie, a good number of fans will treat an Indo-Pak match as a matter of life and death.

Remember, former Pakistan all-rounder Shahid Afridi was once dragged to Lahore High Court for saying he was loved more in India.

Such fanatic acts will still be there. Perhaps, a few TV sets will be thrown down from the balcony or photos of cricketers garlanded with sandals after their team's defeat.

But the cricketers have shown that they are not carrying the baggage of unsorted relations in their minds.

## US Open 2023: Sorana Cirstea hands Elena Rybakina shock defeat, Coco Gauff storms back to book fourth round berth

NEW YORK, Sep 2 (Agencies): Sorana Cirstea pulled off a major upset on Saturday, September 2, after knocking out No.4 seed Elena Rybakina in the third round of the US Open 2023 women's singles. It also happened to be the first time that Cirstea made her way through to the fourth round of the hard-court tournament. She won the match 6-3, 6-7 (7-8), 6-4 in two hours and 48 minutes.

Rybakina, who had got a walk-over in Round 3 after Ajija Tomljanovic pulled out due to injury, found herself under pressure after losing the first set. In the second, she was not relieved

off the pressure as the set went into a tie-break.

At 4-1, Rybakina was ahead before Cirstea threatened to make a comeback. However, Rybakina somehow held her nerve to take the match in a tie-break. Cirstea is next scheduled to lock horns with Belinda Bencic, who knocked Zhu Lin out of the competition.

GAUFF SURVIVES SCARE

In the other women's singles match, Coco Gauff made her way through to the fourth round, but not after surviving a huge scare against Elise Mertens. The youngster won the match 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 in an hour and 58 minutes, and will now face Caro-



line Wozniacki in the next round.

Mertens was let down by the fact that she made 39 unforced errors, compared to 25 by Gauff. The 19-year-old Gauff also hit

33 smashing winners to make life easier for her in the match. She also converted six out of 11 break points to get the better of Mertens.

## Novak Djokovic comes back after dropping the first two sets to beat Laslo Djere at the US Open

NEW YORK, Sep 2 (Agencies): Novak Djokovic came all the way back from a two-set deficit to beat Laslo Djere 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 in the third round of the U.S. Open to avoid what would have been his earliest exit there since 2006.

The match began under the lights in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Friday night and did not wrap up until more than 3 1/2

hours later, concluding just after 1:30 a.m. on Saturday.

It was Djokovic's eighth career victory after dropping the opening two sets of a match. He also improved to 38-11 in five-setters over his career.

Djokovic has won three of his men's -record 23-time Grand Slam titles at Flushing Meadows and has been the runner-up a half-dozen



times, including in 2021. He did not compete in the U.S. Open last year

because he couldn't travel to the United States as a foreigner

who is not vaccinated against COVID-19; that rule was lifted this May.

Djere was seeded 32nd and trying to make it to the fourth round at a major tournament for the first time.

Both men are from Serbia and have known each other for years. They have practised together, competed as doubles partners on tour and been Davis Cup teammates.

## Pakistan to field unchanged XI against India in Asia Cup

PALLEKELE (SRI LANKA), Sep 2 (Agencies): Pakistan will field an unchanged playing XI against India in their much-anticipated Asia Cup match here on Saturday, the country's cricket board (PCB) said.

Pakistan decided to name an unchanged team which thrashed Nepal by 238 runs in their opening game on Wednesday.

Pakistan made 342 for 6 riding on hundreds by captain Babar Azam (151) and Iftikhar Ahmed (109 not out). Nepal were bundled out for 104 with Shadab Khan taking four wickets.

In the pre-match press conference, Pakistan captain Babar Azam informed that the PCB would reveal the playing XI against India.

Babar also hoped that there could be a bit more contribution from the middle-order to support the top three -- himself, Imam-ul-Haq and Fakhar Zaman.



"The top order has been contributing well in recent times. The boys in the middle order are trying their best to chip in and hopefully they will be able to do it against India," he said.

Pakistan playing XI: Babar Azam (captain), Shadab Khan (vice-captain), Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Salman Agha, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammed Nawaz, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf.

## Defamation suit by MSD: Zee Media given 10 days to answer questionnaire

CHENNAI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Dismissing an appeal filed by the Zee Media Corporation seeking to strike out the interrogatories served by former cricketer MS Dhoni in connection with a defamation suit, a division bench of the Madras High Court has directed the news media organisation to answer the interrogatories within ten days.

The Zee Media filed an appeal against an order of a single judge who refused to strike out the 17 interrogatories (set of questions to

be answered on facts of evidence) raised by MS Dhoni. In 2022, the former Indian captain was allowed by a single judge to take out the interrogatories after finding the written statement filed by Zee Media to be unsatisfactory.

MS Dhoni had in 2014 filed a defamation suit seeking Rs 100 crore from Zee Media, IPS officer G Sampath Kumar and a journalist for denigrating his image by linking him with an IPL match-fixing scandal.

The bench comprising



Justices R Mahadevan and Mohammed Shaffiq concurred with the single judge's specific finding that details and material facts required in the interrogatories were not dealt with in the written statement; further, no ground was made by the

Zee Media to set aside the impugned order. "In such a situation, interrogatories have to be necessarily answered by the appellant (Zee Media)," said an order passed by the Judges.

Referring to Zee Media's application to

strike out the interrogatories, the Bench said the single judge's order has to be understood in the scheme of Rule 7 (of CPC) which "permits an adversary to take out an application to strike out the interrogatory, if it is unreasonable, vexatious or prolix, oppressive, unnecessary or scandalous."

The bench ordered, "In view of the foregoing, this original side appeal stands dismissed. The appellant is directed to answer the interrogatories within a period of ten days."

## Sanskrit Conversation Camp concludes at Central Sanskrit University



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: Under the joint aegis of Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu and Sanskrit Bharati Jammu & Kashmir, the closing program of 12 Sanskrit Conversation Camps was organized under the Sanskrit week. On this occasion, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director of School Education Department, Jammu was the Chief Guest and Rahul Singh Chadhak, SP of Jammu Rural was the Special Guest. The program was presided over by the Campus Director, Prof. Madan Mohan Jha. Narendra Kumar, North Zone Organization Minister of Sanskrit Bharati, was the Keynote Speaker.

In his speech, he emphasized on implementing Sanskrit as a subject at the school level and also said that the basic objective of Sanskrit Bharati is to spread Sanskrit language to every home, every person and every voice. At present, even though this work is being done in a very subtle way, its results have started coming on a large scale.

Chief Guest, Ashok Kumar Sharma, in his address said that in today's perspective, the organizers of the successful launch of Chandrayaan 3 by ISRO, also believe that Sanskrit language is proving to be a very effective component in the exchange of information from space,

hence its knowledge is absolutely necessary. Moreover, in the country Sanskrit has been prevalent everywhere in the environment since ancient times and even today, the mottoes of all institutions, universities, departments and organizations are in Sanskrit.

Special Guest Rahul Singh Chadhak said that Sanskrit can have an important contribution in school education, and it would be better to implement it as moral education. He further said that Sanskrit and culture are interdependent.

Campus Director, Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, emphasizing the importance of Sanskrit, stressed the need for its implementation and dissemination.

Talking about the Conversation Camps, Jammu State President of Sanskrit Bharati, Purushottam Lal Dubey said that this is a very easy path once the conversation starts, the trend of reading, writing and communicating in Sanskrit will increase and more people will get interested and inspired in it.

These camps were run under the joint aegis of the Central University at 12 places in Jammu city. Conducting the class for 2 hours every day for 10 days, the participants start speaking a little bit of Sanskrit and also express their feelings in small sentences.

In the next phase, Sanskrit Bharati organizes language enlightenment classes and advanced

classes; various scripture teaching classes; Gita teaching classes in a sequence for the benefit of students. Weekly meeting programs are also organized in the society by the Geeta Teaching Center in which the workers of Sanskrit Bharati work hard to make Sanskrit interesting to the people in the society and promote the culture.

Those who have not been able to learn Sanskrit due to their busy schedule can also become proficient in Sanskrit by participating in this training. Sanskrit Bharati is committed to spread Sanskrit to any age group and place. Such efforts of Central Sanskrit University and Sanskrit Bharati, Jammu & Kashmir will continue in future also.

The guests were welcomed by Dr. Chandra Sharma, the Province Minister of Sanskrit Bharati. Purushottam Lal Dubey, the Province President of Sanskrit Bharati expressed the vote of thanks. On this occasion, Dr. Madan Kumar Jha, Dr. Yogendra Dixit, Dr. Deep Kumar, Dr. Vivek Kumar, Dr. Shubhashree Dash, Dr. Pradeep Kumar and Dr. Punita Gupta were present. The program was conducted by Dr. Snehlata.

## Zone Jib wins inter zonal under-17 boys tennis ball cricket trophy



### TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Sep 2: Zone Jib defeated Zone Udhampur by three wickets and lifted the trophy of District Level Inter Zonal for Boys under 17 years in tennis Ball cricket at Subash Stadium Udhampur, here on Saturday.

Zone Udhampur, batting first, made 57 runs in 10 overs while in reply Zone Jib clinched the title of by scoring 58 runs in 7 overs.

The tournament was organized by the Department of Youth Services And Sports under the guidance of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K UT Subash Chander Chibber and also under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai and under the overall supervision of DYSSO Udhampur Romesh Chander Mishra.

District Youth Services & Sports officer Udhampur presided over the function and while speaking he gave a brief description of the competition and congratulated all the field staff of District Udhampur for their best efforts for the smooth and successful conduct of the tournament.

He also emphasized upon the participants to channelize their energy in a positive way by taking more part in such

types of tournaments to make physically, mentally and socially fit in the society and advised participants to stay away from drugs and keep them involved in good habits by maintaining communal harmony and to protect our heritage and historical important monuments.

### Today's Result

Final: Zone Jib defeated Zone Udhampur by 3 wickets. Semifinals: Zone Jib defeated Zone Ramnagar by five wickets and Udhampur defeated Zone Majalta by 3 runs.

All the matches were officiated by technical panel consisting of Raj Kumar PEM, Sunil Dutt Khajuria PEM, Rajesh Sharma PEM, Rakesh Khajuria PEM, Raman Sharma PEM, Rakesh PET, Saurabh Pandit REK and Deepak Sharma REK all officials from Department of Youth Services & Sports Udhampur.

Among those who were present on the occasion include Pushpinder Kour ZPEO, Anita Goswami PEM, Som Dev Khajuria PEM, Ramesh Chander PEM, Sanjeev Kumar PEM, Rajan Head Asst., Jatin Sethi PET, Abdul Qadir Jr. Asst. Sanjeev Khajuria ReK, Bhoopinder Singh, Arjun Singh, Abhishek Raina, Vipin Photra and Anshu Brat Khanna.

## Personality development workshop for women inaugurated

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: With the aim to make the women empower in all respects especially in view of their personality development including imbibing aesthetic sense towards art and literature and Culture, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages with the initiative of Bharat Singh Secretary JKAACL organised a 7 day personality development workshop exclusively for women (Homemakers) which was inaugurated by MS Sushma Gupta, Prant Mukhaya Jammu and Kashmir Arogya Bharti in the presence of many women participants of the personality development workshop here today at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

Earlier, Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, Incharge Secretary JKAACL



also extended his best wishes on this occasion to boost the morale of participating women who will have the opportunity and a single platform to interact and learn with the various seasoned artists of the UT, Jammu.

Earlier, Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, Incharge

Division Office, Jammu while welcoming the guests, experts and participants, disclosed the aims and objective of the first ever workshop of this kind in the History of JKAACL.

The participating women include Ujala Sultan, Rashpreet Kour, Urja Singh, Rabia Sharma, Atinder Kour,

Aarti Samyial, Aradhana Jamwal, Kuljit Kour, Lalita Sharma, Sandhya Sharma, Sunita Manas, Neha Sharma, Shriya Abrol, Ritambra Sharma, Kulveer Kour, Annie Sharma, Surishtha Asn, Manju, Kiran, Reena Devi, Ruchi Gupta, Preya Devi, Suksham Guleria and Diksha Vaid.

## Agriculture not only means of earning living but also good business: Sham Lal

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 2: On the occasion of the closing ceremony of Sanskrit Fortnight celebrations, today, a one-day national seminar was organized under the joint aegis of Agricultural Produce and Farmers Welfare Department, Jammu and Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust at Baba Jitto Kisan Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The programme was presided over by KK Sharma, Director, Agricultural Produce and Farmers Welfare Department, Jammu.

Former minister and Jammu and Kashmir BJP vice president Sham Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest while the special guest was senior advocate, Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu president Vikram Sharma. The keynote address was delivered by Gold Medalist Jyoti Prakash Shastri, Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Rehari Jammu.

Speaking on this occasion, Sham Lal Sharma said that at present agriculture is not only a means of earning a living but is also proving to be a good business. If nature supports the farmers, a lot of money can be earned from this work also. Many types of diseases and natural outbreaks destroy the hopes of the farmers.

The crop gets burnt in no time. Where quintals of grain were expected, one has to be satisfied with a few kilograms of grain. In such a situation,



if Indian Vaastu Shastra and Astrology are coordinated along with scientific methods in the fields, then they can get a lot of benefits.

He also said that Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur, Bantala is playing an important role in promoting Devvani Sanskrit.

Vikram Sharma said that the planets and zodiac signs have a direct impact on the crops yield. Mercury is the lord of green things and Jupiter is the lord of crops like gram. The movement and position of the planets determine the rain required for the crop. According to astrology, sowing done in Mrigashira Nakshatra proves to be the best. This is such a constellation in which if the farmers sow their crops, their land definitely sprouts gold. He said that Mahant Rohit Shastri is playing an important role in promoting Sanskrit language in the state.

Jyoti Prakash Shastri said that the effect of water, air and fire is that the moon revolves

around the earth in about 27 to 29 days. During this time, it passes through all the 12 zodiac signs. He stays in one zodiac sign for 2.5 to 3.25 days. These zodiac signs directly affect land, water, air and fire, which affects roots, leaves, flowers and fruits. Such programs should be organised.

Agriculture Director KK Sharma said that the movement of the planets not only affects the farmer but also his crop and yield. Along with the moon's Uttarayan and Dakshinayan, the rain, sunshine and weather required for the crop also depends on the effect of planets and zodiac signs. Due to understanding this effect of astrology in farming very well, Agriculture Department is emphasizing on the promotion of biodynamic almanac method.

Professor Sharat Sharma, a member of the trust, told that a few days ago, under the guidance of Mahant Rohit Shastri, head of the trust, the Sanskrit fortnight was inaugurated by DIG Shakti Pathak, and

Askok Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu by conducting a Sanskrit seminar at Government Higher Secondary School, Muthi. After that, the trust launched a signature campaign in Akhnoor, Purani Mandi, Jammu, Katra and other districts for the demand of a separate Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir. The members of the trust went to different places in the schools of the state and taught Sanskrit to the students.

A Sanskrit Rally was taken out from Raghunath temple to the parade ground, Jammu. Chief Trustee of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli was felicitated on Sanskrit Day.

Sanskrit Vahan Mobile Gurukul went to rural areas and imparted Sanskrit education. A book entitled "Saras Sanskrit Bodh" published by Trust was released by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha. The Trust also carried out plantation drives in many schools and programs were also organized to promote Sanskrit language.

## GDC Gool organizes an intra college Quiz Competition

### TOP NEWS REPORT

GOOL, Sep 2: Govt. Degree College (GDC) organised Quiz Competition on the Relevance of Digital Services as part of the celebration of Digital Week Govt. Degree College Gool organised an intra-college Quiz Competition on the topic "Relevance of Digital Services".

The event was presided over by Esteemed Principal of the College Maj. Dr. Karan Singh.

The objective of the programme was to spread awareness among the students regarding various digital services being provided by various Departments of Jammu & Kashmir. 15-students took part in the event. The participants were divided into 3 teams [Team A, B & C]. Each team having of 5 members. The programme was based on 3 rounds in which each team

faced 9 questions. Team-C comprising Mehbooba Sultan, Shafiyah Shabnum, Mehvish Gutt, Bisma Ashraf Wani with 55 marks bagged first position. Team-B comprising Samreen Kousar, Rabia Bano, Shagufta Afreen and Asiya Nissar with 45 marks stood at 2nd place while Team A comprising Shahajahan Ahmed, Avaise Ahmed, Shariq Gutt

and Mohsin Rasool with 40 marks bagged 3rd position. The event was attended by all faculty members and students. Prof. Mohd Younus Saleem (AP English) acted as Quiz master. Whereas Prof Gopal Singh (HOD Dogri) Prof. Jatinder Lal (HOD Education) and Dr. Mohammed Javed A.A Librarian was scorers. Dr. Zafar Hayat (HOD Arabic) presented vote of thanks.