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BRIEFLY

Youth's dead body fished out from river Jhelum in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Sep 5 (Agencies): Body of a non-local was retrieved from river Jhelum near Panzina area of Shalteng in the outskirts of Srinagar on Tuesday morning after two days, officials said. Quoting an official news agency reported that Mohammad Zubair (20), son of Mohammad Nizam of UP had slipped into river Jhelum near Panzina on Sunday.

He said that after hectic efforts his body was retrieved today morning after two days. "The body will be handed over to his legal heirs after medico-legal formalities," he said.

Former Rajya Sabha member Mir Fayaz quits politics

SRINAGAR, Sep 5 (Agencies): Former Member of Parliament Mir Muhammad Fayaz on Tuesday said that he has quit politics due to some "family commitments".

Mir, who was elected as member to Rajya Sabha in 2015, posted on "X" that he has decided to keep himself away from political engagements.

"To all my people would like to inform that due to some family commitments I have decided to keep myself away from active political engagements. Thankful to all my people for their support," he said.

Man arrested for duping woman of Rs 20,000 in Udhampur

JAMMU, Sep 5 (Agencies): A man was arrested for allegedly duping a woman of Rs 20,000 on the pretext of helping her while she was trying to withdraw money from an ATM in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police said.

The accused was identified as Imtiaz Ahmed of Ramban district, they said.

Babli Devi lodged a complaint at Ramnagar police station alleging that while she was trying to withdraw cash from an ATM, a man came

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Renaming India as Bharat on Parliamentary special session agenda? Political war rages

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): A political war erupted on Tuesday over President Droupadi Murmu's G20 dinner invite for September 9 where she is called the President of Bharat.

Amid signals that an amendment to the Constitution may be brought in the upcoming special session of Parliament to rename India as Bharat, the Congress questioned the move while BJP chief JP Nadda slammed the Congress for "opposing everything that relates to national pride".

The opposition was quick to accuse the ruling BJP of changing India's name to Bharat following anxiety over the newly united INDIA bloc.



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma was the first to give away the possibility of India being renamed Bharat with his x post "Welcome the Republic of Bharat."

Nadda in a post asked why does the Congress have so much objection to every subject related to the honour and pride of the country?

"Why do political yatras in the name of 'Bharat Jodo' and hate the proclamation of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'? It is clear that the Congress has neither respect for the country, nor for the Constitution, nor for the constitutional institutions. They just praise a particular family.

The whole country knows very well the anti-national

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Lt Governor addresses Teachers' Day celebration at Srinagar

Felicitates the award-winning teachers for their immense contribution and dedicated service to education sector

Funds will be provided for upgradation of 7000 schools: LG

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SRINAGAR, Sep 5: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the Teachers' Day celebration at Srinagar, paid tribute to former President and great educationist Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and felicitated the award-winning teachers from across the Kashmir division.

In his address, the Lt Governor extended his hearty greetings to the teaching community and recalled the immense contribution and dedicated service of teachers who are igniting young minds.

"Teacher is the big-



gest revolutionary and courageous person of this world. He breaks the barriers, old methods and gives a new shape, a new direction to the children, a new resolve and sparks new thinking in the minds of the children," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor highlighted the different roles a teacher plays simultaneously throughout his life.

"A teacher is an explorer who discovers hidden diamonds, gems and

pearls in the form of students. As a gemologist, a teacher examines and shapes the diamonds carrying diverse talents. He is a jeweler and gives perfect shape and shine to precious gems," the Lt Governor added.

The role of a teacher is to also bring creativity inside the classroom.

A teacher should be courageous enough to break the stereotypes and let young minds develop their own creative, innovative ideas and critical thinking.

Only the teacher has the ability to know the value of hidden talents, he said.

At the function, the Lt Governor impressed upon the teaching community to promote individuality and uniqueness of students and make teaching-learning process more interactive.

Goal of education is not to create a competitive mind but to create a creative and curious mind. We need a fine balance between

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Security forces bust hideout of HM terrorist in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR Sep 5 (Agencies): In a significant development, the Kishtwar Police, in collaboration with Army 26 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) and CRPF 52 Bn successfully dismantled a hideout belonging to the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) terrorist Jhangir Saroori, officials said on Tuesday.

SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal, while divulging the details, stated that acting on credible intelligence, Kishtwar Police along with Army 26 RR and CRPF 52 battalion in a meticulously planned operation, uncovered and neutralized the hideout located in the Paribag area of Bhadat Saroor, where



Jhangir Saroori was suspected to have been hiding and planning subversive activities, stated a release.

During the search operation, the police recovered two blankets, some edible items and some personal use items from the hideout,

indicating the presence of the terrorist in the hideout. The recovery of these items underscores the importance of this operation in disrupting unlawful activities in the region, the release added.

The entire area has

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Recruitment scam busted in Kashmir, Five arrested

SRINAGAR, Sep 5 (Agencies): In a significant breakthrough, the Kupwara Police has dismantled a fraudulent recruitment scheme preying on the aspirations of young job seekers.

On September 1, 2023, one Mumtaz Ahmad Mir, residing in Gund Zonareshi Chowkial, lodged a formal complaint with the Kralpora Police Station, alleging that his son, Mohd Sami Mir, had fallen victim to a recruitment scam orchestrated by a person named Nazir Ahmad Khan, a resident of Doolipora Trehgam. The complainant asserted that his

son had been swindled of Rs 70,000 under the false pretense of securing employment within the Military Engineering Service (MES), accompanied by a counterfeit appointment letter.

Responding to this complaint and supported by credible intelligence from the Military Intelligence (MI), the Kralpora Police Station initiated legal proceedings by registering FIR No 76/2023. This FIR encompasses pertinent sections of the law, marking the commencement of a thorough investigation.

During the

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Jammu records over 350 cases of dengue, doctors say nothing to panic



JAMMU, Sep 5 (Agencies): The Jammu district has recorded more than 350 cases of dengue, which is showing an increasing trend in the past fortnight in the region, prompting authorities to take steps to deal with the mosquito-borne viral infection.

Doctors at the city's Government Medical College and hospitals, however, said there's no need to panic as the season always witnesses such increase in dengue cases.

A total of 486 dengue cases have so far been detected in the Jammu region and out of these,

a maximum of 357 infections are recorded in Jammu district, officials said.

They said 46 cases were reported from Kathua, and 42 cases from Samba district. In other districts, there are dengue 10 cases in Rajouri, eight in Reasi, five in Udhampur, six in Poonch, four in Doda, one in Kishtwar, four in Kashmir, and three in other regions.

The majority of cases are reported from three districts of the Jammu region -Jammu, Samba, and Kathua, they said.

As many as 33 and 77 cases have been

Two held for forging over 2 lakh IDs like Aadhaar, PAN; Police flag it as National Security issue

SURAT, Sep 5 (Agencies): Two persons have been arrested in Gujarat's Surat for allegedly forging documents like Aadhaar and PAN cards as well as voter IDs using a website, thereby posing a serious threat to national security, a police official said.

The accused were accessing government database, which is a case of illegal authorisation and a serious issue, the official said on Monday.

He said the accused forged around two lakh identity proof documents like Aadhaar and PAN cards and sold them for Rs 15 to Rs 200 each.

Acting on a complaint received from the officials of a private sector bank that some persons got loans processed on the basis of fake documents and defaulted on repayment, six persons were arrested around two weeks back for forgery and cheating, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Economic Offences) V.K. Parmar said.

During interrogation, one of them,

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reported in Jammu on Saturday and Sunday, they said.

They said several of these patients have been admitted to hospitals and more than 100 have been discharged.

"This is a viral infection, we have to understand how it happens. First of all we need to understand that not everybody requires hospitalization, the majority of cases are self-limiting and they get better in a short while.

"However, people feel that this is a very dangerous disease. This misconception needs to be removed", Head of department (HoD), Microbiology, Government Medical College (GMC) hospital Dr Sandeep Dogra told agency.

Allaying fears about a potential shortage of platelets for dengue patients, hospital authorities state that they have adequate facilities and sufficient stock of platelets

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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.

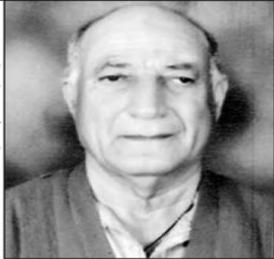


Smt. Phoola Dhar (Asha Ji)

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, Bantalab 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

Our hearts still ache with sadness and many tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again our beloved, the soul of our family passed away peacefully to merge with eternity on 27th August 2023 at Ramnagar.



Sh Shiv Kumar

10th Day of our beloved **Sh Shiv Kumar** will be held at Brahman Sabha Ramnagar on Monday 4th September 2023 from 11 AM onwards and **Kriya** will be performed on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 12:00 Noon.
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 Prenika & Mr Punit
Mr Sachin, Mr Akshat, Mr Ayush
Mob No. 9419273801, 9419796685, 9419629210, 7051917965

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. Mukti 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 & Surname, Mehvish & Sahil
Rishav, Abhinandan, Seloni, Sanskriti & Dhanvi
Great Grand Children: Mukund, Myra, Sutantu, Pradanya & Irshita



Smt. Kunti Devi

KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Dr. Kishori Lal Gupta** (Education Department) son of Shiv Ram Gupta R/o Digiana Jammu presently residing at Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad on 25/08/2023. **KRIYA** will be performed on 06/09/2023, 11am, at Pent house, Moghal heights, Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad
GRIEF STRICKEN :-
Makhna Devi (Wife)
Rampyari Devi, Kanta Devi (Sisters)
Sons & Daughters in law :-
Harish Kumar Gupta (IPS) & Seema Gupta
Prabodh Gupta (LL.B, FCS) & Sandhya Gupta
Daughters & Sons in law :-
Anu Radha Gupta & Deepak Gupta
Renu Gupta Shahi & Rajesh Shahi
Grand children :-
Nipun Mahajan Gupta, Aime Gupta, Pariyal Gupta, Vishwa Vandhya Shahi, Anika Gupta, Kartikeya Shahi, Aryaman Gupta
Mobile number :-
833091554
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Dr. Kishori Lal Gupta (22-04-1943-25-08-2023)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT CHUNI DEVI (BHABI)** W/O LATE HIRDAY NATH BHAT ORIGINAL RESIDENT OF PAHROO DISTT BUDGAM PRESENTLY RESIDING AT BLOCK NO 8 FLAT NOP 19 LANE NO.2 JAGTI TOWNSHIP ON 29th AUG, 2023.



SMT CHUNI DEVI (BHABI)

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 07 SEPT (THURSDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT (NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU) AT 8:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
SAMAST :- BHAT'S, KITCHLOO'S, KOUL'S, PANDITA'S, WALI'S PARIVAAR
MOB:- 6006593889, 7889411720, 7006210394

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved son **VATSAL BHASIN** son of Pankaj Bhasin and Sucharita Bhasin (Anu) who left for his heavenly abode on 25/08/2023.



VATSAL BHASIN

Rasam Uthala will be held on 06/09/2023 on Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Kameshwar Mandir near Khurana Marble Chowk, 1A South Ext. Ward No. 52 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Pankaj Bhasin - **Father**
Sucharita Bhasin (Anu) - **Mother**
Dev Raj Bhasin - **Grand Father**
Urmil Rani Tandon - **Grand Mother**
Adv. Dheeraj Bhasin - **Chacha**
Dr. Vaishali Anand - **Chachi**
Surinder K. Luthra - **Nana**
Vinay Suri - **Mossa**
Sonali Suri - **Mossi**
Brother & Sister
Jalaj Suri, Rahat Bhasin & Roheen Bhasin
M.No: 9419193646, 9419198374, 9419781924

5TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Jyoti Gupta** W/o Suraj Kumar R/o Arya Samaj Gali, Udhampur. **Fifth Day** will be performed at our residence H.No. 298, Malhotra Street, Jammu from 10.00 am to 11.00 am morning on 6th September 2023 (Wednesday).



Smt. Jyoti Gupta

Grief Stricken
Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh. Sarvesh Sharma (Suman) & Madhu Bala
Mobile No: 6006480052

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. BANDANA SHUKLA** W/O SH. BALDEV SHUKLA.



SMT. BANDANA SHUKLA

TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD ON 06-09-2023 AT 10:00 AM TO 11:00AM AT RANI PARK TOOTIAN, JAMMU. **KRIYA** WILL BE HELD ON 07-09-2023 AT HOME H.NO-351 GALI KUMHARAN, PEER MITHA JAMMU AT 12:00 NOON.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SH. BALDEV SHUKLA (HUSBAND)
MR. ADITYA SHUKLA (SON)
(SON-IN-LAW & DAUGHTER)
MR. & MRS. MOHIT MAHAJAN & VIDUSHI
IVAAN - **GRANDSON**
PH.NO- 6005180242, 7006165935, 7006637525

OBITUARY/10TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of **Sh. Shibhan Krishan Pandita** S/o Lt. Sh. Radha Krishan Pandita originally from Kralyar Rainawari Sgr. and at present Block 73, Flat No. 16, Lane No. 16, Jagti Colony.



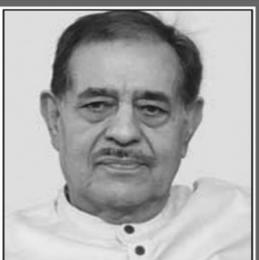
Sh. Shibhan Krishan Pandita

The **10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 10th Sept. 2023 at TRT Nagrota near Old Toll Post at 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Veena Ji - **Wife**
Brother & Bhabhi
Sh. Pushkar Nath Pandita & Smt. Santosh
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Mr. Ajay Pandita & Mrs. Rinku
Mr. Anil Pandita & Mrs. Renu
Mrs. Asha & Mr. Ravi Ji Pandita - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Ms. Aneeta Pandita - **Daughter**
Mrs. Twinkle & Mr. Anil Pandita - **Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law**
Grand & Great Grand Children - Suparsh, Mannat, Kyin, Viraj & Mivaan
Mob.: 9070556591, 9596913119, 8492820166

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform that our beloved **Sh. Jai Krishan Koul** S/o Lt. Sh. Maheshwar Nath Koul of Qazi mohalla Anantnag, Kashmir, presently residing in H.No 82 Lane No 2 behind ISKCON TEMPLE Dream City, Muthi, Jammu, left for heavenly abode on Wednesday, 30th Aug 2023.



Sh. Jai Krishan Koul

TENTH DAY will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 7th of September (Thursday) at 8:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Phoola Koul - **Wife**
Smt. Mohini Koul - **Bhabhi**
Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Rashi & Sh. Ajay Koul
Smt. Kaberi & Sh. Ashesh Koul
Smt. & Sh. Ravi Koul
Smt. Shoki & Sh. Susheel Koul
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Daizy & Sh Amresh Raina
Grand Children
Aryavhir Koul, Yaaduveer Koul, Vitasta Koul, Advait Koul, Bhavesh Koul, Tushika Raina, Manik Raina (Bhat Parivar)
8713046494, 9891478778

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Smt. Rama Sharma** W/o Pt. Ram Parsad R/o H. No 19 Lane No. 2 Marbel Enclave Sector 4 Ext. Trikuta Nagar on 28/8/2023 Monday.



Smt. Rama Sharma

The **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 06-09-2023 at 11AM Wednesday at Panch Mandir, Sector 7, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The **11TH DAY/ KRIYA** will be performed at our residence Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on 07-09-2023, 12:00 noon
UTHALA will be performed on 08-09-2023 Friday 4:30 to 5:30 pm at Shiv Mandir, Sector 3 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Pt. Ram Parsad - **Husband**
Son and Daughter-in-Law
Smt. Nandini & Sanjay Kerni
Smt. Seema & Sanjeev Kerni
Smt. Sneh Lata & Late Pt. Shiv Kumar - **Brother and Sister-in-Law**
Smt. Santosh Dubey & Late Sh. Ram Parkash Dubey - **Sister & Brother-in-Law**
Smt. Shanta & Sh. V. D Sharma - **Sister & Brother-in-Law**
GRANDSON & GRAND DAUGHTER:-
Shashwat, Satvik, Stuti, Samridhi.
Deeply Missed By:- Kerni & Khajuria Family
Mobile: +919596730555 +918491937574

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THAT OUR KARMYOGI MOTHER **SMT. SOMRANI MANTOO** (FONDLY CALLED NANAJI) W/O LT. SH. SOMNATH MANTOO, ERSTWHILE RESIDENT OF SPORE, KASHMIR NOW AT 135, DEERWOOD CHASE, NIRVANA COUNTRY, GURGAON LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE & ATTAINED MOKSHA ON 31 AUGUST 2023 NIGHT.



SMT. SOMRANI MANTOO

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT ROHINI GHAT, NEAR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, BADLI (ROHINI, DELHI) ON SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023 FROM 8 - 10 AM & PRAYER MEET SHALL BE HELD AT CHINMAYA 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 & PRANWATI GARBH
SHEELA & RAMESH RAYU
NIRMALA & RAJAJI GANJOO
MALUN SIDE: MADAN LAL MANTOO, CHAMAN LAL MANTOO, KRISHANJI SHAH & ALL GRAND & GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

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+919810001254

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 Akhnour. 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
Venue: Durga Mandir Jia Pota Ghat
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)

10TH DAY/ KRIYA / RASAM PAGRI

With profoung 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 Wala)



SMT GEETA RANI

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. Asstt Secy JKBOSE) (Husband)
Son & Daughter in Law
Smt Shivan Gupta and Anu Kumar (Ag Dept)
Ravi Gupta, Vimal Gupta
Son in Law and Daughters
Sh. Ajay Kumar and Renu Bala
Sh. Vipin Kumar and Subhina Gupta
Pradnya Phukan

UTHALA

With grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Krishna Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Kasturi Lal Gupta R/o 287A, Krishna Nagar, Jammu, who left for her heavenly abode on 3-09-2023.



Smt. Krishna Devi

Uthala will take place on 6-09-2023 at Ravidas Mandir Opposite Science College Krishna Nagar from 3:00pm to 4:00 pm.

Grief Stricken
Daughter in law & Sons
Mrs. Mamta Gupta & Mr. Tarsem Gupta
Lt. Mrs. Neeru Gupta & Mr. Anil Gupta
Mrs. Rakha Gupta & Mr. Subhash Chander Gupta
Daughter and Son in law
Mrs. Chanchal Mahajan & Mr. Maheshwar Mahajan
Mrs. Prem Lata & Mr. Pawan Gupta
Grandchildren: Sahil, Sonali, Amit, Sonali, Ripple, Varun, Prakash, Ankita, Tanavi, Pranav, Tanmay, Aniket, Aadil
Mrs. Shah Di Hatti (Puri Chana)
Mrs. Sab Ka Malik Ek (Amritsar Naan)
Opp. Jewel Theater
9858120105 (Tarsem Gupta)
9469099357 (Anil Gupta)
959683467 (Subhash Gupta)

TENTH DAY AND KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Miss Mahima Kesar**, daughter of Mr. Ashok Kumar Kesar (Xen PDD) and Monica Kesar who expired on 28/08/23.



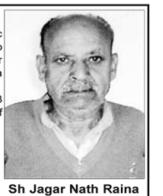
Miss Mahima Kesar

TENTH DAY shall be performed at 11:00 AM on 06/09/23 at our residence. Near Kalika Mandir, behind grid station, Parthal Katra.

KRIYA - 12:00 PM, 7th Sep at their residence. Near Kalika Mandir Behind Grid Station Katra Parthal.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
(Dadu and Dadi)
Lt. Shri J.L. Shastri and Smt. Satya Devi
Shri. SR Sharma and Lt. Smt. Veena (Nana & Nani)
Aakriti Kesar (Sister)
Udharav Kesar (Brother)
Kesar Family and Sharma Family.
Phone: 9419164256, 9419907325, 9419703709

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With deep regret, we inform the sad, sudden and tragic demise of our beloved father **Sh. Jagar Nath Raina** S/o Late Kashi Nath resident of Chak Narayan Das Kunzer Baramulla, presently at Quarter No. 3 Block K TRT Buda Nagar Jammu on 02-09-2023.



Sh. Jagar Nath Raina

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 10.09.2023 (Sunday) at Muthi Ghat near Director School of Education at 8:30 AM.

Grief Stricken :-
Smt Pamposh & Sh N L Razdan (Daughter & Son in law)
Smt Lovely & Sh Bushan Lal Raina do
Smt Nancy & Sh Tej Krishan Pandita do
Smt Anji & Sh Ashok Kumar do
Smt Basanti & Sh Shubal Lal Khair do
Smt Sunita & Sh Vinod Shah do
Smt Girja & Sh Mohan Krishen Khair (Nephew & Daughter-in-law)
Grand Children :-
Roop Krishen, Manoj, Suman, Neha, Mohit, Vipin, Sahil, Simran, Sunny, Raghav, Mehak, Anmol & Saanvi
Mob No. 6006562912, 9797413337

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Vijay Anthal** S/o Late Kesar Chand Anthal R/o Janipur, Jammu on 28-08-2023.



Sh. Vijay Anthal

10th Day will be performed on 06-09-2023 (Wednesday) at our residence at 10.00 am.

Kriya will be performed on 09-09-2023 (Saturday).
GRIEF STRICKEN
Shaveta Bharti - **Wife**
Aditi Anthal - **Daughter**
Ashish Anthal - **Son**
Brother & Bhabhis
Sh. Raju Anthal & Anju Devi
Sh. Kamal Anthal & Pinku Devi
Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Indu Devi & Sh. Neeraj Sharma
Anthal, Guleria Family

1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

One year have passed today since you left heavenly abode. Life has not remained the same after you left us. We pray to Almighty to rest your soul in peace.



Smt. Chander Kapoor

Deeply Remembered By:
Sunil Kapoor - **Husband**
Son & Daughter-in-law
Hitesh Kapoor & Kanika
Son & Daughter-in-law
Rohit Kapoor & Rani
Ayaan Kapoor - **Grand Son**
Mobile: 9419143349

TO SIR WITH LOVE

The man who breathed geography
"Ab nahi hain rehbar aap jaisay
Jo raah dikhayein aur manzil bhi
Usul sikhayein aur jivein bhi"
HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY
From: Chibs and all his students
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Dr. Sukhdev Singh Chib
First HOD Geography Department
University of Jammu
(03-06-1939 - 21-10-2005)

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Lt Governor hands over appointment letters to NoKs of three civilians killed in Shopian in 2020

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday handed over the appointment letters to the next of kins of three civilians killed in Shopian in July 2020.

The appointment letters on compassionate ground were handed over to Shaheen Akhter, wife of Mohd Abrar, a resident of Tarkassi, Kotranka, Rajouri; Mohd Arif, brother of Mohd. Imtiyaz, resident of Dhar Sakri Kotranka, Rajouri and Farayaz



Ahmed, brother of Mohd Abrar of Kotranka Rajouri. The Lt Governor also

handed over the appointment letter under SRO-43 to Neeta Devi, widow of Chager Kumar of Dhandal, Ramnagar Udhampur who was killed in an IED blast in Udhampur in 2022.

The Lt Governor interacted with the family members of the deceased civilians and assured all possible assistance by the administration in the future.

Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu and Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu were also present.

Congress to observe 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' anniversary on Sep 7 at district levels

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Congress shall commemorate the first anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra on Sept 7th in a big way at both capital Headquarters Srinagar & Jammu besides at all district levels, in a big way to revive and reiterate the message of the Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir last year.

A mega event shall be held in Jammu besides in Srinagar, on the pattern of Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi, which had started from Kanyakumari last year on this day & culminated in Srinagar on Jan 30th this year.

This was disclosed here today by the PCC

Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, who chaired a preparatory meeting of all senior PCC leaders, district presidents, frontal and other prominent leaders here in Jammu as well as later in Srinagar.

AICC I/C J&K Party Affairs Rajni Patil MP shall lead the Yatra in Jammu alongwith PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani, accompanied by working president Raman Bhalla & other senior leaders, former ministers, ex legislators, frontal heads, corporators & others, while former Dy CM Tara Chand will lead in Kathua, Former Minister Mula Ram in Samba, Th Balwan Singh in Udham-

pur, TS Bajwa Ex MP in Rajouri, Jagangir Mir in Poonch, Indu Pawar ex MLA in Reasi, Dina Nath Bbagat Ex MLA in Doda, Sham Lal ex-MLC in Ramban & Naresh gupta ex MLC in Kishtwar.

The nationwide first anniversary celebrations shall be on the pattern of Bharat Jodo Yatra last year, and revive the message of Yatra that is unity in diversity, shun hate and spread love affection and harmony in the society.

The meeting took stock of the preparations for the event in Jammu and elsewhere in all districts of the region and asked all party leaders and cadres to join in their respective districts or

assigned places.

The main event of yatra in Jammu is proposed to be held on Miran Sahib Jammu route.

In Jammu, apart from Working President Raman Bhalla, prominent those present in the meet included Mula Ram, Yogesh Sawhney, Ravinder Sharma, TS Bajwa, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Balbir Singh, Indu Pawar, Kanta Bhan, Manmohan Singh, Vinod Sharma, Ved Mahajan, Krishan Bhagat, Hari Singh Chib, Dina Nath Bhagat, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Gurdarshan Singh, Yash Pal Kundal, Kuldeep Verma, T S

Tony, Namrata Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Karan Bhagat, Bhushan Dogra, Rajesh Sadotra, Suresh Dogra and Ajay Kumar (NSUI).

Later a similar meeting was chaired by the PCC President at Srinagar party Hq which was attended by senior leaders and Dist Presidents, frontal org leaders including CWC member Tariq Hameed Karra, GN Monga Ex MLC, Haji Abdul Rashed Ex MLA, Mohd Anwar Bhat and Abdul Gani Khan.

It was decided to hold the Yatra from PCC Hq Srinagar at Moulana Azad road to Dalgate. Similar programmes shall be held at all district hqs in Kashmir valley.

Supreme Court reserves its verdict on batch of pleas challenging Abrogation of Article 370

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud reserved the verdict after a marathon 16-day hearing. The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, heard the rejoinder arguments of senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramaniam, Rajeev Dhavan, Zaffar Shah, Dushyant Dave and others on the

concluding day of the hearing.

The top court said if any lawyer appearing for the petitioners or respondents wishes to file a written submission can do so in the next three days. The submission should not extend beyond two pages, it said.

In the course of the hearing over the past 16 days, the top court heard Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri and others on behalf of the Centre and the intervenors defending the abrogation of Article 370.

The lawyers dwelt on various issues including the constitutional validi-

ty of the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate the provision, the validity of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, which split the erstwhile state into two Union Territories, challenges to imposition of Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir on June 20, 2018 and imposition of President's rule in the erstwhile state on December 19, 2018 and its extension on July 3, 2019.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 that divided the erstwhile state into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - were referred to a Constitutional bench in 2019.

Teachers honoured at RGCN

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing (RGCN) is a distinguished educational institution renowned for its commitment to holistic learning and character development.

Through a blend of academic excellence and values-based education, the institution aims to nurture well-rounded individuals equipped to face the challenges of the modern world.

To honour and glorify the Teachers contribution to the country Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing, Jammu (J&K) celebrated this event with great zeal and gaiety.

Abhimanyu Katoch (MDRGCN) delivered a heartfelt address,

expressing gratitude for the teachers' unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering a love for learning. He highlighted the importance of teachers as guiding lights and role models in the lives of students.

Anjana Bavouria (CEO) stated, "Teacher's Day is a wonderful opportunity for us to express our gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and dedication that our teachers demonstrate every day. Our teachers are not just educators; they are mentors, guides, and pillars of support for our students. We are proud to celebrate them and acknowledge their vital role in shaping the future of our nation."

Dr. Rafiqah Bashir (Principal), who expressed great enthusiasm at the event, stating, Teacher's Day is an occasion to recognize and honor the dedication, knowledge, and tireless efforts of our faculty members. They serve as mentors, guides, and inspirations to our students. We are proud to celebrate their unwavering commitment to education and the positive impact they create.

RGCN extended heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers for their invaluable contributions to the college's academic and holistic development mission. Their passion for teaching continues to shape the future leaders of our society.

Retired JKP, Fire Brigade personnel stage protest

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Scores of retired personnel of J&K Police, Auxiliary Police and Fire Brigade on Tuesday staged a protest near Hari Singh Park, Jammu regarding their pay anomaly.

The protest was held under the aegis of All J&K Retired Police, NGO & Others' Welfare Forum. Led by Ajit Singh (Chairman, Non Gazetted Police Pension-



ers' Welfare Forum), the protesting retirees raised slogans against the Government for ignoring their long pending demand regarding pay anomalies.

Addressing the protesters, Ajit Singh said that Government is giving the effect of its Order No 229-F of 2014 dated 7-10-2014 regarding pay

anomaly, from the date of order though the effect should be given from the year 1996 when fifth Pay Commission was implemented throughout the State leaving only police department.

Singh also reiterated other demands of the Forum which include 10 % quota for wards of police personnel in recruitment in police department and professional courses, besides

enhancement of medical allowance from Rs 300 to Rs 1000.

Referring to the two different orders/circulars issued by the Government in the year 2017 and 2018, he said the concerned SHOs were directed through these circulars to attend grievances of the retired police personnel living in their jurisdictions but the present SHOs are ignoring these orders/circulars.

Director CSIR-IIIM inaugurates AIC-IIIM Leather Training Programme

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 5: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, a premier R&D Organisation of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under Union Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt of India, launched various Startup promotional activities under Atal Incubator Centre (AIC) at its Branch Lab, Srinagar here on Tuesday.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu who is ex-officio Chairman of AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation, on the occasion inaugurated the leather training programme besides many soft initiatives envisaged under the AIC-IIIM.

The leather training programme is a part of Skill Development in the Manufacture and Design of Leather Goods and Garments

AIC-IIIM also organized Hackathon 3.0 competition under the aegis of AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation. Under the



activity, participants from different institutes of Kashmir valley participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

The Hackathon 3.0 competition offered a platform to the startups to share their business ideas which have potential to be converted into promising products / technologies. The official logo and pamphlets of AIC-IIIM were also unveiled during the ceremony.

In order to promote the startup ecosystem in the region, AIC - IIIM in its endeavour to support the young entrepreneurs has organised the

event. As prelude to this event, it is informed that during last month, Entrepreneurial Road Shows were conducted in various Colleges/ Universities of Kashmir including Cluster University Srinagar, Central University of Kashmir, Islamic University of Science and Technology and NIT Srinagar.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM in his address highlighted that such events are very important for AIC-IIIM as well as the local startup ecosystem to develop a strong network with the local startups working in the field of Biotechnology

& Life Sciences. Speaking on the occasion of National Teachers Day, Dr. Zabeer extolled the contribution of teachers in building the future of our nation.

Er. Abdul Rahim, Head CSIR-IIIM (Br.) Srinagar and Vice Chairman, AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation emphasized on the role of the institute in mentoring the local entrepreneurs and connecting them with various funding opportunities offered by the Govt. of India.

Dr Saurabh Saran, Principal Investigator, AIC-IIIM, in his welcome address, informed that

Hackathon 3.0 pitching session comprised of top 7 groups wherein 15 shortlisted participants pitched their innovative business ideas related to medicinal plants, aroma products, medicinal mushroom, eco-tourism etc. Based on the evaluation by a scientific jury, top five business ideas were recognized and awarded as winners of Hackathon.

On the occasion, an MoU for incubation support was also signed with 1veda Biotech Private Limited, a startup involved in the manufacture of Ayurvedic medicines. This marked the first startup to be incubated under AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation.

Syed Abdul Basit Andrabi, Coordinator AIC-IIIM, conducted the proceedings whereas Er. Ankush Varma, Coordinator IIIM-TBI, presented the formal vote of thanks. The event was attended by scientists and technical staff of the institute.

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e-TENDERING
Tender Notice: e-NIT No. 63of 2023 Dated: 01-09-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K U.T. Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: -

Name of Work:

S.No.	Name of work	Qty	Adr. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money 3% (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender	Time of completion	Receiving Authority
1	Afforestation work by means of site clearance, digging of pits of size 45cm x 45cm along the contours as well as flat surface including excavation of Soil & planting of Poly bag (Chilgoza Spp.) in staggered pits, refilling of pits with clean Soil. Plants shall be made available by the Department from Gulabgarh Nurseries. Note: The extraction of plants from the nurseries and their Mechanical transportation including loading/unloading from nursery to site of work has to be done by the contractor on its own	5000	1.46700	4401	A, B, C, D, E	600/-	Six Months	Tender Opening Committee
Total:			5000	1.46700	4401			

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website (www.jktenders.gov.in)

Position of funds : Demanded
Position of AA& TS : Accorded / TS Demanded

Publishing Date	01-09-2023
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Bid Submission Start Date	02-09-2023 at 10:00 AM
Bid submission End Date	08-09-2023 upto 01:30 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid (online).	09-09-2023 at 12:30 PM (In the Office of D.F.O, Kishtwar, Forest Complex Sarkoot Kishtwar).
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	11-09-2023 at 12:30 PM (In the Office of D.F.O, Kishtwar, Forest Complex Sarkoot Kishtwar).

- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Departmental Website:- <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on schedule date mentioned above in the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar. In case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bids must accompany cost of tender document as shown against work in the shape of Treasury Challan (Remittance Head-0406-Forest) in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar and earnest money in shape of CDR pledge to Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids. Sd/-

DIP/J-7770/23
Sagar Singh (SFS)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Kishtwar.

No.: 1415-20/Tender/2023-24/KFD Dated: 01-09-2023

EDITORIAL

TEACHER-A PRECIOUS
GIFT OF GOD

Education is considered as the most powerful weapon in life to get victory and success. To create and shape the future of our country and the lives of the youth, teachers are given this important responsibility and task to perform. The teacher plays the important responsibility towards education and makes the present and future of the children.

A teacher does a great job in building a good society by guiding and educating a large number of students throughout their lives.

Teachers are sent to earth by God to help them choose the right path in life as well as to enable them to take right decisions in bad situations. Teachers lead children right from their childhood and make them mentally, socially and intellectually capable. Teachers are like any ordinary person who is among us but they choose a different task of teaching for their students.

For us, a teacher is a precious gift from God. A teacher is like God because God is the creator of the entire universe whereas a teacher is considered the creator of a good nation. Teachers are very prestigious people in the society who take the responsibility of enhancing the lifestyle and mental level of common people through their magic of teaching.

Parents expect a lot from a teacher for their children. A teacher's role varies from the classroom to the playground and for each student. Teacher is a very important person in everyone's life who seems to do different things in our life.

Before coming to the class, a good teacher is sure of his goal of teaching for the day. Every teacher has his own specialty of teaching. They can change in their knowledge, skills and behavior for each subject. They try their best and help us a lot to reach our goals in life.

School life is considered the best in everyone's life because this is the time when people learn the basics of life and different subjects. We all set our goal during school time itself which decides the development of our nation.

Every student keeps their mind open in school and enhances their knowledge and skills by participating in extra-curricular activities like sports, quizzes, group discussions, debates, essay writing, speeches, tourism, travel and study tours etc.

A good teacher is also a good friend of his students who helps them to find the right path. There are many teachers in schools and colleges but one teacher is favorite of all the students. Teachers determine the goals of our education through their collective role in the unique teaching and learning process.

Our teachers always inspire us to work in harmony. Our teachers understand us and solve our problems both personally and professionally. They teach us to adopt a positive attitude towards life.

INDIA gets set, preparing for liftoff; BJP gets jitters

By: Shikha Mukerjee

After the successful meeting of the INDIA parties in Mumbai, which had ended with a slogan: "Judega Bharat, Jeetega INDIA"; the 29-party INDIA collective is ready to lift off. In the just under seven weeks when it met in Bengaluru to present itself to the nation as the INDIA collective, signs of transformation in the political space are now beginning to show.

INDIA is poised to unveil itself as a credible challenger to the hitherto invincibility of the BJP and its most popular leader Narendra Modi. The date has been set, October 2, and the place, New Delhi, where the alliance expects to see itself in power in 2024.

The BJP's gaslighting -- the bewildering announcement of a special joint session of Parliament, possibly in the new building, that by the end of the day failed to answer the pertinent question -- what is the agenda of the session -- bombed. The "One Nation, One Election" kite that it flew to rattle the INDIA Opposition and monopolise the chatter in the media and the social media turned out to be a flop. There was a third attempt to steal the show, the announcement of the Amrit Kalash Yatra, an inclusive green-earth project that sank.

The party and its leadership overplayed the move to seize attention and keep it focused on itself.

The committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind has many of the usual suspects and the refusal by Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will be a positive embarrassment for the proposers, because its ambitions are as unrealistic as they are bizarre.

The facts point to the unfor-

tunate conclusion that by the time the INDIA parties announced their plans for the next one month, the BJP failed to ignite the gas. It did not inform the nation what was the whole point of the enormously expensive special session. It failed to consult with the Opposition, which would have been proper, by calling a meeting of the business advisory committees of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. There was noise over the very dangerous move to impose an entirely undemocratic calendar on elections; but that's all it was.

INDIA has raised the political stakes for the BJP and is jostling with the party's most popular Prime Minister for public and media attention. Having raised expectations, especially among that entirely fickle layer of educated, influential relatively better-off middle-class voters, a large percentage of which tends to be swayed by rhetoric, sub-optimal economic policies and miraculous cures for failing governance, the INDIA parties now need to begin to act as responsibly and convincingly as they have begun. This is not to argue that INDIA as an alliance is set to defeat the BJP and oust Narendra Modi from power should a snap Lok Sabha election be called by the Prime Minister tomorrow. For that matter, the BJP itself is not ready for such an adventure; it has just begun setting its squabbling house in order in several fractious states and it needs to serve up a few more "revdis", or freebies, once described as irresponsible financial profligacy by the Supreme Court on the one hand and the finance minister and external affairs minister on the other.

There is much that the INDIA parties have to do between now and whenever

the Lok Sabha election is called. That sense of urgency was finally understood at the Mumbai conclave, prodded by the BJP's gaslighting and the misgivings of senior partners like Nitish Kumar of the Janata Dal (United) and Mamata Banerjee of the Trinamul Congress.

The events of August 31-September 1 capture with exquisite accuracy Prof. Partha Chatterjee's point "time is heterogeneous, unevenly dense", in his book *The Politics of the Governed*. The 48 hours were very dense indeed, with INDIA blossoming into being on the one hand and the BJP launching a pre-emptive slapdash missile-drone mission on the other.

The centrality of unifying India and rescuing it from the grip of the viciously divisive Hindutva agenda of the militant right-wing Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and its political instrument, the BJP, is evident in INDIA's slogan of "Judega Bharat-Jeetega INDIA". Converting this slogan into a political narrative will require back-breaking labour.

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal hit the nail on the head; it is imperative for all Opposition parties to unify to win. In doing so, he conceded that his efforts to stitch together an anti-Congress-anti-BJP alliance in the past was a bad idea. INDIA, if it plans to succeed, does not have the luxury of indulging in the on-off efforts that it has made in the past nine, almost 10 years. By all accounts, the constituents of INDIA have been both brisk and business-like in Mumbai, getting through an agenda of committee formation, date setting and finalising a slogan in record time.

INDIA now has to work on its strategy to define its targets on what must change or be

corrected and how it will do so in plain-speak so that the man or woman on the street can relate to it in terms of lived experiences. Abstractions will not sway voters unless they realise how it is impacting them in the present. How will INDIA translate its promise to defend the basic structure of the Constitution and undo what it believes is destructive tampering? Dr B.R. Ambedkar's unerring identification of the problem -- "However good a Constitution may be, if those who are implementing it are not good, it will prove to be bad... However bad a Constitution may be, if those implementing it are good, it will prove to be good" -- is INDIA's real headache. The alliance has to propose policy measures that deliver secularism, justice, equality and inclusion, including prevent "concentration of wealth" or "mitra parivarvaad", as Rahul Gandhi described it.

The downside of the new formation is that the constituents of INDIA are parties of unequal size. The Congress is big, the Revolutionary Socialist Party is tiny. Even if the coordination committee succeeds working out a list of "as many as possible" one-to-one contests between the BJP and the INDIA parties, there is more that it needs to do. Anti-BJP votes will need to be pooled instead of squandered, or transferred to the BJP by disgruntled loyalists of one or another party.

By not identifying a potential face to challenge Narendra Modi, INDIA parties have been smart. Up to now, INDIA as an alliance has been unexpectedly adroit; its challenge is to remain as nimble and quick as it has proved itself to be between meetings in Patna, Bengaluru and now Mumbai to keep the BJP on edge.

Career as a colourist

By: Vijay GarG

Colourists contribute to the look of a film by changing the luminance levels (brightness) and chroma (colour).

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Today, the use of different forms of video technology has become important in the creation of spectacular content experiences. Advanced video technologies improve the qualitative aspects of filmmaking, as they ensure life-like and crisp visuals paired with immersive sound experience, simpler editing tools, and various digital ways to distribute a content piece. Understanding the importance of quality video in TV shows, movies, music, and games is pivotal for filmmakers, music producers, or game

designers to be able to give an enriched content experience to the viewers.

Visual is the use of images to represent ideas. Visuals can be incredibly helpful in conveying complex things quickly and easily. With fast-evolving content consumption habits, consumers are paying closer attention to the quality of the visuals they watch. It is the ultra-vivid colours and incredible brightness and contrast that make entertainment come alive.

Under the broader term of visual technology, the role of a colourist is of utmost importance. A colourist helps viewers build a deeper connection with the stories and characters they love. They work directly with the director and the director of photography on the palette of a movie and help decide the mood and look of the film by defining its colours. So, if you're

interested in demonstrating and utilising your creativity, a study in the art of being a colourist is your calling.

Bringing entertainment to life

A colourist improves the engagement of content by applying permutations and combinations of ultra-vivid colours, sharper contrast, and richer details, thereby unlocking the full potential of HDR technologies and giving viewers a dynamic picture quality. When they use the right colour combinations, surprising new details that would otherwise get lost are revealed. Whether to use milky colours or primary ones, whether the palette has to be muted or bright, colourists contribute to these looks by changing the luminance levels (brightness) and chroma (colour).

Requirements and skills

A colourist must be proficient with creative know-

how and have expertise in operating technical systems associated with the workflow. He/she must have experience with and training in the art of colours. It is always helpful to read literature on colour theory and study manuals on the industry-standard colour grading tools.

For more dedicated learning, there are various courses in India such as the diploma course in Colour Grading at Shemaroo Institute of Film and Technology in Mumbai. Similarly, Davinci Media College in Chennai and Digital Film School in Mumbai also offer courses in colour grading.

*(Vijay GarG Retired
Principal Educational
Columnist Malout
Punjab)*

DYSS Kathua organizes inter school zonal level boys tournament

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Sep 5: Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized inter school zonal level tournament U/19 years Boys 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.

In all, 120 boys of five Higher Secondary Schools of Zone Basohli participated in different disciplines.

Principal Lalit 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 Model Higher Secondary School Vs Vir Sawark-

er Higher Sec School by 2-1 sets.

Kabaddi: Govt Higher Secondary Sannaghat beat Govt Higher Secondary School Hutt by three points.

Badminton: Govt Higher Secondary School Hutt beat Govt Model Higher Secondary School by 2-0.

Volvo Car India launches its first born Electric C40 Recharge at Rs 61.25 lakh

TOP NEWS REPORT

MUMBAI, Sep 5: Volvo Car India today launched its much-awaited born electric C40 Recharge at an introductory ex-show-room price of 61,25,000 plus applicable taxes.

Bookings for the same will commence from 5th September. Bookings for the C40 Recharge will be exclusively online and can be done on the Volvo Car India Website. This is the second EV model from Volvo in India to be assembled at the Company's plant at Hosakote in Bengaluru, Karnataka and it comes with an 11 kW charger.

The launch of the C40 Recharge is in line with our endeavour to launch one new electric model

every year in India. The C40 Recharge is Volvo's first born electric car and offers leather free interiors and some remarkable features that clearly distinguishes it as a full-electric car in a sporty and contemporary way. The C40 Recharge showcases Volvo's core value of responsible styling that incorporates the brands high standards of safety while offering sustainable mobility solutions. The C40 Recharge has a Euro NCAP's five-star rating with regards to safety performance. Like all our offerings the C40 Recharge is also assembled at our plant in Hosakote in Bengaluru and is a reflection of our commitment to the Indian market" said

Jyoti Malhotra, Managing Director, Volvo Car India.

C40 Recharge has 3 years comprehensive car warranty, 3 years Volvo service package, 3 years road side assistance, 8 years battery warranty, 5 years subscription to digital services and 1 wall box charger (11 Kw) through third party.

Volvo Car India also announced that the C40 Recharge will only be sold online directly by the Company. Customers would be able to place orders online directly on Volvo Car India website from September 5th 2023, 5 pm onwards. Bookings can be done with a refundable deposit of Rs.1,00,000 on Volvo

Car India website.

Volvo Car India's network of its pan India retail partners will continue to support customers towards sales delivery by providing on ground support.

There shall be no change in customer service and after-sales service operation businesses which continue to operate as it is.

The company also announced that exclusive "Tre Kronor Experience" program which got rolled out for XC40 Recharge customers will be extended to C40 Recharge customers as well. Tre-Kronor denotes the three crowns of Swedish luxury and will offer a host of unique luxury and personalized experiences."

GDC Neeli Nallah organizes symposium on Teachers' Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Sep 5: Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah, Udhampur, organized Symposium to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on 5th Sept. 2023.

The programme was organized under the guidance of worthy Principal of the College, Prof. Hans Raj.

The theme of the event was "Teachers at the heart of Education Recovery".

The event started with lighting of lamp to honor Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. A total of seven students participated in the competition and express their views. Further, Shruti Dogra, student of Sem V gave a dance performance.



Prof. Hans Raj, Principal of the College, appreciated the students for their love and gratitude towards their teachers. He also enlightened the students and faculty members about the role of teachers and duties of students in today's scenario.

In the competition Rabia Shehreen, student of Sem III secured first position, Avantika, student of Sem V secured second position and Vishali Sharma, student of Sem III secured third position.

Dr. Radha Rani, NSS PO, coordinated the whole event. Dr. Swati

Dutt was the organizer of the event. Others present were Pardeep Kumar, Dr. Akhter Hussain, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Dr. Kumari Mahima Bhagat and Neha Devi.

The whole event was anchored by Rupali Rajput and Mukesh Singh, students of Sem V.

GDC Darhal celebrates Teachers' Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

DARHAL, Sep 5: Teachers' Day in India is celebrated every year on 5th September to honor and celebrate our teachers. The day is also celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan. He was a renowned scholar, a great philosopher, recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice-President of Independent India. As an educationist, he was an advocate of edification and was a distinguished envoy, academician and above all a great teacher.

To commemorate the day, NSS Unit (IMDAD) of GDC Darhal organized a Speech and

Poetry recitation program to celebrate Teachers day with the aim to acknowledge the challenges, hardships and special roles that teachers play in our lives.

Students of the College participated in the event with great zeal, enthusiasm and fervor.

They pay tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan by sharing their inspirational quotes on their social media accounts. In Speech the students expressed their views on the role of teacher who contributes in igniting and chiseling the raw minds of their students thereby enhancing and unleashing their hidden potential so that they achieve

their targets. At the end the poetry recitation performances of the students add colour to the programme.

The whole event was organized under the guidance of Prof. Musaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of the College. In his address he gives his best wishes to all the teacher community on this special day. Dr. Ahsan Ul Rehman Rizvi, HOD Arabic and Senior Faculty of the College apprised that teachers nourish and prepare students for their future as they are the real icons of knowledge, inspiration, motivation and wisdom.

They create awareness among the students and are the

source of light in the world that has been darkened due to ignorance.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (NSS PO) added that teachers are the true pillars of our society and help students to gain knowledge, improve skills, build confidence as well as help to choose the right path to success. Further Dr. Imtiaz Hussain Shah, Prof. Tahir Mahmood and Dr. Mohd Riaz also shared their views on the day and make the day successful. The event was coordinated by the NSS volunteers of the College and concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Prof Makhdoom Ahmed (HOD Mathematics).

GDC Chatroo organizes extension lecture on 'Drug Awareness and Psychological Disorders'



TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Sep 5: Aiming at keeping the children, youth and students away from drug abuse, Govt. Degree College (GDC) Chatroo in collaboration with Indian Army organised an extension lecture and awareness program on drug de-addiction under the guidance of Dr. Ved Kumar, Principle of the College.

The programme was

organised within in the college campus under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in which around 40 students and NSS volunteers participated. Earlier Dr Jaswant Singh Physical Education Director of the college gave the welcomed address and introduced the guests with the students.

Col. Dr. K. Seby, a renowned Psychiatrist and Commanding Officer from 4016 field

hospital Batote was the Guest of Honour and keynote speaker of the event. Major Bhuvnesh Thapa from 11 RR Chatroo was the special guest on occasion.

Col Seby in his address to appraised students about various Psychological disorders like Stress, Depression, life skills and suggested various management strategies to tackle them.

He also spoke on drug

de-addiction in a very elaborative way. In his presidential address to the students Dr Ved Kumar, Principal of the College, appreciated the efforts of Col. Seby for such a wonderful lecture and said that such programmes help the students to get awareness about Psychological problems they face in their day to day life.

He further motivated the students to adopt positive thinking in life and try to find solutions for real life problems that students face at different stages.

Simultaneously Teachers' Day was also celebrated in the college. In the end a formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mudassar Nazar.

The programme was attended by all the teaching and non teaching faculty members of the college.

Neena, Ishant launch development work in Ward 50

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Neena Gupta, Corporator of Ward No. 50 in Channi Himmat, and Advocate Ishant Gupta, State IT

Head of BJP Jammu & Kashmir, inaugurated a vital drainage and culvert project today, signifying a significant step towards improving local infrastructure for the residents of Channi Himmat.

The estimated cost of this transformative project is Rs. 3 lakh, underlining Neena Gupta's dedication to enhancing the living conditions and infrastructure within Ward No. 50.

SHO Channi Himmat,

Neeraj Choudhary, was also present at the auspicious inauguration who extended his support to the initiative.

While expressing about the project, Neena Gupta, the Corporator of Ward No. 50, remarked, "I am delighted to announce the commencement of this crucial drainage and culvert project, which will address longstanding issues faced by local residents, particularly those who come to perform darshan at the well-known Panch Mandir in Channi Himmat, located near the construction site.

The improved infrastructure will undoubtedly elevate the overall quality

of life for our residents." The project's primary objectives are to rectify drainage issues and enhance connectivity in Channi Himmat, ultimately contributing to a safer and more convenient living environment for its residents.

Advocate Ishant Gupta, State IT Head of BJP Jammu & Kashmir, emphasized, "Infrastructure development is pivotal for the progress and prosperity of any region. We are fully committed to collaborating with local representatives to address the needs of our constituents and create a brighter future for all."

SHO Channi Himmat, Neeraj Choudhary,

underscored the significance of such projects in improving the area's overall infrastructure.

He stated, "This project will greatly benefit our police fraternity, as the construction site is adjacent to the Channi Himmat police station. Given the importance of public safety, such construction is indeed the need of the hour."

Kamlesh Magotra BJPMM Trikuta Nagar Mandal President, Satish Gupta Panch Mandir Committee, Amit Magotra, Susheela Gupta, Pandoh, Sarojni Sharma, Bharti Gupta, Sushma Sharma and others were the prominent who present on this occasion.

RGIP celebrates Teachers' Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Teacher's Day, celebrated annually on September 5th in India, commemorates the birthday of the esteemed philosopher, statesman, and former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. It is a day when students and institutions across the country express their deep appreciation for the selfless commitment of educators.

The festivities at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Pharmacy began with a warm welcome for the teachers, who were greeted with enthusiastic applause and affectionate gestures from students and staff. The day's program included a variety of activities that showcased the admiration and respect that the entire community holds for their teachers. Dr. Heena Jamwal (Director, RGIP) along with teaching fraternity and students paid floral tributes to Dr. Radha Krishnan and stressed on making teacher student bond strong, Dr Heena also spoke on the role of teachers as nation builders and delivered an inspiring address during the assembly, emphasizing the profound influence teachers have in nurturing young minds and instilling the values of knowledge, integrity, and compassion.

Rich Harvest School celebrates Teachers' Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on 5th September the birthday of India's 1st Vice President and 2nd President Dr. S Radhakrishnan.

Homage was paid to the great teacher and philosopher in a special assembly.

The auspicious occasion was attended by Th. Gulchain Singhji Charak, former Minister R&B and Higher Education accompanied by Gambhir Dev Singh Charak and Director Ruchi Charak.



The honoured guests were welcomed by the Head of the Institute Anita Bhatia with floral bouquets. The programme started with the Morning Prayer. The Head Girl Jahanvi Singh and Shavi gave

the gratitude speech and thanked the teachers and staff for their unconditional love and support with which they have guided them and helped them become better versions of themselves. A series

of cultural programmes were presented by the students to enthrall the audience, which included a medley of songs, dances and skits. The Manager thanked the faculty members for their commitment

towards teaching and encouraged them to be co-learners in their journey of school life and beyond.

Charak accentuated how teachers have a long-lasting impact on the lives of their stu-

dents and emphasized that the greatest teachers inspire students towards greatness. With this, he asked the students to applaud the teachers for their contribution, dedication and assiduousness.

'KBC 15': Big B reveals 'babuji' Harivansh Rai Bachchan translated Bhagavad Gita into a simpler language

Harivansh Rai Bachchan was a writer and poet and was fluent in several languages

Making a revelation about his father and legendary poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan, megastar Amitabh Bachchan took the audience, and the contestant of the 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' by surprise, saying the former had translated 'Bhagavad Gita' into a simpler language.

In the 16th episode of the quiz-based reality show, contestant Dr Apoorva Malhotra from Pathankot, Punjab, made her way to the hot seat.

For the Rs 3,000 question, she was asked: Which of these scriptures is in the form of a dialogue between a god and a warrior? The options given were Vishnu Purana, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana and Rigveda.



The contestant gave the right answer which was Bhagavad Gita.

Big B then narrated: "Let me tell you that my babuji (Har-

ivansh Rai Bachchan) translated the Bhagavad Gita. He translated it into the language used in the Ramayana by Tulsidas. So, the language in which Tulsidas

wrote Ramayana is the one my father translated the Bhagavad Gita into."

"The Bhagavad Gita is in Sanskrit, it's hard to read it, so, he thought it should be translated into a simpler language. It is called 'Jan Gita'. Do read it if you get the chance," he added.

Harivansh Rai Bachchan was a poet and writer of the Nayi Kavita literary movement. He was also a poet of the 'Hindi Kavi Sammelan'. He is best known for his work 'Madhusala'. He was also fluent in several Hindi languages like -- Hindustani and Awadhi.

'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' airs on Sony.

Malayalam actor-director Joy Mathew injured in Kerala road accident



Malayalam actor-director Joy Mathew suffered injuries in a car accident that occurred on a busy national highway in Thrissur district of Kerala on Monday night, police said.

The accident occurred when the car

in which Mathew was travelling hit a pick-up van at Mandalakkunnu on the Chavakkad-Ponnani highway.

Both Mathew and the van driver suffered minor injuries in the collision.

"The car was driven by Mathew's driver. Mathew suffered a minor injury to his nose. The pick-up van driver had a leg injury. Both were rushed to a nearby private hospital," a police officer told agency. Their condition is stable as of now, he said.

The driver of the pick-up van, who got trapped inside the vehicle due to the impact of the collision, was brought out by the fire and rescue services personnel with the support of local people, he said.

The award-winning actor was in the news recently for his critical stand and remarks against the Left front government in Kerala.

Singer Billie Eilish performs in Ireland despite being 'really sick'

Popstar Billie Eilish stunned her fans in Ireland during her performance over the weekend despite being 'really sick'. The Grammy-winner showed up at the Electric Picnic 2023 in County Laois. She sounded pretty 'stuffed' up as she greeted 50,000 attendees at the concert.

Billie opened her performance with 'You Should See Me in a Crown'. She asked the crowd to 'give me all that you've got because I can only do so much tonight'. She then ordered them to build up the energy by bouncing with her. 'If I can do it, you can do it,' she told the concertgoers. The lovely songstress was heard coughing and sniffing during the show, but kept going until the end. She even paused to cough as the attendees sang 'Happier Than Ever'.

She closed the



70-minute show by telling the crowd, "I love you so much, thanks for having me, but I'll see you again."

A few hours prior to the show, Billie informed her

fans that she had fallen ill.

"Ireland. I am really, really sick. And honestly really suffering," she wrote on her Instagram Story.

On Teacher's Day, Hindi films that showcase student-teacher bond

The day commemorates the birth anniversary of scholar and Bharat Ratna recipient, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on this day in 1888

Every year, Teacher's Day is celebrated on September 5. It's a day dedicated to teachers and the role they play in shaping their students' lives.

The day commemorates the birth anniversary of scholar and Bharat Ratna recipient Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on this day in 1888. He was the President of India from 1962 to 1967.

The bond that every student shares with their mentors is always special, as our teachers are the ones who show us the right direction. And when it comes to showcasing the student-teacher bond, Bollywood is no less.

Over the years, several filmmakers have made films that beautifully showcased this bond. Take a look.

1. 'Super 30'

In 'Super 30', Hrithik Roshan played the role of Anand Kumar, a mathematician who mentors underprivileged students to help them crack the prestigious



IIT entrance exam. Helmed by Vikas Bahl, the film also starred Mrunal Thakur and Pankaj Tripathi and received positive response from the audience.

2. 'Taare Zameen Par'

Talking about the student-teacher bond, how can we miss Aamir Khan's directorial film

'Taare Zameen Par'. It is the story of a dyslexic child and his art teacher who helps him overcome his learning difficulties. Released in 2007, the film received massive response from the audience.

3. 'Hichki'

Starring actor Rani Mukerji in

the lead role, 'Hichki' explores her efforts to connect with her students and help them overcome their own challenges. Rani portrayed the role of a teacher with Tourette syndrome who takes on the challenge of teaching a class of underprivileged students.

4. 'Black'

Helmed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, the film starred Rani Mukerji and Amitabh Bachchan in the lead roles and received positive reviews from the critics as well as the audience. The film is about the relationship between a blind and deaf girl and her teacher, who helps her break the barriers of her disabilities.

5. 'Iqbal'

'Iqbal' is a heart-warming film that revolves around a deaf and mute aspiring cricketer and his mentor. The teacher's role is played by Naseeruddin Shah, who guides him in pursuing his dreams of playing for the Indian cricket team.

On Teachers' Day, here's a look at actors who were once teachers and enjoyed their role to the hilt

Teachers are the foundation of a strong nation, but there are some who spread their wings to make it big in the world of acting. Right from R Madhavan, Nandita Das, Sanya Malhotra, Mayim Bialik to Hugh Jackman, at one point or another in life, took to teaching. Today, as the country celebrates Teachers' Day, we bring you these famous actors and their stint in classrooms.

R Madhavan recently joined as the President of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune, but it's not his first stint in the field of education! Before making it big in the entertainment industry, Madhavan, whose directorial Rock-Etury: The Nambi Effect won the National Award recently, started with part-time classes on personality development and public speaking at Kolhapur. The classes became so successful that he took to teaching full time. An offer for a serial came out of the blue and his path changed. The Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein actor has often talked about student-teacher bond and how the relationship has changed today from being a formal one to more of a friendship.

Actress-director Nandita Das, who studied geography and social work in her bachelors and masters, respectively, took a year off and taught at a residential school. "I took that year off after graduating. I taught at Rishi Valley School in South India," she shared. Nandita, who acted in acclaimed films like Fire, Earth 1947 and Aks, has also directed Firaq, Manto and Zwigato.

Many hats

Dangal and Badhaai Ho actress Sanya Malhotra is a trained ballet and contemporary dancer, and before debuting as an actress she taught dance at a music school in Delhi. Her prowess wasn't limited to teaching dance alone; she



also taught yoga as a side hustle! The actress-choreographer would next be seen in the films Jawan and Sam Bahadur. Maachis actor Chandrichu Singh is a prestigious Doon School alumnus. Before acting, he trained as a classical singer. He took to the classroom not just as music teacher at Vasant Valley School, but also taught history at the Doon School — his alma mater. The Kya Kehna actor was away from the limelight for a while, made a comeback with the web series Aarya in 2020.

Akshay Kumar, apart from dabbling hands as a chef also taught martial arts. In fact, the suggestion to try modelling came from one of his student's parent. Renowned comedian, the late Kader Khan was a civil engineering professor at the MH Saboo Siddik College Of Engineering, Mumbai. Veteran actor Anupam Kher took to teaching after making a mark as an actor. He runs a successful school, Actor Prepares, which has an impressive alumni list includ-

ing Deepika Padukone, Hrithik Roshan, Varun Dhawan, Kiara Advani and Kirti Kulhari.

Hollywood arena

Hollywood too has its fair share of teachers-turned-actors. Renowned actor, who has Schindler's List amongst his many acclaimed movies, Liam Neeson taught at St Mary's College in Fenham, England, before making it big in films. Actor, songwriter and playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, with Broadway musicals In the Heights and Hamilton to his credit, taught English at a school.

Our much-loved Wolverine Hugh Jackman taught at Uppingham School in England, as a physical education teacher in his gap year. Interestingly, neuroscientist Amy Farrah Fowler of the popular The Big Bang Theory, Mayim Bialik, actually taught biology, chemistry and neuroscience. A nerd on screen and off it, she actually has a PhD in neuroscience! Well, many actors, many roles...Happy Teacher's Day!

Emma Stone felt 'no shame' filming nude scenes for Yorgos Lanthimos' upcoming movie Poor Things

Actress Emma Stone felt 'no shame' filming raunchy scenes in Poor Things. The actress takes on the lead role of Yorgos Lanthimos' surreal new movie and the filmmaker was grateful for the effort she put into her alter ego, Bella Baxter's intimate sequences in the adaptation of Alasdair Grey's novel. "It's a shame that Emma could not be here to speak more about it because it will all be coming from me. First of all sex is an intrinsic part of the novel itself — her freedom about everything, including sexuality," Yorgos said at the Venice Film Festival, where Poor Things premiered with none of the cast in attendance due to the ongoing SAG-AFTRA strike.

The 49-year-old director continued: "Secondly, it was very important for me to not make a film that would be prudish because that would be like completely betray-



ing the main character. We had to be confident Emma had to have no shame about her body while engaging in those scenes and she

understood that right away."

Yorgos has worked with Emma on projects such as The Favourite before. He said: "The great thing about me and Emma is that we have made four films together; there is a shorthand and we can communicate without having to explain or talk too much about things. As soon as I started saying something about sex, she would say, 'Yes,' of course, it's Bella. We will do what we need to do."

The director hired Elle McAlpine as an intimacy coordinator on the film and praised her positive influence on the picture. Lanthimos said: "At the beginning, this profession felt a little threatening to most filmmakers but I think it's like everything...if you're with a good person, it's great and you realise you actually need them. She made everything much easier for everyone."

Daisy Shah on her stint in Khatron Ke Khiladi 13



Daisy Shah, who has faced elimination for the second time, after re-entering Khatron Ke Khiladi 13 during its Teams Week, said throughout this adventure, she has uncovered valuable insights about her own nature, and learned how to keep her mental peace intact.

Daisy's journey kick-started with an exciting helicopter-related challenge in the show's inaugural episode.

After her first elimination, she re-entered the show in its Teams Week, and aced her second innings only to be nominated for elimination by Arjit Taneja. Despite the early elimination, her time on the show was inspiring, and she

struck a great friendship with contestants Shiv Thakare and Anjum Fakih.

Talking about the show, Daisy said, "I have only gratitude in my heart for the incredible experience of Khatron Ke Khiladi 13, which led to self-discovery. This show has helped me assess my fears and how I react to them."

"Throughout this adventure, I've uncovered valuable insights about my own nature and learned how to keep my mental peace intact. My heartfelt thanks go out to all the viewers and my fellow participants who stood by me, encouraging me as I pushed my boundaries," said Daisy.

Who Was Neerja Bhanot? Remembering Icon of Courage 37 Years After Plane Hijack

Neerja Bhanot was on Pan Am Flight 73, which was hijacked in Karachi by four terrorists.

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): On a day when India is celebrating Teachers' Day, it is important to remember the sacrifice made by Neerja Bhanot, a flight purser, who was killed on September 5, 1986, during the hijack of Pan Am Flight 73.

The extraordinary story of Ms Bhanot continues to inspire generations. Born on September 7, 1963, in Chandigarh, her life was tragically cut short at the age of 22 when hijackers seized the plane, which had landed in Karachi from Mumbai. Twenty people were killed in the incident.

Ms Bhanot joined Pan American World Airways (Pan Am) and soon stood out as a model employee. Her



dedication to her job and her ability to remain calm under pressure were evident to all who worked with her.

In 1986, she saved the lives of more than 350 passengers when four terrorists - Wadoud Muhammad Hafiz al-Turki, Jamal Saeed



Abdul Rahim, Muhammad Abdullah Khalil Hussain arRahayyal, and Muhammad Ahmed al-Munawar - took the plane under their control after it made a stopover at Karachi airport.

The flight was en route from Mumbai to New York when it was seized.

In the face of imminent danger, Ms Bhanot displayed unparalleled bravery and presence of mind to keep herself and her team calm.

During the hijacking, she covertly alerted the cockpit crew to abandon the aircraft, helping them escape through

an emergency exit. Ms Bhanot's courage was not confined to professional duties, she also showed immense compassion by shielding three children from gunfire, ultimately sacrificing her life to protect them.

She was shot dead two days before her 23rd birthday.

Ms Bhanot posthumously received several awards, including the Ashoka Chakra, India's highest civilian award for bravery. Her story inspired a generation and led to changes in aviation security procedures worldwide. Her family established the Neerja Bhanot Pan Am Trust to honour her memory and support acts of courage.

'If need be, I will behead Udhayanidhi myself', Paramhans Acharya reacts to 'Sanatan Dharma' remark



AYODHYA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Reiterating the death warning against Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin over his "eradicate Sanatan Dharma" remark, Ayodhya seer Paramhans Acharya on Tuesday said "if required, I myself will behead MK Stalin's son, and I will also increase the bounty of Rs 10 crore if that is not enough for beheading him."

"I would like to tell him

to first read the history of Sanatan Dharma and then comment against it.

He should apologise for whatever he has said against our Sanatan Dharma, and if he does not apologise, no matter if he is the son of a chief minister, he will get the punishment. If he doesn't get beheaded, I will increase the bounty; if at all required, I will myself behead him," Paramhans Acharya said.

rya said. He said, "Whatever development has taken place in the country is because of 'Sanatana Dharma'.

He should apologise for his statement. He has hurt the sentiments of 100 crore people in the country."

On Monday, Paramhans Acharya had announced a reward of Rs 10 crore for beheading the DMK leader over his remarks against Sanatan Dharma. "I will pay a Rs 10 crore cash reward to anyone who beheads Stalin and brings his head to me," he had said.

Responding to Paramhans Acharya's statement, Udhayanidhi said he was not afraid of such statements and that he was on the path of his grandfather Karunanidhi, who had also received similar threats.

Two Naxalites killed in encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Sukma

SUKMA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Two Naxalites, carrying a reward of Rs 1 lakh each on their head, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Tuesday, police said.

The gunfight took place at around 6 a.m. in a forest between Tadmetla and Duled villages under Chintagufa police station limits when a joint team of personnel from different security forces was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, a senior police official said.

Acting on specific inputs about the presence of 10-12 armed cadres belonging to



Jagargunda area committee of Maoists in forests of Tadmetla-Duled villages, security personnel from the District Reserve Guard and the Central Reserve Police Force's 223rd battalion launched the operation, he said.

When the patrolling team was cordoning off the area, an exchange of fire broke out between the two sides, he said. After guns fell silent, the bodies of two Naxalites

along with a 12-bore double-barrel rifle and a pistol were recovered from the spot, the official said.

The killed Naxalites were identified as militia cadres Sodhi Deva and Rava Deva, who were active in the Jagargunda area committee of Maoists and carried a reward of Rs 1 lakh each on their head, he said.

A search operation was underway in the area, he added.

BRS' K Kavitha writes to 47 parties urging passage of women quota bill in special Parliament session

HYDERABAD, Sep 5 (Agencies): BRS leader K Kavitha on Tuesday made an appeal to 47 political party presidents, including the chiefs of BJP and Congress, J P Nadda and Mallikarjun Kharge respectively, urging them to unite and pass the long-awaited Women's Reservation Bill in the upcoming special session of Parliament.

The leaders include Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh (Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy), Bihar (Nitish Kumar), Tamil Nadu (MK Stalin), West Bengal (Mamata Banerjee) and Odisha (Naveen Patnaik).

In a letter addressed to the leaders separately,



she called upon them to set aside political differences and prioritise the passage of the Bill saying increased women's representation is not a matter of exclusivity but a means to build a more equitable and balanced political landscape.

"It is my sincere hope that all political parties will rise above partisan

interests and unite in support of the Women's Reservation Bill, which has languished in legislative limbo for far too long," she urged the leaders.

Kavitha, who is an MLC in Telangana and daughter of Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao, underscored the pivotal role women play in "Indian discourse" and the pressing need for their representation in legislative bodies. Stating that women constitute 50 per cent of the country's population and play a pivotal role in every aspect of society, Kavitha said when it comes to legislative representation, in state assemblies and Parliament, their presence remains "woefully inadequate."

"This glaring disparity hampers our nation's progress and undermines the principles of democracy upon which our great country is built. The representation of women in legislative discourse is of utmost importance for several reasons..." she said in the letter.

She highlighted the proof of concept provided by the 14 lakh women already active in public life, demonstrating their ability to lead and govern effectively. Kavitha has been a prominent voice in raising the demand for the Women's Reservation Bill that seeks to provide a 33 per cent quota for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies. She sat on a hunger strike earlier in March demanding the tabling and passing of the Bill and has been engaging with political parties and civil society organisations across India to escalate the demand for legislation on it. The special Parliament session will be convened from September 18 to 22.

Will BJP rename Bharat if INDIA bloc rechristens itself 'BHARAT': Arvind Kejriwal

Kejriwal said the BJP was so disturbed by the opposition alliance that when it was first announced it tried to divert people's attention from it with its 'One nation, One election' proposal.

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Amid controversy over G20 dinner invites purportedly sent on behalf of the 'President of Bharat', Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday asked a "flustered" BJP whether it would change the name of Bharat if the opposition alliance INDIA rechristens itself Bharat.

The Congress on Tuesday alleged that an invite sent by the Narendra Modi government for a G20 dinner

refers to the President as "President of Bharat" and not India.

"There is no official information about it but I have heard rumours. Why is this happening? Some parties have come together to form the INDIA bloc. If INDIA alliance changes its name to Bharat, will they rename Bharat?" Kejriwal said at a press conference.

"This is treason." Kejriwal said the BJP was so disturbed by the opposition alliance



that when it was first announced it tried to divert people's attention from it with its 'One nation, One election' proposal.

On another controversy DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin triggered

with his remarks on Sanatan Dharma, Kejriwal said people must respect all religions.

"I am from Sanatan Dharma. Many of you also belong to Sanatan Dharma. We should respect each others' religion and not speak wrong against it," he said.

Udhayanidhi Stalin had on September 2 likened Sanatan Dharma to coronavirus, malaria, and dengue and said such things should not just be opposed but destroyed.

He referred to Sanatan Dharma as 'Sanatanam' in his address in Tamil at a meeting of the Tamil Nadu Progressive Writers and Artists Association in Chennai.

'Even my opponents are my teachers, they...': Rahul Gandhi's message on Teacher's Day



NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Tuesday that even his opponents are his teachers because "their behaviour, lies, and words" help him stay on the right path and "keep moving forward on it at all costs". He also paid tribute to all teachers on Teachers' Day.

"A teacher has a very high pedestal in life because a teacher illuminates the path of your life and inspires you to move in the right direction. The people of India are also like teachers because they give an example of unity in diver-

sity, inspire us to fight every problem with courage, and are the embodiment of humility and penance," Gandhi wrote in a social media post.

Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 every year as a tribute to the former president, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who served as the second president of India from 1962 to 1967.

The Congress leader further said that he considers "great men like Mahatma Gandhi, Gautam Buddha, and Shri Narayana Guru" his gurus. He said that these luminaries "gave us the knowledge of equality of all people in the society, and of showing compassion and love towards everyone."

He added, "I consider even my opponents as my teachers because by their behaviour, lies, and words, they teach me that the path I am following is absolutely right and to keep moving forward on it at all costs."

Rajasthan: 4 of family killed after car jumps divider, collides head-on with truck

BHILWARA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Four members of a family were killed while two were injured when their car collided head-on with a truck in Rajasthan's Bhilwara district on Tuesday, police said.

The incident occurred when the family was on its way to Udaipur from Ajmer. The car jumped the road divider due to a tyre burst and collided with the truck coming from the opposite direction, a police official said.

The deceased were identified as Radheyshyam, his wife Shakuntla, their son



Manish and his wife Yashika. A minor girl and the car driver were injured in the accident, he added.

Trinamool MP Nusrat Jahan summoned by probe agency in flat selling scam case

KOLKATA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Trinamool Congress MP and Bengali film actress Nusrat Jahan has been summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with an alleged flat selling scam. She has been asked to appear before the ED office in Kolkata on September 12.

The Enforcement Directorate registered a case against Jahan after a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Shankudeb Panda filed a complaint alleging that the Trinamool Congress



MP duped people of Rs 5.5 lakh on the promise of selling them apartments.

As per the complaint, Nusrat Jahan was the director of a real estate company, Seven Sense International, which took money from 429 employees of the Indian Overseas Bank, promising 1,000 square feet apartments on the outskirts of Kolkata.

Panda claimed that neither did they get a flat nor did they get the money back so far.

However, refuting the allegations, Jahan earlier said that she had resigned from the company in 2017.

According to ED sources, Rakesh Singh, a director of the company, and Ruplekha Mitra, another top official, have also been summoned along with Nusrat Jahan.

A case was also filed in Alipore court in Kolkata against Jahan and others for cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, criminal breach of trust and acts by several people with common intention. A summons was also issued against Jahan, but she did not appear before the court.

Australian lawmakers head to US to lobby against efforts to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

The delegation includes former Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and five other lawmakers from across the political spectrum

CANBERRA, Sep 5 (Agencies): A group of Australian lawmakers said on Tuesday they would travel to Washington this month to lobby the United States to abandon its efforts to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

The delegation includes former Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and five other lawmakers from across the political spectrum.

Their trip is timed to draw attention to the issue ahead of a planned visit to the White House in late October by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Independent lawmaker and delegation member Monique Ryan told the Australian Broadcasting Corp they represented a large group of lawmakers who feel "really, really strongly about the importance of securing Assange's freedom."

Ryan said Assange was in poor health which made the matter more pressing.

Assange, an Australian citizen, has spent the past four years in Britain's Belmarsh Prison fight-



ing extradition to the US.

He has been charged with espionage for publishing classified military and diplomatic cables through WikiLeaks. If found guilty, he could face a sentence of up to 175 years in prison.

The effort by the Australian lawmakers is the latest in a series of international moves raising questions about the extradition. Pope Francis met Assange's wife Stella in June, which she said was evidence

of his ongoing support for the family's plight. In May, Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva denounced the lack of concerted efforts to free Assange.

Before he was incarcerated, Assange took asylum for seven years in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London in an attempt to avoid extradition to Sweden over sexual assault allegations. Sweden dropped that investigation in 2019 because so much time had elapsed.

Greg Barns, a human rights

lawyer and Assange campaign adviser, said most Australians believed the matter should come to an end.

"Julian should be immediately reunited with his wife and children," Barns said. "That can only happen if the US Department of Justice drops its extradition bid at once."

The delegation plans meeting members of the House and Senate as well as the State Department and Justice Department. They will also meet organisations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, and the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Assange's brother Gabriel Shipton said even Australians who didn't support Assange's actions believed he had suffered enough and should be set free.

American prosecutors allege Assange helped US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published, putting lives at risk.

Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi moves Lahore court against her possible arrest



LAHORE, Sep 5 (Agencies): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi has filed a petition in the Lahore High Court (LHC) seeking a stay on her possible arrest, The News International reported on Tuesday.

In the petition, she has sought details of all the cases, including undisclosed FIRs registered against her.

The Pakistan-based media outlet reported that advocate Mush-taq Ahmad Mohal filed the petition, representing Bushra Bibi, pleading that the agencies,

including FIA, NAB, police and ACE, have been keeping the FIRs secret so the petitioner could not approach the courts for grant of pre-arrest bail.

Her petition contended that after the illegal removal of her husband from the office of the prime minister, the political victimisation against her, her husband and other members of the family started by the federal and provincial governments, and law-enforcement agencies with mala fide and ulterior motives lodged many false and frivolous FIRs against the petitioner and her husband on the

direction of the governments.

Her petition asked the court to declare the act of the respondents illegal and restrain them from arresting the petitioner in any undisclosed case or inquiry.

The hearing of the petition is fixed before the court of Justice Alia Neelum, The News International reported.

Earlier, Judge Abul Hasnat Muhammad Zulaqrain heard the case and granted bail to Bushra Bibi till September 12 in the Toshakhana case.

Bushra Bibi's bail was accepted against surety bonds worth 5 lakh Pakistani rupees.

The former first lady has been accused of keeping a locket, chain, earrings, two rings and a bracelet from the Toshakhana gifts. She is also accused of keeping gold, diamonds, necklaces, and bracelets, according to ARY news.

UK minister says she should be thanked for doing a f***** good job, apologises

British Education Minister Gillian Keegan has apologised for swearing while voicing her frustrations about the unsafe school buildings.

LONDON, Sep 5 (Agencies): British Education Secretary Gillian Keegan has apologised for an expletive-ridden outburst during an interview with a news channel after complaining she wasn't being thanked enough for doing a "f***** good job" in dealing with several unsafe school buildings, reported Sky News.

The cabinet minister criticised others for being "sat on their a*****" and claimed the government had gone "over and above" in addressing concerns relating to reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC).

While she was still audible, she said, "Does anyone ever say 'You know you've done a f***** good job because everyone else has sat on their a***** and done nothing."

"No signs of that, no?" Keegan apologised and admitted she was "frustrated with the interviewer", who was "making out it was all my fault".

The exposure of deteriorating and fragile concrete conditions in schools, leading to the closure of 104 buildings shortly before the start of a new term and the use of classrooms supported by steel girders, has stirred frustration among both parents and educators. This problem presents a fresh political chal-



lenge for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, as members of parliament reconvened on Monday after the summer break, exacerbating the perception of crumbling public infrastructure in the United Kingdom.

The government is currently awaiting responses from approximately 1,500 schools that were surveyed to identify those constructed with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), a lightweight concrete variant commonly utilized during the 1960s-80s but now deemed weak and unsafe.

Keegan's unguarded comments, captured on camera, may have further ignited the debate, as she hinted at having taken more action than others to address the issue.

Hong Kong top court rules in favour of civil unions for same-sex couples

HONG KONG, Sep 5 (Agencies): Hong Kong's top court ruled Tuesday in favour of same-sex partnerships including civil unions but stopped short of granting full marriage rights in a partial win for the city's LGBTQ community.

Over the past decade, LGBTQ activists in the former British colony have won piecemeal victories in court, striking down discriminatory government policies on visas, taxes and housing benefits.

But the case brought by jailed pro-democracy activist Jimmy Sham is the first time Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal has directly addressed the issue of same-sex marriage.

In its ruling, the court declared that the Hong Kong government "is in violation of its positive obligation... to establish an alternative framework for legal recognition of same-sex partnerships", such as civil unions.

But it stopped short of making a decision of full marriage equality for



same-sex couples.

The court "unanimously dismisses the appeal in relation" to same-sex marriage and recognition of foreign same-sex marriage, it said in its judgement.

While LGBTQ activism faces political challenges in mainland China, semi-autonomous Hong Kong has seen increasing support among its population for same-sex marriage.

A poll this year found that 60 percent of Hong Kongers supported same-sex marriage, compared to just 38 percent a decade ago.

The challenge

in addition to breaching his right to privacy.

British rights lawyer Karon Monaghan, representing Sham, told the court in June the ban disadvantages same-sex couples in areas such as inheritance and housing rentals.

Sham, a prominent democracy campaigner, is one of dozens of activists behind bars awaiting prosecution under the security law on charges unrelated to LGBTQ rights.

- A 'long journey' - Gender studies scholar Suen Yiu-tung said Hong Kong decriminalised sexual acts between adult men in 1991, but still had "no protection against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity".

Local courts have struck down discriminatory policies "domain-by-domain" but that approach resulted in a "really, really long journey", Suen told AFP.

Tuesday's case was different because it asked for a more "wholesale" recognition

of same-sex marriage, but that also meant success "might be more difficult", he added.

In Asia only Nepal and Taiwan recognise same-sex marriage while in South Korea lawmakers have recently introduced legislation that would recognise same-sex partnerships.

Some international businesses in Hong Kong have also backed marriage equality campaigns, crediting it as a way to attract talent.

But the city's Beijing-approved leadership has shown little appetite for passing laws that advance LGBTQ equality.

Rights advocacy has partly gone underground after Beijing imposed a national security law on Hong Kong in 2020, following huge and sometimes violent pro-democracy protests in the finance hub.

In July, a radio show promoting gay rights aired by Hong Kong's public broadcaster was cancelled after a 17-year run.

Cluster munition deaths in Ukraine pass Syria, fueling rise in a weapon the world has tried to ban

AIN SHEEB, Sep 5 (Agencies): More than 300 people were killed and over 600 wounded by cluster munitions in Ukraine in 2022, according to an international watchdog, surpassing Syria as the country with the highest number of casualties from the controversial weapons for the first time in a decade.

Russia's widespread use of the bombs, which open in the air and release scores of smaller bomblets or submunitions as they are called, in its invasion of Ukraine — and, to a lesser extent, their use by Ukrainian forces — helped make 2022 the deadliest year on record globally, according to the annual report released Tuesday by the Cluster Munition Coalition, a network of non-governmental organizations advocating for a ban of the weapons.

The deadliest attack in Ukraine, according to the country's prosecutor general's office, was a bombing on a railway station in the town of Kramatorsk that killed 53 people and wounded 135.

Meanwhile, in Syria and other war-battered countries in the Middle East, although active fighting has cooled down, the explosive remnants continue to kill and maim dozens of people every year.

The long-term danger posed to civilians by explosive ordnance peppered across the landscape for years — or even decades after fighting has ceased — has come

under a renewed spotlight since the United States announced in July that it would provide them to Ukraine to use against Russia.

In Syria, 15 people were killed and 75 wounded by cluster munition attacks or their remnants in 2022, according to the coalition's data. Iraq, where there were no new cluster bomb attacks reported last year, saw 15 people killed and 25 wounded. In Yemen, which also had no new reported attacks, five people were killed and 90 were wounded by the leftover explosives.

The majority of victims globally are children. Because some types of these bomblets resemble metal balls, children often pick them up and play with them without knowing what they are.

Among the casualties are 12-year-old Rawaa al-Hassan and her 10-year-old sister, Doaa, whose family has lived at a camp near the village of Ain Sheeb in northern Syria's opposition-held Idlib province since being displaced from their hometown in Hama province six years earlier.

The area where they live in Idlib had frequently come under airstrikes, but the family had escaped from those unharmed.

During the holy Islamic month of Ramadan last year, as the girls were coming home from school, their mother Wafaa said, they picked up an unexploded bomblet, thinking it was a piece of scrap metal they could sell.



Rawaa lost an eye, Doaa, a hand. In a cruel irony, the girls' father had died eight months earlier after he stepped on a cluster munition remnant while gathering firewood.

The girls "are in a bad state, psychologically" since the two tragic accidents, said their uncle Hatem al-Hassan, who now looks after them and their mother. They have difficulty concentrating, and Rawaa often flies off the handle, hitting other children at school.

"Of course, we're afraid, and now we don't let them play outside at all anymore," he said.

Near the village of Ram Hamdan, also in Idlib, Ali al-Mansour, 43, was tending his sheep one day in 2019 with his 5-year-old son in tow when the child handed him a metal object that looked like a toy and

asked him to take it apart.

"I tried to take it apart and it wasn't working, so I hit it with a rock, and it exploded on me," al-Mansour said. He lost his eyes and his hands. Without a breadwinner, his family now lives on handouts from relatives.

Scattered submunitions often strike shepherds and scrap metal collectors, a common post-conflict source of livelihood, said Loren Persi, one of the editors of the Cluster Munition Coalition's annual report. They also lurk in the fields where truffle hunters forage for the lucrative delicacy, he said.

Efforts to clear the explosives have been hampered by lack of funding and by the logistics of dealing with the patchwork of actors controlling different parts of Syria, Persi said.

Some 124 countries have joined a United Nations convention banning cluster munitions. The U.S., Russia, Ukraine and Syria are among the hold-outs.

Deaths and injuries from cluster munition remnants have continued for decades after wars ended in some cases — including in Laos, where people still die yearly from Vietnam war-era U.S. bombing that left millions of unexploded cluster bomblets.

Alex Hiniker, an independent expert with the Forum on the Arms Trade, said casualties had been dropping worldwide before

the 2011 uprising turned civil war in Syria.

"Contamination was being cleared, stockpiles were being destroyed," she said, but the progress "started reversing drastically" in 2012, when the Syrian government and allied Russian forces began using cluster bombs against the opposition in Syria.

The numbers had dropped off as the war in Syria turned into a stalemate, although at least one new cluster bomb attack was reported in Syria in November 2022. But they quickly spiked again with the conflict in Ukraine.

U.S. officials have defended the decision to provide cluster bombs to Ukraine as necessary to level the playing field in the face of a stronger opponent and have insisted that they will take measures to mitigate harm to civilians. This would include sending a version of the munition with a reduced "dud rate," meaning fewer unexploded rounds left behind after the conflict.

State Department officials did not respond to a request for additional comment.

Hiniker said she and others who track the impacts of cluster munitions are "baffled by the fact that the U.S. is sending totally outdated weapons that the majority of the world has banned because they disproportionately kill civilians."

The "most difficult and costly part" of dealing with the weapons, she said, "is cleaning up the mess afterwards."

DFSS holds protest against corruption scandal

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JAMMU, Sep 5: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a massive march in old Jammu city as a corruption scandal has been unearthed.

The party president stated that the administration of J&K is celebrating corruption free week which needs to be proved on the ground.

A scam of Rs 1,45,30,522 was done under the supervision of Sh Hamesh Manchanda which the president of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena unearthed.

Gupta stated that a FIR no 23/2016 P/S VOJ was registered by ACB against the then Xen Irrigation Akhnoor and now Chief Engineer Jal Shakti



Department Hamesh Manchanda.

There was a huge shortage of building material in the store which caused a huge loss to the government. The then XEN did

nothing to retrieve the material as there was not proper supervision.

Ashok Parmar who is now posted in delhi was then commissioner secretary of the Jal

Shakti department.

He promoted Manchanda to the higher rank without acquiring any NOC, clearance letter from ACB. Manchanda who had cases filed against him was promoted by the IAS officer Parmar which shows that there is a great mischief as Manchanda has been booked under the embezzlement of funds summing up to Rs 1,45,30,522.

He further stated that government is celebrating anti corruption week and now I am giving them a case and their action against the case will only justify their commitment towards the Anti corruption week.

The party people present at the protest include Abhishek, Labba, Tarsem, Kalu, Vivek, Neeraj, Bantu, Prem and Naresh.

Shurveer Jammu Sangathan to host a series of events on Krishna Janmashtami

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JAMMU, Sep 5: Shurveer Jammu Sangathan (SJS) General Secretary, Arun Seekay, while addressing the media person, said that Sangathan is set to host a series of events to commemorate Krishna Janmashtami from Sep-

tember 7.

He said special festivities are scheduled at main Chowk Muthi Akhnoor Highway Jammu.

The celebration at Muthi has been named "Anand Mothsav". The events will shows case captivating calculator performances through

the Janamashti Art, Music, Bhajans will grace the event with musical performance glorifying lord Krishna.

Arun said that Janmashtami is holy festival celebrated with utmost pomp with fervour across the nation and around the world by ardent devotees of Krishna.

SJS appealed to the people of Jammu to take part this Anand mothsav.

Bhanu Partap Rakwal, Partap Singh Jamwal, Dheeraj Koul (President Youth), Sajjan Sharma (VP Youth SJS), Thakur Dev Karan, Ravi Kumar and Ayush Verma.

Army's Dagger Division organizes interaction with Maulvis, Students of Madrassas



Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Sep 5: An interaction with Maulvis & and the student of Madrassas was conducted at Bararipura by Indian Army.

The interaction was attended by 42 students and 18 Maulvis, wherein they were motivated by screening of Kargil Vijay Diwas movie depicting, a deep insight into the valour of Indian Army in the battle of Kargil.

The students and maulvis were highly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the movie, asking various questions. They were delighted to watch this movie. The movie was organized by the security forces aimed at inspiring Maulvis and students of madrassa.

Overall, the interaction proved to be an informative and motivating session that left everyone in awe and with newfound appreciation for the army and the nation.

Army celebrates Teachers' Day with students at Kupwara

Top News Report

KUPWARA, Sep 5: To commemorate the unparalleled efforts of teachers in shaping the society, multiple events were organised by the Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers at Boys Higher Secondary School Trehgam & Army Goodwill School Wayne Kupwara.

At AGS Wayne the event started with the parade by NCC students followed by speeches by the students highlighting the history and significance of the Teachers' Day.

Lessons learnt from



the life of Dr. Radhakrishnan were shared with the students by the Principal and Army officers attending the function. A cultural show was also performed by the students of AGS Wayne to mark this special Day.

In another event National Teachers' Day was celebrated at BHSS Trehgam Hirri where students, staff and Army officers from Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers witnessed the show. This event was attended by over 200

students including boys and girls.

The term teacher in India is more than a term of professional identification. The emotions attached with a teacher are very profound ones. Gurus (teachers) play a pivotal role in shaping

the beliefs of their disciples.

This tradition is present even today in all parts of the Nation. In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September on the birth Anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

The entire programme was lauded by the students and the teachers of the school. Each teacher shared their touching moments with their Gurus when they were students.

The programme came to its end with a motivational note from the Indian Army.

BJP committed to ideals of transparency, efficiency, responsiveness: Kavinder

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: BJP has proved its commitment to the ideals of transparency and efficiency in governance and responsiveness to the needs and the aspirations of the masses, said Kavinder Gupta.

While conducting grievance redressal at BJP headquarters, Jammu, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, called for a responsive and a pro-active grievance redressal mechanism.

Kavinder Gupta accompanied by Shailja Gupta, J&K BJP working committee



member was attending to the public grievances at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar,

Jammu. Kavinder Gupta, while speaking on the

occasion, stressed that BJP has established the strong ideals in the political system in the country, which has improved the level of confidence of average Bharatiya in every field. He said that the milestone has been achieved by the BJP, when it has remained committed to the ideals of transparency and efficiency in governance and responsiveness to the needs and the aspirations of the masses throughout the public working by the party leaders.

Gupta added that with the same responsiveness and commitment to the masses, senior party leaders are daily attending the

public grievances at the party headquarter. Numerous individuals and deputations from different parts of Jammu & Kashmir visited the party office to represent the issues of their respective areas as well as their individual concerns before the senior party leaders.

Listening patiently to the various issues represented by the deputations, Kavinder Gupta telephonically talked to the concerned departmental officials for resolving the issues and also issued letters to many of them. Shailja Gupta, remained present and diarized the issues presented.

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Renaming India as Bharat on Parliamentary special session agenda? Political war rages

and anti-constitutional intentions of the Congress," said Nadda.

Earlier on Tuesday, AICC general secretary organisation Jairam Ramesh said, "Rashtrapati Bhawan had sent out an invite for a G20 dinner on Sept 9th in the name of 'President of Bharat' instead of the usual 'President of India'.

"Now, Article 1 in the Constitution can read: 'Bharat, that was India, shall be a Union of States.' But now even this 'Union of States' is under assault..." Ramesh posted on X raising speculation on whether the special session of Parliament from September 18 to 22 could seek to amend the Constitution to replace the word India with Bharat.

Jairam said, "Modi can continue to distort history and divide India, that is Bharat, that is a Union of States but we will not be deterred."

"After all, what is the objective of INDIA parties? It is BHARAT—Bring Harmony, Amity, Reconciliation And Trust. Judega BHARAT, Jeetega INDIA," said Jairam as the name game continued.

The BJP said Bharat is an accepted name across the country and reflects the magnificent continuum called the Indian civilisation.

Lt Governor addresses Teachers' Day celebration at Srinagar

competition and creativity. Test should not be based on competition but it should be

based on originality, experiment, creative and scientific activity.

"I believe today we need teachers to instill creativity, curiosity, teamwork, leadership qualities and civilizational values of harmony, brotherhood and compassion in our children. We need to evolve new methods to create effective approaches to lifelong learning," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration for upgradation of schools including manpower and infrastructure in a holistic manner. I assure you that funds will be provided for upgradation of 7000 such schools which lack basic facilities (6000 this year and 1000 during the next year), he said.

On this day, let us strengthen our resolve and ensure that every child, especially the girls, have access to quality education, the Lt Governor said.

Renowned educationist, Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education, senior officers, Heads of Departments, large number of teachers and students were present.

Recruitment scam busted in Kashmir, Five arrested

investigative process, statements from key witnesses were recorded, and counterfeit appointment letters were seized as evidence. Nazir Ahmad Khan was subsequently apprehended in connection with the scam.

Further revelations unfolded as the accused disclosed his affiliation with a group of scammers employing a distinctive modus operandi to defraud unemployed youths eagerly seeking positions within

MES. Additionally, he divulged the identities of his four collaborators as Zahoor Ahmad Mir, resident of Rawathpora, Sha-keel Ahmad Makroo, resident of Awantipora, Feroz Ahmad Khashu, resident of Shaltang Srinagar and Shafkat Ahmad Shah, resident of Pampore Pulwama.

Two held for forging over 2 lakh IDs like Aadhaar, PAN; Police flag it as National Security issue

identified as Prince Hemant Prasad, said he accessed the website in question using his registered username and password to download forged Aadhaar and PAN cards on payment of Rs 15-50 per document, he said.

Based on the input, the police launched an investigation into the website.

The fake identity cards downloaded from the website by making the payment were used for purposes like getting bank loans sanctioned and purchasing SIM cards, the official said.

Somnath Pramodkumar, a resident of Ganganagar in Rajasthan, whose name was linked to a number of mobile numbers present on the website, was arrested recently through technical surveillance, he said.

So far, he is suspected to be the mastermind behind the crime, the police said.

Another person, Premvirsinh Thakur, a resident of Unnao in Uttar Pradesh, on whose name the website was created, was also arrested a couple of days back, the official said.

"When questioned, they revealed to having forged around two lakh identity documents in two years. Somnath has

studied till Class 5. He got technical help from certain people to carry out the illegal activity. The website was running since the last three years," he said.

"This is a serious national security issue. They are not changing but accessing the government database and that is a case of illegal authorisation," the official said.

It is possible that many more persons are behind this, Mr. Parmar said, adding the police have frozen Rs 25 lakh in the bank accounts of Pramodkumar and his mother.

Security forces bust hideout of HM terrorist in Kishtwar

been cordoned and searches are being conducted. SSP Kishtwar said, "Our mission is to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, and today's operation is a resounding success in our ongoing efforts to eradicate terrorism from the region."

Kishtwar Police urge citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities or information that could aid in maintaining peace and thwarting the designs of anti-social elements. The police department remains committed to upholding the law and ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.

Jammu records over 350 cases of dengue, doctors say nothing to panic

"In dengue when there is a shortage of platelets, people panic that they aren't available, but there's no need to panic. We always have sufficient and adequate stock of platelets. The platelets that we make from whole blood, are called 'random donor platelets', they too are available and

we also have Apheresis platelets", Head of Department (HoD), Blood bank, GMC, Dr Meena Sidhu told agency.

"We always keep platelets in ready supply, because the shelf life of platelets is five days, after which they get spoiled. So there is some problem sometimes but even then we have 5-6 units always ready to transfuse platelets when required. Besides this we have given directions to our emergency staff to properly treat dengue cases", Medical Superintendent, Govt Hospital, Gandhinagar, Dr Pravin Yograj said.

Doctors at the hospital assured the public that they won't allow any such deaths to occur.

"I have two messages, one, don't let dengue happen to you, and secondly, if you get it don't panic, we have enough facilities to treat. And I assure that we won't let deaths happen because of dengue, we will fight with all our might", he said.

Man arrested for duping woman of Rs 20,000 in Udhampur

there and offered to help her with the transaction, police said.

The man tricked her into handing over her debit card to him and in turn gave her a fake identical card. Later, he withdrew Rs 20,000 from Devi's bank account using the original card, they said.

Based on the woman's complaint, a case was registered and an investigation was launched. A police team was constituted to probe the case, they added.

During investigation, police said, several suspects were picked up on the basis of human and technical intelligence.

Later, Ahmed was zeroed in on and arrested. On sustained questioning, he confessed to the crime, they said.

'Minimum three-fold surge': Nirmala Sitharaman on surging ITR filings in India

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the substantial increase in income tax return filings in India, emphasising its role in the country's economic formalisation.

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said there has been a rapid surge in the number of income tax filers in India, signaling significant formalisation of the economy. Sitharaman's comment came during her speech at the Global Fintech Fest 2023.

Citing the income tax data released in August, she highlighted that "each tax slab has seen a minimum three-fold surge in tax filings" and added that Maharashtra continues to be the leader in ITR filings.

Sitharaman said the taxable workforce is expected to increase from the current 22.5 per cent to 85.3 per cent, adding that the total workforce share in the population will rise to 45 per cent by 2047.



"There will be 48.2 crore income tax filers in 2047, as opposed to 7 crores in FY23," Sitharaman said.

During her speech, Sitharaman also highlighted the importance of individuals nominating heirs and providing necessary

information when dealing with their finances. She called for financial institutions, including banks, mutual funds, and stock markets, to prioritise this aspect.

Discussing global dynamics, Sitharaman advocated for collaboration in various areas,

including regulating cryptocurrencies, addressing tax evasion, and managing global debt concerns.

She emphasised the critical role of global cooperation in today's financial ecosystems and highlighted the inclusive and sustainable impact of fintech technologies like UPI and ONDC in India.

"Global cooperation is absolutely critical for financial ecosystems to thrive. Hence, today we are gathering 100+ countries at this festival. Fintech technologies like UPI and ONDC are driving more inclusion, resilience, and sustainability in India. Technology is the common tool available to everyone regardless of the disparities globally," Sitharaman said.

Markets log gains for 3rd day on buying in Reliance, Infosys



MUMBAI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher for the third straight day on Tuesday on gains in market heavyweights ITC, Reliance Industries and Infosys amid a bearish trend in global equities.

Besides, robust domestic macro-economic data added to the positive momentum, traders said.

The BSE benchmark index climbed 152.12 points or 0.23 per cent to settle at 65,780.26.

During the day, it gained 203.56 points or 0.31 per cent to 65,831.70.

The Nifty rose 46.10 points or 0.24 per cent to end at 19,574.90.

Sun Pharma emerged as the biggest gainer from the Sensex pack, climbing 2.09 per cent, followed by ITC, Titan, Bajaj Finance, Nestle, Infosys, L&T, JSW Steel, Reliance Industries and

Kotak Mahindra Bank. UltraTech Cement, Maruti, HDFC Bank, Wipro, State Bank of India and NTPC were among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Tokyo settled in the green, while Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory.

European markets were trading on a mixed note in early deals.

The US markets were closed on Monday.

According to a survey, manufacturing activities in India gained momentum in August.

Meanwhile, GST collections grew by 11 per cent to over Rs 1.59 lakh crore, and domestic passenger vehicle sales hit a record in August.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.62 per cent to USD 88.45 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,367.67 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

The BSE benchmark had climbed 240.98 points or 0.37 per cent to settle at 65,628.14 on Monday.

The Nifty advanced 93.50 points or 0.48 per cent to close at 19,528.80.

83 per cent of Indian firms faced cybersecurity incident in past year: Report

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): About 83 per cent of Indian organizations experienced a cybersecurity incident in the past year, with 48 per cent revealing they experienced 10 or more, causing million-dollar losses, a new report said on Tuesday.

According to the security, performance, and reliability company Cloudflare, the majority of the incidents were attributed to web attacks, phishing, and supply chain attacks, with respondents ranking financial gain as the primary goal of cybercriminals, followed by spyware planting and data exfiltration.

The survey included a total of 4,009 cyber security decision-makers and leaders from small (150 to 999 employees), medium (1,000 to 2500 employees), and large (more

than 2,500 employees) organizations.

"With India's growing digital prowess and continued business reliance on technology, it is critical for organizations to foster a security culture that empowers their leaders to approach cybersecurity as a strategic business imperative," said Jonathon Dixon, Vice-President and Managing Director, of Asia Pacific, Japan and China at Cloudflare.

"This will facilitate organizations in not just reducing expenditure but also ensuring a sturdier, more streamlined cybersecurity framework," he added.

Moreover, the report said that only 52 per cent consider themselves highly prepared for cybersecurity incidents, and the lack of preparedness is costing millions.

About 47 per cent indicated that the financial impact of such incidents exceeded \$1 million in the past 12 months, while 27 per cent experienced financial setbacks of no less than \$2 million.

The aftermath of cybersecurity incidents extends to organizational operations, with 46 per cent reporting that their organisations reduced or restricted hybrid work, were forced to lay off employees, and postponed expansion plans.

A lack of talent was also identified as the biggest challenge for 57 per cent of Indian business leaders when it comes to cybersecurity readiness, while 44 per cent said a lack of funding is impeding their ability to protect their businesses, according to the report.

Kotak upgrades Zomato targets on platform fee, Blinkit turnaround

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Kotak Institutional Equities has upgraded the profit estimates for Zomato, saying that the food delivery company's recent decision to levy a 'platform fee' of Rs 2 per order from its customers will boost the company's profit margins considerably.

"Assuming customers transact 75 times a year on an average, an Rs2/order platform fee on all orders by such customers can result in Rs 405 mn of incremental contribution profit/EBITDA," said the broker.

The broker increased its operating profit estimates for the company for the next three years by 21-52%, raised its one-year price target on Zomato stock to Rs 110 from Rs 105 and maintained its BUY rating.

Driving the positive outlook is the introduction of a platform fee and improvements in the food delivery company's



'quick commerce' business.

Platform Fee Zomato came up with the idea of levying a Rs 2 platform fee per order on its customers this August. The platform fee is added irrespective of the cart value.

The decision comes at a time when delivery apps are reportedly getting a lesser take-rate (the fee charged by a third-party seller on a transaction) as consumers opt for the restaurant's delivery service.

Not having to share the amount collected under platform fee among the delivery persons or the restaurants, Zomato remains the sole gainer

of the platform fee charges.

From a consumer perspective, a charge of Rs 2 levied per order might be small but it would largely impact Zomato's profit margin.

For example, Zomato reported its highest number of customers at 27 lakhs in 2022.

"Say these customers order food from Zomato 75 times on an average every year then a small amount of Rs 2, for Zomato would translate to Rs 41 crores of incremental contribution of profit," noted Kotak Institutional Equities.

It will also imply a contribution margin increase of nearly

1.6% and can be a step toward Zomato's targeted 8% contribution margin over the medium term, compared with the 6.4% reported in the April-June quarter of FY2024," it added.

"This small fee helps us pay the bills so that we can keep Zomato running," claimed the food delivery app.

"The company's intent seems to be to monetize select customers better, resulting in an increase in the number of customers, which flatlined over the past few quarters, noted Kotak Institutional Equities.

Quick commerce Another area that Kotak Institutional expects Zomato to make quick strides in is turning around its acquisitions in the quick commerce business — an area of operation that has been a source of relentless losses for the company.

Here, said Kotak, it

expects Zomato to turn 'contribution positive' in "1-2 quarters", which would mark a significant step towards shoring up the bottom line not only of the quick commerce operations but also of Zomato as a whole.

"Focus on efficiencies in both Blinkit and Hyperpure can drive a faster-than-expected increase in profitability for the company," Kotak observed.

Blinkit, which was integrated with Zomato in August 2022, revenue rose 6% sequentially to Rs 384 crore in the April-June quarter in FY2024. The broker pointed out that Zomato has rationalized the dark store count over the past 4-5 quarters and plans to increase the scale of business and control overheads.

Meanwhile, Blinkit's revenue per store increased 149% year-on-year in the April-June quarter of FY2024.

Study reveals why men, wealthy people are more likely to develop skin cancer

WASHINGTON DC, Sep 5 (Agencies): A new study sponsored by McGill University investigates why persons living in Atlantic regions are more likely to develop melanoma than other Canadians, providing lessons on skin cancer prevention for the entire country.

Rates of melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer, have been rising globally, including in Canada. Current estimates indicate that up to 1 in 3 Canadians will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. While some Atlantic provinces such as Prince Edward Island (PEI) and Nova Scotia have the highest incidence rate of melanoma in the country, neighbouring provinces like New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador have rates below or comparable to the Canadian average.

To find out why, the researchers compared UV exposure and behaviours among different groups in Atlantic Canada based on income, education, and gender, among other factors.

Higher-income individuals more at risk for melanoma.

The study found that higher-income individuals had an increased risk of melanoma. Risk factors contributing to this include more lifetime sun burns, tanning bed use, and being tanned. Similarly, individuals with university education had higher rates of recreational sun exposure but were less likely to use tanning beds.

Looking at differences between men and women, the research-



"A higher socio-economic status is known to be associated with more vacations in sunny climates and recreational tanning, which likely ultimately drives melanoma incidence in this population," highlights Dr. Ivan Litvinov, an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Chair of the Dermatology Division at McGill University.

However, the study also showed that individuals earning less than \$50,000 a year were more likely to work outdoors and experience occupational sun exposure, placing them at a higher risk of developing skin cancer. These findings suggest that policies to protect outdoor workers could help reduce melanoma risk, say the researchers.

Men are more skeptical of sunscreen

Looking at differences between men and women, the research-

ers found that women had less sun exposure and practiced more sun protection compared to men. Men were more likely to report more lifetime sunburns as well as occupational and recreational sun exposure. They also had higher rates of melanoma and other skin cancers.

Nevertheless, women tended to wear fewer long-sleeve shirts and frequented tanning beds more. These behaviours, the researchers say, may explain findings in a previous study that show women are more likely to develop melanoma in their extremities.

When it comes to skin cancer prevention, their study found that men express more negative beliefs toward sunscreen use than women. Consistent with this, women were more concerned about new moles and were more likely to seek medical advice from a family

physician. The researchers say these behavior patterns may account for the overall lower melanoma incidence and mortality in women.

Putting sun protection knowledge into practice.

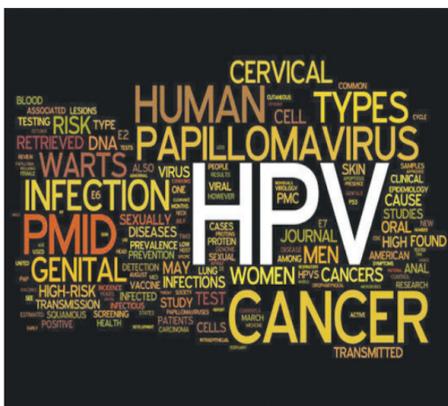
The findings also show that people living in the most high-risk communities of PEI and Nova Scotia had more sunburns and sun exposure compared to people in regions like Newfoundland and Labrador. Surprisingly, those living in these high-risk communities had more knowledge of sun protection and melanoma awareness as well.

"To prevent skin cancer many Canadians really need to act on the knowledge they already have. Applying sunscreen is one of the effective ways to prevent skin cancer," says Dr. Litvinov.

Public health efforts aimed at reducing skin cancer should be tailored to target specific demographic groups, the researchers say. "You need to have a different sun protection message when you're talking to a single young man versus a mother of three children," says Dr. Litvinov.

"Governments also have a direct role to play in combating rising rates of melanoma. It's projected that the financial burden of skin cancer to the Canadian healthcare system could rise to one billion annually by 2030," he adds. "Canada should follow in the footsteps of many countries that have removed sales tax on sunscreen to promote their use."

1 in 3 men worldwide are infected with genital HPV: Lancet



GENEVA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Almost one in three men over the age of 15 are infected with at least one genital human papillomavirus (HPV) type, according to a new study published in The Lancet Global Health.

The findings also showed that one in five are infected with one or more of what are known as high risk, or oncogenic, HPV types.

These estimates show that men frequently harbour genital HPV infections and emphasise the importance of incorporating men in efforts to control HPV infection and reduce the incidence of HPV related disease in both men and women.

"This global study on

based on studies published between 1995 and 2022.

The global pooled prevalence was 31 per cent for any HPV and 21 per cent for high-risk HPV. HPV-16 was the most prevalent HPV genotype (5 per cent) followed by HPV-6 (4 per cent).

HPV prevalence was high in young adults, reaching a maximum between the age of 25 years and 29 years, and stabilised or slightly decreased thereafter.

The majority of HPV infections in men and women are asymptomatic, but they can lead to long-term sequelae and mortality. Each year, more than 340,000 women die of cervical cancer.

In men, HPV infection tends to manifest clinically as anogenital warts, which cause significant morbidity and increase HPV transmission rates.

HPV infections are also associated with penile, anal and oropharyngeal cancers, which are commonly linked to HPV type 16. The International Agency for Research on Cancer estimated that there were about 69,400 cases of cancer in men caused by HPV in 2018.

The study is based on a systematic review and meta-analysis assessed the prevalence of genital HPV infection in the general male population

Don't "Take Fans For Granted": Frustrated India Pace Great Wants BCCI To Sort "Harder Than Before" Cricket World Cup Ticketing System

The 2023 Cricket World Cup is just round the corner. It starts on October 5 in Ahmedabad while the final will be played at the same venue on November 19

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): The 2023 Cricket World Cup is just round the corner. It starts on October 5 in Ahmedabad while the final will be played at the same venue on November 19. The ticket sales for the tournament has already started with India vs Pakistan match on October 14 seeing the maximum interest. However, several fans said that they found it hard to book the tickets. India pacer great Venkatesh Prasad is also disappointed that the ticket arrangement by the organisers.

"It's never been very easy to get World Cup tickets. But this time has been harder than before. Could have been better planned and I feel for the fans who have had high hopes and struggled to get tickets. I sincerely hope one of the most important stakeholders, the Fans get their worth and I hope @BCCI makes it easier for the fans," he wrote on X.

"I urge the @BCCI to have more transparency in the World Cup ticketing system and not



take fans for granted. Definitely in a stadium like Ahmedabad, for an #IndvsPak clash more than the sold 8500 tickets need to be available when the capacity is 1 lakh + . Likewise for all other matches, a larger chunk needs to be for the fans. It will be more fulfilling if the diehard fan is kept happy and not deprived of this opportunity instead of reserving a large chunk for corporates and members," he wrote in a sepa-

rate post. Former Indian cricket team opener Gautam Gambhir named his picks for the ICC World Cup 2023 squad and it came with a couple of surprise choices. Both Shreyas Iyer and Shardul Thakur did not find any place in his squad and instead, Gambhir picked all-rounder Washington Sundar and also pacer Prasidh Krishna as the fourth fast bowl-

ing option. In the batting department, he went with Suryakumar Yadav with KL Rahul as the second wicket-keeping option behind Ishan Kishan who will be the top pick for the position.

When it comes to all-rounders, Gambhir opted for Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Hardik Pandya and Washington Sundar. Kuldeep Yadav was the third spin bowling option in the squad.

The fast bowling department had the three usual choices - Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami. However, the surprising selection was that of Prasidh Krishna who was out with injury and made his comeback against Ireland. Shardul Thakur did not find any place in the team.

Gautam Gambhir's ICC World Cup 2023 squad for India: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, KL Rahul, Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami.

Asia Cup: Rohit Sharma hits harder than rain



PALLEKELE, Sep 5 (Agencies): Unfazed by a bland bowling effort, India hit the top gear through Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill, who made unbeaten fifties, to post a 10-wicket win over Nepal that also ensured them an Asia Cup Super Four berth here.

Amidst frequent rain interruptions, Nepal posted an impressive 230 after being asked to bat first.

India, required to score 145 from 23 overs as per DLS calculations, made 147 as Sharma (74 not out off 59 balls) and Gill (67 not out off 62 balls) completed the chase with ease.

Hence, India finished their Group A engagements with three points, while Pakistan had already entered the Super Four having logged three points. "When we came here, in the back of our mind we

knew what our (World Cup) 15 would look like, except maybe one or two spots. We can't really look too much into these two games, one was washed out, but luckily we got to bat in the first game and bowl in this one," said Sharma, who was named the Player of the Match.

Nepal bowed out without any points, but they had some special moments with the bat. Aasif Sheikh (58 off 97 balls), Kushal Bhurtel (38 off 25 balls) and Kami (48 off 55 balls) asked some serious questions of the Indian attack.

Brief scores: Nepal: 230 all out in 48.2 overs (Sheikh 58; Jadeja 3/40); India: 147/0 in 20.1 overs (Sharma 74*, Gill 67*).

Swimming sets 'strict' rules for individual Russians to return to competition before Paris Olympics

GENEVA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Individual Russian swimmers will be allowed to compete in international events, including the Paris Olympics if they meet a set of "strict criteria" that include not talking to the media, the sport's governing body said.

The World Aquatics governing body published its criteria for Russian and Belarusian athletes, coaches and officials to return to competition as neutrals after being banned because of their countries' war in Ukraine.

The criteria follow the International Olympic Committee's guidelines that only individual athletes from Russia and Belarus — no teams — can be allowed to compete in Paris, and that they must not have shown any public support for the war.

World Aquatics said

only one Russian and Belarusian athlete will be allowed to enter each swimming and diving event.

They cannot take part in any relays, artistic swimming, synchronised diving, or water polo.

World Aquatics has appointed a panel to vet athletes, coaches and officials to make sure they have not shown any support for the war, such as statements, social media posts or taking part in pro-war demonstrations, since the invasion started in February 2022.

That could bar swimmer Evgeny Rylov, a two-time gold medalist at the Tokyo Olympics, who was suspended last year for wearing a "Z" symbol at a pro-war rally in Luzhnik Stadium in Moscow.

World Aquatics said the rules took effect

Monday though it is unclear how long vetting will take after athletes apply for neutral status.

Individual athletes still have to qualify for the Olympics in order to compete in Paris next summer. Main events on the swim calendar before then include three World Cup meets in October in Berlin, Athens and Budapest and the 2024 aquatics world championships next February in Doha, Qatar.

Russian and Belarusian flags and anthems will not be allowed and approved athletes and support staff must wear all-white uniforms and equipment, World Aquatics said.

"They will also not be allowed to give any interviews to media during such competitions," the world swim body said, also barring athletes

from news conferences and post-race mixed zones where journalists can ask questions.

World Aquatics is the latest Olympic sports body to detail its response to the International Olympic Committee's advice to find a way for neutral Russian and Belarusian athletes to return to competition.

The IOC initially urged sports to exclude Russia from world sports within days of the war starting, but that advice changed in December despite Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy urging a full exclusion of Russia.

Track and field's World Athletics has taken the strongest stance in continuing to ban Russians, while the country's athletes are unlikely to return to other Olympic sports until next year.

World Aquatics also put

limits on how Russians and Belarusians can try to qualify for the main competitions, including undergoing four doping controls by recognized anti-doping agencies in the year prior to applying for neutral status.

Any qualifying time or performance also must be achieved at a competition held outside Russia and Belarus.

"Despite the challenges we face on the international stage, we acknowledge our responsibility to foster a competitive, fair, and inclusive environment for every competitor," World Aquatics president Husain al Musallam said in a statement.

Swimmers and divers who show "discriminatory behaviour" toward their Russian and Belarusian opponents will face disciplinary action, World Aquatics said.

Asian Championships: Paddlers assured of bronze finish



PYEONGCHANG (S KOREA), Sep 5 (Agencies): The Indian men's table tennis team assured itself of at least a bronze medal in the Asian Championships with a 3-0 win over Singapore in the quarterfinals here.

The opening singles between veteran Sharath Kamal and Izaak Quek went down to the wire with the 41-year-old Indian prevailing 11-1 10-12 11-8 11-13 14-12.

"In the fourth, he (Izaak) came back well. But I had a firm grip on the game. In the fifth, however, I trailed throughout. It was good I eventually won," said Sharath.

The seasoned G Sath-

ian then blanked Yew En Koen Pang 11-6 11-8 12-10 to give India a 2-0 lead.

World No. 61 Harmeet Desai sealed the tie by outplaying Zhe Yu Clarence Chew 11-9 11-4 11-6.

"After Sharath fought well to give the momentum, I and Harmeet finished well. It was necessary. We are in good shape but won't be satisfied with the bronze, which we are sure of. We will keep pushing ourselves to the limit against Taipei in the semifinals," Sathian said.

The third-seeded Indians play either Iran or Chinese Taipei in the semifinals. The men's team finished with a

bronze in the previous edition in Doha two years ago.

In the women's quarterfinals, India suffered a 0-3 loss to Japan.

World No. 8 Mima Ito got past Ayhika Mukherjee in the opening singles without much difficulty, winning 11-7 15-13 11-8.

Indian star and world No. 36 Manika Batra took a game off the seventh-ranked Hina Hayata before going down 7-11 9-11 11-9 3-11. Suthirha Mukherjee also did well to win the opening game against the 14th-ranked Miu Hirano before the Japanese found her rhythm for a 7-11 11-4 11-6 11-5 victory.

Asia Cup: Bangladesh Opener Litton Das Returns For Super 4 Stage

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Bangladesh batter Litton Das has re-joined the team for the Super 4 stage of Asia Cup 2023 after he made a recovery from viral fever. The illness had prevented Das from joining the squad in Sri Lanka for the tournament opener, but after a clearance certificate from the medical team, the wicketkeeper batter will now team up with the squad for the Super 4 stage of the tournament, as per ICC. Bangladesh had sealed their qualification for the stage with a convincing 89-run win over Afghanistan on Sunday with Mehidy Hasan Miraz, taking the place of Das at the top of the order, making a memorable hundred.

The Tigers had lost their opening clash to Sri Lanka but the win over Afghanistan saw them book their place in



the Super 4 stage. "The Asia Cup squad has a few injury concerns and the team management felt the need for an additional player going into the Super Four," the Bangladesh Cricket Board selection panel Chairman Minhajul Abedin said as quoted by ICC. "We have received the BCB Medical Team's clearance regarding Litton's health and have decided to send him to Pakistan." It'll be interesting to

see how Bangladesh sort their batting order with Das returning. Mehidy and Mohammad Naim had opened the batting against Afghanistan after Tanzid Hasan made a duck in the opening game. Najmul Hossain Shanto has also been among the runs from No.3 with a century in the Afghanistan fixture. If Das comes back at the top of the order, Mehidy might be moved back down the order to where he usually bats.

Fans stand to lose, U-19 Windies tour may rule Dambulla out of race

Supporters could incur big losses if Super Four ties are moved out of Colombo due to rain

PALLEKELE, Sep 5 (Agencies): Fans are expected to be the biggest losers even as the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) weighs its options LA: before taking a final call on shifting the Super Four stage of the 2023 Asia Cup out of Colombo due to inclement weather. A lot of them reached Sri Lanka to witness their teams in action at the continental tournament.

As far as fans from India and Pakistan are concerned, most of them decided to watch at least two matches between the rivals — one each in group and Super Four stage — before taking a call on the final.

The first match was abandoned at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium after the first innings due to rain. The second match is scheduled at the R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo on September 10.

This daily spoke to four Pakistan fans from Singapore, who reached Kandy on Saturday to watch the match in Pallekele. When queried, they confirmed their plan to watch the second match as well on September 10 in Colombo before flying back. The rain in Pallekele had already

deprived them of an opportunity to enjoy the full match. It can again force them to change their itinerary, cancelling and rebooking hotel rooms and, if required, flight tickets if the ACC decides to move the Super Four stage out of Colombo.

"Yes, it can turn out to be a logistical nightmare not only for fans but teams, broadcasters, host board and ACC but then there is no use of going ahead with the schedule with rain threat looming large," a source from Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) told this daily.

BCCI president Roger Binny and vice president Rajeev Shukla, along with an officer-bearer from the Afghanistan Cricket Board, reached Lahore on Monday afternoon. The duo from the Indian cricket board will watch the Group B match between Afghanistan and Sri Lanka on Tuesday followed by a Super Four match the next day.

"The meeting is on but as India are playing Nepal in Pallekele, the broadcaster is busy. A lot of things need to fall in place before arriving at a logical conclusion. A video call is also scheduled later in the day with

the ACC and other stakeholders, Let's see what comes out. If not today (Monday), a decision is expected by Tuesday," added the PCB source.

As many as five Super Four matches are scheduled to be held in Colombo from September 9 to 15 apart from the final two days later. As was reported, Dambulla seems to be out of question as the visiting West Indies U-19 team is scheduled to play a four-day match at the venue from September 5 to 8. Their next four-day match starts at the same venue on September 12. They reached Sri Lanka last month and have already played three 50-over day matches.

Hambantota can be an option but the distance of hotels and the ground may work against it. "At present, effort is on to make the original schedule work. Anyway, there are still four days left for the first match in Colombo. Both Colombo and Pallekele are still options along with Hambantota. Today the rain has subsided in Colombo which is good news," a Sri Lanka Cricket official told this daily.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the Indian team will be travelling to Colombo from Kandy on Tuesday morning. Its schedule then will depend on the decision taken by the ACC on the future of the tournament. What makes the situation tricky is the fact that the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Friday suspended all board-run domestic tournaments in the country apparently to restructure it. "Sri Lanka Cricket has decided to immediately halt all board-conducted domestic tournaments," SLC stated in a media release. "This includes the ongoing Major Club 3-Day Tournament and also the Invitational Club Tier 'B' 3-Day Tournament."

The suspension of activities could mean the alternate venues might not be ready for the competition especially at such a short notice. Sri Lanka though hosted the Lanka Premier League from July 30 to August 20, wherein 24 matches including 20 league and 4 play-off matches were played among five teams but all games were played either at Colombo or Pallekele.

Jasrotia urges Nationwide Participation in 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' Campaign to honor martyrs

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Rajiv Jasrotia, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Minister, emphasized the obligation of every citizen to pay homage to the supreme sacrifice of martyrs.

He asserted that the most fitting tribute to these heroes is active participation in the nationwide campaign 'Meri Maati Mera Desh.' During his visit to the residence of Surinder Sharma, who attained martyrdom during Operation Rakshak in 2000 Srinagar, Jasrotia reiterated the importance of this patriotic initiative.

As part of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' program, designed to honor the martyrs of the world's largest democracy who laid down their lives in defense of the nation, the senior BJP leader, along with others, visited the martyr's residence. They collected soil from the premises, which will be sent to the National



Capital.

In his address, Rajiv Jasrotia stated, "We salute the great martyr Surinder Sharma and pay our heartfelt tributes to him for sacrificing his life for the cause of the nation and its people."

He highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this campaign involves collecting soil from the homes, surroundings, statues, and memorials of martyrs at various locations across the nation, including Jammu & Kashmir. This

soil will contribute to the creation of 'Amrit Vatika' in front of Rashtrapati Bhawan on 'Kartavya Path' (formerly known as Rajpath).

Jasrotia emphasized that these initiatives, conducted under the slogan "Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandana," aim to celebrate 77 years of Indian Independence.

He noted that Kalash Yatras, transporting soil in 7500 urns, including those collected from Jammu and Kashmir, will ultimately reach the nation's capital, Delhi,

to merge with the soil at 'Amrit Vatika.' He urged the people of the nation to join the campaign and pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifices made by the Military, Para, Police, and other forces in the service of the nation and its people.

Prominent individuals accompanying Rajiv Jasrotia included Dr. Narinder Singh, Ashok Jasrotia, Vidya Sagar, Councillor Ravinder Pathania, Sardar JP Singh, Gian Singh, Ajay Singh, Ajay Gupta and T.R Bhagat.

LFO-BHF to implement J&K Bank's CSR Project on Menstrual Hygiene

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Live for Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF), a registered organization with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India, NITI Aayog, CSR, and E-ANUDAAN signed the MOU with J&K Bank.

Notably, with its mission to serve humanity by addressing issues related to menstrual hygiene during the project, LFO-BHF will target all the 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir to spread awareness about menstruation and required hygiene among students of various schools and colleges besides women of villages and far-flung areas.

Ashok Gupta, Deputy General Manager for J&K Bank and Vivek Parihar, Director & CEO, LFO-BHF signed the MoU in the presence of Mr. Syed Rais Maqbool, General Manager, CSR, J&K Bank. Besides challenging



the taboos surrounding menstruation, the collaborative initiative - having J&K Bank as funding partner and LFO-BHF (NGO) as the implementing agency - will raise awareness about the importance of sanitary pads, napkins. Aimed at the betterment of society by educating women about menstrual health and hygiene, the CSR project will also witness the free distribution of five lakh sanitary napkins across J&K.

Vivek Parihar, Director and CEO, LFO-BHF

described his organization's engagement with J&K Bank for this socially relative issue as an important milestone in eradicating women health and hygiene related taboos in J&K. "While J&K Bank has been always at the forefront of such people-oriented initiatives, I am sure we would come up to the expectation of the Bank in particular and society at large by giving this project our best and implementing it with professional dedication and societal commitment" he said, adding

"LFO-BHF is more than just an organization; it's a force for positive change, dedicated to making the world a better place for all."

Notably, other representatives from LFO-BHF present on the occasion included Vishal Singh, Director & COO, Afreen- President Kashmir province, Urfee- Vice President Kashmir province., Ritika- Secretary Jammu province and Environmental Domain Head (LFO-BHF), Babita-Project Designer (LFO-BHF).

Blood donation camp organized by 52 Bn CRPF



TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Sep 5: Under the Civil Assistance Programme, a Blood Donation Camp

was organized by 52 Battalion CRPF and District Hospital Administration in the Government Hospital of Kishtwar District. District hospitals

are the only hospitals in Kishtwar where patients of Kishtwar get the benefit of blood donation.

Apart from this, there is no high level medical

system available here.

The said blood donation camp was organized with the aim of providing health benefits to local and far-flung needy villagers. Under the blood donation camp, soldiers of 52 battalion CRPF participated enthusiastically in the program and donated blood.

Parma Shivan, Commandant 52 Battalion CRPF had a special contribution in making the said program successful.

CRPF was welcomed and praised by the local residents for organizing such a program smoothly and effectively.

NGO Anti Crime Bureau chairman meets Principal GMC Jammu



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 4: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of Anti Crime Bureau, a Social Service Organisation, along with his Team Members on Tuesday met Ashutosh Gupta, Principal, GMC Jammu, Gupta and presented him Mata's Chunri and honored him with the bouquet.

Principal GMC Rajouri Dr Amarjeet Singh was also present during the meeting.

Gupta also wished him all the best for assuming the New position. Gupta informed him about the work of the organisation and told him that his organisation works at the grassroots level without any government help

and believes in helping the people.

Gupta said that the members of his organisation donate blood from time to time so that the common people can get relief and the life of any poor can be saved. Gupta said that when needy people come to the organisation with the hope of if they do not

have money for treatment or medicines, then the organisation also provides them relief material or financial assistance.

Gupta also took information from Principal Dr. Ashutosh Gupta about the operations/surgeries/treatments to be done under Ayushman Yojana so that people can get maximum benefit of this scheme.

Principal Ashutosh Gupta praised the work of the organisation and told them that he expects the organisation to continue working for the welfare of the people in the future also.

Chairman Gupta along with MC Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta and Team Members Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Tushar Digra, Rohit Kumar, and Abhishek Sharma were present.

Abhay Bakaya expresses grave concern over electrical outages in Tawi-Vihar area Ward 71

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Apni Party Spokesperson and Youth General Secretary Abhay Bakaya on Tuesday raised a compelling issue that has left the residents of Tawi-Vihar, JMC Ward 71, in darkness and despair.

He voiced profound concern today regarding the persistent and crippling electrical blackouts afflicting this neighborhood, placing the spotlight squarely on a crisis that demands immediate attention.

In his statement, Bakaya said the source of this protracted agony is the alleged rampant proliferation of illicit electricity connections that have been illicitly bestowed upon

nearby tent dwellers.

"This unscrupulous act has precipitated a debilitating scarcity of electricity for the native inhabitants of Tawi-Vihar, plunging their lives into uncertainty and peril," he said.

The local residents, Bakaya underscored, "have been crying out for relief, beseeching the authorities to heed their pleas. Yet, it appears that these urgent cries for help have fallen upon deaf ears." "The gravity of the situation cannot be overstated, as essential services, educational institutions and healthcare facilities all suffer in the wake of this relentless power scarcity," he said.

Bakaya made a fervent appeal

to the local authorities especially to the District Commissioner Jammu and the Chief Engineer of the Power Department to urgently acknowledge the dire circumstances faced by Tawi-Vihar's residents and to take swift and decisive action to ameliorate their plight.

Moreover, Abhay Bakaya emphasized the deplorable state of street lighting in this area, calling for immediate action.

He stated, "It is imperative that the malfunctioning streetlights receive proper maintenance and repairs. In addition, where required, new streetlights should be promptly installed to alleviate the hardships faced by the public."

Corporator Ward 28 starts development work

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 5: Corporator Gourav Anil Chopra of Ward 28 fulfilled the old demand of the people by starting new lane and drains development work at Bakshi Nagar in Ward 28.

On this occasion, Gourav Chopra said that he dedicates this construction work to Bakshi Nagar peoples. He said that the construction work of this lanes and drains was a very old demand of the people. After becoming a Corporator, he promised the people here that he would start the construction of this lane and drains work on a priority basis. Today they have fulfilled their promise.



He would like to thank his ward residents who have supported him at every step. Their priority is to make their ward the model ward of Jammu Municipal Corporation. All dignitaries of Mohalla Har-

jeet Singh, Deedar Singh, Sikan- der, Sulkhan Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Sunny Singh, Amit Sehgal, Vinod Singh, Amit Singh, Manpreet Singh and Inderjeet Singh were present on the occasion.

GDC Billawar celebrates Teachers' Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

BILLAWAR, Sep 5: Government Degree College (GDC) Billawar celebrated Teachers' Day with great fervour to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan under the overall supervision of Prof. Alka Sharma, Principal of the College.

On this occasion, students participated in different activities and also expressed their gratitude towards teachers for helping them in all the ways possible to continue their studies.

The celebration started with the lamp lightening following by Sarasvati Vandana and various beautiful performances in which various students presented speech, dance, acting, and singing performances.

Faculty members



of the college also thanked and applauded the students for displaying their talent in the program.

The gratitude was also expressed by Dr. Alka Sharma, Principal of the college as she expresses her views by saying that teaching is noble profession, and a teacher must exhibit an unwavering commit-

ment towards the moral and intellectual development of the students.

She also said that Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan who was the first vice president of India was an intellectual who acclaimed the role of teachers in the society and insisted to celebrate his birth anniversary as teachers' day.

He was a renowned educationist, a highly respected teacher, philosopher and prolific statesman.

Students also engaged teachers in various games. The winners of those games were awarded with gifts. Lastly the program was concluded with a formal vote of thanks by the students' fraternity.