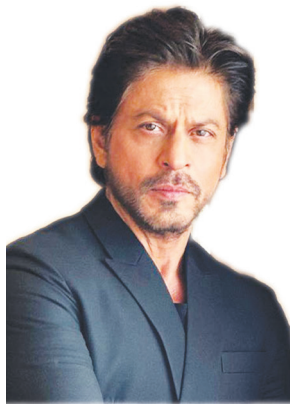


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BRIEFLY

Minor boy dies after allegedly hit by tractor in Karnah Kupwara

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): A minor boy died after being allegedly hit by a tractor in Karnah area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district this morning.

Reports said a minor boy was fatally hit by a tractor bearing registration number JK09C 0019.

The boy identified as one Nooran Shah (around 11 years of age), son of Khadam Hussain, a resident of Chamkote Karnah, died on the spot.

A police official confirming the incident said that a team is on the spot to collect the necessary details.

MeT predicts dry and hot weather for next two weeks

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): The Meteorological Department has forecast mainly dry weather conditions in Jammu Kashmir for the coming two weeks.

On Monday morning, the MeT said that the ongoing dry spell is likely to continue for the upcoming two weeks. across Jammu Kashmir.

On 5th, a brief spell of rain is likely to occur at several places of Jammu Kashmir (50% chance) towards the evening time.

From 6-10 September, the weather is likely to remain hot and dry," said MeT.

Overall, there's NO forecast of any major rain/Snowfall for the next 2 weeks," MeT said.

The Department has also issued an advisory asking the farmers to Harvest their crops as dry weather is expected for the next 2 weeks.

NABARD is recruiting, 150 vacancies out

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development is recruiting for the post of Assistant Manager in Grade A in Rural Development Banking Service (RDBS). The

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Army Chief Manoj Pande conducts visit to LoC to assess operational preparedness

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj Pande conducted a visit to forward areas on Monday to assess the operational preparedness on the Line of Control (LoC) in the Kashmir valley.

Defence sources said that General Pande conducted a visit to assess the security situation in



the areas on the LoC in the Kashmir valley.

General Pande was briefed by the on-ground commanders regarding operational readiness and the current security condition on the LoC in Kashmir.

The COAS commended the effective control and operational preparedness along the LoC in the Kashmir valley.

Assets worth lakhs of notorious drug smuggler frozen by Bandipora Police

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): Assets worth Lakhs of notorious drug smuggler frozen by Bandipora Police under NDPS Act.

"Bandipora Police has frozen 2 bank accounts having savings of Rs 3,97,603 & one Auto load carrier with market value of Rs 3,18,000 belonging to a notorious drug smuggler Irshad Ahmad S/o Ab.Samad Khan R/o Asham Hajin under NDPS Act.(Bandipora Police)", reads a

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Upgradation of Khellani tunnel will open doors for development: Tarun Chugh



SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh Monday welcomed the decision of the Narendra Modi led government to upgrade the Khellani tunnel, which, he said, would open new avenues of development and progress in the region.

Expressing gratitude to Prime minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Roads & Highways, Nitin Gadkari for announcing upgradation of Khellani tunnel, Chugh said it would pave the way for employment opportunities to the local population besides it will give a boost to tourism in the area.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced upgradation of Khellani tunnel into 2-lane structure. "Uni-directional Khellani tunnel in Doda district is being upgraded into a two-lane structure on NH-244. It is part of Sudh Mahadev-Goha-Khellani-Chatroo-Khanabal which will serve as an alternate highway to Batote-Kishtwar," Union Minister for Roads and Highways, Nitin Gadkari had announced.

It is expected to shorten the distance between Doda and Kishtwar by 30 kilometres. The project will span 2.419 kilometres and fall within package 3. The cost of the project will be over Rs 431 crore.

The project is set to be completed this year.

Chugh expressed gratitude to the Union Minister, adding "Post abrogation of Article 370 the entire J&K has witnessed a dawn of peace, prosperity and development". He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government is committed to bring incredible changes in J&K and its people and

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No scope of corruption in J&K now as all services made online: Chief Secretary

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta has said that there is no chance of corruption in the Union Territory now as all services have been made online.

He said various schemes and platforms have brought transparency in the system which has ensured that



no money can be withdrawn fraudulently from the public exchequer.

"We have taken the initiative of making all services online. The aim is to create a corruption-free environment. Earlier it was said that out of one rupee, less than 10 paise would reach the ground. Today such a system has been created where the entire rupee reaches the ground," the officer told

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Pro-Pak Slogan | SC asks NC leader Mohd Akbar Lone to file affidavit saying he owes allegiance to constitution

NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): The Supreme Court Monday asked National Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone to file an affidavit swearing allegiance to the Constitution of India and accepting the country's sovereignty, after the 'Pakistan zindabad' slogan that he allegedly raised in the Jammu & Kashmir assembly in 2018 kicked up a massive row.

Lone, the lead petitioner challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, will file the affidavit by Tuesday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a

five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud.

The senior lawyer said he will not represent Lone if he does not file the affidavit as sought by the bench.

"He is an MP of Lok Sabha. He is citizen of India and sworn to his office by the Constitution. He accepts the sovereignty of India," Sibal said.

Earlier in the day, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the bench that the central government wanted Lone to apologise for raising 'Pakistan zindabad' (long live Pakistan) slogan in the Jammu

and Kashmir Assembly in 2018.

Lone has to state that he owes allegiance to the Constitution and apologises for raising the slogan on the floor of the House, the law officer said.

On September 1, a Kashmiri Pandit group had questioned in the top court the credentials of Lone, claiming he was a supporter of secessionist forces.

An intervention application in the apex court has been filed by an NGO 'Roots in Kashmir', which claims to be a group of Kashmiri Pandit youths, seeking to bring some additional

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Digital QR code to provide modern services to the citizens in Srinagar: SMC Commissioner

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday said that digital QR code or Quick Response Code being provided to every household will provide modern services to the citizens of Srinagar.

Talking to media persons, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Srinagar Smart City Athar Aamir Khan said that digital QR house code aims to provide modern services in the city.

Jammu Kashmir government recently decided to provide digital QR codes to every household including streets, heritage buildings, and residential houses in Srinagar for easily tracing the address of a place.

SMC Commissioner said that QR code will complete documentation of the house, which could be possible from this system and added that better planning can be done with this method.

He said "each metropolitan city has a specific system for finding a

house address".

Khan said that "this (digital QR house code) provides complete documentation of the house and will help to know who the house is used for either for commercial purposes or is it residential, its electricity connection, water supply and other related things".

He said that a Geographic Information Survey (GIS) mapping of the entire city has been done and house to house survey of 2.30 lakh houses have so far

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Kishtwar SSP Reviews security measures ahead of Janmashtami

JAMMU, Sep 4 (Agencies): Senior Superintendent of Police Khalil Poswal on Monday reviewed security measures in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district ahead of the Janmashtami celebrations and directed officials to take action against people involved in anti-national activities.

He also directed police personnel to undertake cordon and search operations as well as area domination exercises in vulnerable areas of the district The SSP directed officers to be vigilant and ensure that no

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People who fought against militancy not eligible for Freedom Fighter's Pension: JK High Court

SRINAGAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): In a recent ruling, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar has dismissed the petition filed by Noor Ahmad Shah, seeking inclusion in the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme of the Government of India. The order, issued by Justice Sanjay Dhar, determined that the petitioner did not meet the eligibility criteria for the pension scheme.

Shah sought recognition as a freedom fighter in accordance with the

pension scheme. He argued that he had provided commendable services to the government while individually combating various militants. He cited receiving an appreciation certificate from the Indian Army operating in the Kupwara district as evidence of his contributions.

However, the respondent-authorities countered Shah's claim, asserting that only individuals who actively participated in the freedom movement and met the eligibility criteria

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Fire at Restaurant in Samba, One Injured

JAMMU, Sep 4 (Agencies): A man was injured in a fire at a restaurant on the Jammu-Pathankot highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district early Monday, officials said.

He was an employee of the restaurant and was sleeping when the fire broke out, they said and added that he has been hospitalised.

Fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire has been doused, the officials said. The reason behind the incident is being investigated, they said.

India should reconsider support to one China policy if Beijing does not change stance: Omar

NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Asserting that the country's foreign policy should always be based on reciprocity, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said on Monday if China does not accept "one India" policy, New Delhi should reconsider support to Beijing's 'One China' policy.

Asking why China should have a problem with any

meeting in Jammu and Kashmir or any other part of India, the National Conference Vice President said if China continues with this stance, India should also raise questions on Tibet, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

"I think it's extremely unfortunate that the government of India keeps repeating its (adherence to) One China policy yet for some reason,



China doesn't reciprocate. "Our foreign policy should always be based on reciprocity. If China doesn't accept a one India policy, then why should India accept One China policy," Omar, a former Minister of State of External Affairs, said.

"It shouldn't be one-sided that only China can raise questions about what happens in India and not vice

versa. I believe that if China is going to continue to do this, then India must also revisit its One China policy," he told reporters.

China, a G20 member, and Pakistan had objected to the decision to hold G20 events in Kashmir, which they call "disputed". China also disputes India's sovereignty over Arunachal Pradesh. India has

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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 Ekadashi 27-08-2023 at her residence A-19, Lane 3, Sher Singh Enclave Karala, Rohini Sec 22, Delhi. The **10th Day Kriya** will be held at Kashmiri Ghat, Rohini Sec - 18, Badali Road, Delhi on 5th September 2023 (Tuesday).



Smt. Pyari Bhan/ Khemoshri

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

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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.



Sh Hira Lal Tickoo (Baisahab)

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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Sh. Mohinder Singh** S/o Sh. Karnail Singh, Rtd. Tehsildar R/o Near Jij Chowk, Railway Road, Katra on 25/8/2023 at New Delhi, around 4:00 AM.



SH. MOHINDER SINGH

The **Tenth Day** will be performed on 02-09-2023 at 11 AM at Chacha Dham, Panthal Road, Katra. The **13th Day/ Kriya** will be performed at our residence Near Jij Chowk, Railway Road, Katra on 05-09-2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sh. Karnail Singh Rtd. Tehsildar - Father
Smt. Meenakshi Kumari - Wife
Mr. Pradhuman Singh - Son
Mr. Bhuvan Singh - Son
Sister-in-Law & Brothers
Smt. Vijay Rani & Sh. Sudershan Singh
Smt. Dipti Rajput & Sh. Purnam Singh
Sisters & Brother-in-Law
Smt. Anita Kumari & Sh. Daleep Singh
Smt. Kamlesh Kumari & Sh. Sher Singh.
Nieces & Nephews
Mrs. Muneeka Rani & Mr. Aman Dev Singh (Advocate)
Mr. Rahul Dev Singh
Ms. Richina Rajput
Mr. Adiraj Singh
GRANDSON & GRAND DAUGHTER :-
Mr. Mayan Dev Singh
Ms. Nivanya Singh.
Deeply Missed By:- JIJ FAMILY

Mobile: 9419164202, 9419165610, 9858056057, 9419160906, 7006577681, 7006012781

TENTH DAY KRIYA

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden and unfortunate passing of our beloved **Smt. Phoola Dhar (Asha Ji)**, wife of Sh. Omkar Nath Dhar, Sr. Lecturer in English (retired). Originally resident of Trichal, Kashmir, presently residing at Jagti when she left us for heavenly abode on August 31, 2023. The mourning is being observed at H.No. 113, Sharika Vihar, Sector 4, Lower Roop Nagar.



Smt. Phoola Dhar (Asha Ji)

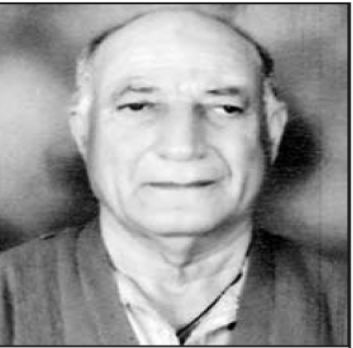
The **Tenth Day** memorial service will be held on September 9, 2023 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat at 8:30 AM.

IN GRIEF:

Omkar Nath Dhar (Husband)
Chuni Lal Dhar (Brother-in-law)
Roshan Lal Raina & Jaya Raina (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law)
Col Vimal Tikoo & Archana (Son-in-law & Daughter)
Ashish & Renu (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Ankur & Aparna (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Ankit (Son)
Abeer & Reva (Grandchildren)
Contact: 9419158062, 9419131791, 9796108861.

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, Bantlab Jammu has left for heavenly abode on 31st of Aug 2023.



Sh. Kanaya Lal Dhar

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
Contact Details: 9906213312, 9018910472

10TH DAY/KRIYA

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Sh Shiv Kumar

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GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Neelam Devi- Wife
Brothers & Bhabis
Smt Chanchala Devi Wife of Late Sh Pritam Kumar
Smt Geeta Devi Wife of Late Sh Upinder Kumar
Smt Renuka Gupta & Sh Ravinder Kumar
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Mrs Manisha & Mr Sahil
Mrs Sarita & Mr Sunit
Mrs Preenika & Mr Punit
Mr Sachin, Mr Akshat, Mr Ayush

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WARM REMEMBRANCE

MISS YOU ON 55TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY DAD

Wife: Lt. Smt. Chintpurni Devi

Brothers:

Lt. Sh. Jagdish Dutt
Late Pt. Trilochan Dutt D.C. (Jammu, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri Ranges) / Sr. Minister & Member Parliament
Late Sh. Har Dutt

B-in-Laws:-

Late Sh. Hari Ram Sharma - I.A.S., Home Comm. J&K
Late Sh. Inder Dev Sharma I.A.S., Home Comm. J&K & Raj Ji
Late Sh. Baldev Sharma, Ex. M.L.A (Vijaypur) & Santosh Ji
Surinder Sharma Chief Engineer (Retd.) & Veena Ji

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Sunita I.A.S-95 (R) & Er. Kuldeep Sharma
Dr. Anita (M.D/ Gynae) & Dr. Sunil Sharma - MD D.M. (Gastro)

Sons:-

Satish Dutt C/o J&K Motor Corp. & Indu (Exotic Boutique)
Sunil Sharma IPS I.G.P (J&K) (R) & Prof. Minnie (Principal Govt College)

Col. Anil Sharma (R) & Karuna (Images Beauty Clinic)

SAMBANDHIS:-

Sh. Jaidev Sharma, Hotel Vaishno Sgr.
Prof. Dr. Tripta & Prof. Dr. N.K. Raizada / Pinky Vaid, Hotels Ravinton & Refinery New York (U.S.A), Savoy Greens Resort Karnal, E.D. Mall, Noida

Dr. Navindu, Medicare N.Home / McDonalds Residency Road / Demail Katra
Sudhir Mehta (California) & Neelu
Late Sh. M.L. Soni, Hotel Premier

Late Sh. Mool Raj Sharma

Late Sh. K.D. Sharma I.R.S

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Associates: Late T.R. Amla, Ex. M.P. / Late Sh. Mangat Ram Sharma, Ex. Dy.CM / Pestonjee, Justice D.D. Thakur, Justice R.P. Sethi / Justice O.P. Sharma /K.D. Sharma IAS, Sat Dev Khajuria I.A.S., Bishambar Singh Maralian.

Senior Close Relatives: Late Justice Bakshi, Isher Singh, Justice G.D.Sharma (R), Subhash Dutt, Advocate Sales Tax, Shiv Khajuria I.F.S (Addl. PCCF), Sh. Ajay Singh, Ex. Union Minister, Late Pt. Mohan Lal Ji, Ex. Minister (Pb), Late Col. Isher Dass Ji, Justice Moksha Khajuria, Amit Sharma I.A.S.

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Grand Children: Naveesh, Neha (Aus)/ Nandika, Dr Aditi, Sharika (U.K), Uditya, Akshay, Nihar (USA), Sheegal, Raghav (Canada)



Late Sh Janardhan Khajuria (4 Sept 1968)

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THAT OUR KARMYOGI MOTHER SMT. SOMRAMI MANTOO (FONDLY CALLED NANAJI) WID. LT. SH. SOMNATH MANTOO, ERSTWHILE RESIDENT OF SOPORE, KASHMIR NOW AT 135, DEERWOOD CHASE, NIRVANA COUNTRY, GURGAON LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE & ATTAINED MOKSHA ON 31 AUGUST 23 NIGHT.



SMT. SOMRAMI MANTOO

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT ROHINI GHAT, NEAR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, BADLI (ROHINI) DELHI ON SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 23 FROM 8 - 10 AM & PRAYER MEET SHALL BE HELD AT CHIMMAYA GURUDHAM, W BLOCK, WOODSTOCK, NIRVANA COUNTRY, GURGAON SAME DAY AT 1 PM. (PRASAD WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS).

IN GRIEF:

SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MAHINDER & SUNITA MANTOO
MOHAN KRISHAN & PHOOLA MANTOO
MOTI LAL & ARCHANA MANTOO
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
LALITA & PRANNATH GARIB
SHEELA & RAMESH RATTU
NIRMALA & RAJAJI GANJOO
MALINI SINGH: MADAN LAL MANTOO, CHAMAN LAL MANTOO, KRISHANJI SHAH & ALL GRAND & GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

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TENTH DAY & UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Kasturi Lal Gupta** R/o H. No 72 W. No 05 Raja Bazar Akhnor. He left heavenly abode on 26-08-2023 may his soul attain Moksha



Sh. Kasturi Lal Gupta

Tenth Day: It will be performed on 04-09-2023 (Mon) at 11 AM

Uthala On 08th Sept 2023 at 4.00 PM

Venue: Durga Mandir Jia Pota Ghat

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter in Law

Smt Kusum & Sh. Rajesh Gupta
Smt Sheetal & Sh. Rakesh Gupta
Smt Isha & Sh. Satish Gupta
Smt Asha & Sh. Rakesh Gupta -Daughter & Son in Law
Dr. Abhishek, Akhilesh, Simran, Raghav, Sayam, Nayan, Muskan, Rishika (Grand Child)

CHOUBARSI

मोक्षार्थं के शिव कुल ब्राह्मण धर्म मन्त्रालय को है ये वो कर्म है जो हर साज पर माया नहीं जाता



Virinder Singh Raja Ji

It is four years since our beloved **Virinder Singh Raja Ji** left us for his heavenly abode. Each day makes his favourite quote above only truer and his absence more noticeable.

Puja and Shej will be performed at our residence, Red House, Ward No. 11, Shivnagar, Udhampur on 5th September (Tuesday) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM followed by lunch at Raghunath Palace (near PHE store, Devika, Udhampur) at 1:30 PM.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

Mrs. Geeta Rani - Wife
Sons and Daughters-in-Law

Mr. Abhinav Raja & Jyotana Popuri
Mr. Babbar Raja & Sony Prasad

Sisters and Brothers-in-Law
Mrs. Kausalya & Harman Singh Jammal
Mrs. Kavita & Baldev Singh Sambyal

Brother and Bhabhi
Mr. Digambar Singh & Mrs. Kamala
Late Mr. Devinder Singh & Mrs. Neelam

Grand Children
Lakshita Raja
Mahi Raja

CHOUBARSI

GOD'S LOVE FOR HER EXCEEDED OUR AFFECTION! LT. SMT SHASHI PRABHA LIVED A LIFE AS A LOVING WIFE, MOTHER, RELATIVE, FRIEND AND AN INSPIRATION TO MANY IN HER LOVING MEMORY CHOUBARSI OF OUR BELOVED LATE SMT SHASHI PRABHA WILL BE PERFORMED ON TUESDAY 5TH SEPT. 2023 AT 12 NOON AT OUR RESIDENCE.



LT. SMT SHASHI PRABHA

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY :
V.K. SHARMA -HUSBAND

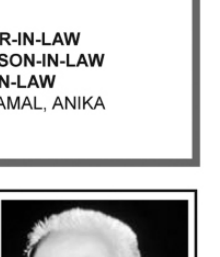
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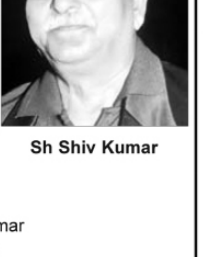
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REMEMBRANCE

We miss you BHABHI (ROOPAWATI SAHIB). You may have passed but your memories will always live on with us. Thank you for your love, care and everything that you have done for all of us. Wherever you are, we know that you are in a much better place. We miss you and pray for your eternal peace.



BHABHI (ROOPAWATI SAHIB)

Remembered and Missed by:
Grand Children:
Rakhi Sahib Dhar W/o Anil Dhar
Isha Sahib Srivastava W/o Shalesh Srivastava
Akhi Sahib and Pooja Labroo Sahib (Spouse) (847754926)
Ayush Sahib (8006709546)
Great Grand Children:
Divesh Koul, Bhavik Dhar, Nihakrika Koul

CONDOLANCE

No words can express our grief of losing you, dearest **Sh. Suman Kumar Dogra Ji**, Son of Late Shri Hans Raj Dogra Ji (Ex MLA B.J.P) R/o H.no 74C/D Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar Jammu.



SH. SUMAN KUMAR DOGRA JI

We feel shell shocked and heart broken, since you left this mortal world. We pray to Parmatma to grant eternal peace to your soul and give enough courage to all of us to bear this huge loss.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Vijay Kumar (Wife)
Lalit Sh. Vashno Dutt Dogra & Sonia Dogra (Brother & Bhabhi)
Sonam Dogra & Mehak Dogra (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Bhanu Dogra & Deepa Dogra (Son & Daughter)
Jyoti Verma & Suhel Verma (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Dogra Family
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10TH DAY/ KRIYA / RASAM PAGRI
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt Geeta Rani** W/o Mukund Lal Gupta at our residence H. No 756 Subash Nagar Jammu (Haripur Wale)

10TH DAY on Tuesday dated 05-09-2023 at 11:00 AM
KRIYA on Friday dated 08-09-2023 at 12:00 PM
RASAM PAGRI on Friday dated 08-09-2023 at 5:00 PM

Grief Stricken
Mukund Lal Gupta (Retd. Asst Secy J&KBOSE) (Husband)
Son & Daughter in Law
Smt Shivan Gupta and Anu Kumar (Ag Deptt)
Raju Gupta, Vishal Gupta,
Son in Law and Daughters
Sh. Ajay Kumar and Renu Saha
Sh. Vikas Kumar and Subarna Gupta
(Grand Children)

SMT GEETA RANI

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & deep sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Kunti Devi** W/o Lt. Mukh Raj Sharma.

The **Tenth Day** will be performed on 05-09-2023 at 10 AM on Tuesday at our residence H.No. 164 Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

The **11th Day/Kriya** will be performed at our residence on 06-09-2023.

Uthala will be performed on 08-09-2023 Friday 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Shiv Durga Mandir, Resham Ghar Colony.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Ashwani Kumar (Retd RO) & Smt. Rekha (Sup. in ICDS)

Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Sudesh & Sh. Subhash Seth
Smt. Neetu & Sh. Kuldeep Sharma
Smt. Sheetu & Sh. Suresh Sharma

Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law
Sh. Jagdev Raj & Smt. Rama
Sh. Sukhdev Raj & Smt. Adarsh

Grand Children: Manik & Madhu, Tamana & Suname, Mehvish & Sahil
Rishav, Abhinandan, Seloni, Sanskriti & Dhanvi

Great Grand Children : Mukund, Myra, Sulantnu, Pradanya & Irshita



Smt. Kunti Devi

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With deep regret, we inform the sad, sudden & tragic demise of our beloved **Mrs Dimpy Koul** W/o Sahil Raina erstwhile resident of Batapora Kanihama Magam Kmr., presently at Ward No. 64, Street No. 507, Roop Nagar, Enclave Jammu on 27-08-2023.



Mrs Dimpy Koul

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 05-09-2023 (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat (Near Director School Education) Muthi Jammu at 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sahil Raina - Husband
Moti Lal Raina - Father-in-law

Samast Raina & Koul Parivar
Cell Nos.: 8899244507, 9419136743, 8492834952, 8899224507

CHOUBARSI

You left us with a Legacy and a Lifetime of Memories... Our Hearts break for you at all times... But we know you are in eternal peace and blessing us forever...

Choubarisi will be performed on 05/09/2023 (Tuesday) from 11:00 A.M. onwards at our residence 29/2, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Shri Krishna Janmashtami: Dharmarth Trust to organise Grand Rath Yatra on Sep 6

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: The J&K Dharmarth Trust, in collaboration with the Sanatan Dharm Sabha and Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, is going to organize a grand Rath Yatra on September 6, 2023, to commemorate the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

Addressing media persons at Trust's Central Office in Jammu, Brig R.S Langeh (Retd), President of J&K Dharmarth Trust informed that this much-awaited event will witness devotees and enthusiasts from all corners of Jammu region coming together to pay homage to Lord Krishna, the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, on His birth anniversary. The Rath Yatra will provide a platform for spiritual enlightenment and cultural enrichment while fostering the spirit of unity among the devotees.

He said that the Shri Krishna Janamashtami



celebrations will commence with a captivating Rathayatra, a religious procession wherein the beautifully adorned chariot carrying the idols of Shri Krishna and Radha will be towed through the streets of Temple City. The procession will be accompanied by enthusiastic participants, both young and old, singing devotional songs and chants, spreading the message of love, compassion, and harmony.

Trust's President informed that the Trustees will preside over the Shobha Murti Poojan ceremony, scheduled to take place at 3:30 PM on

September 6, 2023 at the ancient Shri Raghunathji Temple, Jammu. Following this, at 4:00 PM, the Rath Poojan and Dhawajrohan ceremony will commence, with distinguished Trustees M.K Ajatshatru Singh and Ranvijay Singh presiding. The Rath Yatra will be flagged off after these auspicious rituals.

Brig Langeh requested the people of the Jammu region to join the celebrations in large numbers and make it a grand success. He emphasized the significance of these auspicious occasions, which provide an opportunity for individu-

als to connect with their rich culture and roots.

He also expressed gratitude to the District Administration Jammu and Police Department for providing necessary support for the successful conduct of Rath Yatra.

Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary of the Trust, informed that the Shobha Yatra will follow the traditional route, starting from the historical Shri Raghunathji Temple. The procession will pass through various markets, including Residency Road, Rajinder Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi,

Link Road, Jain Bazaar, Chowk Chabutra, Panjirthi, Mubarak Mandi, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazaar, Raj Tilak Road, Old Hospital Road, and Raghunath Bazaar, before finally culminating at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple.

He said the Rath Yatra holds immense cultural and religious significance, serving as a means to pay homage to Lord Krishna and celebrate his birth. He expressed his gratitude to the participating organizations for their collaboration in organizing this event. He encouraged the local communities in Jammu to embrace this opportunity to reconnect with their spiritual heritage and participate actively in the festivities.

Varinder Jamwal, Additional Secretary of the Trust, Anil Sharma, President of Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, and Gopal Sharma, Secretary of Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, were also present at the press conference.

Samadhaan Foundation annual meeting 2023 concludes

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Sep 4: Annual Meet of Samadhaan Foundation was held at Spiritual Growth Centre, Mata Vaishno Devi, Katra, which was presided over by Pawan Sharma, Patron-in-Chief and founder of Samadhaan Foundation.

Samadhaan Leaders from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir participated in the meeting enthusiastically.

Samadhaan Foundation, "A Mission to inspire, empower and connect people to change their world" has completed five years in public service, successfully.

In his welcome address Milap Singh, Founder member & Coordinator of Samadhaan, enlightened the Samadhaan leaders about the basic idea & vision of Samadhaan Foundation.

Ajeet Katerwal coordinator & core team member, presented the detailed report of activities hitherto done by Foundation for last five years in Jammu and



Kashmir.

In his address Pawan Sharma besides congratulating all the Samadhaan Leaders on successful completion of five years by Samadhaan in public service, said that Samadhaan's main vision and mission is to connect people, organize & educate to achieve their common goals.

All Samadhaan Leaders unanimously resolved in the meeting to work for strengthening of democracy, preserving environment and also to work for betterment and empowerment of society through conducting various programmes and initiatives in the days to come.

The main programmes

and campaigns to be organized by Samadhaan in coming days, include, campaign for eradication of drug menace from society; campaign and activities for women empowerment and self reliance particularly in rural areas; under the Programme "Meri Matti Mera Desh" conducting plantation drive; to conduct teacher felicitation Programmes on Teachers Day; and aware masses about e-office initiative of Jammu and Kashmir Govt. Besides this Samadhaan Foundation is committed to work for empowerment of poor destitute, alienated, deprived and weaker section of society.

Mayor kick off 'Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K' campaign

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu kick off "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K" campaign from the conference hall of JMC. All the JMC officers and officials participated with great enthusiasm. Mayor, Jammu along with all the participants take Integrity pledge to make the system corruption free.

Mayor, Jammu said that the main motive behind this campaign is to spread awareness about a corruption-free society. Everyone knows that corruption affects every area of society. The purpose behind this kind of campaign is to make people aware of the repercussions of indulging in corruption and motivate



them to follow a righteous path.

Mayor, Jammu said each and every individual and even organizations for that matter, pledge not to be a part of any kind of corruption. While combating corruption can be hard, it isn't impossible if everyone decides to back out and refuse to participate in corruption. Any act of bribery or misuse of public positions that lead to the fulfillment of selfish motive is wrong. By saying no to corruption, we can help create more employment opportu-

nities, achieve gender equality and secure wider access to essential services. Above all, we can make a system fair for all.

He said we aim to take Jammu to the frontline city of India. Corruption is not just a matter of a few rupees. On the one hand, corruption hurts the development of the country and at the same time corruption disrupts the social balance. And most importantly, corruption plagues the trust that one places on the system of the country and the sense of belongingness.

Small road projects neglected, hampering big Tourist avenues: Rao

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Senior AAP leader, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, in a press release issued here has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Manoj Sinha & Dr. Jatindra Singh, concerned MP & MOS in Prime Minister's office, to look deep into the matter and issue directions to the concerned to take immediate necessary steps to complete the below mentioned very small projects, on priority bases, so that a population of about 5 Tehsils, comprises of Tehsils, Kahara, Thathri, Phaqsoo, Bhella & Chirrala, is benefited giving an end to the age-old hardships to the people besides the area also comes on tourism maps, again benefiting the whole population of all these Tehsils.

Rao further said that for achieving full advantage of the Tourism development schemes in erstwhile Doda District and for ensuring greater opportunities of employment, the left-over work on some roads needs to be completed on priority.

Rao said that Kahara Jai road, which is complete up to Joura Kalan & (75% of the total length), needs to be com-

pleted from Joura Kalan to Jai (9 kms length).

It will not only provide employment to the poor people of the area but also boost tourism. It is one of the links in the circuit network.

The 19 Kms sanctioned Thathri-Chirra road project is complete from its initial point Jangalwar Nallah to Chirra (length 14 Kms) & the remaining 5 Kms from Chirra to Gallu Top be kindly constructed immediately.

Further, if Gallu Top is linked to Joura Khurd (2kms only) on Kahara-Joura Khurd road, 90% link between tourist places will be achieved. Still further, if Joura Khurd (road already complete) is linked to Chirrala- Panshaee road by only a 5 kms stretch, the circuit of roads will be complete.

It will greatly boost tourism and also provide employment to thousands of unemployed people.

Rao appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha & Dr. Jatindra Singh, concerned MP that two of the above mentioned Joura Kalan to Jai and Chira to Gallu Top (sanctioned projects) be kindly taken up immediately on priority.

Agitation will continue till smart meters are removed: Kapoor

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: The series of protests under the leadership of Amit Kapoor, president of the Dogra Welfare Organization, which is running the movement against smart meters, continues.

In this episode, a vigorous protest was held in Mutthi village on Monday, in which a large number of women participated along with the local people.

During this, the protesters were raising slogans like Amit Kapoor go ahead, we are with you, Jitendra Singh come to your senses, BJP leaders come to your senses, LG Manoj Sinha come to your senses. Addressing the protesters, Amit Kapoor said that the issue of smart meters is a

household issue across Jammu and Kashmir and their agitation will continue until the smart meters are removed. Along with this, he accused the BJP leaders of fixing with the LG.

Amit Kapoor said that BJP leaders are misleading people on the issue of smart meters. Kapoor said that these leaders do not know that when smart meters are installed, there are also prepaid meters in them.

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. Let us tell you that yesterday also Amit Kapoor had strongly demonstrated against smart meters in Bakshinagar area and a large number of people had participated in it too.

NC to observe Sheikh's 42nd death anniversary as 'Day of Unity, Solidarity & Brotherhood' on Sept 8: Rattan Lal

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference will observe 42nd death anniversary of Sheikh Abdullah as 'Day of Unity, Solidarity & Brotherhood'.

The Party stands committed to fulfill the vision of great NC leader Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah by defeating the divisive forces who are hell bent to create communal disharmony in Jammu and Kashmir for their petty vested interests.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu while addressing a meeting of party functionaries of Jammu and Samba districts at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here today. The meeting chaired by Rattan Lal Gupta was organized to finalize the arrange-

ments for observing death anniversary of Sheikh Mohd Abdullah on September 8, 2023.

The senior National Conference leader in his address reminded those present in the meeting about the slogan 'Hindu Muslim Sikh Itihad' coined by the NC's top stature leader Sheikh Mohd Abdullah and said that this slogan is the basic tenet of the party's philosophy that makes it the only secular party in this region. He said that in the existing scenario across the nation especially in J&K, there is a dire need to implement Sheikh Abdullah's slogan of communal harmony in letter and spirit to do away with the communal division and hatred being created by the Bharatiya Janata Party for its petty vote bank interests.

Rattan Lal Gupta asked the party workers and activists to

conduct grand programmes on the day of Sheikh Abdullah's death anniversary in order to pay rich tributes to the great leader. He also asked them to take a pledge on this day being observed as 'Day of Unity, Solidarity and Brotherhood' to intensify its fight against the forces dividing the people and promoting hatred.

Among those who were present include Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Bimla Luthra Ex-MLA, Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Vijay Lakshmi Datta, Shamim Begum DDC Dansal, Suriya Begum DDC Bari Brahmana, Raghbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President

Jammu Rural B, Ch. Rehmat Ali BDC Chairman, Ashok Kumar Attri, Dilshad Malik, Rakesh Singh Raka, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU Sardar Gurnam Singh, S. Balvinder Singh, Sat Paul, Joginder Kumar, Pinky Khalsa, Charanjeet Singh, Madan Lal, Devi Dayal Jogi, Dev Raj, S. Aya Singh, Swaran Singh, Suriya Begum Sarpanch, Mohan Lal, Ch. Shabir Sambyal, Sandeep Singh Wazir, Nitish Gowsami, Raj Kour, Paramjeet Kour, Mohd Farooq Mughal, Sewak Singh, Jaseem Malik, Gurdeep Singh, Mangat Ram, Kuldeep Verma, S. Prithpal Singh, Darshan Singh, Som Raj Taroch, Dr Amina, Ashok Koul, Ayaz Malik, Ch. Madan Lal, Massrat Ahmed Malik, S. Nirmal Singh, Jaga Ram, Dr. Varinder Kumar Lakhotra, Hai Amir Ud Din Kasana, Kamal and others.

HSS opens front against Govt due to high electricity bill

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: On the instructions of Hindustan Shiv Sena State President Vikrant Kapoor, Shiv Sena workers have opened a front against the government for huge electricity bills after installation of smart meters.

In this series, on behalf of the Jammu city unit of Hindustan Shiv Sena, a vigorous demonstration was held against Smart Meter, Property tax, Saror Toll plaza in Bhagwati nagar Jammu today.

The protest was led by City President Appurav Gupta and Vice President Rohan Malwal, while Women's Wing President Diksha Malwal and Vice President Vishali Gupta also participated in the protest along with their supporters in large numbers.

During this, while addressing the protesters, these leaders said that the people were assured by the Electricity Department that there would be no dif-



ference in the electricity bills after the installation of smart meters. But the way huge electricity bills are being handed over to the people, there is a lot of resentment among the people. They said that on the instructions of its State President Vikrant Kapoor, Hindustan Shiv Sena has decided to open a front against the government by coming on the streets to solve this problem of the people. That's why protests are being held today so that the eyes of the government can be opened. They expressed anger by raising slogans against the Electricity Department, BJP's central government and the Jammu

and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor's administration. They also asked the BJP leaders why they are keeping silence in this matter.

They alleged that the BJP government is completely against the people of Jammu and Kashmir. They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the common people of Jammu and Kashmir are in a bad condition.

People are also deprived of Basic facilities like electricity and water. They said that such a government has no right to remain in power. People want them to oust the BJP from power in the

coming Lok Sabha elections.

They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the BJP has made Jammu and Kashmir a laboratory. Before starting any scheme in the country, it is trialed in Jammu and Kashmir. They said that today people are worried about the electricity bills coming from smart meters. They alleged that no state in the country has such smart meters, but the BJP government at the Center has started its trial from Jammu and Kashmir.

They said that due to the wrong decision of the government, now the electricity bills have troubled the poor people.

The one who used to get a bill of five hundred rupees earlier, is now getting a bill of five thousand rupees. They warned that if this problem of the people is not resolved at the earliest, a big agitation will be organized in the coming days.

EDITORIAL

EK BHARAT
SHRESHTHA
BHARAT

The most important things for any nation are the identity of that country and the prosperity of that country. Our country India is also unbroken and is the best in the world. Despite the fact that people of different religions and communities live in our country, there is a feeling of unity and respect for each other among the people.

The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has implemented this scheme as an initiative. The initiative was launched on 31 March 2005, the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. If we look at the purpose of this initiative, then its purpose is to bind all the citizens of the country in one group. There should be peace and neutrality among the people.

In the speech given by the Prime Minister related to this initiative, it was said that this is such an initiative, by which people can be connected with each other and along with this, cultural relations between other states of the country will be promoted through this initiative. . Keeping other states together and preserving other heritage of the country are also included in the objective of this initiative/scheme.

Our country India is considered the greatest in the world. India is also known as Vishwaguru in the world. The history of India is also considered quite ancient. It is said that humans also originated from this country. Our country is a symbol of unity in integrity, this is the specialty of our country, that is why our country is called Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.

Under this initiative implemented in the country, other states of the country have to be connected with each other at the traditional and social level. In this way, we, the citizens of the country and the government of the country, will be able to popularize each other's states, heritage and culture. Music, festivals and heritage of other states can be linked to each other.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, through this initiative aims to promote unity among the people. Along with this, the culture and heritage of each other states is to be popularized in the country. The aim of this initiative is also to popularize the culture, folk songs, music and festivals of other states of the country.

We have to popularize the local culture, heritage and heritage of other parts of the country. This initiative will keep one state socially connected to other states. The objective of this scheme is also to promote tourism in the country and attract other countries towards their culture.

How we view ourselves and how the world views India

By: Sanjaya Baru

By the end of this week the world's attention will be focused on India. Hundreds of journalists from across the world will be in New Delhi to cover the annual summit of the Group of Twenty (G-20) nations. New Delhi has been spruced up. The municipal authorities have done what they do best: painted the pavements, tarred the roads, placed potted plants along footpaths, and suchlike.

If one were to just drive from the airport to one of the major hotels hosting the delegates, officials and the media and then on to the venue, Bharata Mandapam, at central Delhi's Pragati Maidan, then one would imagine India, or at least New Delhi, is a great place to be living in. The capital has a bridal look.

Over the past several months, the Union government has hosted dozens of events around the country with fanfare. Band, baaja, tamasha... Amitabh Kant, the Prime Minister's G-20 "sherpa" and one of the architects of the Incredible India campaign, who is known for his professional skills in marketing Indian tourism, has outperformed himself. In Mumbai city alone, over a thousand crores of rupees have reportedly been spent to "beautify" the city, spruce up the venues for ministerial and official meetings and so on. Many state capitals have hosted meetings and events.

A chosen set of sarkari intellectuals were grouped into what was called the T-20, for Think Tank Twenty, and they have travelled around India and the world lecturing, holding seminars and selling the idea that Bharat is the "Vishwa Guru" and

that we believe in our G-20 motto - "One Earth, One Family, One Future". "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". So what if some people in Manipur and Muzaffarnagar are not so convinced about this "One Family" bit. It has been reported that in the run-up to the New Delhi summit, Indian universities, think tanks, and other such outfits have organised more seminars, generated more papers, hosted more lectures than any other G-20 country ever managed to do over the past 15 years.

To make sure they are also part of the circus, business organisations led by the Confederation of Indian Industry hosted "B20", a G-20 business summit. No Indian business leader mentioned the fact that all the other G-20 countries do more business with China than with India. But they did not forget to mention that everyone looking for a "China-plus" must look at India, even though most Indian firms are still fighting shy of investing in new greenfield ventures, encouraging the government to continue with public investment and production-linked incentives.

Given all the hype and hoopla, it is not surprising that a whopping 68 per cent of Indians surveyed by the American opinion polling agency Pew Research Centre said that India was "getting stronger". After all, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been reminding us that we will soon be the world's third largest economy, so what if we are at rank 139 in a list of 189 countries as far as per capita national income is concerned. Trumpet the good news, whisper the bad news. The advice is from the Mahabharata -- "Aswathama

Hatha Kunjara!"

So, yes, 68 per cent of Indians polled by Pew think that India is getting stronger. Hang on. How does the world look at India? The most favourable view is out of Australia, our newly-found partner. Down under 36 per cent of Australians think that India is getting stronger, but 54 per cent feel we are where we were, and 10 per cent think that we are actually weaker today. Most Europeans and East Asians, Japanese and South Koreans especially, more or less share the Australian perception. Only about a third polled in the United Kingdom think that India is getting stronger. Fifty per cent think nothing much has changed.

Perceptions get worse among friends. Israeli data reports only 29 per cent feeling India is getting stronger and 50 per cent not convinced, with 11 per cent thinking we are getting weaker.

What of our good friend the United States? A mere 23 per cent think that India is getting stronger. 64 per cent are not convinced and 11 per cent feel we are getting weaker. Opinion nearer home is even worse. In Singapore and Malaysia only 23 per cent and 19 per cent, respectively, think India is getting stronger, while 28 per cent (Singapore) and 27 per cent (Malaysia) think India is getting weaker. The data from even closer home would not be any more flattering.

It appears from the Pew data that the image of the country is tied to that of the Prime Minister. While an overwhelming 79 per cent of Indian respondents had a "favourable view" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, internationally only 37 per cent had such a positive view of Mr

Modi. This particular statistic reminded me of what the late Pranab Mukherjee once told me, and I have quoted him before. The image of the country and the government, Mukherjee told me over a cup of tea in his room in the Parliament building sometime in 2011, is linked to the image of the Prime Minister.

So, if Pew is reporting a not so favourable view of India outside the country, that too in friendly countries, then it is at least in part associated with the less than favourable view people outside India have of the Prime Minister. So, while we may be patting ourselves on our backs because we think our country has "arrived", being a G-20 summit venue, others may have a less than sanguine view.

What is, however, working for India and will continue to boost the country's image is the hard work of our scientists and engineers in the few islands of dedication and excellence that have been assiduously built by successive governments over three quarters of a century. The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) has done more for India's global image than all the pompous talk and colourful paint that has been invested in the hosting of the G-20 summit.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission cost the exchequer a mere Rs 615 crores. The budget for the G-20 summit in New Delhi was officially stated to be around Rs 1,000 crores. This excludes what has been spent by various state governments and non-governmental organisations. In terms of bang for the buck, Chandrayaan-3 has done more for India's global standing than the entire G-20 circus.

Role of a Teacher in a Student's Life

By: Vijay GarG

A teacher's influence on their students' lives is undeniable. Youths are the future of the nation, who are responsible for carrying out vital duties across several domains and serving society this way or another. What influences them to do something great in life? Besides parents, whose credit is it when the youth today grow up to be beautiful human beings tomorrow? It is the teacher!

Teachers are builders of a better tomorrow. They shape the youths today and help them achieve something great in life. What does it take to be a good teacher? What are the essential qualities he possesses that are enough to influence the students? What impact is he/she capable of putting on a student's life?

Let's address all these questions today and discuss in detail the role of a teacher in a student's life.

Who is a Teacher?

First of all, we need to know who is a teacher. In general, the definition of teacher goes like, a person who teaches pupils in schools, colleges, or private and imparts knowledge on specific subjects, checks the homework, and provides feedback.

Well, that's a common definition but the term 'teacher' is something more than this. Being a teacher is something much more than only giving away knowledge, lectures, and attending back-to-back classes. A teacher is the one who makes a significant impact in their students' lives. He/she inspires them to be a better version of themselves and achieve something significant in life.

Teachers educate the candidates on unique qualities like fellow feeling, brotherhood, kindness, and simplicity. Teachers never collide with the same type of students everywhere, rather the types are varied. Today they can meet someone with high ambition and readily give them suitable advice. The real challenge is meeting aimless individuals with zero seriousness and influencing them to become a better version of themselves. So a teacher's duty isn't restricted to attending lectures and sending notes. It is something beyond it and has a vital significance in their student's life.

Significant Characteristics of a Teacher
Being a teacher isn't easy and they need to deal with a lot throughout

their career. Certain features mark the difference between a commoner and a great. The case with teachers isn't an exception either. The teachers need to be the ideals of the candidates, they must look upon them with massive respect. It is only then we can make sure the students are following in their footsteps as shown by his teacher.

The following characteristic attributes make the biggest difference between a good and an outstanding teacher:

Compassionate: Being a skilled teacher needs the person to be very compassionate not only towards the students but to his colleagues, staff, and parents.

Passionate towards Learning: Establishing a successful teaching career, needs the teacher to be a passionate learner. He must have a supreme interest in unfolding innovative topics and always be a dedicated learner.

In-depth Understanding Capacity: Being a teacher requires the person to have a strong understanding capacity to analyze the distinct problems faced by the students.

Patience: Patience is the key to success in the teaching domain. The teachers need to be super patient while dealing with candidates, the school system, curriculum, and the parents and handle any issues peacefully.

Being a Good Follower of Own Words: If the teacher is educating the students to be a good person and follow all the fine qualities, they need to be a staunch follower of the same. They need to be the ones imparting the education not just by telling but by proving it with his activities too.

Great Communicator: Outstanding teachers are superb communicators and they can talk afresh with the students and analyze the issues they might go through. They can provide them with the support they need.

Great at Putting Efforts: The teacher should put effort. The ones with a 'don't care' attitude really can't make it far in the teaching line. To differ from others and to stand out from the crowd, influential teachers always put extra effort into the classroom and students to help them get better.

Now that we know the qualities of a brilliant teacher, let us look at how a teacher can influence a student's life towards something positive.

Role of a Teacher in a Student's Life
There are many significant ways through which teachers have a remarkable impact on the student's life. They not only are the role models but help the

pupils with the right guidance to move their heads towards a better future. Let's dive into detail and discuss.

Provide Right Guidance

Teachers evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their students and guide them to follow the best practices. They not only bring out the best from the students but teach them valuable life skills too like communication, compassion, organization, and presentation. Teachers are the ones who motivate the students to do better in every domain and help them achieve life goals. Through their guidance, the students know to differentiate between right and wrong.

Act as Role Models

Teachers are the ultimate role models in a student's life. In their academic life, students come across different types of teachers. A great teacher is always supportive and compassionate towards his students and appreciates their achievements in every field. They have a precious connection with the students and always encourage them to do better. Teachers are their role models who always hold a positive attitude in life and so help their students to follow the same.

Shape the Society

Teachers are dedicated learners who can not only teach but listen to the students problems and try mentoring them to the best of their ability. Skilled teachers handle things patiently and can shape the academic goals of the youths. They rarely do it for recognition rather they follow their heart! The concept of powerful education and teaching students valuable skills are directly proportional. Teachers know the cause and contribute towards shopping for a better tomorrow.

Change Lives for Better

It's not always the "good" students that teachers cross paths with. Rather there are many aimless pupils too who are careless about life and least bothered about academics. A brilliant teacher is equally compassionate to them and helps them change for the better. They even encourage students to be full of spirit during their lows and these are responsible to change the lives of the students for the better.

How to be a Teacher?

Becoming a teacher in India will need you to follow a particular process. Besides the qualification, you must have the qualities discussed above to be a great teacher. Even if you are low on anything, you will learn that in the process. The most common types of

teachers in India are:

- Pre-primary School Teachers
- Primary School Teachers
- Secondary School Teachers
- Senior-secondary School teachers
- Special Educators

What's important is that you are dedicated and love your work. Here's a brief guide on how to be a teacher in India.

Step 1: First, you need to set your goal and be sure of the subject teacher you want to be.

Step 2: Bachelor's degree is necessary to be a schoolteacher. Further, you can complete your Masters in the relevant subject too.

Step 3: Teaching the lower grade candidates like in the pre-primary or primary will require you to have a B.Ed or equivalent degree. Taking higher classes requires you to pursue M.Ed or equivalent.

Step 4: Then comes the critical phase of entrance examinations. After you are done pursuing B.Ed or M.Ed, you can sit for examinations like TET/CTET/STET. Cracking these coveted examinations will help you apply to different Indian schools with the scores.

Step 5: Last but not least! Exams were taken and cracked, schools applied and got the chance! Kick start your beautiful teaching journey with the most lovely pupils around you.

These steps are just a simplified way to understanding your path to becoming a teacher. If you are serious about becoming a teacher and want to know more about this career, then read "How to become a teacher in India".

After parents, the teachers are the biggest well-wishers in any student's life and they can cross every extent to help them succeed in life! They are one of the best human beings one will even cross paths with, so make sure to obey them always. Pupils should always consider listening to their valuable suggestions and applying them in their lives. It will change for the better. Teaching is a noble profession and takes years of hard work to be an eminent face in the domain. When students grow up to be excellent and successful human beings and take your example, that's where true success lies.

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Army organizes free medical camp in URI sector

TOP NEWS REPORT

BARAMULLA, Sep 4: A three-day medical camp in association with Borderless World Foundation being conducted at the remote villages Churunda, Paul Sokar & Sukhdar near Line of Control in Uri sector by Mike Bn under aegis of Pir Panjal Brigade.

During the First day of the camp, a first of its kind mega medical camp, it has brought together a team of 11 specialist Doctors to visit the border area villages. Expert specialist doctors are providing free medical treatment & referral to more than 150 patients.

The camp has a plethora of initiatives that includes free checkups, free distribution of medicines and laboratory investigations consultation and counselling to the needy and old age villagers of the border area.

The highlight of the camp is not only the



specialised medical assistance but also the border villages which are enjoying the cease-fire understanding at Line of control. After undergoing prolonged vagaries of the tension at the borders the villagers are happy after receiving a lot of support from the Indian Army for their social upliftment and towards better quality of life.

The special atten-

tion given in respect of Eyes, Orthro, Pediatric, Dentist, Gynecologist etc are all something that is often neglected by people due to lack of awareness or availability in far flung areas.

The doctors from across the country came forward for the noble cause & also educated the villagers on prevention of various lifestyle diseases & ways to overcome them.

People from the villages are attending the medical camp in large

numbers, said the head of the medical team.

He also added that the camp has acted as a hub for broad based interaction, harmony & trust between Army and villagers. He also stated that Indian Army has taken up wide range of welfare schemes which aims at relentlessly & steady upliftment of the society in a holistic manner.

The civil administration along with elected members of villages greatly appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army toward restoring the health of village people of the border area.

Inter School Zonal level tournament held

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Sep 4: Department of youth Services and Sports Kathua organized inter school zonal level tournament U/19 years 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.

176 girls of Five Higher Secondary Schools Zone Basohli took part in different disciplines.

While addressing to the participants, Principal 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.

Volleyball: Govt. Hr Sec Basohli beat Govt Hr Sec Bhoond by 2-0 set. Kabaddi: Govt. Hr Sec Hutt beat Govt Hr Sec Bhoond by 16 points. Badminton: Hr Sec Vir Savarkar beta Govt Hr Sec Basohli by 2.0 set.

JD (U) MP Chandeshwar demands early polls in J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 4: Janta Dal United (JD (U)) State President G M Shaheen and workers met with JD(U) Member Parliament Chandeshwar Prasad who was a part of Parliament the Committee conducted a 4-day tour of Kashmir valley.

While addressing a press conference in Sri-

nagar, MP Chandeshwar Prasad demanded early polls in J&K. He also assured the people that he will project the issues of public importance in the Parliament.

Prasad said we are sure that J&K people will definitely get everything back Justice, during the verdict of Supreme Court SC.

He said in the Supreme Court justice,

the J&K state will come back along with the article 370, 35-A, special status & instrument of accession conditions.

G M Shaheen said abrogation of Article 370 without consulting with the people of Jammu Kashmir is violation of human rights & the BJP crushed our "right of self determination" of all the religions of J&K.

Skoda Auto India rings in festivities with new variants of Kushaq, Slavia

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Skoda Auto India announced two new product actions with the Kushaq Onyx Plus and the Slavia Ambition Plus.

Both variants feature festive pricing, attractive new exchange benefits, and special corporate plans, all for a limited period.

The Kushaq Onyx Plus boasts all-new R16 Grus alloys and a

Window Chrome Garnish. The front grille ribs and the trunk garnish at the rear are now finished in chrome.

The Onyx Plus will be powered by the 1.0 TSI engine mated to a manual transmission. The Kushaq Onyx Plus is priced at Rs 11.59 lakh and will be available exclusively in Candy White and Carbon Steel colours.

The Slavia Ambition Plus is adorned with a Chrome Package for

the front grille, lower door, and trunk garnish. The car will feature an in-built dashcam and is available in all-existing colour options. Like the Kushaq Onyx Plus, the Slavia Ambition Plus will also be exclusive with the 1.0 TSI engine.

Customers can choose between a 6-speed manual and automatic transmission Options. The Slavia Ambition Plus is available at special festive price of Rs 12.49 lakh.

Shan hails work of Dr Kailash, HoD Surgery GMC Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Sep 4: Tilak Shan Shiv Sena President Chenab Valley hailed work of Dr Kailash Singh belonging to Kishtwar, HoD Surgery GMC Jammu and stated that he has committed himself to ensure that he delivers the best services and always cherishes the time he spends working with patients during his hours of duty.

"He has created warm and cordial relations with every employee/ workers at the hospital and commands tremendous respect. He is most helpful and messiah of the poor especially patients from villages & far flung areas of the Jammu Province. It is a great honor for Kishtwar Dist to have him at such a senior position in GMC, Jammu where he is ever ready to help the needy & the poor." Shan added.

Shan extended best wishes for his future endeavours and hope he will work with added zeal and keep serving the poor & the needy people of the J&K UT.

What happened to Special Camps for Kashmiri Migrants, asks GL Raina

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Over six months have elapsed since LG Manoj Sinha inaugurated special governance camp for Kashmiri Migrants at Jagti Colony in February 2023, yet there is no movement forward in this regard alleges former MLC and BJP spokesperson G.L Raina.

12-day long camp at 6 locations aimed to ensure 100% saturation of Social security schemes for Kashmiri migrants were held in February with a lot of fanfare and publicity, he recalled. Various departments put up their stalls at the camp including the facilities for enrolment of youth for self-employment, skilling and up-skilling, added

GL Raina. Thousands of displaced youth visited these camps and registered themselves under different schemes for self-employment, skilling and up-skilling. There were a large number of other particularly differently-abled individuals who submitted for extension of social security/welfare schemes to them for which they are eligible, Raina stressed.

Former MLC further added that even a substantial number of youth sought benefits of sports promotion schemes, which are not extended to them. It was claimed that the directive was to organize such special governance camps to ensure saturation of social security schemes, self-

employment and skilling. However, unfortunately no action seems to have been taken after the conclusion of these camps. Situation even after six months is where it was before these camps were organized, GL Raina asserted.

Girdhari Lal Raina expressed pain and anguish over lack of seriousness in the administration to address issues pertaining to the Displaced Community. Former MLC demanded a detailed response from the concerned authorities on the outcome of these camps held six months earlier and asked administration to be more sensitive and spontaneous in handling the concerns of people.

Electoral reforms first before One Nation One Election: MPEJ

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: The members of Movement for Peace, Equality & Justice (MPEJ) in press release issued here said that Electoral reforms first before one nation one election & instead of one Election, people want one Nation, one Education & one Nation, one treatment, where everyone rich & poor will get equal education & treatment.

The members want to apprise the public not to vote the criminal's background candidates on religion or Party bases and all the Political Parties to void giving tickets for elec-

tions to the candidates with tainted images.

The Poor people of the country cannot get any justice in this costly & lengthy judicial system without Judicial & Electoral reforms in Parliament but not possible in this corrupt political system where 43% MPs of different Political Parties are of criminal background.

They further said that the political corruption is responsible of the militancy in erstwhile J&K state, un-employment & the present crises in the country in general & J&K in particular.

And this established corrupt & caste based political system is affecting to us all irre-

spective of caste, creed or region or religion. It is threatening suitable economic development, ethical values & justice to all of us. Political corruption is responsible of adulteration especially in food stuff and medicines & also of low-quality of Health & Education care in government Hospitals & Schools & has made our society worse off and lowered the living standards of most of their populations & also responsible of privatization of priority sectors like Health, Education, Electricity etc.

The political corruption only is creating hindrance in the fair investigations of all

criminal cases by the honest police officers & other investigating agencies & also creating hindrances in the economy of our country.

The need of the hour is to expose all these tested political parties irrespective of caste, creed, colour or religion or region & vote against all these corrupt, commission based & caste based Political Parties.

The present situation in the country in general & J&K in particular is due to the corrupt political system. No Hindu, Muslim, Sikh is safe in this corrupt, commission based & caste based political system.

They have appealed the people of J&K irre-

spective of religion or region to read the writings on the wall and don't fall in trap of false promises & deceptive statements of all these tested political parties.

They all are the real killers of Constitutional Institutions & all are the chips of the same block. We should not give another chance to these tested political parties & prepare ourselves for a holistic socio-political change in J&K as done by the wise people of Delhi for a complete socio-political & economic transformation in the system of governance with delivery of justice on door steps of common man.

Chandel hails rapid development in Jammu and Kashmir

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: BJP leader, Raju Chandel hailed the rapid development in Jammu and Kashmir, including the construction of new bridges, roads, railways, and tunnels.

He credited this progress to the visionary leadership of Amit Shah and also praised the consistent efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in removing obstacles on India's path to development.

Chandel further emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir, under the leadership of Ravinder Raina are united and working together towards prog-

ress. Ravinder Raina, President of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jammu and Kashmir, has been instrumental in addressing and resolving various challenges faced by the region, he said.

Shri Chandel expressed confidence that in the upcoming legislative elections, the BJP would emerge victorious and sweep the polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

He predicted that the BJP would secure a significant number of seats, ensuring that their candidates would be elected to represent the region effectively.

This victory, he stated,

would be achieved through the dedication and hard work of the party workers, who have tirelessly strived for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

He added that the BJP's resounding success in the forthcoming elections would result in the complete eradication of the alliance of deceit that has plagued Jammu and Kashmir's politics for years. In this election, the Bharatiya Janata Party is expected to outshine other political parties, including the Aam Aadmi Party, the Congress Party, the National Conference, and the Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party.

Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra presents 47th edition of 'KRISHNA'

TOP NEWS REPORT

NEW DELHI, Sep 4: Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra presents the 47th edition of its Dance Drama - "KRISHNA" under the governance of Padmashri Shobha Deepak Singh (Director & Vice Chairperson, Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra).

The show is scheduled to be showcased from September 1st to 4th, 2023 at Kamani Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi at 6.30pm daily with an additional matinee show on Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 at 3pm.

The two and half hours long production is bound to captivate the audience with an enthralling dance drama performed by various artists who will bring alive the legend of Krishna from what existed three thousand years ago. Whether it was his joyous years of an adorable childhood or the antics he played while growing into a young adult, his romance with



nature and his compassion for everything that had life or eventually attaining the stage of human adoration, Krishna and his very aura will embrace you as you lose yourself to his persona.

For all these years, Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra has distinguished itself by staging performances that are incredibly significant to India's history. The goal of these performances has always been to include Indian customs and beliefs in a way that makes them relevant to contemporary culture. The Lord Krishna chapter is weaved with

a variety of tales, myths, and magic, just like other chapters in Indian mythology, but it has always been regarded as being primarily practical and giving wisdom in many aspects of daily life. Using traditional Indian dance styles like Mayurbhanj Chhau and Kalaripayattu, the Kendra will depict this element of Lord Krishna's colourful life, from his birth through his participation in the epic Mahabharata.

Elevating the experience further, an LED wall has been incorporated, to provide a heightened sense of

realism, showcasing Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra's commitment to pushing the boundaries of innovation and creativity with each passing year. Dedicated to bringing divine characters to life and crafting unique experiences, the Kendra seamlessly blends choreography, state-of-the-art technology, intricate international-grade sets, and opulent costume designs. With its exceptional contributions to choreography, lighting, sound, sets, and overall production values, 'KRISHNA' consistently offers a fresh perspective to its devoted audi-

ence, enveloping them in a captivating atmosphere while staying true to the production's core values and enhancing its contemporary relevance.

In Padmashri Shobha Deepak Singh's words, "The dance drama 'KRISHNA' expresses the innate truths of life, resonating with their essential simplicity, just as Lord Krishna elucidated. These truths are interwoven within countless anecdotes, intricately woven into his life's narratives, a perpetual source of inspiration in both the traditional and contemporary contexts.

'Jawan' reflects upon how we can make a change that we want around us: Shah Rukh Khan

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan said his much-anticipated film "Jawan" is about empowering women and fighting for the right. Directed by Tamil filmmaker Atlee, "Jawan" outlines the emotional journey of a man who is set to rectify the wrongs in the society. The high-octane action thriller is set to arrive in theatres on September 7.

During an #AskSRK session with his fans on X, formerly known as Twitter, Shah Rukh was asked about the message he is trying to convey through "Jawan".

"The movie reflects upon how we as people can make a change that we want around us. Empower women and fight for the right," he wrote.

A Red Chillies Entertainment presentation, "Jawan" is produced by Gauri Khan and co-produced by Gaurav Verma. It also features Vijay Sethupathi and Nayanthara in pivotal roles as well as Deepika Padukone in a special appearance.

Actors Sanya Malhotra, Priyaman, Girija Oak, Sanjeeta Bhatnagar, Lehar Khan, Aaliyah Qureshi, Ridhi Dogra, Sunil



Grover and Mukesh Chhabra round out the cast.

Asked how he would define his character in the film, Shah Rukh said: "Upright, honest and patriotic."

The 58-year-old superstar described the film as a "mix of mass and international class in terms of action. With some really cool background music!" Popular music composer Anirudh Ravichander has created the soundtrack for the film.

Shah Rukh said the film is a product of three years of immense hardwork and now he is "excited that #Jawan will

entertain as many as possible in the theatres!"

Advance booking for "Jawan" opened on Friday.

Talking about his biggest learning in life, the superstar said one can achieve anything they believe in with hard work and prayers.

"I have learnt this in my life... if the mind can conceive it, the heart can believe it... then you can achieve it. Work always like that and don't forget to pray!" he wrote.

Shah Rukh said he is happy that audiences are returning to the theatres for the community

watching experience.

"I feel blessed by the love of so many people! My family and I are eternally grateful to all for this immense love," he said.

When one of the fans asked him about his childhood memories of visiting his grandparents in Hyderabad, the superstar recalled going to Charminar and eating delicious food at home.

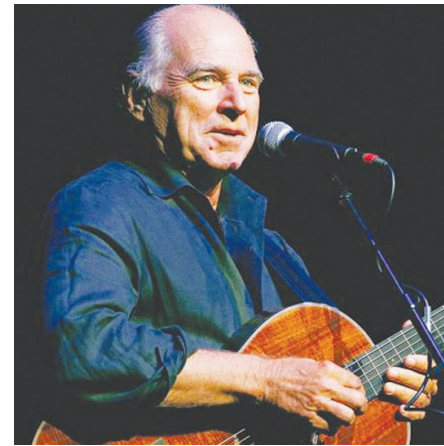
He also shared that Rajkumar Hirani, the director of his next film "Dunki", loved the trailer of "Jawan" and has been supportive.

"Raju sir loved it!! First one to send me a message and I have shown him parts of the film too and he really likes it. He has been very supportive," SRK wrote.

The film star recently visited Chennai for a pre-release event of "Jawan", attended by the cast and crew, and a host of talented actors and musicians from the Tamil industry.

Shah Rukh said he met screen icons Rajinikanth and Thalapaty Vijay on his short trip and would like to meet Ajith on his next visit to the city.

Rockstar Jimmy Buffett dies at 76



Singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett, whose music was often called 'island escapism', has died at the age of 76 due to skin cancer.

Buffett died on September 1. The rockstar's death was confirmed through a statement on his official website: "Jimmy passed away peacefully on the night of September 1st surrounded by his family, friends, music and dogs. He lived his life like a song till the very last breath and will be missed beyond measure by so many."

The musician combined elements of folk rock, country, reggae, rock'n roll and world music to create a somewhat happy-go-lucky sound, which became his signature style.

Over the course of a 50-year career, Buffett collected just one top-10 pop

hit, Margaritaville, an escapist tropical island vacation themed song, which inscribed visions of drinking tequila on the hot sands of a beach, somewhere in the tropics. The song at the time of its release hit No. 8.

Celebrities have offered their condolences and tributes to the late singer including Elton John, Andy Cohen, John Stamos and Paul McCartney.

Elton John, who had worked with Buffett wrote in his Instagram stories, "Jimmy Buffet was a unique and treasured entertainer. His fans adored him and he never let them down. This is the saddest of news, a lovely man gone way too soon. Condolences to Jane and the family from David and me."

Paul McCartney, shared a picture of the two on his X (formerly called Twitter) and wrote a lengthy message. He wrote: "It seems that so many wonderful people are leaving this world, and now Jimmy Buffet is one of them. I've known Jimmy for some time and found him to be one of the kindest and most generous people."

"I remember once on holiday when I had forgotten to bring my guitar and was itching to play. He said he would get me one of his, but I said, 'I'm left-handed'. So, Jimmy had his roadie restring one of his guitars which he loaned me for the duration of the holiday." Andy Cohen wrote on his X: "The king of cool... Paradise was wherever Jimmy Buffett was."

Tera Mera Saath Rahe actress Sumati Singh talks about bold scenes

Sumati Singh, who is known for her roles in shows such as Roop-Mard Ka Naya Swaroop and Amma Ke Babu Ki Baby, opened up about her willingness to work on different platforms like the web, films and also shared her thoughts on doing bold scenes.

Talking about her willingness to explore different platforms, Sumati said, "Being an artiste, everyone desires to do new things other than TV. Honestly, I didn't get time to explore more as when I started working on TV I had back-to-back projects. Still, I have thought about this a lot of times. I hope in the future I will do web films. After a certain period, I will start trying as I have still not tried for web and films."

She discussed the



reason she wants to explore other platforms. Sumati added, "At the end of the day, TV stories get repetitive where there is a girl who gets married and all the drama.

So, you get to work

on similar projects and then it gets boring and you don't get to explore new things." Talking about doing bold scenes, Sumati said that if a character needs it, it won't be a problem for her.

Kangana Ranaut shines as beautifully haunting dancer in trailer of 'Chandramukhi 2'

Director P Vasu has finally revealed the trailer of his upcoming Tamil comedy-horror film 'Chandramukhi 2', and it harbours much of the aura of the 2004 original, while being its own thing.

Among all this, the most noticeable is Kanga Ranaut's portrayal of Chandramukhi, a beautifully haunting ghost of a long dead dancer.

Portraying the titular role, actress Kangana Ranaut portrays the dancer Chandramukhi, from the court of King Vettiyan Raja, and showcases her great dancing skills, along with her avatar of a beautifully seductive, and haunting dancer.

Then we also have actor Raghava Law-



rence, who dishes out all the bombastic action that one can expect as Vettiyan Raja, along with

Cutting between events of the past and present, the movie has some elements of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' in it, as it is once again a family moving into a haunted palace, harbouring the angry ghost of an angry female ghost.

But this is minus the psychological horror of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa', as the movie is actually showcasing supernatural horror mixed with some fun comedy.

The narrative is a bit of a mystery, though Kangana Ranaut's Chandramukhi is very clearly a woman scorned who years for bloody vengeance, much like Monjilika from 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa'.

However, these comparisons should not really come off as a

surprise as the 2005 'Chandramukhi' itself is a remake of the Kannada film 'Apthamitra' which released in 2004.

Funnily enough, 'Apthamitra' in turn was a remake of 1993 Malayalam film 'Manichitrathazhu' while 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' was its Bollywood remake.

The trailer boasts some amazing set design, great visuals and a great score by M.M Keeravani, as well as some great CGI as we see a digital panther which looks exceptional.

The trailer for 'Chandramukhi 2' looks both interesting, and features Kangana Ranaut in her most intriguing avatar yet. The movie will release on September 15, 2023.

Kanchan Awasthi : There is no dearth of work in the industry



Actor Kanchan Awasthi says that while every actor once wished to play lead roles in films, the game has changed. She emphasizes the importance of carving a niche for oneself and being choosy about roles. Awasthi has multiple projects ready for release and has worked with senior actors like Nana Patekar and Zeeshan Ayyub. She is excited about her upcoming projects, including the Telugu film debut and a big project called Laal Batti.

Actor Kanchan Awasthi admits that every actor once wished to play lead roles in films but in the last few years the game has changed.

On her visit to hometown Lucknow, the Gun Wali Dhulaniya (2019) actor, says, "Honestly, there is no dearth of work for those who are enterprising enough and know how to carve a

niche for themselves. There is a lot to do, not just in acting, but in other domains too. We are entertainers and other than acting assignments I take up brand endorsements, shows, event appearances along with social media. This is more the reason that over time I have become a little choosy about my roles. I want to grow with every project avoid being repetitive."

Last seen Runaway Lugai (2021) and Bhaiya Ji Smile, Awasthi has multiple projects ready for release.

"Barring the pandemic phase, I kept on working and have shot for multiple projects including Kutub Minar with Sanjay Mishra sir and Majnu Saloon with Panchayat-fame actor Chandan Roy in Varanasi. Besides, I've also completed a mini-series Hansi toh Phansi in Punjab along with Kiss Mark that was shot in Noida."

Awasthi has shot for two projects in Lucknow as well. "I did Love Hackers with Priya Prakash Varrier and Pawan Malhotra immediately after the first wave. This year, I did Prakash (Jha) sir's Laal Baati. Going forward, I have a love track also in the next season. Working with such seniors including Nana Patekar, Sanjay Kapoor, Zeeshan Ayyub and Neeraj Kabi is a big deal for a newcomer like me."

Happy with her work graph, she adds, "All my work is ready and will be released one after the other. I very excited about Laal Batti as it's a very big project. In such series, you get noticed by a wider audience which is very important for actors who come from nowhere without any backing. From studying in Arya Kanya Inter College and Bhatkhande Music University to doing plays with Anil Rastogi sir and late Ravi Nagar sir it has been a challenging journey."

The actor has also made her Telugu film debut with KCPD and has two unannounced projects in hand as well.

Carmen Electra reveals weirdest request made to her — pictures of her feet



Carmen Electra reveals weirdest request made to her — pictures of her feet. Baywatch star Carmen Electra thinks it's hilarious that her adult subscription platform subscribers are obsessed with her feet.

She turned into a global sex symbol, courtesy her stint as Lani McKenzie in Baywatch in the 1990s and joined the adult website last year. "I get lots of requests for my feet, it cracks me up," she said.

Sujoy Ghosh talks about casting Kareena Kapoor Khan for his web film Jaane Jaan

Kareena Kapoor Khan's interest in Jaane Jaan brought Sujoy Ghosh his Maya D'Souza. Speaking about casting Kareena for the role, Sujoy said, "It felt like the universe was at work because it was such a huge coincidence that led up to Kareena being cast in the film. When I first got the rights to the film, I had told no one about it. It was right then that Kareena called me up talking about how she wants to be a part of a film like this. What are the odds! For me, after having this script for 11 years, having Kareena play the role of Maya made sense instantly. Her passion for the story and her eagerness to deliver the performance with utmost sincerity is what makes the story even more special."

After he had his protagonist locked, the hunt for Naren (Jaideep) and Karan (Vijay) had begun. Little did Sujoy know that, here too, destiny played its magic and brought together two actors that shared a special bond since their youth, having been batchmates in college. Sujoy said, "For me, it's



extremely important that I see the characters in every actor that is playing the role. With Jaideep and Vijay, they clicked with Naren and Karan immediately. As a director, you should always believe your gut feeling

and the right casting is half the job done.

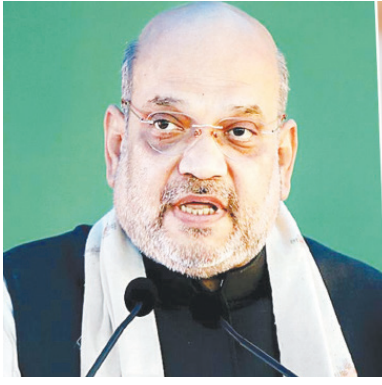
A thriller, the film follows Maya, Naren and Karan (Kareena, Jaideep and Vijay), in a race where everyone is trying to cover and uncover the truth!

Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP President JP Nadda to attend RSS meet in Pune

PUNE, Sep 4 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President JP Nadda will attend the all India annual coordination meeting of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to be held in Pune from September 14-16.

More than 250 representatives of 35 to 40 organizations of the RSS will participate in this meeting.

Touted to be an important meeting, it will be held at Sir



Parashurambhau College in Pune.



Two days ago, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)

chief Mohan Bhagwat said that India is a "Hindu Rashtra", all Indians are Hindus and Hindu represents all Indians, referring to what he called people's expectations that the Sangh should be concerned about all.

"Some people have understood this, while some are not implementing it even after understanding because of their habits and selfishness. Also, some people have either not understood yet or forgotten it," he said.

Special SSP post created in Manipur for retired Army officer who led operations in Myanmar



IMPHAL, Sep 4 (Agencies): The Manipur government has appointed a retired decorated Army officer who was in charge of the operation to destroy militant camps in Myanmar eight years ago, as the senior superintendent of police (combat), a post created for him, officials said on Monday.

The appointment of Col Nectar Sanjenbam (ret'd) for five years followed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement last month that the Kuki people started entering Manipur from Myanmar illegally following a military crackdown on militants.

An organisation of the Meitei, one of the warring communities in the north-eastern state, have also asserted that the four-month-long strife is a mani-

festation of the tension over deforestation, illegal opium poppy cultivation and change in demography in certain areas of the state mainly caused by illegal immigrants from Myanmar.

It is alleged that arms are being supplied to militants from Myanmar to Manipur.

"The Governor of Manipur is pleased to appoint Col Nectar Sanjenbam (retired) as Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat) in Manipur police department on a fixed tenure basis for a period of five years with immediate effect," the state Home Department said in an order.

He had led the operations against militants in Myanmar in June 2015, days after their attack in Manipur's Chandel district left 18 Army personnel dead. "Significant casualties" have been inflicted on them, the Army had said.

It appears that the government wants to use the retired colonel's experience in counter-militancy operations in Myanmar to address the situation in Manipur where more than 160 people were killed in the ethnic violence since early May.

Col Sanjenbam who retired prematurely last year was awarded the Kirti Chakra gallantry award for his role in the operation in Myanmar.

Vikram lander makes soft-landing on moon again, successfully undergoes hop test: ISRO

BENGALURU, Sep 4 (Agencies): ISRO on Monday said the Vikram lander successfully underwent a hop test when it made the soft-landing again on the lunar surface.

On command it (Vikram lander) fired the engines, elevated itself by about 40 cm as expected and landed safely at a distance of 30 to 40 cm away, ISRO said in an update on 'X'.

Noting that the Vikram lander exceeded its mission objectives, ISRO said the impor-

tance of the exercise was that this 'kick-start' enthruses future sample return and human missions.

"Vikram soft-landed on the moon, again! Vikram Lander exceeded its mission objectives. It successfully underwent a hop experiment. On command, it fired the engines, elevated itself by about 40 cm as expected and landed safely at a distance of 30-40 cm away," ISRO said in a post.

"This 'kick-start' enthruses future sample

return and human missions! All systems performed nominally and are healthy. Deployed Ramp, ChaSTE and ILSA were folded back and redeployed successfully after the experiment," the space agency added.

India scripted history by soft-landing the Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface on August 23.

India became the fourth country to touch the lunar surface and first to ever reach the south pole of the moon.

Mallikarjun Kharge slams Centre over inflation, says 'what kind of Amrit Kaal is this'

NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday slammed the Centre over inflation and asked "what kind of Amrit Kaal" was this where every section of society is facing the brunt of it.

In a tweet in Hindi, Kharge said: "What kind of 'Amrit kal' is this? In which inflation made the public poor. Some recent reports say that 74 per cent of the people of the country cannot afford a healthy diet. In the last 5 years the price of a common plate has increased by 65 per cent and despite Rs 200 subsidy, one in four beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme took zero or only one LPG cylinder refill last year."

Slamming the government, the Congress leader said: "Rampant loot, then a minor election exemption will not work. Every section of the country is facing the brunt of inflation implemented by the Modi government, that's why



new rhetoric are being served to the public everyday.

"Back-breaking inflation is the real issue and we the people of India will continue to question it. By defeating the BJP-created inflation, INDIA will win."

He also attached a news report with his tweet. His remarks came amid the skyrocketing prices of essential commodities. The Congress has been targeting the government over inflation.

24-year-old woman flight attendant found dead in Mumbai apartment; cops register murder case

MUMBAI, Sep 4 (Agencies): A 24-year-old woman flight attendant has been found dead in an apartment in Mumbai following which police have registered a case of murder, an official said on Monday.

Rupal Ogrey hailed from Chhattisgarh and came to Mumbai in April for training with the Air India, the official said.

She was found dead on Sunday night in a flat at NG

Complex on Krishanlal Marwah Marg in Marol area of suburban Andheri, he said.

The Powai police have registered a murder case against an unidentified person and multiple teams have been formed to nab the culprit, the official said.

During the probe, the police found the woman resided in the flat along with her sister and the latter's boyfriend, but the duo left for their native place eight

days back. The police have now informed them about the incident, the official said.

After the woman did not pick up calls from her family, they rang up their local friends in Mumbai and asked them to go to her flat.

When the family's local friends went there, they found the flat locked from inside and there was no response to the doorbell. Later, they contacted the

Powai police and with their help opened the flat using a duplicate key, the official said.

The woman was found lying with her throat slit. She was rushed to Rajawadi Hospital where she was declared dead before admission, he said.

On the basis of primary information, the police have registered an FIR under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC, the official said, adding a probe is on.

Four of family hacked to death in Tamil Nadu

TIRUPPUR (TN), Sep 4 (Agencies): Four members of a family, including two women, were hacked to death allegedly by three persons due to previous enmity, at Palladam in the district, police said on Monday.

One person has been detained in connection with the crime, said police.

However, relatives and friends of the deceased declined to accept the bodies till all the

culprits were brought to book.

They staged a demonstration at Palladam in support of their demand. Senior police officials rushed to the spot to pacify them.

The deceased, identified as Senthil Kumar, his mother Pushpavathi, cousin Mohan and another relative Rathinambal, were found dead with several cut injuries on their bodies near the house located close to Sent-

hil Kumar's shop in Kallakinaru, Palladam, said police.

Their bodies were shifted to the government hospital, Palladam, for post-mortem.

Initial enquiries by the police revealed that one Venkatesh, who worked as driver for Senthil Kumar, started drinking liquor along with two others who accompanied him, near the shop owned by Senthil Kumar

on September 3 night, provoking the latter to advise them to disperse, a senior police official said.

However, Senthil Kumar found himself surrounded by the gang which started inflicting cut injuries on him. Hearing his cries for help, his cousin, mother and another relative rushed to his rescue but were hacked to death, he said.

Karnataka woman ends life alleging harassment by police, says she will get justice after death

BENGALURU, Sep 4 (Agencies): A homemaker ending her life allegedly due to harassment by police came to light in the limits of Channapatna town police station in Ramanagara district on Monday.

The 31-year-old, a resident of Kote Layout in Channapatna city, consumed sleeping pills on Saturday and died at

the hospital on Sunday. She had said in a video that she is not able to take torture and harassment by the police and is ending her life.

It is alleged that when she went to file a complaint to the Channapatna Rural police station about a financial dispute, the cops did not lodge her complaint. The victim alleged that the cops insulted her.

The woman said in her video before dying by suicide that she would get justice after death. The relatives and family have met Ramanagara SP.

The family have made allegations against Channapatna inspector and other staff. The police department is yet to make an official statement.

7 of family escape unhurt as car catches fire in Thane

The car is completely charred following the incident

THANE, Sep 4 (Agencies): Seven members of a family had a narrow escape when a car in which they were travelling caught fire in Maharashtra's Thane district, civic officials said on Monday.

The car was completely charred following



the incident which took place at around 10pm on Mumbra bypass

when the family members were on their way to Thane city, local civic

body's disaster management cell chief Yasin Tadvai said.

The car suddenly caught fire following which its occupants - two women, as many men and three children - immediately got out of the vehicle, he said.

Local firemen and

disaster management cell team members rushed to the spot and put out the blaze in about half-an-hour, but the car was completely charred, the official said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, he added.

Woman, her 3 children found dead in Rajasthan pool, probe on

The bodies of a woman and her three children were found in a pool in Rajasthan. Before the incident, the woman had informed her mother-in-law that she was taking her three children to the field to gather vegetables.



MAINASAR, Sep 4 (Agencies): A woman along with her three minor children were found dead in a pool in Rajasthan.

The incident took place in Mainasar vil-

lage when the woman, Manju Meghwal (32) informed her mother-in-law that she was taking her three children, Aarti (10), Sulochana (7) and Vikas (4) to the field to gather vegetables.

However, when she did not return home for long, her mother-in-law reached the field and discovered their bodies in the pool.

She later alerted the police, who promptly arrived at the scene. The police then retrieved the bodies from the pool and transported them to the district hospital's mortuary for further examination.

During the investigation, it was also revealed that Manju's husband went abroad for work on August 30.

The police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Karnataka man records nude video of minor girl, blackmails her

KOPPAL, Sep 4 (Agencies): The Karnataka police have arrested a man for befriending a minor girl on social media, recording her nude video and blackmailing her, police said on Monday.

Mustafa has been arrested under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

According to the police, the accused had

met the minor on Instagram and developed a friendship with her. After trapping the girl, he made her strip on video call and recorded the act.

He took screen shots and started blackmailing the girl.

The girl lodged a case with Gangavathy police station leading to his arrest.



2 killed, 3 trapped as building collapses in UP's Barabanki



BARABANKI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Two people were killed and 10 others injured after a three-storey building in Fatehpur area here collapsed in the wee hours of Monday, police said.

The incident occurred around 3.15am and it was reported that 15 people were trapped

under the debris, they said.

Currently, three people are trapped under the rubble, police said, adding that National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force teams are trying to rescue them.

In initial operations,

12 people were rescued and admitted to the Barabanki district hospital. Two of them died during treatment while eight others were referred to the King George Medical University in Lucknow, according to the police.

Police said Roshni (22) and Hakimuddin (28) were killed in the incident.

The owner of the building has been identified as Hashim, Barabanki Superintendent of Police Dinesh Kumar Singh said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the loss of lives and directed officials to ensure best possible treatment for the injured, an official statement issued in Lucknow said.

Biden, Trump keeping light campaign schedules as rival rake up the stops

WASHINGTON, Sep 4 (Agencies): Their rivals are busy answering voters' questions at town halls across South Carolina, glad-handing with business owners in New Hampshire and grinding to hit every one of Iowa's 99 counties.

But the front-runners for their party's nomination, former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden, are barely campaigning in crucial early-voting states as the primary season enters the fall rush.

Biden is attending a union parade in Philadelphia on Monday. But he has held just one campaign rally in the four-plus months since he formally launched his 2024 reelection bid. Trump, who complained of his Biden's "basement strategy" in 2020, has not campaigned for three weeks now, last appearing at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 12.

The schedules underscore the reality that Democrat Biden and Republican Trump, despite underwater approval ratings nationally, are the dominant front-runners. Biden faces only token opposition in anti-vaccine activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who is viewed more favorably by Republicans than Democrats, while Trump is currently beating his closest rival by large margins, according to recent polls.

"When you have a massive lead over your primary opponents, it doesn't seem like a lot of point," said veteran Republican pollster Whit Ayres, speaking about the early-state campaigning typical at this stage of a race.

Biden and Trump have worked to project an air of inevitability four months before voting begins in 2024. Biden has focused on governing and traveling the country to promote his policy accomplishments. Trump repeatedly skips events with other candidates and passed on the first Republican primary debate last month.

But both have different reasons for their relative absence from campaigning.

Trump's team has been consumed by the criminal charges he now faces in four separate jurisdictions accusing him of illegally trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election, improperly classifying hush money payments in business records, mishandling classified documents after leaving office and trying to obstruct that investigation.

Trump has complained that the looming trials will force from campaigning.

"I'm sorry, I won't be able to go to Iowa today, I won't be able to go to New Hampshire today because I'm sitting in



a courtroom on bull—," he said during his last visit to New Hampshire, in August.

For now, Trump's bookings and arraignments have actually served as his highest-profile campaign events.

His trips to jails and courthouses in New York, Miami, Washington and Atlanta have dominated coverage of the race, with his movements tracked by news helicopters and broadcast live on television and across the internet. His historic mug shot, now featured on T-shirts, mugs and posters, helped his campaign raise more than \$20 million in August alone.

Aides say his schedule will ramp up after the Labor Day weekend, with trips this coming week to Iowa and South Dakota — neither is a key primary or general election state — and California after that. He has also been busy behind the scenes. Beyond golfing and meetings with his lawyers, Trump has called into conservative podcasts, taped videos he releases on his Truth Social network and attended fundraisers, both at his club in Bedminster, New Jersey, and in other states.

Last month, he traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, for a fundraiser that drew several hundreds, including musicians Kid Rock and John Rich and the former NASCAR driver Darrell Waltrip, according to a person who attended but asked to remain anonymous to discuss the private gathering at the the Four Seasons hotel.

This past week, Trump hosted the families of members of the military who died during the chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan. The week before, he held a fundraiser for the Patriot Freedom Project, a group that supports those who attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Aides say he has also focused on relationship building, calling party officials and recording videos for state and county party events. Such efforts, they say, have helped him earn him endorsements from senators, members of Congress and statewide officials.

"We do a lot of fundraising out of state, at Bedminster, calls. There's a lot that goes into running a campaign that's not in front of the camera," said Trump senior adviser Chris LaCivita.

They have also acknowledged the large-scale rallies that were the signature of his past campaigns — and which he was doing weekly at this point in 2015 — are expensive, especially as the former president's political operation has been diverting tens of millions of dollars to spend on legal fees defending him and his allies. In places of the rallies, Trump has given speeches at events organized — and paid for — by state parties, and made unadvertised stops at local restaurants, where he interacts with supporters.

In early-voting New Hampshire, Mike Dennehy, a veteran Republican strategist, said he thinks Trump "is doing the bare minimum necessary for him to maintain his lead." At the same time, Trump's broader campaign "is working very hard, harder than they have worked in the history of Donald Trump campaigns," Dennehy said.

"The contenders in the Republican primary are not giving Donald Trump much of a contest. So he has the luxury of just doing enough to maintain his lead," he said.

Biden has campaigned even less.

The president championed a Democratic National Committee effort to make South Carolina the party's leadoff state in its 2024 presidential primary, breaking with Republicans who are still starting in Iowa. But Biden has not visited South Carolina as a 2024 candidate.

Biden's reelection campaign says his approach mirrors that of past incumbents, including Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush. Biden is frequently promoting his policy achievements but keeping campaign costs low, while working with national and state Democrats to bolster staff and data operations so that they will be in place when the race heats up next year.

The president has attended fundraisers around the country for his reelection campaign and visited battleground states such as Arizona on official business. Sometimes, he has gone to Republican bastions, including Utah, Texas and Alabama.

Once there, he often blurs the line between politics and the presidency, celebrating things such as the bipartisan infrastructure law approved by Congress last year, while chiding Republicans for opposing a green energy and health care package that he argues is creating jobs and lower costs for Americans.

"You get great credit for doing your job and people tend to listen to you more when you're not talking about your own reelection but you're just talking about enacting something that's good for the country," said Ed Rendell, a former Democratic governor of Pennsylvania. "That's a real advantage. The incumbent can just go on being the incumbent."

Biden's Labor Day travels are taking him back to Philadelphia, site of his lone campaign rally. It was at the city's convention center, where some of the country's largest unions paid for a June event after announcing that they had banded together for the first time to offer a joint endorsement of Biden.

A return to Pennsylvania recalls the pandemic-marred 2020 campaign, when Biden visited the state more than any other. Even though he was a senator from Delaware, Biden was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and still frequently talks about his Keystone State roots.

"I think it's indicative of a campaign that is not forgetting the lessons that were learned in 2020, when Pennsylvania got so much attention — even in the limited campaigning," said Mike Mikus, a longtime Democratic consultant based in Pittsburgh. "If you take it for granted you could lose it."

Of course, focusing too much on one state can create gaps elsewhere. The most glaring example was Hillary Clinton not campaigning in Wisconsin after the 2016 Democratic primary and narrowly losing the state to Trump. But Ben Wikler, chair of the Wisconsin Democratic Party, noted that Biden's first trip as president was to Wisconsin.

"This election cycle feels like the exact opposite of 2016," Wikler said. Referring to the traditional Democratic "blue wall" of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, he added, "This is an administration that understands its core that bolstering the blue wall is the path to reelection in 2024."

Biden 'disappointed' Xi Jinping won't attend G20 Summit in New Delhi, says 'but I am going to get to see him'



WASHINGTON, Sep 4 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden has expressed his "disappointment" over his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping's likely absence at this week's G20 Summit in New Delhi.

According to news reports, Chinese Premier Li Qiang is expect-

ed to represent China at the summit which will take place from September 8 to 10 in the Indian capital, reports the BBC.

"I am disappointed... but I am going to get to see him," Biden told reporters on Sunday, without providing any further details.

The last time the two Presidents met was at the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, in 2022.

Xi had earlier said he would travel to New Delhi for the Summit, but China's Foreign Ministry did not confirm his attendance when asked to do so at a regular press briefing on August 31.

Biden may still have an opportunity to speak to Xi in November, at a meeting of leaders of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation in San Francisco, the BBC reported.

The withdrawal comes as US-China ties have continued to deteriorate in the past year.

Russia says destroyed 4 Ukrainian military boats carrying troops in Black Sea

MOSCOW, Sep 4 (Agencies): Russia said on Monday it had destroyed four Ukrainian military boats carrying troops in the Black Sea.

"Naval aviation aircraft of the Black Sea Fleet destroyed 4 'Willard Sea Force' US-made high-speed military boats with landing groups of the Armed Forces of Ukraine," Russia's defence ministry said on Telegram.

The ministry said the boats were "traveling in the direction of Cape Tarkhankut on the Crimean coast", without providing further details.

In a similar attack on August 30, Russia said its forces destroyed four Ukrainian military boats carrying up to 50 soldiers in the Black Sea.

Earlier on Monday morning, the ministry said it had repelled a separate Ukrainian attack over the Black Sea.

"Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were destroyed in the air over the Black Sea near the Crimean Peninsula," it wrote on Telegram.

Crimea was last attacked on Saturday when Russia destroyed three Ukrainian naval drones that targeted the

bridge connecting the peninsula to the Russian mainland.

Crimea, annexed by Russia in 2014, has been targeted by Kyiv throughout Moscow's Ukraine offensive but has recently come under more intense, increased attacks.

Kyiv has repeatedly said it aims to take back Crimea.

On August 24, Ukraine said it flew its flag on Crimea, in a symbolic win during a "special operation" to mark its second wartime Independence Day.

Ukraine forces down 17 drones in Odesa region, strikes damage buildings

Ukrainian forces downed 17 Russian drones over the southern Odesa region, officials said Monday, adding that strikes caused damage in a district on the Danube river that borders NATO member Romania.

"Seventeen drones were shot down by our air defense forces," regional governor Oleg Kiper wrote on Telegram, adding there were no civilian casualties.

"But, unfortunately, there are also hits," he said. "In several settlements of Izmail district,

warehouses and production buildings, agricultural machinery and equipment of industrial enterprises were damaged."

The Danube river port of Izmail has become a main export route for Ukrainian products via Romania following Russia's withdrawal in July from a UN-brokered Black Sea grain deal that had aimed to ensure safe grain shipments from Ukraine.

Ukraine's military said Russia had used Iranian-made Shahed attack drones in the "massive" overnight attack, which "was directed at the civil infrastructure of the area of the Danube".

The strikes come a day after Ukraine fought off a barrage of Russian drones in the Odesa region.

Russia's army said Sunday it had targeted fuel storage facilities in the port town of Reni, which also lies on the Danube river that separates Ukraine from Romania.

Monday's attack comes hours before a summit in Russia between President Vladimir Putin and Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who hopes to revive the grain deal.

Madrid residents told to stay at home as torrential rain sweeps across Spain

MADRID, Sep 4 (Agencies): Madrid's mayor advised all residents to stay at home as the capital braced itself for torrential rain and storms affecting parts of Spain.

National weather agency AEMET issued a maximum red alert, which means possible extreme danger, in the Madrid region, Toledo province, and the city of Cadiz.

It said up to 120 litres per square metre of rain could fall over 12 hours in Madrid.

"Due to the exceptional and abnormal situation, in which rainfall records will be broken, I ask the people of Madrid to stay at home today," Madrid Mayor Jose Luis Martinez-Almeida wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Dark stormy clouds were gathering over Madrid during the early



afternoon of Sunday, but many people were outside as usual.

"I think (the red alert) is a good idea," said Madrid resident Manuel Loro, 42. "The best thing to do is not to use your car today. It's going to be strongest at six o'clock so we'll go home earlier."

Madrid's emergency services sent texts to residents warning them of flood risks and advising them not to use

vehicles.

LaLiga suspended an evening match between Atletico Madrid and Sevilla at the Wanda Metropolitano stadium in Madrid due to the alert.

In Alcanar, Tarragona, on Spain's east coast, emergency services have also confined residents to their homes due to flooding after 215 litres per square metre of rain in the past 24 hours.

Africa's First Climate Summit Begins, Continental Unity In Focus

NAIROBI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Africa's first climate summit kicked off in the Kenyan capital on Monday with delegates aiming to forge a common position ahead of upcoming global conferences and discussing how to fund the continent's environmental priorities.

Organisers say they anticipate hundreds of millions of dollars in deals to be announced at the three-day summit, during which they aim to showcase Africa as a destination for climate investment rather than a victim of floods, drought and famine.

On Monday environment ministers, business executives and climate campaigners will discuss how to scale up climate finance and carbon markets, investments in adaptation to rising temperatures, and transformation of food systems.

More than 20 presidents and heads of government are expected to attend the summit from Tuesday. They plan to issue a declaration outlining Africa's position ahead of a U.N. climate conference next month in New York in September and



the COP28 U.N. summit in the United Arab Emirates from late November.

In her opening remarks, Kenyan Environment Minister Soipan Tuyu stressed the urgency of the moment.

"The climate change debate has entered a new era. It is no longer just about tackling an environmental or development problem, but about addressing climate change in the context of justice," Tuyu said.

"If we do not develop adequate response measures to deal with climate change crisis, it will

destroy us."

African leaders are pushing market-based financing instruments such as carbon credits in a bid to mobilize funding that they say has been slow to arrive from rich-world donors.

Carbon credits allow polluters to offset emissions by funding activities including tree-planting and renewable energy.

One of the top lenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rawbank, and global energy trader Vitol announced a \$20 million investment on Monday in renewable energy, clean cook-

ing and forest conservation in Congo.

Many African campaigners, however, have opposed the summit's approach to climate finance, saying it advances Western priorities at the expense of the continent.

They say carbon credits and other financing instruments are a pretext for wealthier countries and corporations to continue polluting and that African countries should hold donors to financial commitments they have previously made to poorer ones but so far only met in part.

"Africa needs funding from countries that have got rich off our suffering. They owe a climate debt," said Mohamed Adow, the director of energy at the Power Shift Africa think tank.

African countries contribute only about 3% of global carbon emissions, according to UN figures, but are increasingly exposed to the impact of extreme weather linked to climate change, including the Horn of Africa's worst drought in decades.

JMC Commissioner reviews status of ongoing ABC/ARV programme within JMC limits

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 4: Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav chaired ABC/ARV Monitoring committee meeting to review the current status of ongoing ABC/ARV programme within JMC limits.

For the effective management of street dog population and to curb the spread of rabies both in humans as well as animals, ABC/ARV programme is being carried out by the Jammu Municipal Corporation within JMC limits.

The meeting was attended by all the members of ABC Monitoring committee viz. Dr. Zahid Saleem, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Jammu (Member secretary SPCA, Jammu), Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, MVO, JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma, VAS, JMC, Namrata Hakhoo, Founder/ Chairperson, Hakhoo Street Animals Foundation Trust (Regd.), Devinder Kour Madaan, Chairperson, SAVE (NGO) and Muneesh Sharma, Animal Right Activist/ Volunteer.



During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the various aspects and progress of the ongoing ABC/ARV program being implemented by JMC in collaboration with Friendicoes-SECA (Delhi based Animal Welfare Organization) at Municipal Animal Care Centre, Roop Nagar, Jammu.

Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, MVO, JMC appraised the committee that since the outsourcing of ABC/ARV programme to Friendicoes-SECA i.e. w.e.f 01.04.2021 to ending Aug. 2023, 17822 stray dogs have been sterilized/immunized with ward wise /complaint basis catching and all sterilized dogs

have been relocated in the same area from where they were caught as per the ABC (Dogs) Rules, 2023 promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

MVO, JMC further appraised that so far a total 36256 no. of stray dogs have been sterilized/ vaccinated within JMC limits in an estimated street dog population of 43540 by taking into account of previous ABC/ ARV done by the JMC.

In the meeting it was decided that for the effective implementation of ABC programme within JMC limits, ward wise/ zone wise coordination committees comprising of representatives of

Resident Welfare Associations and Animal activists/ volunteers shall be constituted.

For the regulation of pet dog population within JMC limits, committee decided that JMC shall intensify the awareness campaigns as well as enforcement drives for pet dog registration with mandatory spaying of female pet dog in accordance to Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 & Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

Commissioner, JMC showed his satisfaction about the implementation of the ABC programme within JMC limits and further advised that more emphasis should be laid on those areas where more unsterilized dog population still exist and dog litter (pups) are born. He directed MVO, JMC to intensify the IEC activities to educate the general public by involving schools, colleges, universities & Resident Welfare organizations about the effectiveness of ABC/ ARV programme in helping to reduce street dog population as well as eradicating rabies.

Baru starts pending work in Ward 41



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 4: BJP Senior leader, the JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru alongwith BJP District President Parmod Kapahi and Mandal President Keshav Chopra kick started the pending work of Anand Vihar lane in the presence of local BJP leaders and prominent residents in ward no. 41.

While speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Baru said that construction of deep drain and laying of paver tiles in one-half of the lane was completed few months back and remaining work to complete the lane was initiated today which will be completed in the next

few days. He said that every effort is made to ensure that all the works started in the ward are completed in the shortest time but sometimes the weather conditions forces to abandon the work for few weeks.

Sanjay Baru said that the ongoing work is part of the project costing rupees 44 lakh. He also directed the concerned departmental officials not to compromise on quality and quantity of the material used for development works. He said that the elected representatives of the BJP in their respective JMC wards are in regular touch with the local population and seeking their suggestions for the proper implementation

of the welfare schemes as well as the development projects.

Sanjay Baru, while speaking with the local residents, asked them to keep eye on the development works in their area and not hesitate to point out any lapse in the works.

Parmod Kapahi, on this occasion, said that the ward is fast getting developed as a 'Model Ward' and the credit for the same goes to the local councillor, who has been working with sincerity round the clock.

Keshav Chopra also appreciated the good work being done by the local councillor in the ward, adding that every nook and corner is taken care in all matters.

BJP leaders Jaideep Singh Samyal, Brijesh Gupta, Jatin Sethi, Ashok Wazir, Krishan Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Jatinder Khajuria, Lokesh Bhagat, Atul Chopra, Mani, Kewal Sharma, Aman Sharma and local residents were present on the occasion.

Dimple leads protest against smart metering



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 4: Sunil Dimple, President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir led a protest seeking to stop smart metering, property tax, start darbar move, remove Sarore toll plaza and has out rightly rejected the one nation, one election formula of the BJP govt.

Addressing the rally Sunil Dimple demanded J&K Govt to stop remove Sarore toll plaza stop smart metering, property tax, start Darbar Move & stop the

shifting of HC complex from Janipur to Raika.

Dimple out rightly rejected the One Nation, One Election. This law is not good for the J&K people and for the largest democratic country.

Dimple said Mission statehood will continue the agitation, everyday throughout Jammu province.

Other leaders present were Swarn Singh, Pahalan, Nitin Saini, Mohan Lal, Arun Verma, Balu Kumar, Kala Singh and Vijay Virdi.

JKP wrestler Benia Min lifts 53rd Sujandhar Kesari Dangal Title

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 4: Wrestler Benia Min of J&K Police lifted 53rd annual Sujandhar Dangal Title by defeating Wrestler Vikas of Haryana in the main first malli bout that lasted for 12 minutes at Village Sujandhar in Tehsil Bhomag and District Reasi.

Winner of 1st malli bout wrestler Benia Min was cash awarded with Rs. 61,000/- along with traditional Gurj and Mata Ki Chunari, while runner-up wrestler Vikas got Rs. 50,000/-.

Dangal was organized by Shri Nag Devta Mela and Dangal Committee Sujandhar under the overall supervision of Prem Singh (President), Devinder Singh (General Secretary), Tej Singh and Sohan Singh Thakur (Sonu). DDC Chairman Saraf Singh



Nag was the chief guest on the occasion.

Former Joint Secretary J&K Sports Council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Shiv Kumar Sharma presided over the function. BDC Chairman Ashok Singh and Social activist Sohan Singh Thakur (Sonu) were the guests of honour.

The bouts were officiated by Mohd. Nazir, Pawan Singh, Kartar Singh, Anil Kumar and

Sunny Sharma (Airtel).

70 bouts were played in the one day long Dangal and an expenditure of Four Lakhs has been incurred on conduct of this historic and famous dangal.

Shiv Kumar Sharma who is also President Senior Citizen Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) honoured a prominent social activist Sarban Singh of Village Sujandhar (Age 80 years old senior most person of the

area who witness the dangal). Sharma also honoured President Sujandhar Dangal Committee Prem Singh by presenting him Mata Ki Chunari and Wrestling T-Shirt.

2nd bout was won by Dillar Khan of J&K Police who defeated Babba of Kot Bhawal Jammu. 3rd bout was won by Yuv Raj of Raja Mandali Akhara Jammu who defeated Kulbir Singh of Kot Bhawal. 4th bout was won by Yudhbir of Delhi who defeated Laikat Ali of Bajrangi Akhara Jammu and 5th bout was won by Amir Khan of J&K Police who defeated Billa of Jammu.

Members of Sujandhar Dangal committee who helped smooth conduct of Vishal Dangal included Prem Singh (President), Devinder Singh (General Secretary), Taj Singh, Budhi Singh, Ram Singh, Vakil Singh (Teacher), Chuni

Lal, Bhuri Singh, Mukhtyar Singh, Vachiter Singh (Panch), Daleep Singh (Panch), Govind Singh (Panch), Nasib Singh (Panch), Mohd. Mansa, Hem Raj (PHE).

Other Results: Sanjay of J&K Police beat Chand of Jammu, Anil Kumar of Reasi beat Arjun of Jammu, Chain Singh of Roun Domail beat Akshay of Delhi, Vijay of Moungrri beat Rajesh of Talwara, Love of Domana beat Sahil of Nawshera, bout played between Shamsher of R.S Pura Vs Sunil of Kot Bhawal ended in a draw.

Prominent persons present included Advocate Pawan Dev Singh, Sudesh Pandotra, Sarpanch Pawan Singh, Sarpanch Des Raj, Sarpanch Haldeep Singh, Ex. Sarpanch Bheem Singh, Naib Sarpanch Dhyansingh, Romesh Bhagat and Kuldeep Singh.

Jammu Sanskriti School wins 7 medals in Speedball Championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 4: Students of Jammu Sanskriti School excelled in the district level speedball championship-2023 organized by Department of Youth Service and Sports at Govt. school Satwari. 15 students participated in

the championship and Jammu Sanskriti School won seven medals in the championship.

The Principal of the School appreciated the students who participated national level competition.

Gold Under -14 Ishaan Sharma & Karanveer Singh Raina (Double), Under-17



Shivam, Prafful Kumar (Doubles), Raghav, Manav (Solo) , Under-19 Dhruv Choudhary (Single) Gold.

The Principal Cum Chairperson of the School, Rohini Aima and lauded the afford the students and their coach Sunny Nanda (Sports Coach) for this achievement.

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No scope of corruption in J&K now as all services made online: Chief Secretary

reporters after launching the 'Bhrashtachar Mukta J-K' campaign here. No money can be withdrawn without administrative approval, technical approval, e-tendering and geospatial photography, he said.

Mehta said there were still some complaints of malpractices which the administration is working to address.

"Our aim is to address the remaining complaints as well. The government is doing whatever possible, but the people also have to come forward and support this initiative to build a corruption-free society," he added.

The chief secretary said the Jammu and Kashmir administration was trying to become number one in governance in the country.

"We have made a lot of progress in many sectors. Now we want to be number one in governance as well. We are number one in IT services and are doing well in several other sectors too," he said.

On reinstatement of lecturer Zahoor Ahmad Bhat who had appeared as petitioner-in-person before the Supreme Court bench hearing Article 370 petitions, Mehta said, "Let's leave it at that."

Assets worth lakhs of notorious drug smug-

gler frozen by Bandipora Police

statement . Bandipora Police reiterated the appeal and urged the people to desist from indulging in such activities, contrary to which action as mandated by law would be taken.

People of Bandipora district give votes of thanks to Bandipora Police for taking strict action against drug peddlers.

Upgradation of Khellani tunnel will open doors for development: Tarun Chugh

will leave no stone unturned to uplift the local economy.

Pro-Pak Slogan | SC asks NC leader Mohd Akbar Lone to file affidavit saying he owes allegiance to constitution

documents and facts on record in the matter. It alleged that Lone is known as "a supporter of secessionist forces operating in J-K, who support Pakistan."

Digital QR code to provide modern services to

the citizens in Srinagar: SMC Commissioner

been completed in Srinagar city. The SMC Commissioner said that a street number system has been generated and an address system of houses is also being created

Khan said that the aim of digital QR code is to provide modern services and better planning in the city.

The CEO said that a metal board will be installed in front of every house on which QR code and house address will be written.

Kishtwar SSP Reviews security measures ahead of Janmashtami

anti-national elements can disrupt peace in the district.

The officers at the meeting were told to actively gather actionable intelligence to thwart any malicious intentions of anti-national elements.

Poswal also called for adopting a public-centric approach in maintaining law and order.

People who fought against militancy not eligible for Freedom Fighter's Pension: JK High Court

specified in the Swantantrata Sainik Samman Yojna were eligible for benefits under the SSSP scheme.

In agreement with the government's position, the High Court determined that the petitioner's claim lacked merit and subsequently dismissed the plea.

The judgment, delivered on August 4, 2023, marks the conclusion of this legal dispute, with Shah's request for inclusion in the pension scheme denied by the High Court.

India should reconsider support to one China policy if Beijing does not change stance: Omar

consistently dismissed such claims by China and Pakistan.

When asked about the issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in an exclusive interview to PTI late last week said, "Such a question would be valid if we had refrained from conducting meetings in those venues. Ours is such a vast, beautiful and diverse nation. When G20 meetings are happening, isn't it natural that meetings will be held in every part of our country."

India held the third G-20 working group meeting on tourism for three days from May 22 in Srinagar. Delegates from all G20 countries, barring China, visited the picturesque Valley for the event. A large number of delegates had also visited Arunachal Pradesh in March for a G-20 event.

Dismissing Chinese claims, India had

then said that it was free to hold meetings on its own territory.

By the time India's G20 presidency term ends, Modi had said, over 220 meetings would have taken place across 60 cities in all 28 states and eight Union territories, and added that over one lakh participants from around 125 nationalities would witness the skills of Indians.

NABARD is recruiting, 150 vacancies out

application process is completely online and the last date to apply for the application is September 23, 2023.

The applicants should have a Bachelor's or Post graduate degree in any subject such as Computer /Information Technology, Finance, Company Secretary, Civil Engineering, Geo-Informatics, Forestry, Statistics, and other fields as well. The candidates should have secured at least 60 per cent marks and a degree from a recognized institution.

Candidates willing to apply must be between 21 and 30 years of age, the candidate must have been born not earlier than September 2, 1993 and not later than September 1, 2002. The total number of vacancies available are 150. The Phase 1, Preliminary Examination will be held on October 16, 2023 and the dates for Phase 2nd will be revealed soon. The application charges for SC/ST/PwBD is Rs. 150 and for others it is Rs.800. For further elaborated procedure and application process, go on to www.nabard.org

Sensex, Nifty open higher tracking positive global cues; metal stocks gain

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NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened marginally higher on Monday, tracking positive global cues.

At 9:17 am, the Nifty50 was up 0.34 per cent to 19,504.60, while the S&P BSE Sensex gained 0.30 per cent, surging to 65,573.50. Broader markets outperformed the benchmark indices yet again.

The Nifty Metal index rose over 2.4 per cent in early trade and was the top gainer among sectoral indices. Nifty Realty, Nifty Oil and Gas and Nifty Auto were some of the other indices that began the session strongly.

The top 5 gainers on the Nifty50 were Tata Steel, Hindalco, Jio Financial Services, Coal India and Ultratech Cement. On the other hand, the top losers were Britannia, Bajaj Auto, Nestle India, ICICI Bank and Power Grid.

The positive sentiment on Dalal Street was par-



tially due to the latest round of US jobs data, which has raised expectations of a potential rate pause by the US Federal Reserve later this month.

This, coupled with robust domestic macroeconomic indicators, has fueled a sense of optimism among traders and investors.

Analysts are closely monitoring the market's performance as it responds to these positive developments, and investors are hopeful that this upward momentum will continue in the days ahead.

On the technical side, Deven Mehata, research analyst at

Choice Broking, said, "Since it's the beginning of the new series, Option data is scattered at various far strikes in monthly series."

"On a weekly front, Maximum Call OI is at 19,600 then 19,500 strikes while Maximum Put OI is at 19,300 then 19,400 strikes. Call writing is seen at 19,600 then 19,750 strike while Put writing is seen at 19,300 then 19,350 strike. Market is currently trading in a range of 19,250-19,650. On the higher side we can expect some profit booking which is also indicated in the options data," he added.

India, Singapore defy declining global wealth trend, why

SINGAPORE, Sep 4 (Agencies): For the first time since the global financial crisis of 2008, global household wealth in 2022 (in US dollars) decreased on aggregate as well as on a per-adult basis, both in nominal and real terms. Wealth per adult also recorded the second-largest reduction since 2000.

This was revealed in a recent Credit Suisse-UBS report by the Swiss Bank Family Office and UHNW (ultra-high net worth) division. The fourteenth edition of the Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report—which this year is published jointly with UBS—covers estimates of the wealth holdings of 5.4 billion adults around the world and across the wealth spectrum.

Measured in current nominal US dollar terms, total net private wealth declined USD 11.3 trillion (-2.4 per cent) to USD 454.4 trillion at the end of 2022. Wealth per adult also declined by USD 3,198 (-3.6 per cent) to reach USD 84,718 per adult.

Much of this decline comes from the appreciation of the US dollar against many other currencies. Financial assets, like stocks and currency deposits, contributed most to wealth declines in 2022 while non-financial assets

(mostly real estate) stayed strong, despite rapidly rising interest rates.

However, the report cautioned that the relative contributions of financial and non-financial assets might reverse in 2023 if house prices declined in response to higher interest rates.

If exchange rates are held constant at 2021 rates, then total wealth increased by 3.4 per cent and wealth per adult by 2.2 per cent during 2022. This is still the slowest increase of wealth at constant exchange rates since 2008. Keeping exchange rates constant but counting the effects of inflation resulted in a real wealth loss of 2.6 per cent in 2022.

The report also suggested that the decrease in 2022 global wealth may be due to extraordinary circumstances during the Covid-19 years.

During the first phase of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, because of financial support given to households by central governments in many advanced countries, household wealth remained robust despite economic setbacks experienced throughout the world. This coupled with lower interest rates and limitations on consumption opportunities, culminated in higher

household savings and led to widespread increases in share prices and house prices.

In 2021, these trends were reinforced as macroeconomic activity recovered in a low-interest environment. This produced exceptionally advantageous conditions for household wealth growth, resulting in the most rapid rise in household wealth recorded. As we now know, this combination of favourable conditions did not last.

As interest rates rose and stock markets fell, global wealth reversed, especially in the richer nations. It was most keenly felt in North America and Europe which together shed USD 10.9 trillion.

Asia Pacific recorded losses of USD 2.1 trillion, while Latin America is the outlier with a total wealth increase of USD 2.4 trillion, helped by an average 6 per cent currency appreciation against the US dollar.

The report observed that the markets that lost substantial wealth in 2022 were often those that made sizeable gains the year before.

In 2022, the United States, Japan, China, Canada and Australia were the countries that saw the largest decline in wealth.

India was one of few countries which experi-

enced a wealth increase and along with Russia, Mexico and Brazil saw the largest wealth expansion.

In terms of wealth per adult, Switzerland continues to top the list followed by the US, Hong Kong, Australia and Denmark despite sizeable reductions in mean wealth versus 2021.

Ranking markets by median wealth results in a different list, with Belgium in the lead followed by Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Denmark.

Along with the decline in aggregate wealth, overall wealth inequality also fell in 2022, with the wealth share of the global top 1 per cent falling to 44.5 per cent. This figure was 45.6 per cent in 2021, and 43.9 per cent in 2019.

The number of USD millionaires worldwide fell by 3.5 million during 2022 to 59.4 million. This figure does not, however, take into account 4.4 million inflation millionaires who would no longer qualify if the millionaire threshold were adjusted for inflation in 2022.

Global median wealth, perhaps a more meaningful indicator of how the typical person is faring, did in fact increase by 3 per cent in 2022 in contrast to the 3.6 per cent fall in wealth per adult.

In one of the wealthiest countries in the world, Singapore, median wealth rose 6.2 per cent from 2021 to hit USD 99,488 in 2022. Average household wealth rose 7.2 per cent in 2022 to USD 1.906 trillion, while on a per-adult basis, wealth increased 6.3 per cent. There were 332,000 millionaires in Singapore in 2022, up 10.3 per cent from 2021.

India has seen a steady increase in wealth over the last 20 years. On average, wealth per adult has risen at an annual rate of 8.7 per cent since the year 2000 and was USD 16,500 at the end of 2022. There was a rise in wealth of 2.8 per cent per adult compared with a year ago, whereas total household wealth was higher by 4.6 per cent.

After rising 31 per cent in 2021, Indian share prices eked up a modest gain of 2.4 per cent in 2022 despite the falling value of other stock markets. This together with a resilient property market helped Indians maintain their overall financial standing.

In the longer term, the authors of the Credit Suisse-UBS wealth report project that global wealth will rise 38 per cent over the next five years to reach USD 629 trillion by 2027.

Amazon to invest \$3 million in nature-based projects in India

NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): E-commerce giant Amazon has announced an initial investment of \$3 million in nature-based projects across India, reported news agency.

This commitment is part of Amazon's \$15 million fund designated for nature-based initiatives in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.

"The first \$3 million from the fund's APAC allocation will support nature-based projects in India. For its first project, Amazon will be working with the Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS) to support communities and conservation efforts in the Western Ghats, which is home to more than 30 per cent of all of India's wildlife species, including the world's largest population of wild Asiatic elephants and tigers," the compa-

ny said in a statement.

As part of this effort, Amazon will contribute \$1 million to assist CWS in launching the "Wild Carbon" program. This program aims to support 10,000 farmers in planting and nurturing one million fruit-bearing, timber, and medicinal trees.

Kara Hurst, Amazon's Global VP for Sustainability, emphasized the importance of protecting the Asia-Pacific region from climate change impacts, biodiversity loss, and land degradation. She expressed Amazon's commitment to investing in both large-scale and local actions to achieve these goals.

"To protect the region from the impacts of climate change and preserve biodiversity, we will need both large-scale and local action –



and we are committed to investing in both," Hurst said.

The \$15 million allocation for nature-based projects is drawn from Amazon's \$100 million Right Now Climate Fund, established in 2019. The fund is dedicated to supporting initiatives that enhance climate resilience, promote biodiversity, and deliver social and environmental benefits in communities where Amazon operates.

Krithi Karanth, Executive Director of CWS, highlighted that Ama-

zon's support enables the creation of a self-sustaining program. Farmers will receive upfront assistance to select tree varieties that benefit their livelihoods and local wildlife. They will also receive technical guidance, agroforestry training, and support for replanting failed saplings.

Amazon has been committed to environmental sustainability and climate action. The company co-founded The Climate Pledge in 2019, pledging to achieve net-zero carbon emissions

by 2040, a decade ahead of the Paris Agreement's target. The pledge now boasts over 400 signatories across various industries and countries, including nine Indian companies.

In 2022, Amazon launched six utility-scale projects in India, moving towards its goal of powering its global operations with 100% renewable energy by 2025, five years ahead of its initial 2030 target. These projects include wind-solar hybrid and solar farms, with a combined renewable energy capacity of 920 megawatts.

Amazon India has also committed to deploying 10,000 electric vehicles in its delivery fleet by 2025, further supporting its sustainability initiatives.

Stress, lack of sleep could cause heart problems in women over 50

NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): After menopause, around 1 in 4 women may develop irregular heartbeat in their lifetime due to contributing factors like stressful events and insomnia, according to a new study.

The study, published in the journal of the American Heart Association, found that women between the ages of 50-79 undergo a condition called atrial fibrillation, also called AFib, resulting in irregular and often very rapid heart rhythm.

Atrial fibrillation may lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other cardiovascular complications.

"In my general cardiology practice, I see many postmenopausal women with picture-perfect physical health who struggle with poor sleep and negative psychological emotional feelings or experiences, which we now know may put them at risk of developing atrial fibrillation," said lead study author Susan X. Zhao, a cardiologist at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California.

Zhao added that in addition to age, genetic and other heart-health-related risk factors, psychosocial factors are the missing piece to the puzzle of the genesis of atrial fibrillation.

The researchers reviewed data from more than 83,000 questionnaires by women ages 50-79 from the Women's Health Initiative, a major US study.

Participants were asked a series of questions in critical categories: stressful life events, their sense of optimism, social support and insomnia, questions about sleeping habits focused on whether participants had trouble falling asleep, waking up several times during the night and overall sleep quality, for example.

After a decade of follow-up, they found that about 25 per cent or 23,954 women developed atrial fibrillation.

"Atrial fibrillation is a disease of the electrical conduction system and is prone to hormonal changes stemming from stress and poor sleep. These common pathways likely underpin the association between stress and insomnia with atrial fibrillation," said Zhao.

Researchers noted that stressful life events, poor sleep and feelings, such as depression, anxiety or feeling overwhelmed by one's circumstances, are often interrelated.

It's difficult to know whether these factors accumulate gradually to increase the risk of atrial fibrillation as women age.

Why is weightlifting important for women's health

Weightlifting, also known as strength training or resistance training, increases muscle mass, maintains bone health and is instrumental in sustained fat loss in the body.

NEW DELHI, Sep 4 (Agencies): For optimal health, our body needs regular maintenance, especially for building strong muscles and avoiding future risks of bone loss and fractures.

As we age, our strength, stamina and metabolism decrease. Not to forget, after the age of 30, we lose muscle mass by about 1-2 per cent every year.

While many exercises like functional training and aerobic exercises can strengthen our heart health, we need to infuse weight training into our daily routine to protect our bones and joints from injury.

Besides this, weight training helps to maintain a healthy body weight for women, which keeps various

age-related diseases at bay.

Weightlifting, also known as strength training or resistance training, increases muscle mass, maintains bone health and is instrumental in sustained fat loss in the body.

Increased muscle mass and strength: Weightlifting helps women build lean muscle mass, and improves posture, which not only contributes to a more toned and sculpted physique but also increases overall strength.

A study published in the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research found that women who participated in a 10-week resistance training program experienced significant increases in muscle strength and endurance.

Bone health: Engaging



in weightlifting can help improve bone density and reduce the risk of osteoporosis, a condition that weakens bones and makes them more

susceptible to fractures.

The mechanical stress placed on bones during weightlifting stimulates bone remodelling and growth,

leading to stronger and healthier bones.

Research (2009) showed that progressive resistance training increased bone min-

eral density in postmenopausal women.

Metabolism boost: Muscle tissue is metabolically active, meaning it burns more calories at rest compared to fat tissue. Building muscle through weightlifting can lead to an increase in resting metabolic rate, helping women manage weight and body composition more effectively.

Fat loss: Weightlifting, in combination with proper nutrition, can help women reduce body fat and achieve a leaner physique.

Muscle tissue burns more calories than fat tissue, so having a higher muscle-to-fat ratio can contribute to a more efficient metabolism and better fat loss results.

Research published in Obesity Journal found that

resistance training significantly reduced body fat in overweight and obese women while preserving lean mass.

Hormonal balance: Engaging in regular strength training can help regulate hormonal balance. It can positively influence hormones like insulin and cortisol, which play roles in metabolism and stress management.

Studies have indicated that resistance training positively affects insulin sensitivity and hormonal balance in women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

Improved mood and mental health: Exercise, including weightlifting, has been shown to have a positive impact on mood and mental well-being.

Asia cup: Form over name

Gambhir bats for in-form Ishan ahead of Rahul in World Cup team

MUMBAI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Ishan Kishan has "done everything" needed to earn a place ahead of KL Rahul in the World Cup team, former India opener Gautam Gambhir said. Gambhir added that Rahul would not even have been considered if he was competing with Rohit Sharma or Virat Kohli.

Kishan scored a crucial 82 to arrest India's slide in their Asia Cup opener against Pakistan, a game which was washed out but witnessed the wicketkeeper-batter recording his fourth consecutive ODI fifty.

At No. 5, Kishan's knock against Pakistan not only rescued India but made him a firm favourite for the wicketkeeper-batter position ahead of Rahul, who is missing the starting stages of the continental tournament due to an injury.

Gambhir said India should prefer "form over name" for the World Cup with the host country's squad expected to be announced in the coming days. "What is more important to win a championship — name or form?" Gambhir, who was part of the teams that won the 2007 T20 and 2011 ODI World Cups, said. "If Rohit or Virat had scored something similar (four consecutive fifties), would you still say that Rahul would replace them?" he added.

"The point is, when you're gearing up to win the World Cup, you don't see the name, you judge by their form. You



choose the player who can perform and win you the World Cup," he added.

Gambhir said the fact that Kishan, who usually plays as an opener, scored runs at No. 5 in a high-pressure situation suggested that the 25-year-old was in good form. "I feel Ishan has done everything he needs to do to be a frontrunner," Gambhir said. "Just because he hasn't played a lot of international cricket, you're saying that Rahul should play before him," he added.

"Ishan has scored runs in the middle-order at the fifth position which brings me to my point that to win a World Cup form is important and not name," he added.

'Left-handed dimension' Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar also praised Kishan, adding that the left-hander adds a different dimension to the team's batting line. "I think what

he showed was that an opening batter can bat anywhere down the order. It's not easy the other way around, where a middle-order batter can come in and open the batting," Gavaskar said.

"An opening batter can be accommodated anywhere down the order, and he brings a left-handed dimension to the Indian batting line. If you look at the top four, they're all right-handed batters," he added.

"Plus, he's got this great ability to accelerate. He looks small, but he packs a punch. He hit a couple of big sixes and the way he batted was impressive because generally he likes to get after the bowling. But he was watchful when it was needed, recognised what the situation was," he added.

Rahul gets World Cup nod? Having received a clearance certificate on his fitness from the NCA, KL Rahul is set to be

included in India's 15-member provisional World Cup squad, which will be announced in the coming days. Chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar arrived here and held discussions with captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid after India's match against Pakistan. Ishan Kishan will be the second wicketkeeper, which means that Sanju Samson will miss out. Suryakumar Yadav too has found a place in the squad despite his less than satisfactory outings in ODIs.

Bumrah to miss Nepal game With Jasprit Bumrah returning after a long injury lay-off, India would have been eager to see how the pacer responded to the task of bowling 10 overs. However, as rain washed out Pakistan's innings yesterday, Bumrah could not take the field. His performance would have been keenly monitored against Nepal but the pacer is unavailable for the game due to personal reasons.

Games to be shifted out of Colombo?

The Asian Cricket Council is mulling a change in the venue for the Super Four matches in the wake of heavy rains lashing Colombo. Five Super Four matches and the final are scheduled to be played in Colombo, but there are hardly any signs of the weather relenting. Sources said that Pallekele, Dambulla and Hambantota are under consideration.

Jasprit Bumrah, Wife Sanjana Ganesan Blessed With Baby Boy, Shares Picture On Instagram

Jasprit Bumrah announced the news of the birth of his baby boy on Instagram.



MUMBAI, Sep 4 (Agencies): Indian cricket team pacer Jasprit Bumrah and wife Sanjana Ganesan have been blessed with a baby boy.

Bumrah, who took a leave from his Asia Cup 2023 duties to be with his wife, announced the news of the birth of the baby boy on Instagram with an adorable post. "Our little family has grown & our hearts are fuller than we could ever imagine! This morning

we welcomed our little boy, Angad Jasprit Bumrah into the world. We are over the moon and can't wait for everything this new chapter of our lives brings with it," Bumrah captioned the post on Instagram.

Bumrah, an important player in the Indian cricket team, especially keeping the upcoming ODI World Cup in mind, made a comeback to international cricket after nearly a year-long

hiatus due to a back injury. He looked in fine form against Ireland in a T20I series and was immediately drafted into the Indian team for the Asia Cup. Though Bumrah featured in India's opening match against Pakistan, he didn't get to bowl as the match was washed out due to persistent rain in the second half.

Later, the news of Bumrah missing the second match against Nepal emerged, with the pacer deciding to be with his wife Sanjana during the birth of their child. However, Bumrah will return to the Indian squad and be available for selection from the Super 4 stage onwards.

It is important for the Indian team to give Bumrah ample match practice as he remains one of the biggest assets in the team, especially in the hunt for the ODI World Cup trophy.

Sports arrangements: Punjab Govt deputes 2 nodal officers in each district

CHANDIGARH, Sep 4 (Agencies): Players are participating with enthusiasm in the block-level competitions of 'Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan-2023', after the grand opening ceremony in Bathinda. The Sports Department has deputed two nodal officers in each district to monitor the smooth arrangements of the players during the block-level tournament.

Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer said eight sports competitions were being held in 157 blocks, including cities, in which more than 1.50 lakh



players were participating.

To make Punjab the leading state in sports, a sports-friendly envi-

ronment had been created for the maximum number of players to participate in the second season.

Asia Cup: 'Have plans to tackle Rohit and Virat', says Nepal skipper Paudel ahead of India clash

KANDY, Sep 4 (Agencies): Following his side's Asia Cup clash against India at Kandy, Nepal skipper Rohit Paudel expressed his side's excitement to play against Men in Blue and said that they have plans to tackle the team's star batters, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, terming the former as team's "inspiration" as well.

India will take on Nepal in their Asia Cup clash at Kandy. In Group A, Pakistan qualified for Super Four stage with three points following a win over Nepal and a washout against arch-rivals India, which caused them to share a point each.

Now India (1 point) and Nepal (0 points) have to win this match to qualify for Super Four stage. "We are excited to play against India. India is a big country. We are all excited to represent Nepal against India at the big-



gest stage," said the skipper at a pre-match press conference on Sunday.

About tackling Virat and Rohit, Paudel said, "Virat and Rohit have been the stars for their country for over ten years. We have made plans to tackle them and hopefully, we will execute them today."

He termed Virat as an "inspiration" for all. "Virat is an inspiration for all of us, not only for his work ethic but also his discipline, on and off the field," said the skipper.

Paudel expressed happiness because of fans' response despite the heavy defeat to Pakistan in the first match, saying that the fans have been extremely encouraging and positive to the team.

"Our players have been working really hard for two or three years. That is why we are here. For the last two three generations, our seniors tried a lot (for big opportunities), we got this opportunity to play. We want to represent them in the match," he added.

The skipper agreed that a match will India will be a "fanboy moment" for the Nepal team as Men in Blue has a lot of big

superstars of the game. "But on the field, it will be a game that both of us will be wanting to win," he concluded.

India: Rohit Sharma ©, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya (vc), Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Prasidh Krishna, Sanju Samson (traveling reserve).

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Australian All-rounder Glenn Maxwell May Skip India Series For World Cup

Star Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has admitted that he could miss his side's upcoming ODI series against India

SYDNEY, Sep 4 (Agencies): Star Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has admitted that he could miss his side's upcoming ODI series against India and may enter this year's ICC Men's Cricket World Cup with very little cricket under his belt. Maxwell is still battling ankle soreness from the leg injury he suffered at a friend's birthday party last year and is currently in Australia awaiting the birth of his first child. While Maxwell is still harbouring aspirations of making a fleeting appearance during Australia's ODI series in India later this month, the 34-year-old maintains being fit for the World Cup is his primary focus.

"I still want to play some part of that India series. But I'm not feeling any pressure on it. The selectors and the staff have been brilliant

with me as well. They don't want to put too much pressure on me to sort of set that date because they know they've got a bit of extra time before the World Cup. So, instead of rushing it and probably putting myself a week or two behind, being able to give myself extra time and make sure we get through the whole tournament," Maxwell said.

A veteran of Australia's two most recent World Cup campaigns in 2015 and 2019, Maxwell is a vital cog for the five-time champions given his ability to score quickly and contribute with the bat, ball and in the field.

Maxwell has not played for his country since he featured in an ODI against India in Wankhede in March and hasn't taken the field at any level since making a one-off appearance in an English County Championship match



for Warwickshire at the start of July.

He was set to play in the T20I component of Australia's ongoing tour of South Africa, but sore-

ness around his ankle saw him return home.

"I don't think I could have predicted how sore I was going to be once I got to South Africa. But it

was one of those things. Even when I went to train that day, I still felt fine. There was nothing wrong. Something just got impinged. I think one of the tendons around my ankle was a little bit inflamed, there's a bit of swelling, so it kept on catching which meant it just gave me a bit of pain," Maxwell said.

"Hopefully, the cortisone takes care of that and I can get back up and running to where I was just before I went to South Africa. We've probably just got to be a bit smarter going forward. Making sure that my preparation is a bit more managed, I think leading into a flight like that. I'm already back in the gym, so I'll probably get back into full training probably this week, so it won't be a long turnaround. It's just knowing that I'm not over the hurdle of the original injury yet."

Durand cup: Bagan edge out EB to win title



KOLKATA, Sep 4 (Agencies): A moment of sheer brilliance from Dimitri Petratos proved decisive as 10-man Mohun Bagan Super Giant beat arch-rivals East Bengal 1-0 in a fiercely contested final to clinch the Durand Cup title after 23 years here.

Mohun Bagan were a man down after Anirudh Thapa was sent off in the 62nd minute, but they still scored the decisive goal through a brilliant solo effort from Petratos in the 71st minute.

In a swift counterattacking move, the Australian player skilfully weaved past the East Bengal defence before unleashing a powerful strike from 25 yards out. East Bengal goalkeeper Prabhukhan Singh Gill was left a mute spectator.

As the clock ticked away, East Bengal coach Carles Cuadrat made three changes in the last 10 minutes

in a bid to restore parity. His Mohun Bagan counterpart Juan Ferrando pressed eight players into his defence. In a heated exchange, East Bengal's assistant coach Dimas Delgado got into a war of words with Ferrando, and after a scuffle, the former received a red card in extra time.

This was Mohun Bagan's 17th Durand Cup title. They last won the title in 2000 when they beat Mahindra United via a golden goal. Mohun Bagan thus avenged their 2-1 defeat to East Bengal in the 2004 Durand Cup final. In this phase, Mohun Bagan had lost three Durand Cup finals, the last being against Gokulam Kerala (1-2) in 2019. From East Bengal's perspective, a national-level title eluded them again, their last coming the Federation Cup in 2012.

JU to celebrate Foundation Day on Sept 5

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JAMMU, Sep 4: University of Jammu (JU) today organized a Curtain Raiser Press Conference on the eve of its foundation day to be celebrated on 5th September, 2023.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu while chairing the press conference shared that the Foundation Day is an occasion to bring together all the students and scholars; the staff, Non Gazetted and Non Teaching, the officers, the alumni, the teachers and the civil community to come together and take account of our collective contribution, ownership and efforts.

"It is also an occasion to share the achievements of the University in the past one year", Prof. Rai added. Prof. Rai further informed that Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor J&K UT and Chancellor, University of Jammu shall be the Chief Guest on the occasion while Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor, Lieutenant Governor J&K UT shall be the Guest of Honour.

"The recent nomination of the University by the UGC as the nodal University to lead the implementation of the



National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has indisputably claimed the status of the University of Jammu in "Academic Leadership", said Prof. Rai.

This, he said, came on the heels of the widely acclaimed New Innovative Programme "Design Your Degree" recently launched by the University and showcased during the Two-Days Akhil Bhartiya Siksha Samagat-2023 at IECC, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 29th July 2023.

Designed in consultation with experts across a wide spectrum, this programme focuses on holistic development of young minds and sets the tone for trans disciplinary knowledge and is thus in true spirit of NEP-2020 as envisaged

by the Prime Minister of India, said the Vice Chancellor.

He also shared that among various other initiatives planned by the Higher Education Council, J&K Government, the University of Jammu is spearheading a unique and innovative project "College on Wheels" or "JK Gyanodaya" through which about 800 students along with 100 faculty members from various Universities of J&K shall undertake the journey covering various parts of India.

The Vice chancellor further informed that the first of its kind in the history of J&K, the Community Radio established in the University of Jammu shall be inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor J&K UT and Chancellor, University of Jammu on the Foundation Day. The radio shall act as

a medium to promote, propagate and disseminate the polyvocal and polylingual voices of the various stakeholders of the University and act as site of exchange for various ideas culminating in motivating the people to participate in the national endeavour for integrated development of the country, he said.

Speaking earlier on the occasion, Prof. Rajni Kant, Dean Research Studies said that the "Foundation Day is an occasion to retrace the glorious past of the University and honour the contribution of its employees who have contributed in various capacities in this progress of the University".

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Director, DD&OE, while addressing the media shared, the Directorate of Distance and Online

Education has launched online M.Com and M.A.(English) courses making the University of Jammu the first in the UT of J&K to offer such online programmes under UGC-DEB regulations 2020. This shall also widen the reach of the opportunity to study for the students of the far flung areas of the region. This initiative shall transform the pedagogic landscape for the Distance Education learner and the dynamics of distance learning.

She further shared that the Business School has launched a two-year Executive MBA program in blended mode that is first of its kind in the UT of J&K.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning also spoke about the various initiatives being undertaken by the university under the visionary leadership of the Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, University of Jammu also shared the nostalgia of the 54 years of journey of the University.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Vinay Thussoo, Incharge Media and the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Garima Gupta, Convener, Media and Publicity Committee.

Role of teacher in society is significant, valuable: Rekha



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Emphasizing teachers be facilitators and role models for their students, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan while celebrating "Teachers Day" here at Gurunanak High School, Kullian in Jammu South.

She said that "a promising and visionary educator can play a prominent role in shaping the future of a student. This was stated by Rekha Mahajan while interacting with teachers along with staff members of the school in the presence of District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, DDC Prof Gharu Ram Bhagat, District General Secretary Akash Chopra, Mandal President Bikram Sandhu, Chairman of Gurunanak High School Darshan Lal, Vice President of SC Morcha, Bahadur Lal Ex Sarpanch, Ashok Choudhary former vice president and other prominent persons were present in the programme.

Rekha Mahajan along with other dignitaries felicitated teacher Naresh Kanth and famous Punjabi Bhagti Geet Singer.

Rekha Mahajan said that the role of

the teacher in a society is significant and valuable having a far-reaching influence on people so it becomes his prime responsibility to uphold the sanctity of his profession by being competent, morally upright, and knowledgeable.

Highlighting the vital role played by teachers in shaping the future of upcoming generations, she said that teachers are a very important element of society and deserve high respect for their contribution to transformation of the society.

Prof. Gharu Ram and Ayodhya Gupta said that Teacher's Day is a very special occasion for recognizing and paying tribute to the important role played by teachers and honoring them for their contribution to varied fields of learning and research.

They called upon the entire teaching fraternity of Gurunanak High School to put in their best efforts for imparting quality education to the youth besides enthusing high ethos among them so that they could grow as a responsible citizen. A colorful cultural programme was presented by the students on the occasion and later the dignitaries felicitated the teachers for their contribution.

Prof. Gharu, Anuradha listen to public grievances at BJP

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JAMMU, Sep 4: Former MLA Prof. Gharu Ram and J&K BJP Vice-President Anuradha Charak listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Monday.

A large number of people, individually as well in the form of deputations, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders.

Various issues raised contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas.

People from various areas presented issues related to the repair of lanes & drains, repair of street-lights, revenue record issue, issues related to the CAPD, installation of electric poles and others issues of public interest. BJP leaders listened to all the individuals and the deputa-



tions patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

Prof. Gharu Ram speaking on the occasion said that the public Darbar

at the party office on daily basis provides a platform to the public for direct interaction with the BJP leaders and it is receiving massive response.

Anuradha Charak insisted on the commitment of the party and its leaders to solve the issues faced by the masses.

BJP Gov's failures are detriment to youth of J&K: Anirudh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: State General Secretary J&K Pradesh Youth Congress Anirudh Sawhney in a statement condemned the BJP government at the Center for failing the youth in J&K and "ruining the future" of countless young people.

The Bharatiya Janata Party had promised development, stability, and a better future for the youth of the region at both times, while being elected at the Center and secondly, while demoting J&K as a Union Territory.

However, as time has passed, it has become increasingly evident that the BJP government has failed to deliver on these promises, leaving the youth of Jammu and Kashmir in a state of disillusionment and despair, Sawhney

stated.

He said that one of the primary concerns facing the youth of Jammu and Kashmir is the lack of employment opportunities. Despite assurances of job creation, the BJP government has not been able to address the high levels of unemployment in the region.

This has resulted in frustration and a sense of hopelessness among the youth, many of whom are highly educated but unable to find suitable employment.

He further pointed out that the state of the education system in Jammu and Kashmir has also been a cause for concern.

While the government made promises to improve the quality of education, the reality on the ground paints a different picture.

Lack of infrastructure, inad-

equated funding, and disruptions due to political instability have hindered the educational prospects of the youth. The government fails to understand the aspirations of the youth of J&K, which is why we demand for local representation, legislative elections and restoration of the democratic process in J&K.

The political instability directly correlates to lack of development in other sectors. Internet Shut-downs and Communication Blockades have been the reality of the early phase, Sawhney pointed out.

The policies in reference to the recruitment processes, conduct of recruitment examinations, etc by the government have further exacerbated the problems faced by the youth, which have isolated the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and hindered their progress.

JKBS felicitates Panch Seema Kumari

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JAMMU, Sep 4: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha at its brief function held at Village Saharan on Monday felicitated Panch Seema Kumari for her outstanding work in the panchayat.

Speaking on the occasion, the JKBS members elaborately explained the roles and responsibilities of the panchayat members and also made them aware of their powers. They also highlighted the importance of Gram Sabha and how a panchayat member can make a difference in the Gram Panchayat.

In his address, JKBS'S General Secretary R.L.Kaith said that the activities which



the members plan and execute in their Gram Panchayats should be people friendly and should benefit the citizens of Panchayat. The members should respond to the people. Everyone should work towards making their Gram Panchayat as a model Gram Panchayat.

Among others who participated in the felicitation programme included Messrs BJP Office Secretary Hans Raj Loria, Rachhpal Kaith, Hav. Des Raj Kaith, Ujjagar Singh Bassa, Mohan Lal Tugga, Chaman Lal Tugga and Chuni Lal Tugga.

Chairman LAHDC Tashi Gyalson visits ISWM plant at Skampari

TOP NEWS REPORT

LEH, Sep 4: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson visited the Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) plant at Skampari, Leh on 3rd Sept to assess and monitor the operations of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), accompanied by a team of district officers, including Chairperson, Block Development Council, Leh, Dr. Skalzang Dorje; Additional District Development Commissioner, Leh; Sonam Nurboo; Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Leh; Stanzin Rabgais; Executive Engineer, PWD (Construction Division) and other concerned officials. CEC Gyalson interacted with the sanitary



workers of the ISWM plant and taking note of their grievances, CEC, instructed EO, MC Leh to undertake necessary actions such as regular health check-ups, health insurance, enhanced remunerations at the earliest and to extend all possible assistance to resolve their issues, con-

sidering their hazardous working conditions. Executive Officer, MC Leh briefed the functioning of the ISWM plant, where sanitary workers and machines are used to segregate the waste, sort recyclables into different components, and send them outside Ladakh to the

designated recycler. He also apprised CEC about the decision to augment manpower for effective operations with enhanced remuneration of the workers. Afterward, CEC Gyalson and the team also visited the legacy waste site at Bombguard, Leh, to review and inspect

the ongoing cleaning process of the dumpsite and the legacy waste.

The representatives of the agency assigned to clean the legacy waste at Bombguard, Leh, informed that more than 90% of the legacy waste has been cleared and assured to complete the remaining work in the coming 10-12 days.

CEC Gyalson added that detailed deliberations will be held regarding the effective and sustainable management of the enormous waste generated in the region that peaks during the tourist season and further processing of the Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) generated at the waste management plants.