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Missing BSF Jawan traced to home in **Bihar**, to face departmental inquiry

MENDHAR/JAMMU, Sep 10 (Agencies): Two days after he was reported to be missing from his post near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was traced to his home in Bihar, officials said on Sunday.

The jawan was reported missing from the forward post in Bharani in Balakote sector early Friday, following which the BSF lodged a missing person report at the police station concerned, the officials said.

A police officer said the missing jawan was traced to his home in Bihar Sunday morning and further necessary action was being taken.

The officials said BSF has also started a departmental inquiry against the jawan for leaving his post without permission.

Two drug peddlers booked under NDPS act in Kishtwar, Ramban

LG Sinha credits G20 for tourism growth in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): Stating that the authorities are committed to make Jammu and Kashmir a global tourism destination, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that terror and its ecosystem had destroyed everyone while as tourism is uniting all and one.

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Sinha said this while inaugurating the Bungus Tourism and Adventure festival at Bungus Valley in border district of Kupistration

Present on the occasion were Divisional



Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bhiduri besides other officials from the district admin-Addressing the gather-

ing, LG Sinha said that years of terrorism and its

2020.

eco-system destroyed and damaged almost every one while as tourism is all set to unite all. "Terror and its ecosystem had given a bad name and image to J&K. "Without peace, no

development and tourism can happen. It is not only the job of security forces to cement peace but every one including locals have to play their part. Elected representatives have a great responsibility," the LG said. The LG said that the

everyone must work to promote tourism. "We must leave no stone unturned to ensure tourism is promoted in J&K. We want J&K to become a global tourism destination and we have been able to achieve that to a greater extent so



INTERNATIONAL

Ukraine's counteroffensive to

continue through onset of bad

weather: Official

British PM Sunak, wife Akshata

perform 'Puja' at Akshardham

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty visited the Akshardham temple here on Sunday and offered prayers. Ahead of the visit of G20 leaders to Rajghat

to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi, Sunak, who was dressed in trousers and a shirt, and his wife, wearing a kurta with palazzo, reached the temple early morning and were accorded a traditional welcome.

(in Vanavarnam) and

The starter 'Paatram'

forest mushrooms, little

millet crisp and curry leaf

page of the menu.

Sunak was then greeted by swamis, as well as senior leaders from the Akshardham Mandir, who relayed a special message on behalf of Mahant Swami Maharaj, spiritual leader of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS). During his visit, the British Prime Minister was given an overview of Swaminarayan Akshardham, a 100acre spiritual and cultural complex that portrays the traditions and ancient architecture of India and promotes the Turn to page 9

Lawyer Babar Qadri Killing: SIA announces Rs 10 lakh reward for information

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): Jammu Kashmir's State Investigation Agency (SIA) has announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh for individuals whose information can help nab the killers of lawyer Babar Qadri. He was killed

by two assailants at his

Hawal residence in Sri-

nagar on September 24, nagar," a public notice issued by the Chief Investigation Officer of "A cash reward of Rs 10,00,000 is offered to SIT said on September those who provide infor-9. "Qadri lost his life to mation leading to the terrorists on September arrest of the individuals 24, 2020, at his resiinvolved in the tragic killdence.' ing of senior advocate The notice assured

that the identity of the

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individual providing

Kashmiri Kahwa on all Veg Menu for G20 delegates

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): An all-vegetarian dinner hosted for G20 Delegates by President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday evening had Kashmiri kahwa. filter coffee, and Darjeeling tea among the beverages served to quests. President Murmu and PM Modi welcomed

G20 leaders and other guests, including US President Joe Biden and



"A medley of traditions, customs and climate. Bharat is diverse in many ways. Taste

Alpine grasslands of **Bhaderwah** To give the taste of emerges as millets grown across favourite India "to our esteemed guests, we have includdestination for ed a few dishes in the menu today", which use picnickers different types of millets, namely: Foxtail millet (in Paatram), Little millet

JAMMU, Sep 10 (Agencies): The highaltitude Jaie Valley meadows near the picturesque Bhaderwah in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district has emerged as a favourite destination for picnickers this season, officials said. A record four lakh tourists, including 1.20 lakh students, visited the valley — which lies at an altitude of 7,850 feet, 30 kilometres from Bhaderwah — between May and September, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dilmir Chowdhary said. Surrounded by coniferous deodar forests,

JAMMU, Sep 10 (Agencies): Two suspected drug peddlers were detained under the NDPS Act in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar and Ramban districts, police said on Sunday. Senior Superintendent of Police (Kishtwar) Khalil Poswal said Mohd Igbal Khanday of Keshwan village was apprehended under the stringent law and lodged in the district jail.

Khanday was involved in multiple drug peddling cases and his bank accounts have already been frozen, the officer said

Mohd Shafi Sheikh, another notorious peddler, from the Kawbagh village was also taken into preventive detention under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and **Psychotropic Substances** (NDPS) Act for repeated involvement in selling and distributing contraband in Ramban district. Senior Superintendent of Police (Ramban) Mohita Sharma prepared the dossier on Sheikh. After receiving approval from the competent authority, the peddler was detained under the NDPS Act, a police spokesperson said.

Property of Jailed Drug Smuggler Couple attached in Bandipora

Babar Qadri, the son of

Mohd Yasin Qadri from

Zahidpora, Hawal, Sri-

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 The property worth (Agencies): Police on Rs 56.60 lakh belong-Sunday froze property ing to two notorious of a notorious drug drug smugglers identified as Khursheed smuggler couple under the Narcotic Drugs and Ahmad Waza and his Psychotropic Substancwife Posha Begum, a es (NDPS) Act in Jammu resident of Ward No. 5 and Kashmir's Bandipo-Bandipora, was frozen, Police Xed. ra district.

"Freezed u/s 68F(2) of NDPS Act by the Competent Authority & Admin, SAFEM (New Delhi)", police said. these assets "All were illegally acquired through the sale of narcotic drugs," police

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanual Macron, and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa among others before the start of the dinner. The dinner hosted at Bharat Mandapam, where the Summit was held, was attended by close to 300 people,

rich culinary heritage in a modern mosaic dedicated to the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' -'One Earth, One Family, including heads of state One Future'," according and those who were to the menu paper of the invited by the Governdinner.

– 'A breath of fresh air' - comprising of foxtail connects us. We celmillet leaf crisps topped ebrate 'Sharad Ritu', with a yoghurt sphere the autumn season of and spiced chutney abundance in this menu. which contains milk, It showcases the wealth wheat and nuts was of ingredients across served to the G20 lead-Bharat, expressing our res. It was followed by the main course 'Vanavarnam', a jackfruit galette served with glazed

> tossed Kerala red rice, Turn to page 9

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Shri Ram Sena expresses grave concern over unscrupulous attempt to commercialize Jogi Gate Cremation Ground

ment of India.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Shri Ram Sena, Jammu and Kashmir, has raised a serious alarm concerning the ongoing attempts by unscrupulous elements to convert the hallowed Jogi Gate cremation ground in Prem Nagar, Jammu, into a commercial complex.

In a statement released today, Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena, Jammu & Kashmir, voiced his deep concerns over the alarming construction activities occurring in close proximity to the main entrance of the historic Jogi Gate.

Mahajan expressed his dismay, revealing that some unscrupulous elements are actively engaged in constructing shops on the sacred ground of Jogi Gate cremation ground. These shops had previously been demolished by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) under the leadership of the then JMC Commissioner, Avny Lavasa. The demolition was carried out due to the construction work being initiated without the requisite permissions.



Mahajan said that previous shops constructed on the land of Jogi Gate were sold to individuals under the pretext of 'Pagri,' with these shops subsequently being falsely categorized as 'Karayanama' or rental basis in official records. Mahajan expressed his appre-

hension that if the ongoing illegal construction work at Jogi Gate is not promptly stopped by the administration, these unscrupulous elements may succeed in selling these shops at exorbitant prices, only to have them deceitfully categorized as 'Karayanama' once again.

Additionally, Rajiv Mahajan also called upon these unscrupulous elements to desist from their efforts to raise illegal construction on this sacred place. He emphasized the universal truth that everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs, ultimately covers their last journey at a cremation ground.

Furthermore, he stressed that the preservation of cultural and sacred sites is not just a responsibility of the dovernment and authorities but a collective duty shared by all members of society. He urged the community to come together in protecting the heritage and legacy of Jogi Gate for the benefit of present and future generations.

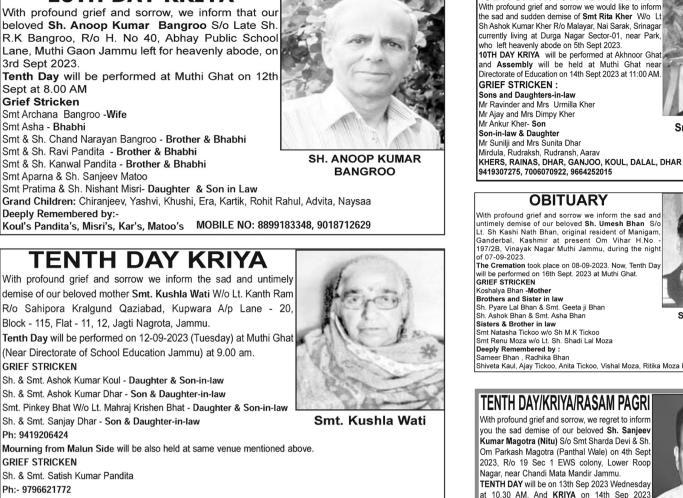
Rajiv Mahajan appealed to the Lt Governor to intervene in this matter and direct the authorities concerned to take immediate action to stop ongoing illegal construction at Jogi Gate.

OBITUARIES

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our

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10TH DAY KRIYA

Sham Sunder Lal Bhat Sh. Yogender Dassi & Smt. Prinay Ji - Nephew & Daughter-in-law

of Fohar & Ashmugan (Anantnag)

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Suman Kumar (Monday) at 11:00 AM & Kriya will be held on 14-09-2023 (Thursday) at our residence 74C/D Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Uthala/Rasam Pagri will be held on 15-09-2023 at Panch Mandir, Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar Jammu from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

TENTH DAY KRIYA

demise of our beloved mother Smt. Kushla Wati W/o Lt. Kanth Ram R/o Sahipora Kralgund Qaziabad, Kupwara A/p Lane - 20 Block - 115, Flat - 11, 12, Jagti Nagrota, Jammu. Tenth Day will be performed on 12-09-2023 (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education Jammu) at 9.00 am. GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. & Smt. Ashok Kumar Koul - Daughter & Son-in-law Sh. & Smt. Ashok Kumar Dhar - Son & Daughter-in-law

Mourning from Malun Side will be also held at same venue mentioned above. GRIFF STRICKEN Sh. & Smt. Satish Kumar Pandita

Ph:- 9796621772

"SHIVHUM, SHIVOHAM"

The 10th Day Kriya of our beloved Bhaisahab (Kakaji) Sham Sunder Lal Bhat son of Keshavo Nath resident of H.No. 164. Sharika Vihar. Roop Nagar Jammu will be performed at Muthi Ghat (Near Director School Education, Office) on 14-09-2023 at 9 am. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Nancy Bhat - Wife Mr. Pankaj Koul & Chanchal Bhat - Son-in-law & Daughter Smt. Dulari Bhat W/o Late J.N. Bhat - Auntie Sh. Brij Nath Koul & Smt. Dulari Ji - Brother-in-law & Sister Smt. Vijay Talashi W/o Late J.N. Talashi - Sister Sh. Jagat K. Bhat & Smt. Dazy Ji - Brother & Bhabhi

Samast Bhat Parivaar

Dogra ji, Son of Late Shri Hans Raj Dogra ji (Ex MLA BJP) on Saturday 2nd September 2023. Tenth Day will be performed on 11-09-2023





SH. SANJEEV KUMAF
 GREEF STRICKEN
 MAGOTRA (NITO)

 NISHA MAGOTRA (VIPE)
 SHIVAKSHI MAGOTRA (VIPE)

 SHIVAKSHI MAGOTRA (DAUGHTER) NIMIKASH MAGOTRA (SON)
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 SH. KEVAL KRISHAN MAGOTRA & LATE SMT. VIDYA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)

 SH. KEVAL KRISHAN MAGOTRA & SALTE CHANCHALA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)
 SH. KEVAL KRISHAN MAGOTRA & LATE SUMAN SHARMA (JIJA & DIDI JI)

 SMT. MAMTA (PINKI) SA SHARAT BHUSHAN SHARMA (DIDI & JILA JI)
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 SMT. KIRAN WIO LATE SH. NARESH KHAJURIA (MAMI & MAMA JI)
 SMT. MADHU WO SH. TILAK RAJ MAGOTRA (MASI & MAMA JI)

 SMT. SUDESH WIO SH. TILAK RAJ MAGOTRA (MASI & SISTER-IN-LAW)
 SH ATHER-IN-LAW & STERE-IN-LAW)

 SH. KANDHA & SMT SUMAN (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)
 SH KANDHAW SA SMT BABLI (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)

 SH. KISHOR KUMAR & SMT BABLI (BROTHER-IN-LAW & BOTHER-IN-LAW)
 SH KANHAWI ANDHAW SA SMT BABLI (BROTHER-IN-LAW & BOTHER-IN-LAW)

 SHIVARTI, AYUSH MAGOTRA (MAPHEW & NECC)
 SHIVARTI, AYUSH MAGOTRA (RAPHEW & NECC)
 SHIVARTI, AYUSH MAGOTRA (RAPHEW & NECC)
MAGOTRA (NITU) DTRA (WIFE)

SH MAGOTRA (NEPHEW & NIECE SANJEEV DAILY NEEDS, Roopnagar - 9419142975, 9697042975, 7006761396

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Jawahar Lal Baru (Retd. FA/CAO) S/o Lt. Sh. Ram Nath Baru (Purmandal wale) R/o 28-A Subhash Nagar, Jammu on 03rd Sep 2023. TENTH DAY: 11/09/2023 (Monday) at our residence at 10 am. KRIYA: 12/09/2023 (Tuesday) at our residence at 12 noon. RASAM PAGRI: 13/09/2023 (Wednesday) at Har Mandir, Rehari Colony from 5 PM to 6 PM. Grief Stricken: Sh. Vikas and Richa Baru - Son and Daughter-in-law



(Retd. FA/CAO)

Smt. Pallavi and Sh. Vimal Joshi - Daughter and Son-in-law Smt. Manu and Sh. Sanjeev Sharma - Daughter and Son-in-law Sh. Jyoli (Retd. Lecturer) and Smt. Usha Baru - Brother and Bhabhi Smt. Swarna and LL. Sh. K.K. Magotra - Sister and Brother-in-law Sh. Jawahar Lal Baru Smt. Geeta and Lt. Sh. Madan Lal - Sister and Brother-in-law Grand Children: Achintay, Rudra, Khushi, Nikhil, Vaanya, Vaanini, Yuvaan. Anubhav -(NEPHEW) MOB. NO: 9906212151, 9419143421, 9796420410

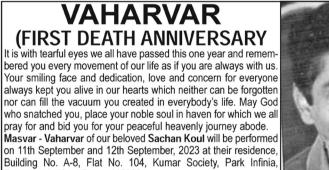
TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

It is with a heavy heart that we regret to inform the sad demise of Sh Brii Mohan Verma, S/o Late Sh Thakur Das, R/o H.No.50, W.No.2, near Ice Factory, Chenani, Udhampur, who left for heavenly abode on 03-09-2023. Tenth Day will be held on 11-09-2023, Monday at Shiv Mandir, Bus Stand, Chenani, Udhampur. me: 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM. Kriva will be held on 14-09-2023. Thursday at our sidence, Time: 12.00 PM. Uthala will be held on 15-09-2023, Friday at Shiv





SH. ASHOK KUMAR GANDOTRA



Smt. Asha Ji Koul & Sh. Roshan Lal Koul - Mother & Father Originally from Darbiyar, Habbakadal, Srinagar Presently Residing Pune - Mobile No. 9871182185 Rumpa Koul & Ishaan Koul R/o Bangalore. Mob. No.: 9810975690 -Wife & Son Anupama Koul & Nitan Koul - Bhabhi & Brother Presently at Dubai Mob. No.: 00971508070334 Dubai Ayesha and Sushant Koul R/o Pune. Mob. No.: 9881976786 - Bhabhi & Brother Seema & Susheel Koul R/o Pune Mob.: 9890665456 - Bhabhi & Brother Prerena and Sandeep Koul R/o Pune. Mob.: 8975600017 - Bhabhi & Brother Sahil Koul R/o Pune. Mob.: 9910053356 - Bhabhi & Brother Veena Ji and Heera Lal Koul R/o Pune. Mob.: 850274433 - Aunti & Uncle Sarla Ji & Ashok Koul R/o Pune. Mob.: 8825077369 - Aunti & Uncle And Others Deeply Grieved Families Moza's, Tikoo's, Dhar's Fotedar's & Bhat's

10TH DAY/ 13TH DAY KRIYA/ UTHALA

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad

demise of our beloved Sh Sunil Kumar Bakshi

(Desh Toth) S/o Late Sh Jawahar Lal Bakshi on

05.09.2023 originally resident of village Wachi

Shopian at present H No. 150/2, Vikas Nagar, Sarwal

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat

(near Directorate of School Education Jammu) on

Smt Bimla Bakshi **(Bhabhi)** Smt Reeta & Sh Chand Ji Bakshi **(Bhabhi & Brother)**

ANTIM ARDAS

Antim Ardas of Late Sdr Harnam Kour

W/o Late S Jaswant Singh R/o 2/112

Shant Nagar Janipur Jammu will be

Antim Ardas 10.30 to 12.00 PM at

Gurdeep Kour & Late Swarn Singh - Son & Daughter in Law

Kulwant Kour & Late Sh. Surinder Singh, Delhi - Daughter & Son in Law

Arambh Path at home on 09-09-2023

Gurudwara Kalgidhar Rehari Jammu.

Bhog at Home on 11-09-2023 at 9.30 AM

Hardev Singh & Harjeet Kour- Son & Daughter in Law

Gurmeet Kour & Daljeet Singh- Daughter & Son in Law

Smt Princy & Sh Sushil Bakshi (Bhabhi & Brother)

. (Thursday) 14.09.2023 at 08.30 A.M.

M. No. 9796627819, 9070078002

Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SAMAST BAKSHI PARIVAR

performed as follows:

Grief Stricken

Harjeet Kour - Daughter

CONTACT NO: 78896517171

Fursungi Hadfser, Pune -412308. GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ashok Kumar Gandotra S/o Lt Dr Deewan Chand Gandotra R/o Sailan Talab Udhampur. The 10TH DAY will be performed at our residence H. No 57 W. No 14 Sailan Talab Udhampur on 10th of Sept 2023 at 11.30 AM.

The 13th Day Kriya will be performed at Devika Ghat Udhampur on 13th Sept 2023 at 12.00 Noon. Uthala /Rasam Pagdi will be performed at 5.00 Pm on 13th Sept 2023 at DN Palace, Battal Ballian Road Udhampur. **Grief Stricken** Smt Sudershan Abrol - Wife

Sh. Puneet Gandotra & Smt Nidhi Gandotra - Son & Daughter in Law Sh. Manik Gandotra & Smt Sonia Gandotra - Son & Daughter in Law Sh. Brijesh Chopra & Smt Rashmi Chopra - Daughter & Son in Law Sh. Pritam Pal Gandotra - Brother Dr. Subash Gandotra- Brother Sh. Vijav Gandotra & Dr. Vinod Gandotra - Brother & Sister in Law Dr. B.D Sharma & Dr. Promila Sharma - Brother in Law & Sister Dr. Neelam Gandotra -(Sister) Sh. Krishan Lal Abrol - Brother in Law

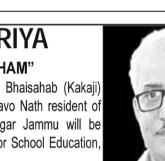


Sh Sunil Kumar Bakshi

(Desh Toth)

LATE SDR HARNAM

KOUR





OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

and **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education on 14th Sept 2023 at 11:00 AM.

Sons and Daughters-in-law

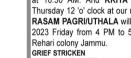
Sh. Umesh Bhar

Smt Rita Kher

Sh. Ashok Bhan & Smt. Asha Bhan Sh. I Sisters & Brother in Iaw Smt Natasha Tickoo w/o Sh M.K Tickoo Smt Renu Moza w/o Lt. Sh. Shadi Lal Moza Deeply Remembered by : Sameer Bhan , Radhika Bhan Shiveta Kaul, Ajay Tickoo, Anita Tickoo, Vishal Moza, Ritika Moza Kak

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI









RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA will be held on 15th Sep 2023 Friday from 4 PM to 5 PM at Hari Mandir



MOBILE NO: 8082848583, 9797596757

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved (Jija Ji) Pt. Ram Parsad S/o Sh Bodh Raj Kerni R/o Trikuta Nagar Jammu left for his heavenly abode on Friday 08-09-2023.

The 5th Day will be held on Monday 11th Sept. 2023 at Arya Samaj Mandir, Arya Samaj Gali Udhampur at 12.00 PM.

Grief Stricken

Brothers & Bhabis

Smt Vijay Sharma & Lt. Ram Rattan Khajuria Smt Santosh Devi & Sh Ved Parkash Khajuria Smt Radha Devi & Sh Shashi Kumar Khajuria Khajuria Family Mob. 9906313019

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Nirmal Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Tilak Raj Gupta who left for heavenly abode on 2-09-2023. May the Lord grant peace to the divine soul.

10TH DAY shall be performed on 11-09-2023 (Monday) at 11:00 AM at Beotra Hall Main Bazar Bishnah.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sons and Daughter-in-laws Mr Ashwani Gupta and Mrs Rajni Gupta Mr Vinay Gupta and Mrs Seema Gupta

Daughters and Son-in-laws

Mr Sunil Gupta and Mrs Sushma Gupta Mr Pawan Gupta and Lt. Pallavi Gupta Mr. Yogesh Gupta and Mrs Neha Gupta Mr Suresh Gupta and Mrs Anju Gupta Grand Children: Himanshi, Sourab, Ananya, Riya

SMT. NIRMAL GUPTA

Mobile No's : 9906320375, 9469213462

Vijay Kumari (Wife) (Brother & Bhabhi) . Late Sh. Vaishno Dutt Dogra & Sonia Dogra Sonam & Mehak Dogra (Son & Daughter- in-law) Jyoti & Suhel Verma (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Bhanu Dogra (Son) Deepa Dogra (Daughter) Aditya & Raksha Dogra (Nephew & Daughter-in-law) Grand Children: Chitvan, Sharanaya, Maahhir, Ojal, Sanchi, Aanaya Dogra Family

9858277272, 7889741700, 9419160553

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief, we wish to inform the passing away of our beloved Son Sardar Jagdeep Singh (King) on 03-09-2023.

Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib on Sep 09 2023 (Saturday) at 9 AM at our residence. Bhog and Antim Ardas will be performed on Sep 11, 2023 Monday from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at Gurdwara, Fateh Singh Sahib (Gandhinagar

Jammu).

Grief Stricken :

Tajinder Pal Singh - Mob 6005717855- Brother Paramveer Singh- 9149550092- Brother





DOGRA JI

Mandir, Chenani Time 04.00 PM **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt Rama Verma -Wife Daughter & Son Shipali Verma & Nikhil Verma **Daughter & Son-in-law** Shilpa & Amit Malhotra

Udheywala P.O. Muthi

Office Muthi

GRIEF STRICKEN

Grand Daughters

Son & Daughter-in-law

10-09-2023 at 12:00 Noon.

Sh Brij Mohan Verma (Moni)

Mob: 9596795521/ 9858760027 **Deeply Remembered By:** Sangran/ Abrol Family

13TH DAY KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI With profound grief and sorrow, we

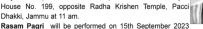


Malika Jamwal & Monika Jamwal DEEPLY MISSED BY:-JAMWAL FAMILY MOBILE NO: 8716080082, 8716024384



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Girdhari Lal (Kaku)** S/o Bal Krishan R/o H No. 199, opposite to Radha Krishen Temple Pacci Dhakki, Jammu who left for his heavenly abode on 2nd September 2023.

Fenth Day will be performed on Monday 11th of Septemb 2023 at Rani Talab, at 11 am. Kriya will be performed on 14th September 2023 Thursday a



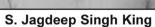
riday at Sh Radha Krishen Temple Pacci Dhakki, Jammu at 4 Sh Girdhari Lal (Kaku)

Grief Stricken

Daughters in law & Sons Mrs Rajni Kashyap & Raju Kumar Mrs Raj Shree & Sushil Dogra Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs Anita Dogra & Sh Anil Kuma Mb No. 9419173807 & 9419830707 akshi, Vahwini, Uditi, Meyank, Gareema & Chetanya



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LOCAL/ ADVT

JMC fails to provide basic amenities in Sidhra: Manjit

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has expressed concern over the underdevelopment in Sidhra area that falls under the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

As per a press release, a meeting was organized at Sidhra by the party leaders at SC/ST basti to discuss various developmental issues being confronted by the people. The meeting was organized by District President SC Wing Jammu Puran Chand Rahi.

During the meeting, the people informed the Former Minister about the poor lane, drainage, irregular clean drinking water supply and unscheduled power cuts.

They also raised the issue of development claiming that the concerned authorities were not ready to do any developmental work even after repeated requests in the ST/SC residential colonies.

While referring to their concerns, Manjit Singh said that it was unfortunate to note that the



people has been cre-

PRIs and others should

be considered before

making any kind of deci-

sions. As far as under-

development in Sidhra

is concerned, it shows

that the JMC has delib-

erately ignored the SC/

ST colonies regarding

the basic amenities," he

He demanded that

the Legislative Assem-

bly elections should be

held in J&K as soon

as possible so that the

issues of the people in

both the regions can be

public.

said.

authorities have turned blind eyes towards the suffering of the people although the area in Sidhra falls under JMC. "The JMC is getting huge funds in the name of development, but the negligence of Sidhra is unbelievable. The

authorities should not discriminate against the people and should equally treat the areas and focus on providing equitable development," he added. He further said that

"The Govt officials are not answerable to the people and hence, the people are facing harassment at the hands of the policy makers because there is no elected Govt in place in Jammu and Kashmir for the last several years." He said that the gap

between Govt and

addressed.

ated by the Govt offi-"There is a feeling cials because they do of despair among the not work in accordance people and the authoriwith the public demand ties are not listening but impose unilateral to them. Therefore, decisions on them which an elected Govt can are not suitable for the address the issues by replacing the present "We believe that the form of Govt in J&K," he public representatives added. including corporators,

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include SC Wing State President, Bodh Raj Bhagat, State President Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, Provincial President Apni Trade Union, Raj Sharma, District President Apni Trade Union, Anirudh Vashisht, senior leader, Vijay Mangota, Kamlesh Rani, Block President ST Wing, Ghulam Rasoo, General Secretary, SC Wing, Sushma Kumari, and others.

People residing in remote areas neglected under present dispensation: Rattan Lal VALIONAL CONTRENCE LIED

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR. SEP 10: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu, while urging the party cadre especially the workers and activists to gear up for the upcoming polls, asserted that victory of the National Conference is the only solution of all the problems of the people. He said that people are fed up with the BJP's anti people governance as they are struggling amid miseries thrust upon them by the saffron party's proxy administration in Jammu and Kashmir Union Ter-

ritory. Addressing a day long convention of National Conference workers conducted under the chairmanship of District President of National Conference Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo at Kishtwar, the Chief Guest Rattan Lal Gupta said that the Govt is making tall claims about its so called achievements especially that of equitable development, but the situation on ground speaks contrary. He said that remote areas of district Kishtwar have been com-

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pletely ignored by the incumbent dispensation, not to talk of its remote areas where the conditions are worst with suffering people having none to listen to their woes. The performance of the UT Administration can be well gauged from the fact that even Kishtwar town stands neglected with no visible improve-

ment on ground. The senior National Conference leader said that BJP is well aware of the misgovernance of its governance and its leaders fear worst defeat in the Assembly elections. He claimed it to be the main reason for delaying Assembly elections in the Union Territory thus depriving the people of the right to enjoy the fruits of democracy. He accused the BJP of blatant murder of democratic principles especially in

Earlier while delivering the welcome address by Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, Zonal President Chenab Valley and former Minister castigated the Govt for having left the people of this region to the mercy of God amid a volley of miseries. He highlighted the problems being faced by the people residing in Paddar, Dacchan, Marwah, Chatroo, Bunjwah, etc. He said that these areas being the NC strongholds stand deliberately ignored by the Administration on the development front. He said that the devel-

opment works started

by the NC government

were brought to a halt

and no further develop-

ment has taken place in

these areas since then.

Sheikh Ahmed Bashir.

Provincial Secretary

JKNC, Pardeep Bali, Dr

Chaman Lal and Pooja

Thakur in their address on the occasion asked the people to remain vigilant against the divisive forces and maintain communal harmony and brotherhood at all costs. Later, dozens of functionaries from BJP and Congress who joined the National Conference on the occasion were formally welcomed into the party fold by the NC leaders led by Rattan Lal Gupta.

Rattan Lal asked the newly joined members to work for strengthening the hands of Dr Faroog Abdullah and Omar Abdullah for the betterment of people of Jammu and Kashmir. Among those who were present include Mushtaq Ahmed Haq, Farooq Ahmed, Istiaq Ahmed Malik, Imtiaz Zargar, Shahid Karipak, Sajjad Ahmed, Zagar Hussain, Raja Thakur and S.A Bhat.

Jeet, Keshav inaugurates development work



TOP NEWS REPORT JAMMU, Sep 10: Former Chairman

With an estimated cost of Rupees 27 lac from which several works of the ward will be done in this amount. Lane of the area was in a bad condition and the residents especially senior citizens were facing the problem while passing through these lane. Speaking on the occasion Jeet Angral said that it was a long pending demand of the resi-

dents which has been fulfilled today, Jeet also appealed the locals to come forward and cooperate with JMC for the development of the ward. Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra

said BJP is committed for the development of every corner, BJP's Public representatives are giving their best in providing solutions to the issues faced by the common man Ganga Angral, Kanta Devi, Anil Angral, Varinder Dogra, Swaran Samyal, Dr. Surjeet Singh, Rakesh Gupta, Puneet Kapoor, Kundan Lal, Tarun Angral, Kushal Chand, Sanjeev Malhotra, and others were also present during the inauguration.

Miseries of common people increased manifold under BJP Govt: Dr Manohar

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Sep 10: Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma today organized monthly public meeting at Six Acres Farm Mandli to listen to public issues. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manohar highlight the issue of deployment of smart meters in J&K, power outages, price-rise, imposition of property tax, Toll Plazas and other such issues which are hampering the daily lives of people in Jammu and Kashmir demanding closing toll plazas, stopping to install prepaid smart meters ,rollback of property tax terming them antipeople decisions.

be equated with other UTs or states in the matter of taxations, especially when no facilities of the like are available here," he added.

Dr Manohar said bureaucratic regime under the command of the central government is harassing the common man by issuing series of anti-people orders. Claiming that the Modi government has pushed the country into a "vicious cycle" of inflation, he said the prices of essential commodities will automatically fall if the prices of petroleum products are reduced, as it would lead to decrease in transportation costs accusing the Modi government of "ruthlessly profiteering" from the sale of petrol and diesel. Dr Manohar said without any elected Government, the people of J&K easily fall prey to the malicious tactics of BJP. People are being exploited as taxes in the form of power tariffs, toll taxes, property tax etc and prices soar through the roof. This has been an ongoing issue ever since

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the advent of BJP. He said that imposition of property tax was another blow to the already economically and politically distressed people of the region by the bureaucratic UT regime and the Centre in the absence of an elected government.

Dr Manohar said BJP Government in the State and BJP Government at the Centre has increased the miseries of common people manifold. He said rise in prices of food grains, cooking gas, vegetables, fertilizers, seeds have broken the backbone of the common man. The poor middle class BPL people are hand to mouth and their purchasing capacity sharply come down. The people are feeling insecure. Are these "good days", Dr Manohar asked, adding that the common man is praying to God for "old bad davs".

material items like wood etc. BJP Government has not even spared the cost of recharging mobile connections. Service tax on mobiles has badly hit the common youth. The Govt at the centre and UT administration is choosing the opportunity to take certain decisions against the wishes and aspirations and interests of the general people, forcing the people to protest and come on roads, added Dr Manohar. The mining policies of the Govt, leads to great sufferings to all people especially the manifold confusion, smuggling, price hike of building material due to wrong policies of the Govt. The Administration and the Centre keep on making decisions for Jammu and Kashmir's public without any inputs from the stakeholders or thinking of any of the consequences. In a recent example, the installation of smart meters without any control of power tariffs first will cause an immediate and massive financial burden on the consumers, Dr Manohar said.

Jammu Municipal Corporation & Municipal Councillor Ward 12 Jeet Angral along With BJP Talab Tillo Mandal President Keshav Chopra inaugurated Paver tiles work at Krishna Nagar. The works will be

done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC)

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Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manohar said people of J&K are already distressed both economically and politically in view of the long spell of terrorism and the prevailing security situation coupled with the Centre's experiments to deal with the problem as a result the normal business and other activities remain derailed to great extent. In such a situation, J&K can't

Dr Manohar said in present situation, common man cannot have his own house due to rise in prices of cement and steel, sand, bajri and other building

Khatana commends PM Modi's visionary leadership, India's hosting of G20 Summit

JAMMU, Sep 10: Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), lauded the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that it has not only transformed Indian politics but also reshaped the global landscape. He emphasized that India's role as the host of the G20 meeting, with Prime Minister Modi as its president, has instilled fresh optimism for global peace and stability at a time when the world faces numerous challenges, including economic slowdown, terrorism, and public health crises.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana noted that prominent world leaders, such as US President Joe Biden, French President



Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Russian dignitaries, have all expressed their appreciation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership as the host of the summit. They have acknowledged India's commitment to the principles of unity and peace. Reflecting on the

ter Narendra Modi's remarkable leadership during his nine years in office. He commended the Prime Minister for his unwavering focus on uplifting the most disadvantaged sections of society and propelling India to new heights. MP Gulam Ali highlighted several groundbreaking initiatives introduced by the BJP government

domestic front, MP for the welfare of the Gulam Ali Khatana common masses. These praised Prime Minisinclude the Ayushman

Bharat scheme, which aims to provide healthcare coverage to millions; the distribution of free rations to 80 crore individuals to address food security challenges during and after the Covid-19 pandemic; and the Ujwala scheme, which has transformed lives by providing clean cooking fuel to women. During his interactions, MP Gulam Ali Khatana also met with various delegations, including

the All J&K VLWs (Panchayat Secretary) Association, JSA Waiting List selectees, Balakote BP Mandal president, and residents of Mendhar advocating for the construction of a road from Mohalla Peeran to Therpal NABARD road. These delegations shared their concerns and demands, highlighting the government's commitment to addressing the needs of its citizens.

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J&K on High Seismic Zone

n earthquake is the sudden movement of the Earth's crust that occurs along the fault lines where the Earth's tectonic plates meet. Any type of movement that occurs in the tectonic plates ranging from colliding, subducting or slipping, builds pressure in the area. If the pressure between the two plates is higher, they break loose. The intensity of the earthquake depends on the pressure created.

Scientists describe the intensity of an earthquake using the Richter Scale, which measures earthquakes on a scale of 1 to 10. The energy released during an earthquake travels as seismic waves in all directions through the earth's layers and the study of these waves comes under Seismology.

A team of experts comprising seismologists and earthquake engineers, who have have prepared the Seismic Zonation map of India under the aegis of the Bureau of Indian Standards, Government of India, have placed Jammu and Kashmir on high/ highest seismic zone.

In this map, different parts of the country are classified into five zones based on the earthquake intensities sustained during past damaging earthquakes. These zones are :-Zone-I & II: Least active seismic zone, Zone– III: Moderate seismic zone, Zone–IV: High seismic zone and Zone–V: Highest seismic zone.

Since J&K comes under seismic Zones IV and V, it is very rare that people residing there could not have experienced at least one or many earthquake in their lifetimes.

In August 2022 alone, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed an alarming number of earthquakes, with 13 tremors felt in five days.In September this year, two low intensity earthquakes were also experienced till date.

Scientists, so far, have not been able to predict about the timing of earthquake although they have been able to describe different territories and areas in different seisimic zones on earth.

Often, an individual's mind goes numb when faced with the natural disaster. However mindful about the situation, one can take measures to escape from the much-dreaded earthquake.

Experts have formulated some guidelines to keep in mind on how to escape an earth-

India dreaming: Can we land on the moon and build toilets too?

By: Anita Anand

n August 23, India made global news by landing its Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft on the hitherto unexplored south pole of the moon, becoming the first country in the world to do so.

"This moment is unforgettable. It is phenomenal. This is a victory cry of a new India," said an exultant Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that Isro's moon mission was writing a new chapter in India's space odyssey and elevating "the dreams and ambitions of every Indian".

Are the 1.4 billion Indians dreams and ambitions elevated by the space odyssey or the landing? The "space race" as it is called, was a race between the then Soviet Union (now Russia) and the United States, an outgrowth of the mid-20th-century Cold War, a conflict of ideologies of capitalism and communism. In 1957, the Soviet Union successfully sent Sputnik, the world's first orbital satellite into space and a year later the US launched its first satellite, Explorer 1.

The race to the moon was just that, a race. In the context of the US, Michelle Hanlon, executive director of the Centre for Air and Space Law at the University of Mississippi, says: "We were just sort of rushing to get to be the first, get to the moon first. And that was all about prestige, geopolitics – who's a better country? Whose system is working better?"

India as a newly independent nation in the early 1950s had ambitions of its own. Scientists like Homi Bhabha and Vikram Sarabhai, with the support of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, worked to initiate the nuclear and space research programmes. Both were staunch nationalists, came from well-to-do industrialist families, studied in England, and believed that science and technology could leapfrog India into the 20th century, making it a global player. Leapfrogging is a phenomenon where a developing country can skip stages of the path taken by the industrial nations, enabling them to catch up sooner, particularly in terms of economic growth.

A space programme at this time seemed practical. "If we do not do it now, we will have to depend later on buying the knowhow from other countries at much greater cost. There are some who question the relevance of space activities in a developing nation. To us, there is no ambiguity of purpose," said Sarabhai.

The significance of India's landing on the south pole of the moon is because of the water. According to Hanlon, for scientists it is important to be at the place where they are doing their scientific experiments and research. "We need to send people to the moon for long periods of time, and in order to do that, they need to have water. We can't send them with all the water they need because that's just simply too heavy. And water has to be separated into hydrogen and oxygen for use in propulsion, for space exploration beyond the universe, if we want to get to the asteroid belt, which have those rare earth metals that are going to make mining on Earth obsolete. To get the rockets to the asteroids a boost will be needed from the moon, as it would be cheaper." Bhabha, Sarabhai and Nehru were talented and visionary men. However, their vision was slightly obscured by the stark reality of Indians emerging out of colonialism. The essential needs were housing, livelihoods, healthcare, electricity, water, schools and infrastructure, at every level.

India had entered the space race wanting to be included among the superpowers, not to be left behind as a poor nation. Being among the greats stems from a sense of inferiority, camouflaged as superiority. Neither the Soviet Union or the United States have shown much greatness as superpowers and global leaders in their own and other countries, strategically meddling and instigating conflict and war. This continues.

What can Indians be proud of today? Besides the moon landing, some advancements in the standard of living, a modern economy, part of the globalised world and muddling along despite the many challenges it faces. We can be prouder if we bring more people out of poverty, making livelihoods, education, health and sanitation a serious priority. A 2020 World Economic Forum study found "some 220 million Indians sustained on an expenditure level of less than Rs 32 a day, the poverty line for rural India, by the last headcount of the poor in India in 2013".

The attention and resources allocated for creating a space and nuclear energy programme could have been done for poverty alleviation or meeting the minimum needs of India's poorest. When Sarabhai was asked if the space programme was relevant to the country that needed toilets more, he replied: "We can have a space programme and toilets."

While the space programme has been successful, the attempt to bring toilets to most Indians, however, has not. The World Bank estimates that inadequate sanitation causes India economic losses of \$53.8 billion -- equivalent to 6.4 per cent of its GDP. These losses arise from health-related impacts, including premature deaths, the cost of treating disease and productive time lost due to illness, the impact of women not going to work due to related illnesses and of girls missing school. There is a serious shortage of functioning sewage treatment plants and the estimated 800 treatment plants across the country operate at around 30 per cent capacity.

Bharat vs India: Don't create new fault lines

By: Parsa Venkateshwar Rao Jr

urkiye is the old/new name for Turkey that Islamist 📕 President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had adopted for his country. It is a part of Mr Erdogan's efforts to de-Westernise his Muslim majority country on the edge of Asia and Europe. But Turkiye/Turkey is buffeting an economic crisis with its inflation level at 60 per cent, with its central bank's interest rate raised by 750 basis points, even as Mr Erdogan won a third term as President, and the change in name is seen as tokenism. Of course, Turkish people do use the term "Turkiye". Mr Erdogan is not indulging in regression of a major kind. He keeps Turkiye engaged with the world. He is playing an important role as a dealmaker, if not quite a peacemaker, in the Russia-Ukraine war that broke out in February 2022. And Turkiye is once again seeking membership of the European Union (EU), after Brussels has kept it dangling in the air for decades. Turkiye serves as a good parallel to the "Bharat" nomenclature flutter. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent out invitations in the name of Bharat, Ms Murmu as President of Bharat and Mr Modi as Prime Minister of Bharat, instead of the customary President of India and Prime Minister of India for the G-20 summit in New Delhi. Like Mr Erdogan, Mr Modi is on a mission to decolonise India, to in one sense "Indianise" India. It is Hindu reassertion with Mr Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party, mainly a party of Hindus, with its ideological mentor,

the Rashtriya Swayasevak Sangh (RSS), advocating Hindu supremacy. It was a no-brainer that using Bharat in place of India is pushing for a misty Hindu India of a thousand-plus years ago. It is a quixotic gesture at best. For the majority of the people in India, Bharat is officialese at best. Most Indians do not use "Bharat" to refer to themselves in their everyday dealings. Cutting across regional, linguistic and cultural demarcations, they prefer the easy term "India". In many Indian languages, Bharat and its many declensions are used, but "Bharat' in its North India, Hindi version, is never a common coinage. Most Indian languages would go with the vowel-ending "Bharata" and its modifications. So, the Narendra Modi government's use of Bharat in the official invitation is a projection of how the word is projected in official Hindi. The Modi government was not breaking any norms because "Bharat" is official, much too official, as it is enshrined in the Constitution in the words "India, that is Bharat..." The official communications of the Central government are always in the name of "Bharat Sarkar", or Bharat Government. There is nothing radical about it because "Bharat" is a formally recognised name of the country. There is the immediate political provocation from the Opposition bloc calling itself "INDIA", and Mr Modi, never the one to let pass a rapier thrust from his rivals, has resorted to the easily available constitutional alternative of "Bharat". It is nothing more than that. That is why he has cautioned his Cabinet colleagues not to get drawn

into the duel over Bharat/India, and instead forcefully counter the attack on Sanatan Dharma by DMK leader Udayanidhi Stalin. This is not so much against the DMK as such as it is against the Congress for continuing to support the DMK in a bid to show that the Congress is anti-Hindu. He wants to ride on Hindu sentiments for the 2024 election because his government has nothing much to show for the last five years as well as for the entire decade, including his first term in office. The G-20 summit and the success of Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1 do not matter to the lives of the ordinary people as they battle rising prices and lack of job opportunities. The promises of India becoming the fifth largest economy and ready to climb to the third position has something unreal about it. Mr Modi is fully aware that the grand successes on broad fronts do not mean much for ordinary people. The issue of Bharat versus India will not resonate, but he hopes that Sanatan Dharma is something that could fire the people in Uttar Pradesh, the state that the BJP bets on the most. Mr Modi, the BJP and RSS do have radical plans to change India into a Hindu India and wipe away its religious pluralism. When Mr Modi speaks of India's diversity and democracy, he is speaking of linguistic diversity. The democracy he speaks of is of village and city oligarchies of ancient India. There is no room for Muslims and Christians, and Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains are seen as part of amorphous Hinduism. Mr Modi is doing what Mr Erdogan is doing in Turkiye/

Turkey. He wants to impose an artificial unity based on religion. That is indeed the long-term plan of the Hindu parties.

The BJP/RSS plan is unlikely to

quake. These are (a) during earthquake, when inside a closed structure/building drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy desk table or any solid and heavy structure around you and hold on to it so that it doesn't move away from you. Wait there until the shaking stops; (b) If you are inside an old, weak structure, look for the nearest route out and crawl towards it. Do not rush to the exit point. Get out calmly in an orderly manner; (c) after the shaking stops, take the staircase to reach an open space. Do not use elevators; (d)stay away from windows with glass panes; (e) if you are near an exit, leave the building as soon as possible; (f) when outside move away from power lines, posts, walls, parapets, loose flower pots and other elements that may fall or collapse ; (g) when driving a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and stop; (h) do not attempt to cross bridges/ flyovers which may have been damaged; (i) if you are on a steep hillside, move away in case of landslides and falling rocks.

After an Earthquake: 1. Check for any gas leakage; 2. Check for any electrical line defaults; 3. Avoid going inside a damaged or weak structure; 4. Avoid driving a two wheeler; and 5. Keep an Emergency Kit ready.

Your emergency kit should include these essentials: -1. First Aid Kits and necessary medicines. 2. Power backups like solar power batteries and power banks, portable bulbs, torch and flashlights.3. Portable radio to get the latest updates in case your phone runs out of battery.4. Eatables that can last for more than a week, like biscuits.5. Copies of your important documents and some cash.6. Pocket knife. 7. Some warm clothes.8. Dust masks to prevent any kind of infection and hand sanitiser and 9. A pen and notepad that include all the emergency contacts like the Nearest Police Station, Hospitals and numbers of close relatives .

succeed because inherent diversity in the vast geography that is India will resist homogenising. And it is a natural centrifugal force at work. There is not much need for liberals and secularists to labour the point of heterogeneity in the country. Bharat and Sanatan Dharma is not the glue that holds India together. It is in many ways a self-contained geographical unity. What was once seen as a dismissive description of India being merely a "geographical expression" and nothing more is indeed the binding factor for the subcontinent. And political regimentation of the kind envisaged by Mr Modi and company will only create unnecessary cultural fault lines. So cultural nationalism, Sanatan Dharma and Bharat are supposed to be its key words, and it's a disaster in the making because it's the valleys and hills, mountains and river systems and coast lines that shape communities, which give rise to different social patterns. The play on words like "Bharat" will not affect things like national identity, either for good or for bad. They are mere words. It is the hard reality outside the words that matters the most.

Politicians, unlike poets, have a diabolical plan when they create the web of words. They want to imprison minds in words. Between rhetoric and reality, reality has an edge. People base their responses on reality and not on words. So, the use of words like "Bharat" is not likely to distract people.

DPAP's KDP wing holds meeting UT Admin's assurance to provide hassle-free online services hoax: Dr Vikas



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: The assurance of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory administration, which was recently reiterated by the Chief Secretary that there was no chance of corruption in the Government Departments due to full-fledged launch of online services in the JK Union Territory is a far from truth.

This was stated by Dr Vikas Sharma, Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) JKNC, Jammu while addressing a youth meeting today where

he disclosed that online delivery mode of Govt services have become a great headache and hindrance in the way of general public as they are awfully suffering from inordinate delay for months together at the implementation level on ground in getting their genuine official services obtained due to the reasons better known to the officials of various Departments operating online system, he claimed.

He said that in the offices of Deputy commissioner, Jammu, the online services with

al of Gun Licences, getting Domicile Certificate is being procrastinated and the applicants have to wait for months together despite completion of all the required formalities fulfilled online nor is there any mechanism in place to intimate the applicants about the reasons for long delay in online services. Slamming the online

service delivery system of the Govt fraught with flaws, Dr. Vikas said that even in the office of RTO, Jammu, the online delivery system is total failure with regard to

driving Licences on one pretext of the other he claimed, adding that public is running from pillar to post to get their work done, but all in vain, he said.

He further said that instead of obliterating the root cause of corruption from every fabric in the Government Departments, online service appears to have opened another window for corruption to flourish in public services departments under the guise of quickly benefiting the general public through Online Services. Dr. Vikas appealed

to the Lt Governor to please look into the matter on urgent basis and direct DC/Revenue office, Jammu and RTO office, Jammu to put a stop in inordinately delaying the online services and provide hassle-free services to the public within time bound

at TRT Migrant camp Nagrota

TOP NEWS REPORT

NAGROTA, Sep 10: The Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) convened a significant meeting at the TRT Migrant Camps in Nagrota today. The meeting was graced by the presence of DPAP leaders, including Sanjay Dhar, President; Raj Kumar Ticku, General Secretary; Ravinder Singh, Secretary; and Chanrenjit Singh, Publicity Secretary. The gathering witnessed a large turnout, with prominent figures such as Mahraj Krishen in attendance.

the DPAP leaders provided valuable insights into the party's development manifesto and commitment to good governance when in power. The attendees attentively absorbed the party's ideological principles under the dynamic leadership of Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad Sahib.

The leaders expressed their dedication to addressing the common challenges faced by the camp's residents and pledged to alleviate their daily hardships. These challenges include issues related to the supply of drinking water, as the existing well has become defunct due to dry conditions, leading to unhygienic water supply and waterborne diseases. Additionally, irregular sanitation in and around the camp was discussed as a pressing concern. Repairs and maintenance of flats and buildings were deemed essential.

Furthermore, the leaders recognized the need for facilitating bank loans, especially for overaged youth, to enable them to secure their livelihoods through trade. The absorption of qualified and educated youth into government jobs was highlighted as a critical demand of the camp residents. Providing suitable accommodation for large families in flats that have remained locked for an extended period, either due to residents owning their own homes or living outside the state, was also identified as an urgent necessity. The DPAP leaders

assured the gathering that they would advocate for these pressing problems and demands with the relevant authorities, prioritizing swift action. In response, the attendees expressed their gratitude to the Kashmiri Displaced People Wing leaders for their immediate attention to these issues and pledged their continued support to strengthen the party's presence.

Nat Manch initiates plantation drive in Batehra Village

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: Nat Manch Jammu, a dedicated organization committed to the betterment of humanity, took a significant step towards environmental conservation by organizing a plantation drive in Batehra village. The initiative saw the planting of trees of various species, including fruit-

bearing trees. Dr. Tarun Sharma, the President of Nat Manch, emphasized the organization's unwavering dedication to humanity and its efforts to contribute to tree conservation. He highlighted the importance of

planting and distributing saplings in various locations as part of their mission. Dr. Sharma also called upon individuals from all walks of life to join hands in environmental preservation, engage in plantation drives, and actively participate in efforts to purify the environment and create a greener Earth.

Dimple reaffirms J&K's integral part in India

TOP NEWS REPORT

During the meeting,

JAMMU, Sep 10: In a press conference held today, Sunil Dimple, the President of Mission Statehood, emphasized the historical significance of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji's Instrument of Accession conditions, which solidified Jammu and Kashmir as an integral part of India on October 26, 1947. Dimple highlighted that this event is commemorated annually as Ascen-

sion Day. Dimple strongly criticized leaders of the BJP government, alleging that they have consistently questioned and challenged the patriotism and nationalism of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in an attempt to divert attention from what he referred to as "unconstitutional blunders" made on August 5, 2019. On that date, Article 370 and Article 35-A were abrogated, and the twohundred-year-old state of Jammu and Kashmir



defeat in the 2024 par-

was reorganized into Union Territories.

liamentary elections Dimple asserted that due to controversies Mission Statehood's surrounding proposed legal case is robust and name changes from that they are confident "India" to "Bharat." He emphasized that Misof winning their case in the Supreme Court. sion Statehood firmly Their goal is to restore rejects this notion and the former princely state takes pride in all names of Jammu and Kashmir of the country, including with the original Instru-India, Hindustan, and

mance and the progress made.

Dimple firmly rejected the concept of "one nation, one election," arguing that it is not suitable for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the diverse topography, demography, identity, and culture of the region. He alleged that the BJP government's motive in pursuing this law is to establish a form of dictatorship in India. Dimple emphasized that the special status, Instrument of Accession conditions, and Articles 370 and 35-A are not part of the agenda of any Indian or NDA alliance.

"Bharat" is our motherland, Proud of seeing name used at international meets: Suri by multiple names but is the BJP government

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said that 'Bharat' is our motherland and each one of us must feel proud for getting back this name after centuries. After President Droupadi Murmu used the 'President of Bharat'

Bharat is widely being used even at international meets, opposition leaders are getting irked and giving unreasonable arguments just to satisfy their false egos. Raman Suri said, "We

even if Article 1 of the

today, when the name

of reverting to ancient name Bharat, they are getting irked. Raman Suri said that the decision to use 'Bharat' is a welcome statement against the colonial mindset. Ideally, welcome the "Bharat" nomenclature and this should have hap-

boards, songs, films, government vehicles and office works.

The BJP leader said that since the President of Bharat Droupadi Murmu has a given priority to 'Bharat' while inviting G20 nation heads, we all must follow the same and feel proud in our Bharat and its achievements. There

regard to timely renewissue of new /renewed basis.

on the official invitation extended to G20 nation heads, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi used the name 'Bharat' on the podium from where he addressed the G20 nation heads.

Various rulers and invaders had been referring to our proud and prosperous nation

Constitution, says that India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States, getting back just one ancient name Bharat will be a welcome step. Opposition parties had themselves been using 'Bharat' in their campaigns, manifestos, speeches and invites but because it

ald not, since Congress like parties, impressed with British era names, did not bother to revert to the name Bharat. Today, the entire nation feels happy and derives a sense of satisfaction on listening to the name 'Bharat', that is widely being used in offices, speeches, even on sign-

pened long back but it

at the Centre that came

out with the novel idea

should be no controversy about this name and the nation must discard 'India' by switching over to 'Bharat' and start using it in our conversations. letters. works. signboards, office works and at all other places wherever the country's name is required to be mentioned.

ment of Accession conditions, including the areas of POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan.

Dimple voiced strong criticism of the NDA government, stating that Article 370 and Article 35-A are not included in their agenda.

Dimple predicted that the BJP is destined for

Bharat. Dimple accused the BJP of creating these controversies to deflect from their failures across various fronts in the country.

Regarding the ongoing Supreme Court hearing on Articles 370 and 35-A, Dimple expressed satisfaction with their legal team's perfor-

Madhuparamhans Maharaj imparts profound wisdom in Rakhbandhu discourse



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: In an enlightening discourse to a captivated congregation in Rakhbandhu, Sadhquru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi delivered profound insights into the human condition and the spiritual journey.

Sadhguru Maharaj began by observing that, from a worldly perspective, it seems that the world is spiraling into chaos and away from the soul's true purpose. He expressed the notion that humanity may be influenced by negative forces that lead us astray.

The spiritual leader emphasized the timeless wisdom found in scriptures, where the soul is described as unique and beyond the realms of birth and death. Sadhguru Maharaj questioned the whereabouts of the soul and drew parallels between the actions of the soul and those of a juggler's monkey.

"Just like a juggler makes the monkey do whatever work he wants, the soul appears to be entangled in various worldly pursuits," Sadhguru Maharaj said. He highlighted that most human actions seem

driven by self-interest and lack a genuine connection to the well-being of the soul.

Sadhguru Maharaj noted the disconnect between the mind and the soul, emphasizing that the mind exerts dominance over all the senses. He highlighted the need for individuals to recognize the influence of the mind and the importance of making conscious efforts to align

with higher spiritual

truths. He provided a practical example of a smoker who acknowledged the harm caused by smoking but continued the habit, emphasizing the power of the mind to overshadow one's better judgment. Sadhguru Maharaj cautioned about the detrimental effects of smoking on the lungs, teeth, heart, kidneys, and brain, highlighting the interconnectedness of bodily functions.

Keep strict vigil on drug proliferation, consumption: SSH

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Sep 10: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today convened a meeting at village Manda Tikri of district Udhampur. The meeting featured extensive discussions on several critical facets concerning drug addiction, besides promoting Nasha Mukt Panchayats, identification of hotspots, frequent monitoring, the setup of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centers, tracking mechanisms, and the cultivation of illicit poppy. Speaking on the occasion, Kesri emphasized the urgent need for comprehensive awareness programs against drug abuse. He demanded the stakeholders to conduct awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and beyond, adopting a holistic approach that targets the

younger population while involving parents.

He requested detailed reports from relevant departments regarding measures taken to combat the drug menace in the district. Tehsildars must be specifically directed to make provisions for the identification tracking mechanism system. Furthermore, Kesri demanded conducting sensitization programs on drugs in different blocks. He stressed the necessity for sustained efforts from law enforcement agencies and urged all stakeholders to work together in a

coordinated manner. Kesri demanded education department to promote anti-drug abuse awareness in all educational institutions and

acquaint the students about its ill effects on the health of society. He urged Police department to keep strict vigil on drug proliferation, consumption and intensify awareness against such addictive substances involving concerned stakeholders from civil administration.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, District Udhampur President Rajesh Khajuria, Rural District Head Anil Vijay Kumar, Advisor Mohan Lal Malhotra, Senior Deputy Chief Rajendra Singh, Pritam Singh, Rajesh Honda, Pankaj Kumar, Rahul Kumar, Varun Kumar Sharma, Vijay Singh besides others.

ENTERTAINMENT

Shah Rukh Khan's action thriller 'Jawan' enters Rs 100 crore club

The craze for Shah Rukh Khan's blockbuster actionthriller 'Jawan' doesn't appear to be going away anytime soon. The film has now entered the

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Rs 100 crore club. The film minted Rs 46.23 crores in India which took the film's total collection to Rs 111.73 crores in just two days of its release.

Taking to Instagram, trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared a post and wrote, "#Jawan is PHENOMENAL on Day 2 [working day, after *partial holiday* on Thu] Biz jumped post 4.30 pm...Evening/night shows on...Metros, non-metros, mass pockets - the response is EXCEPTIONAL... Sat - Sun will witness BIGGG GAINS... 235 cr 250 cr [*extended* weekend] on the cards... Thu 65.50 cr, Fri 46.23 cr. Total: 111.73 cr. #Hindi. #India biz. #Boxoffice." The film witnessed a massive

start at the Indian box office and



collected Rs 65.50 crores on its opening day.

According to Red Chillies Entertainment, the film minted Rs 129.6 crore worldwide gross. This marks the biggest opening day in the history of Indian cinema.

With this, the SRK starrer film has become the biggest Hindi opener film of all time. Earlier, SRK's comeback film

'Pathaan' minted Rs 55 Crores on its opening day and now 'Jawan' has surpassed its firstday collection. Helmed by Atlee, the film

stars Shah Rukh Khan, Nayanthara and Vijay Sethupathi in the lead roles. Actor Deepika Padukone could be seen in a guest appearance role.

The film received massive responses from the audience as well as the critics.

SRK visited a number of locations for 'Jawan' promotional events. In Chennai, he attended a significant pre-release function. The 'Jawan' trailer was on display at Burj Khalifa during his visit to Dubai.

He also offered prayers at the revered shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Jammu.

Recently, he sought blessings at the Sri Venkateshwara Swamy temple in Tirupati.

He was accompanied by his daughter Suhana and his manager Pooja Dadlani. Both SRK and Suhana were dressed in white ethnic outfits. His Jawan co-star Nayanthara, along with her husband Vignesh Shivan was also clicked at the temple. Apart from this, SRK will be next seen in director Rajkumar Hirani's next film 'Dunki' opposite Taapsee Pannu.

The official release date of 'Dunki' is still awaited.

Reel help!: Anupama Solanki shares how Jamtara helped her escape fraud



Actress Anupama Solanki says that the Netflix series Jamtara, which talks about financial frauds, actually helped

her in real life too.

She says, "It highlights that fraudsters often possess a level of cunning intelligence, necessitating that one must be even more astute to outsmart them. An instance from my personal experience during the Covid-19 lockdown exemplifies this. I sold a cupboard on OLX to free up space in my room, and a potential buyer quickly showed interest. He claimed to be an Army officer who had recently moved to Mumbai and urgently required the furniture, he conversed maturely and made an immediate offer without haggling. Initially, I was elated, though a hint of suspicion lingered. He even sent me a token payment of rupee one via Google Pay, further bolstering my trust. But it all turned out to be fraud.'

She adds, "This is precisely why I appreciate Jamatra on Netflix. Its portrayal of such schemes serves as a reminder for all to be vigilant against scams. While I do admire the show's content, I believe that such informative series should also be available on YouTube, ensuring a wider reach and helping people protect their finances."

Entry mode: Amandeep Sidhu gets candid about her role in the new season of Saubhagyavati Bhava

Amandeep Sidhu, who has gained recognition for her versatile acting skills, is all excited to join the new season of Star Bharat's Saubhagyavati Bhava. She says, "I portray the character of Siya, who exudes vibrancy and strength while harbouring a profound vulnerability. She stand for righteousness and steadfastly opposes wrongdoing. My primary aim is to embody Siya convincingly and forge a deep connection with viewers. Also this marks my first collaboration with Dheeraj Dhoopar, and I am optimistic that the audience will embrace our pairing. I am hopeful that our show will receive the same adoration as it did in its inaugural season. "As the audience eagerly anticipates the new season off of their beloved show, Amandeep's portrayal of Siya promises to bring a fresh perspective to the series. Her character's strength and vulnerability make for a compelling storyline that viewers won't want to miss.

Meanwhile, Dheeraj Dhoopar, who was recently in the news for making his OTT debut, took to social media to make it official that he will be seen in Saubhavgyavati Bhava. Dheeraj has already started shooting for the show and is all set to entertain his fans.

"After completing the shoot for my



from the team that I am working with to the character that I am playing made me take the decision to do this show. I play a character with grey shades and it is something that I have been waiting for a long time. I had to work hard to get into the skin of the character. It will be something completely different for my fans and followers, and they will be surprised to see me in this avatar. I have played multiple roles in my career, but this is something very challenging." Dheeraj is known for working in several TV shows, such as Sasural Simar

Madhuri Dixit was asked to remove blouse, shoot in bra for Amitabh Bachchan film

Actor-director Tinu Anand had already given hit films with Amitabh Bachchan, including 'Kaalia' and 'Shahenshah'. In 1989, he had signed Big B and Madhuri Dixit for a film titled 'Shanakht'

Narrating an incident from the film, Tinu, in a recent interaction, said he had an argument with Madhuri over her costume on the very first day of the shoot. Things got so heated up that he almost fired her from the film.

In an interview with Radio Nasha, Tinu explained the scene where Amitabh was tied up in chains by the villain. "He is trying to protect Madhuri but gets overpowered by the goons. So Madhuri's character says why are you attacking a man in chains when a woman is standing in front of you," Tinu recalls.



entire scene to Madhuri before she signed the movie. He recounts telling her that she would have to unbutton her blouse and stand in a bra while Amitabh would be chained to a carriage. "I told her that you have to remove your blouse and for the first time, we should see you in your bra. And I am not going to hide anything behind a haystack or anything. Because you are offering yourself to help a man who is trying to help you. So it is a very important situation and I want to shoot it on the first day. She said okay," the actor-director recounts.

Tinu said he asked Madhuri to design her own bra for the scene, but it had to be a bra and no other clothing. Talking about the day

of shoot, Tinu said he waited for Madhuri Dixit to come on the set and when even after 45 minutes she did not come

out of her room, he went in to check if everything was fine. Madhuri, on the other hand, hadn't even started getting ready for the scene.

At the time for the shoot, Tinu said Madhuri refused to do the scene. "I asked what happened. She said, 'Tinu, I don't want to do this particular scene.' I said, 'I'm sorry, you have to do this scene.' She said, 'No, I don't want to.' I said, 'Okay, pack up, say good bye to the film. I'll cancel my shoot."

vened to pacify the situation. Tinu recalls what Big B said, "He said, 'Let it be, why are you arguing with her? If she has an objection ... 'I said, 'If she had to object, she should have done it earlier, before signing the film." he said.

However, Madhuri's secretary came in and assured Tinu that she would do the scene.

Later, Amitabh inter-

OTT debut, I got this show and was absolutely certain of doing this. Right Ka, Sherdil Shergill, Kundali Bhagya, among others.

Tinu then claimed that he had narrated the



Jessica Chastain says she was 'very nervous' about promoting Memory at Venice Film Festival amid SAG-AFTRA strike

Memory, directed and written by Michel Franco, is about Sylvia (Jessica Chastain), a "social worker who leads a simple and structured life".

Actor Jessica Chastain made an impassioned plea to American actors at the Venice Film Festival press conference for Michel Franco's drama Memory, imploring them to encourage indie films, reported Variety. "I was very nervous about coming," said Jessicawho was wearing a black SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) on Strike T-Shirt, revealing that "there were actually some people on my team who advised me against it". Jessica then said that actors are, "often made to keep quiet in order to protect future working opportunities, and we are often told and reminded how grateful we should be. And that is the environment that I think has allowed work to be abused, to go unchecked for many decades. And is also the environment that has saddled members of our union with unfair contracts"



and our elected leader-

ship has asked us to do."

Jessica continued, "The

independent producers,

like the ones here, are

letting the AMPTP know

that actors deserve fair

compensation, that AI

protection should be

implemented, and there

should be sharing of

streaming revenues.

I hope my being here

today encourages other

independent producers,

and encourages actors

to show up [at festivals]

and support our union

As per Variety, since Memory obtained an interim agreement from SAG-AFTRA, Jessica and co-star Peter Sarsgaard were present at the press conference. "I am here because SAG-AFTRA has been explicitly clear that the way to support the strike is to post on social media, walk the picket line and to work and support interim agreement projects," she said. "It's what our national board, negotiating committee members. Hopefully we will see an end to the strike soon and hopefully AMPTP will go back to the table.'

Memory, directed and written by Michel, is about Sylvia (Jessica), a "social worker who leads a simple and structured life," according to the film's synopsis. "This is shattered when Peter (Sarsgaard) follows her home from their high school reunion. Their unexpected encounter will have a tremendous influence on each of them as they open the door to the past.'

In an interview with Variety, Michel said of casting Jessica in the film: "Jessica is possibly the best actress in the states right now, it's not an exaggeration to say she's the best actress in the world." Mexican auteur Michel's last two films, New Order (2020) and Sundown (2021), both premiered at Venice. Art thriller New Order was awarded the festival's grand jury prize. Jessica, who won best actress at the Oscars last year for The Eves of Tammy Fave, last had a film premiere at Venice in 2011 with Texas Killing Fields, reported Variety.

Raveena Tandon gets nostalgic, shares how she danced barefoot to 'Tip Tip Barsa Paani' at construction site full of nails

Actress Raveena Tandon, who graces the dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer 3', will be seen walking down the memory lane as she reminisced about shooting barefoot for the iconic song 'Tip Tip Barsa Paani' at a construction site which was full of nails.

During the episode, contestant Shivanshu Soni and choreographer Vivek Chachere's performance on 'Tip Tip Barsa Paani', leaves everyone at the edge of their seats.

Raveena Tandon lauded Shivanshu's unique style saying: "For me, this is a unique style; it was so different that I didn't know what to expect. It's a sensual song and performing it in this robotic style left me stunned. The act was so captivating that I couldn't take my gaze off you. You are a classical dancer but when you transitioned into this robotic dance, it was as if you had transformed into a completely different artist. Our Indian classical dance forms lay such a solid foundation that when you explore other styles, you execute them with the finesse of a sea-



After witnessing this, I feel no one should ever attempt this song again, and even I would not consider performing it after seeing your beautiful rendition.'

Talking about the song, she got nostalgic as she said: "We were shooting at a construction site, and I was barefoot, surrounded by nails that were caus-

"The glamour you see on screen conceals the untold stories behind the scenes. During rehearsals, injuries are commonplace, yet we all endure them. But the show must go on, whether on screen or stage; one's expressions and smile should never waver, regardless of the pain endured. These are the struggles that all artists and choreographers endure behind the scenes.'

Praising Shivanshu's performance, judge Terence Lewis stated: "I'm witnessing the journey of a person and an artist who has consistently delivered outstanding performances week after week. While different dance styles have claimed victory on this show before, none have showcased such a remarkable performance in classical dancing. Please don't overlook this dancing gem. If he wins, our country wins. Dancers of his caliber are a rarity, and such skills are the result of years of dedication and practice."

'India's Best Dancer 3' airs Saturday and Sunday on Sony Entertainment Television.

soned professional ing discomfort. I was dressed in a saree, and the movements that Rekha Ji and Chinni Ji were executing, as well as the assistance they provided while wearing knee pads, left me with knee cuts when I returned home. I had to take tetanus injections, and two days later, I fell ill due to the exposure to rain. She further mentioned:

NATIONAL

'Swati Astu Vishwa': PM wraps up G20 meet with prayer for peace amid Ukraine war

Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded the G20 Summit on Sunday, handing over the presidency to Brazil. He also called for a virtual session of G20 in November this year.

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday wrapped up the G20 Summit with 'Swati Astu Vishwa' -- a prayer for peace -- as he handed over the gavel of G20 presidency to the President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

"I declare the end of G20 summit. Hoping the roadmap of One Earth One family and One future be joyful. Thank you," the Prime Minister said in his closing remarks.

Noting that India holds the responsibility of the G20 presidency till November 2023, PM Modi proposed a virtual session to review the issues discussed during the Summit.

"In last two days, all of you came up with a lot of suggestions and put forth proposals. It is our duty to review the suggestions we have received so as to see how their progress can be sped up. I propose a virtual session at the end of November to review the topics discussed in the Summit," he said, urging everyone to connect during the



virtual session.

PM Modi congratulated the Brazilian President on his nation's upcoming presidency in 2024. The Brazilian President, after taking over the G20 presidency, also congratulated PM Modi for "efficiently leading G20 bloc and the excellent work in this Summit". He emphasized the importance of establishing global equality.

"We will only be able to face the global problems if we address the issue of inequality - inequality of income, of access



In a symbolic ceremony earlier, Indonesian President Joko Widodo and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva -- representing the G20 presidencies of last year and the next year - respectively handed over a sapling each to current chair on Sunday. The ceremony took place at the start of the third session, 'One Future', of the G20 Summit.

On the second day of the summit. PM Narendra Modi received the G20 leaders and delegation heads at New Delhi's Rajghat. They paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by a tree-plantation ceremony at the G20 venue, Bharat Mandapam.

On the first day of the historic G20 Summit, India pulled off a big diplomatic win after the G20 summit adopted a consensus declaration overcoming major differences on the Russia-Ukraine war, as Prime Minister Modi called for ending "global trust deficit".

PM Modi also announced that the African Union was admitted as G20's permanent member. India, which holds the G20 presidency, has highlighted 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' as the theme of this year's summit.

India will be renamed as Bharat; statues of foreigners in Kolkata will be removed: Bengal BJP leader



KOLKATA, Sep 10 (Agencies): Senior **BJP** leader from West Bengal Dilip Ghosh on Sunday said that India will be renamed as Bharat and statues of foreigners in Kolkata will be removed.

The Medinipur MP said that those against the change of name can leave the country.

liking it are free to leave the country," he said. Rahul Sinha, another senior BJP leader from the state, said a country cannot have two names and this is the correct time to change the name as world leaders are present in New Delhi to attend the G20 summit. Trinamool Congress

spokesperson Santanu Sen alleged that the BJP was trying to "divert attention from real issues as it is afraid of the opposition INDIA alliance"

Opposition parties led by the Congress have formed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) to take on the BJP in Lok Sabha polls due next year.

as Bharat. Those not G20 leaders pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat

Speaking at 'Chai pe

Charcha' programme in

Kharagpur city, which

falls under his constitu-

ency, the former BJP

national vice president

said, "When our party

comes to power in West

Bengal, we will remove

all statues of foreigners

"India will be renamed

in Kolkata."



drenched Rajghat.

Modi welcomed the

dignitaries with an

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with an image of Gan-

dhi's Sabarmati Ashram

in Gujarat, which was

his home from 1917 to

1930 and served as one

of the main centres of

India's freedom strug-

The prime minister

was seen explaining to

the entire episode was

captured on CCTV.

The car's driver, after

hitting the woman, fled

the scene, leaving the

victim in a serious con-

Local bystanders

rushed the injured

woman to the hospital

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NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): G20 leaders, including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and UN Secretary General António Guterres, paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial Rajghat here on Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the leaders at the rainthe leaders the significance of the ashram. The G20 leaders paid tributes to Gandhi by laying wreaths at his samadhi.

While some leaders, including Modi and Sunak, walked barefoot, others were seen wearing white footwear provided to the visitors at Rajghat.

Caught on camera: Scooter breaks into pieces as car rams it,

"Eventful, Impactful": Union Minister On India's **G20** Presidency

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Sunday praised India's G20 presidency and called it "eventful and impactful". Speaking to NDTV, the senior BJP leader said that India's G20 presidency will leave an "indelible impression" on the way the world sees the future.

"There is absolutely no doubt in anybody's mind that this has been one of the most eventful and impactful presidencies of the G20," Mr Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and IT. said.

"Yesterday, I was with an ambassador of one of the countries that attended the G20 Summit and he said that he has seen many G20s but this is certainly one of the largest, most expansive and the most impactful," he added.

Mr Chandrasekhar said that one of the greatest achievements of the two-day G20 Summit in New Delhi is the fact that there was a consensus under the

Tanker drags elderly, crushes him to



leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the "Delhi Declaration". The minister also spoke on how the "technology can enable rapid transformations for bridging the existbring the real transformation in the lives of average citizens," he said.

Speaking about the crypto-assets mentioned in the Delhi Declaration, Mr Chandrasekhar said that India has always maintained for several years that there needs to be a global framework on these type of innovations.

"Countries need to cooperate further and evolve a joint framework that will allow the functioning of crypto," he said.

Rajasthan Woman Faked Rape Story, Was Afraid Husband **Would Leave Her: Cops**

death after hitting his car in Thane THANE, Sep 10

(Agencies): A 60-year-

old man was killed after a tanker allegedly hit his car and then dragged him to some distance in Navi Mumbai, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place at around 2 pm on Saturday at a bridge in Tara village on the Mumbai-Goa highway in Navi Mumbai, an official from Panvel taluka police station said.

The victim, identified as Srikant More, from Khalapur in neighbouring Raigad district. was going with his wife in their car when the tanker rammed into their vehicle from behind, he said, quoting the woman's complaint.

Accident

When the man got down from his car to find out what happened and was talking to the tanker driver, the latter moved his vehicle, dragging the victim along with it to some distance.

The tanker driver then allegedly pushed the man on the road and the victim got crushed to death under the vehicle, he said. The tanker driver fled

Based on the complaint by the victim's wife, the Panvel taluka police on Saturday registered an FIR against the tanker driver under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Motor Vehicles

Act. the official said. The accused, who has been identified, is yet to be arrested, the police said.

JAIPUR, Sep 10 (Agencies): The alleged abduction and gangrape of a married woman in Rajasthan's Bhilwara has turned out to be fake with the police saying that she willingly went with two men for consensual physical relations.

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for inclusive and sus-

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which has also been

mentioned in the Delhi

"The technology can

Declaration.

The 25-year-old woman had earlier claimed that she was kidnapped by the duo who took her to an abandoned house where she was raped and thrashed on Saturday night. She also claimed that the men took away her clothes.

Police on Sunday said the woman willingly went with two men but a dispute arose after they insisted on her spending the night with them. The woman wanted to return to her house

but the men forced her to stay. So, she took off her clothes, came out of the house and sought help from a passerby claiming she was gangraped, police said. "She narrated a concocted story as she was

afraid that her husband would abandon her if he came to know about the facts," a police officer said.

The accused were detained and questioned and the call recordings of their mobile phones revealed that the woman had talked to them on Saturday evening and agreed to meet for money.

She met Chhotu Sargara and Girdhari at the abandoned house on Amli Road and had consensual physical relations with them, police said.

Hailing from Odisha, the woman was married to a 50-year-old differently-abled man from Bhilwara six years ago, police said.

woman rider injured

FATEHABAD, Sep 10 a car with its headlights (Agencies): A woman on, collided with the riding a scooter was scooter, throwing her hit by a car in Haryoff the vehicle. ana's Fatehabad, and

The accident was promptly reported to the police, and they have launched a manhunt to locate and apprehend the driver of the fleeing car. The victim is currently undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. Her condition remains critical.

The police are actively seeking any information from witnesses and are determined to bring the hit-and-run driver to justice.

Northeast Frontier Railway working on device that can detect if a driver is drowsy based on blinking of eyes

from the spot, he said.

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is developing an artificial intelligence-based device that would be able to read the blinking eyes of drivers and alert them or stop the train in case they are feeling sleepy, according to sources.

In June, the Railway Board had asked the NFR to develop a device that could detect the alertness of train drivers on the basis of blinking of eyes.

The device -- Railway Driver Assistance System (RDAS) -- will not only sound an alert but also apply emergency brakes in case a driver loses alertness for a certain period of time.

RDAS will be interfaced with a vigilance control device to apply emergency brakes, the sources said.

"The device is still in the development stage and trials are on to ensure its proper functioning

The technical team of the NFR is working on it.



We hope that it will be ready in another few weeks," a railway source told agency.

On August 2, the Railway Board wrote to the NFR and asked it to expedite the inhouse development of RDAS.

It also said that once the device is ready, it will be fitted in 20 goods train engines (WAG9) and passenger train engines (WAP7) as a pilot project.

All the zones have also been asked to provide their feedback on the working of the system after using it so that further improvements can be made to it if needed.

The Indian Railway Loco Runningmen Organisation (IRLRO), however, dubbed the device a "futile exercise", saying that all fastmoving trains already have mechanisms to keep drivers alert.

"Every high-speed train engine comes with a foot-operated lever (pedal) which a driver needs to hit once every 60 seconds.

In case, the driver fails to do so, emergency brakes are applied automatically and the train comes to a halt.

The present system is good enough to ensure that the driver is alert," said IRLRO working president Sanjay Pandhi.

"I believe RDAS is a futile exercise.

If the railways is really serious about the safety of train operations, it should, among other things, conduct studies on aspects such as fatigue, running hours, facilities and rest hours of train drivers.

"In many cases, drivers, including women, do not get any breaks for having food or answering nature's calls during their over 11-hour duty

If these things are well taken care of, there is no need to have any RADS in engines," Pandhi said.

Man serving death sentence in Kopardi rape and murder case found dead in Pune jail

police, a prison guard

PUNE, Sep 10 (Agencies): A convict serving death sentence in a 2016 case of rape and murder of a minor girl at Kopardi in Maharashtra was found hanging in his cell at the Yerwada Central Jail in Pune on Sunday morning, police said.

Initial findings suggest it to be a case of death by suicide, they said, adding the convict, identified as Jitendra Babulal Shinde (32), was undergoing psychiatric treatment.

According to the

community, was found murdered after being raped on July 13, 2016 in Kopardi village.

The accused had inflicted injuries all over her body and broken her limbs before throttling her, police earlier said. The incident had trig-

gered widespread protests from the Maratha community, who took out marches across the state over it.

The other two convicts in the case are Santosh Gorakh Bhawal and Nitin Gopinath Bhailume.

found Shinde hanging in his cell and alerted the other guards. The prisoner was taken for a medical examination where he was declared dead, an official from Yerawada police station said.

In 2017, a sessions court in Ahmednagar district sentenced three men, including Shinde, to death for the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in Kopardi village of the district in 2016. The victim, who

belonged to the Maratha

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Morocco earthquake death toll crosses 2000, rescuers search for survivors

More than 3,00,000 people affected in quake zone: WHO

AMIZMIZ, (MOROCCO) Sep 10 (Agencies): Moroccan earthquake survivors huddled for a night in the open on the High Atlas Mountains on Saturday, a day after the country's deadliest quake in more than six decades killed more than 2,000 people and laid waste to villages.

Neighbours were still searching for survivors buried on the slopes, where houses of mud brick, stone and rough wood were cracked open and mosque minarets toppled by the quake that struck late on Friday. The historic old city of Marrakech also suffered extensive damage.

The Interior Ministry said 2,012 people had been killed and 2,059 injured, including 1,404 in critical condition. The US Geological Survey said the quake had a magnitude of 6.8 with an epicentre some 72 km (45 miles) southwest of Marrakech.

In the village of Amizmiz near the epicentre, rescue workers picked through rubble with their bare hands. Fallen masonry blocked narrow streets. Outside a hospital, around 10 bodies lav covered in blankets as grieving relatives stood nearby.

"When I felt the earth shaking beneath my feet and the house leaning, I rushed to get my kids out. But my neighbours couldn't," said Mohamed Azaw. "Unfortunately no one was found alive in that family. The father and son were found dead and they are still looking for the mother and the daughter." Rescuers stood atop the pancaked floors of one building in Amizmiz, bits of carpet and furniture protruding from the rubble. A long queue formed outside the only open shop as people sought supplies. Underlining the challenges facing res-



cuers, fallen boulders blocked a road from Amizmiz to a nearby village.

Nearly all the houses in the area of Asni, some 40 km south of Marrakech, were damaged, and villagers were preparing to spend the night outside. Food was in short supply as roofs had collapsed on kitchens, said villager Mohamed Ouhammo.

Montasir Itri, a resident of Asni, said the search was on for survivors.

"Our neighbours are under the rubble and people are working hard to rescue them using available means in the village," he said

The village of Tansghart in the Ansi area, on the side of a valley where the road from Marrakech rises up into the High Atlas, was the worst hit of any Reuters saw. Its once-pretty houses, clinging to a steep hillside, were cracked open by the shaking ground. Those still standing were missing chunks of wall or plaster. Two mosque

Abdellatif Ait Bella, a labourer, falling debris.

"We have no house to take

Morocco declared three days of national mourning, during which the national flag will be flown at half staff throughout the country, the royal court said on Saturday.

The Moroccan armed forces will deploy rescue teams to provide affected areas with clean drinking water, food supplies, tents and blankets, it added.

Turkey, where powerful earthquakes in February killed more than 50,000 people, was among nations expressing solidarity and offering to provide support. Algeria, which broke off ties

with Morocco in 2021 after escalating tensions between the countries focused on the Western Sahara conflict, said it would open airspace for humanitarian and medical flights.

The quake was recorded at a depth of 18.5 km, typically more destructive than deeper quakes of the same magnitude. It was Morocco's deadliest earthquake since 1960 when a quake was estimated to have killed at least 12,000 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Mohammad Kashani, associate professor of structural and earthquake engineering at the University of Southampton, compared scenes of the aftermath to images from Turkey in February: "The area is full of old and historical buildings, which are mainly masonry. The collapsed reinforced concrete structures that I saw ... were either old or substandard." Marrakech is due to host the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank

An IMF spokesperson, asked the authorities who are dealing with this tragedy.'

from Oct. 9. minarets had fallen. Jemaa al-Fna Square. Some houses in the tightly packed old lav on the ground, barely able to about the planned meetings, city collapsed and people used move or speak, his head bantheir hands to remove debris said: "Our sole focus at this time is on the people of Morocco and daged from wounds caused by while they waited for heavy equipment, said resident Id

since yesterday," said his wife

Saida Bodchich, fearing for the

future of their family of six with

their sole breadwinner so badly

hurt. "We can rely on nobody

The village is already mourn-

ing ten deaths including two

teenage girls, an inhabitant

Tremors were felt as far away

as Huelva and Jaen in south-

ern Spain. The World Health

Organization said more than

300,000 people were affected

in Marrakech and surrounding

RUNNING FOR SHELTER

Street camera footage in Mar-

rakech showed the moment the

earth began to shake, as men

suddenly looked around and

jumped up, and others ran for

shelter into an alleyway and

then fled as dust and debris

In the heart of the old city, a

UNESCO World Heritage site,

a mosque minaret had fallen in

tumbled around them.

Waaziz Hassan.

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Pakistan unveils new visa policy to attract foreign investors

ISLAMABAD, Sep 10 (Agencies): Pakistan, in a bid to revive its ailing economy, has introduced a new visa policy to attract business communities from across the world to invest in the cash-strapped country. The decision was taken in the two-day consultation meeting held under the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), a civilmilitary hybrid body set up by the previous Shehbaz Sharif government to tackle the country's economic woes. Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, who chaired the fifth apex committee meeting of SIFC, announced in a recorded message that a new easy visa regime has been approved for foreign businessmen desir-

ing to visit Pakistan. He said foreign businessmen who want to visit Pakistan would be issued easy visas on the

on Pakistan's relations with China, the United States and other Middle East countries. He said the Gulf Coop



No report of any Indian national getting affected in **Morocco earthquake**



RABAT, Sep 10 (Agencies): There is no report till now of any Indian national getting affected due to the earthquake in Morocco that has killed over 2,000 people, the Embassy of India here has said, advising all its citizens in the country to stay calm and adhere to guidelines issued by the local authorities.

The powerful 6.8-magnitude earthquake shook Morocco late on Friday.

The Interior Ministry of Morocco said late on Saturday that 2,012 people were killed in the

"The Embassy of India in Rabat would like to advise all Indian citizens residing in the Kingdom of Morocco that they can call our 24x7 helpline number +212 661 297 491 for any assistance they may require in the aftermath of the earthquake," the advisory said.

Earlier, the Indian embassy in Morocco expressed its deep sympathy to the victims of the earthquake in the country.

"India stands ready to extend assistance to Morocco in this difficult time," it said.

Prime Minister Naren-"Till now, there is no dra Modi on Saturday report of any Indian national getting affected due to the earthquake," the mission said.

It urged all Indian nationals currently in Morocco to stay calm and adhere to the advisory/quidelines issued by the local authorities from time to time.

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and said it was in touch

with the community

members.

The Embassy of India

also expressed grief at the loss of lives in an earthquake in Morocco. "In this difficult hour the entire world community is with Morocco and we are ready to offer them all possible assistance," he said in his opening remarks at the G20 summit in New Delhi.

Russia attacks Ukraine with 32 drones, 25 downed: Kyiv



KYIV, Sep 10 (Agencies): Russia attacked Ukraine with 32 drones overnight into Sunday, Kyiv military chiefs said, most of them aimed around the capital.

Air defences shot down 25 of them, they added, without accounting for the other seven.

The aerial assault comes at a time when national leaders are ramping up calls for extra Western support to repel the Russian invasior

"Drones deployed in Crimea are used against our ports of Izmail and Reni" used as alternative export hubs, particularly since the expiry of the deal allowing grain exports on the Black Sea. Ukraine launched a counteroffensive in the east and south of the country in June but has come up against fierce resistance from entrenched Russian forces.

Intelligence chief Kyrylo Budanov said Ukrainian strikes on Russian territory were mainly aimed at military targets. "All (the targets) are enterprises of the military-industrial complex," said Budanov. "This is the difference that distinguishes us from Russians.' Attacks on Russian territory, which were rare at the beginning of the offensive, have intensified in recent months, with Kyiv increasingly claiming responsibility for them.

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basis of a single document from their country or international business organisations.

"If Pakistan's chambers of business or business organisations issue a document to a foreign businessman, easy visas will also be issued to them," the statement quoted caretaker Prime Minister Kakar as saying He expressed hope

that under this new visa regime, Pakistan would enter a new phase of business and economy. Later, addressing a press conference with other ministers, caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani said that the SIFC was briefed

eration Council (GCC) countries had shown interest in the investment council. The GCC countries

include Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the Dawn newspaper, Law Minister Ahmad Irfan Aslam said that in contrast to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that has garnered significant funds from China, Western countries haven't made definitive commitments to the SIFC yet. However, he insisted

that the SIFC and CPEC

had different scopes and sectors for Chinese investment.

While CPEC focuses on roads, infrastructure and energy projects, the SIFC allows China to invest in minerals and other areas not part of the corridor project.

Aslam said that agreements had reached an advanced level with GCC countries, including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

"We will first sign the agreement with Saudi Arabia," Aslam said, adding that the signing of the agreement was expected by the year's end. In response to a ques-

tion, the law minister admitted that he was only aware of Indonesia's interest in investing under the SIFC, while Western and other non-GCC countries have not made any firm pledges yet.

Ukraine's counteroffensive to continue through onset of bad weather: Official

KYIV, Sep 10 (Agencies): Ukraine's counteroffensive against Russian forces will continue through the onset of cold and wet weather later this year, even though it would become harder to fight, Kyiv's intelligence chief Kyrylo Budanov said

Ukraine launched a muchvaunted counteroffensive this summer that has retaken more than a dozen villages in the south and east over three months, but has been complicated by vast minefields and heavily entrenched Russian forces.

"Combat actions will continue in one way or another. In the cold, wet and mud, it is more difficult to fight. Fighting will con-



tinue. The counteroffensive will continue," Budanov said.

The comments, made at a conference in Kyiv hosted by the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, offer the strongest indication to date that Ukraine does not plan to halt its push when the weather turns later this year.

The West supplied billions of dollars of military equipment and trained up thousands of Ukrainian fighters for the counteroffensive to help Kyiv try to regain territory.

But the slow progress of the counteroffensive has sparked concerns among Kyiv's supporters that the West could struggle to maintain the scale of military aid to keep Ukraine battling on at the same intensity.

Vadym Skibytskyi, an official from Ukraine's military spy agency, said earlier on Saturday that Russia currently had 420,000 servicemen inside Ukraine

The push in the southeastern Zaporizhzhia region, now centred around the villages of Robotyne and Verbove, is seen as a crucial part of an opera-

tion that seeks to split Russia's occupying forces in half in the south, but remains far from that doal.

"Our counteroffensive is happening in several directions," Budanov said, acknowledging that progress had been slower than he had wanted and describing the situation as difficult.

Apart from the huge concentration of Russian mines, he identified the large of number of small Russian "kamikadze" drones as a key factor that had slowed Ukraine's progress so far.

Russia, which launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, has said that the Ukrainian counteroffensive has failed.

The military's general staff said, "The occupiers attacked Ukraine with 32 kamikaze drones... of which 25 were destroyed by Ukrainian air defence forces"

"The Russian occupiers directed most of the attack UAVs to the Kyiv region," they said.

"Drones entered the capital in groups and from different directions," Sergiy Popko, head of the Kyiv City Military Administration, wrote on Telegram.

Debris fell in several districts, damaging an apartment in a multi-storey building, as well as road surfaces and power lines, he added, saying one person was injured.

Russia systematically targeted Ukrainian cities early in the invasion launched last year, but massive strikes have become less frequent as Moscow's stockpiles dwindle and Ukraine bolsters its air defences.

Last month, Kyiv destroyed more than 20 drones and missiles in what it called the "most powerful strike" on the capital since spring.

Speeches by several senior Ukrainian officials released Saturday drew a picture of a country at war held back by allies who had failed to grasp the scale and urgency of the crisis.

Newly appointed Defence Minister Rustem Umerov called for more military equipment.

"We are grateful for all the support provided... We need more heavy weapons," Umerov said in his speech.

But he added: "We need them today. We need them now."

President Volodymyr Zelensky said the slow delivery of Western weapons was hampering the counteroffensive against Russian positions in the east and south of the country.

Deputy Intelligence Chief Vadym Skibitsky estimated Saturday that Russia has more than 420,000 soldiers in the east and south of Ukraine, including Crimea.

Skibitsky also said Russia had for a month been actively launching attacks from Crimea, which it annexed in 2014.

Russian authorities have reported civilian casualties from some Ukrainian attacks.

Ukrainian leaders also deplored the lack of progress on setting up an international tribunal to try Russia's leaders and on the transfer of frozen Russian assets.

"Unfortunately, we are in a kind of deadlock on both," Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said.

He said the G7 group favoured a hybrid tribunal based on Ukrainian legislation.

A lack of will

But this would not allow for the immunity of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin or Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to be stripped -- an unacceptable option for Kyiv.

Ukrainian officials are arguing for an international court resembling the post-World War II Nuremberg tribunal.

There has been insufficient progress too, on the transfer of frozen Russian assets to Ukraine for use in the country's reconstruction, Kuleba added.

"After a year and a half, I'm still hearing from Europe and America: we are working on it," said Kuleba, who addressed a conference in Kyiv Friday, but whose comments were only released on Saturday.

"There is a lack of will to come to a conclusion. So we have to change that." Since Moscow's invasion in February 2022, Western sanctions have led to the freezing of some 300 billion euros (USD 320 billion) of Central Bank of Russia's foreign exchange reserves around the world.

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Several youths join BJP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: A large number of youths join BJP SC Morcha in the esteem presence of **BJP** District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, District General Secretary Pushpinder Singh, Morcha Prabhari Vijay Anand Gill, Manohar Ial, Manohar lal Menia along with team members here at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The Programme was organized by BJP SC Morcha District Jammu South President Umesh Kumar. The youths said they are all driven and inspired by the works under the dynamic,

Rekha Mahajan, while vibrant, vision of the welcoming the new Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also entrants into the party impressed by the service fold added that youth

rendered by the union power shall boost the territory of J&K, BJP's morale of the BJP cadre erstwhile state leaderand help us to take the policies of government ship which compelled them to join the nationto the Gross root level. She said that every

worker of the party works with the principle of the nation first in mind and the prime minister has himself established the highest benchmark of serving the society and the nation selflessly. Rekha also welcomed the youths belonging to the different segments of society and lauded them for their decision to join the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Rekha Mahajan, remarked while interactive sessions with the workers. she asserted. that "the BJP has always acted as a family that respects everybody and cares for everyone". She said the party has always opened up arms for those who want to serve the nation and society unconditionally and she congratulated the new entrants and urged them to work hard and empower the poor and marginalized with full dedication and devotion.

Honda India Power promotes mechanisation in construction, agriculture sectors

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: Honda India Power Products Limited (HIPP) is promoting mechanisation in the construction and agriculture sectors by introducing Honda's legendary 4-Stroke technology-based products such as overhead valve (OHV) engine powered concrete mixer, vibrator, cutter, surface leveller, soil compactor, stone breaker & portable water pumps, power tillers, brush cutters for maximum work efficiency.

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HIPP was the first company in the industry to introduce a 4-stroke technology to the Indian market, giving Indian consumers' unparalleled operational efficiency. In 2020, HIPP achieved the 5-million-unit sales milestone and concluded 35 years of enabling mechanized operations in India.

Army organizes Brotherhood Cricket Tournament at Chowgan

alist party.

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Sep 10: Cricket is the most popular sport of India, loved by millions and kashmir is not left out of this craze and wave of cricket love. The Indian Army has been at the forefront in its effort to promote games and sports in the valley. With an aim to infuse sportsmanship and camaraderie among the youth of Kishtwar as also to channelize their energies and positively engage the youth, Kishtwar Battalion of Indian Army organised Brotherhood Cricket Tournament at Chowgan, Kishtwar.

The event generated immense enthusiasm among the locals wherein 128 teams from District Kishtwar participated in the tournament. The inaugural match witnessed a heavy footfall of the locals and very high level of excitement amongst the participating teams. "The pleasant morning felt warmer



and up heat than usual courtesy the bonhomie and cheerful milieu at the ground", the Indian Army said. The most captivating

fact was the involvement of District youth service

contests between bat and ball would inevitably entice to draw large crowds to field in all the league matches. Youth in Kashmir with limited play grounds in the valley have managed and excelled in this sport mainly due to their passion and dedication towards cricket.

The tournament provides a perfect platform to the youth of Kishtwar to showcase their performance and hone their skills. It is pertinent to mention that the Indian Army has been organizing different sporting events under Operation Sadhbhavana to promote physical activity among youth and divert their energy towards a positive direction.

The inhabitants expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army for organizing this event and appealed for more such events in the future to nurture the sporting talent in Kishtwar.

A tribute to late Sh. Thakur Dass Ji

The entire Gaddi Community, comprising Gaddis, Sippis, Gadda-Brahmins, and Reharevs. across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, will observe the 2nd death anniversary of the revered Late Sh. Thakur Dass Ji on September 11, 2023. Late Sh. Thakur Dass Ji held the prestigious position of the first President of the All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi

Sabha Late Sh. Thakur Dass Ji was born in the year 2000 Bikrami Samat in the village of Goundi (Kossar), into the household of a humble peasant, Sh. Mast Ram. Mast Ram not only tilled the land but also practiced herbal medicine, providing free medical assistance to the less fortunate in the community. It was from his father that Thakur Dass Ji imbibed the values of social service and philanthropy, which would later shape his remarkable journey. Although his formal education began at a

nearby school, the lack



of proximity to a middle school led to his discontinuation of studies. Nevertheless, he continued to learn the herbal system of medicine from his father and embarked on a career in healthcare. In his early twenties, he ventured into the realm of politics, initially aligning with the Jan Sangh Party, where he remained dedicated for several years. Later, influenced by the ideals of Dr. Karan Singh Ji, he shifted his allegiance to

the Congress Party. Thakur Dass Ji was well-versed in the scriptures, particularly the Ramayana and Mahabharata, often quoting Sanskrit shlokas during discussions and speeches. He authored

the book "Jammu Kashmir Ka Gaddi Quabila, Ek Pehchan" and possessed a remarkable memory.

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His involvement in community politics began in the 1970s, with efforts to organize Gaddi Sabhas at the village level to address deepseated social issues within the community. Although village committees existed, there was no central body. In 1979, he initiated the process of uniting all Gaddis under a single platform, culminating in the founding of the All Jammu & Kashmir Gaddi Sabha in 1981, with Thakur Dass Ji elected as its inaugural President and Late Sh. Devi Ram Chouhan as the first Vice President.

The year 1991 marked a significant milestone when, under the banner of the All Jammu & Kashmir Gaddi Sabha, Gaddis of J&K were granted Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. However, two ethnic groups, Gadda Brahmans and Rehareys, did not receive the same recognition. In 1991, he launched his own Urdu newspaper, "Desh Aur Khet," from Udhampur, serving as its Editor until 1996. This platform allowed him to shed light on the issues faced by the underprivileged, including Gaddis. In essence, Thakur Dass Ji was a man of unwavering determination, immune to the allure of temptation, and committed to the welfare of his community. He traversed every village inhabited by Gaddis on foot and never accepted defeat. His guiding philosophy was, "Do your Karma; the fruits are in the hands of God. If our actions are sincere and selfless, God will never disappoint."

The monumental changes that occurred after 1991, including the declaration of ST status for Gaddis, are a testament to his tireless struggle and leadership. The Gaddi community remains forever indebted to his legacy.

BK Charak Retired Principal

For the last 37 years, HIPP has been the preferred choice of customers worldwide and has powered the dreams of over 5 million happy users by "Empowering them, To

to, they have become the benchmark in their respective usage segments. Much like the agriculture sector of the power product business, Honda Power will continue to follow a rigorous process of understanding customers' needs and expedite the shift to 4-stroke tech-

LG Sinha credits G20 for tourism growth in Srinagar

far," he said

Congratulating the administration and tourism departed, the LG said that Bungus festival is organised on a big scale is a success and a great achievement. "A lot of change has happened in here in the past couple of years," he said, adding that 'Tourism is part of our culture and identity' He thanked all those who have come to Kashmir from different parts of the world and country. "Integrated tourism plan is being carved. Offbeat destinations and unexplored places are being explored by visitors," the LG said.

Sinha said that this year so far 1.58 crore tourists have visited J&K. "It not just a number rather a new beginning of the region." he said.

Stating that that the administration is committed to promote and explore tourist destinations, the LG said that Bungus is fit for Trekking and for those who love streams. "Every visitor who visits Kashmir goes back with great memories. Every visitor is becoming our brand ambassador. They encourage everyone back home to visit J&K," he said.

He said that three years ago when he joined as LG in J&K there were a lot of challenges. "Despite Covid all destinations were promoted through road shows and other means. It was ensured that these promotions reach to everyone," the LG said.

The LG also said that the private sector is very important for infrastructure development.

He assured that the administration is working to make J&K a best tourism destination. "It is aimed to promote offbeat destinations. This place offers lifetime opportunities to visitors. Every effort is being ensured to help people earn livelihood. With growing home stays locals are able to earn livelihood," he said. He said that this year so far 25,000 tourists visited Gurez valley.

Attributing the increasing tourism footfall to G20 meeting held in Srinagar, he said that the successful event has helped attract more tourists from across the globe. "There is a 350 Per cent increased tourist footfall compared to last year. This year record number of 2.25 figure is expected to cross," Sinha said.

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region but also assisting

in preparing the ground

and conduct of the tour-

nament. The intense

cricketing duels and

British PM Sunak, wife Akshata perform 'puja' at Akshardham temple in **New Delhi**

timeless Hindu spiritual messages of faith, devotion and harmony, a statement issued by BAPS said.

Inside the main temple complex, Sunak and his wife paid their respects to the sacred images and admired the art and architecture.

The couple also performed abhishek (ritual pouring of water) on the 'murti' of Shri Nilkanth Varni Maharaj, and offered prayers for world peace, progress and harmony, the statement said.

"My wife and I were delighted to visit Swaminarayan Akshardham for darshan and puja this morning. We were amazed and awed by the beauty of this temple and its universal message of peace, harmony, and becoming a better human being. This is not only a place of worship, but a landmark that also portrays India's values, culture and contributions to the world," Sunak was quoted as saying.

"We see today in Britain these very same values and culture through the positive contributions the British Indian community makes to our country," he said.

"I was honoured to have received the blessings of His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj conveyed to me this morning, and I understand that His Holiness is inaugurating another beautiful Swaminarayan Akshardham temple in Robbinsville, USA very soon. I would like to send my very best wishes to His Holiness and all the devotees of BAPS ahead of the opening,"

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Sunak said

Brahmavihari Swami, the senior swami of the sanstha, said it was an honour to welcome the British prime minister to Swaminaravan Akshardham and share Mahant Swami Maharaj's message of peace, unity and public service.

The UK's relationship with India is built on a bond of friendship and fostered by cultural exchanges as well as a vibrant Indian diaspora in the UK, he said.

The British prime minister spent almost one hour at the temple as he performed 'darshan and puja' there.

In an interview to PTI ahead of his India visit, Sunak had said, "I am hugely proud of my Indian roots and my connections to India. As you know, my wife is Indian and being a proud Hindu means I will always have a connection to India and the people of India."

The 43-year-old leader of the Conservative Party was first elected as an MP in 2015. He was made finance minister or chancellor of exchequer in February 2020 by then Prime Minister Boris Johnson. In October last year, he became the first Indian-origin British prime minister, scripting history.

His wife Akshata Murty is the daughter of India's billionaire tech czar Narayana Murthy and philanthropist and educator Sudha Murty.

Lawyer Babar Qadri **Killing: SIA announces Rs 10 lakh reward for** information

information shall be kept "highly confidential". The notice shared the cell phone number 9103998467 for passing the information.

The police have already registered a case under FIR No 62/2020 U/S 302 IPC 7/27 IAA 13/16/18/20/39 UAPA at the police station Lalbazar Srinagar, which is now being investigated by the SIA Kashmir. A special investigation team is probing the killing since August 2021

Apatrt from being a lawyer, Qadri was also a TV debater.

In 2021, the Police had claimed that Saqib Manzoor, a commander of proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba was involved Qadri's assassination. Manzoor was killed in an encounter in Srinagar.

Kashmiri Kahwa on all **Veg Menu for G20** delegates

which contains milk and wheat. Bread, including Mumbai pao, or onion seed-flavoured soft bun, bakarkhani, or cardamom-flavoured sweet flatbread, was served.

The desserts served include 'Madhurima', 'Pot of gold', a cardamom-scented barnyard millet pudding, fig-peach compote and 'Ambemohar' rice crisps containing milk, millet, wheat and nuts. Paan flavoured chocolate leaves were also served to the leaders.

Alpine grasslands of **Bhaderwah emerges as** favourite destination for picnickers

the valley has a nearly nine-kilometrelong meadow, bisected by a stream that merges with a tributary of the Chenab at Kahara.

"Over 1.20 lakh students from 385 schools, colleges and other educational institutions came to Jaie Valley for picnics from May 1 to September 9, making it the most visited high-altitude destination by students in the Jammu region," Chowdharv said.

In addition, more than three lakh tourists from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir visited the valley during the same period.

"We have recorded over one lakh additional visitors to the valley this season compared to previous years," the official said. The massive footfall has turned the for-

tunes of locals, especially the tribal migrant Gujjar community that traditionally resides in these grasslands with their cattle during the summers.

Mohd Hussain Chechi, the lumberdar of the valley's tribal population, said the massive tourist inflow has turned fortune in their favour, that too at their doorstep.

"This is no less than magic ... for the first time in my life, we are selling our produce (milk and milk products) from the meadows itself and that too at a very good price, without incurring extra cost on transportation to the towns," Chechi said,

He said the tribal population is earning extra as nearly 30 Gujjar youngsters offer pony rides to the visitors. Several others have opened small makeshift shops, eateries and tent house accommodations in these meadows. The students and their teachers also seem to be in awe of the mundane beauty of the high-altitude meadows and want to return in the future. "The visit to Jaie Valley was a complete package in the form of gushing water bodies, lush green meadows, tall coniferous trees, horse rides, pure organic food and pleasant weather," said 27-year-old Shivali Parihar, a schoolteacher from Khellani. She is completely smitten by the beauty of the place. "This time, I am here with my students for a school picnic but I will return soon with my family," she added.

Thirteen-year-old Khadeeja, a student from Doda, said this is the best and most easily accessible picnic spot in the Chenab region.

"We enjoyed ourselves to the hilt in the water, played cricket, rode ponies and danced in the cool weather. I simply love Jaie Valley," she said.

Property of Jailed **Drug Smuggler Couple** attached in Bandipora

said, adding that the duo is presently booked under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic (PIT) in the NDPS Act and lodged at Kot Balwal Jammu and Central Jail Srinagar.

BUSINESS / HEALTH

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Income Tax dept slaps notices on start-ups seeking creditworthiness of investors

'Under the law, the onus was on the assessee-company to provide the identity and creditworthiness of the investors as well as the genuineness of the transaction'

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): The Income Tax Department has slapped notices on some startups seeking information on creditworthiness of their investors as it looked to verify if the amount invested was commensurate with the income declared by the investors.

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The tax department replying to a social media post of BharatPe co-founder and former MD Ashneer Grover, said under the law, the onus was on the assesseecompany to provide the identity and creditworthiness of the investors as well as the genuineness of the transaction.

"In the last one month, a number of startups (a few in my portfolio as well) have received Income Tax notices asking to furnish information about shareholders," Grover had said on a post on X, formerly Twitter.

"Bahut interesting hai (it is very interesting) - they are asking start-up companies to furnish a 3 year ITR [income tax return] of all shareholders." He went on to ask how and why the startup would have ITR of shareholders. "Why would a shareholder/ individual share their ITR with a private company?"

He went on to state that the reason given is to 'to establish creditworthiness of shareholders'. "Why," he asked. Company shareholders aren't given loans



and instead are putting equity in the firm, he added, asking the Union Ministry of Finance to look into this.

Replying to him, the Income Tax Department in a post on X said, "Section 68 of Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act) under which the Assessing Officer (AO) has made the enquiry about creditworthiness of the shareholder/ investor, places initial onus on the assessee-company to prove the following: a) Identity of the investor, b) Creditworthiness of the investor and c) Genuineness of the transaction.'

It went on to state that the "Finance Act, 2012 mandated that the nature and source of any sum credited as share capital, share premium etc., in the

books of a closely-held company (excluding Venture Capital Fund or a Venture Capital Company registered with SEBI) shall be treated as explained u/s 68 only if the source of funds from a resident shareholder is also explained by investor."

On the cases raised by Grover, it said: "In the present case, it appears that the AO has sought to examine the genuineness of the transaction and source of investment by the shareholderinvestor, to verify if the amount invested is commensurate with the income shown in the ITRs of the investors."

Alternatively, it sought income tax permanent account numbers or PAN of the investors be shared so that the income tax returns of the investors can be verified.

"This has been the practice," it added.

Infosys co-founder and investor Mohandas Pai jumped in to say that this was "misleading".

He first tagged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Grover's initial post to say, "sir tax terrorism is increasing! This is against what you have stood for. Please intervene."

That post he tagged a host of politicians and ministers including BJP Yuva Morcha national president and MP Tejasvi Surya and BJP's Bengaluru Central MP P C Mohan.

After, Income Tax Department clarified the position clearing stating that the alternative to furnishing three years of income tax return is to furnish PAN of the investors, he posted again. "Again this is misleading," he

said, tagging the Union Ministry of Finance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. "Asking for the PAN is the law. But how can you also ask for 3 year tax returns of the investor from the start up? Does the law permit this. @IncomeTaxIndia itself says that Pan is sufficient. Why this overreach?," he asked. Grover reposted Pai's post on Χ.

Onions, garlic and other goods are imported from Afghanistan through ICP at Attari-Wagah border

each truck is carry-

ing between 20 to 40

metric tonnes (20,000

to 40,000 kg per truck).

Not only that ten to fif-

teen trucks of Garlic

are coming daily and it

is between Rs 80 to Rs

The import of both

onion and garlic to India

was restarted because

these crops were dam-

aged this season due

to untimely rain and

hailstorms resulting in a

Most of the onions

and garlic are imported

by the traders in Punjab

and Delhi. These trad-

ers book their consign-

ments with traders

based in Afghanistan. It

takes about two weeks

for the consignment to

140 per kg.

price surge.



CHANDIGARH, Sep 10 (Agencies): Onions and garlic are being imported this season from Afghanistan through the Integrated Check-Post (ICP) at the Attari-Wagah border after a few years and not only that the import of dry fruits from the war-torn country has doubled but their prices remain higher side as the festival season in the country has started and orders for Diwali are being placed. Also Aloo Bukhara and Khurmani are in demand.

Sources at that ICP said that after two to three years, one to two truckloads of onions have been coming for the last three days and

Satish Dhyani, Manager at Land Port Authority of India at the integrated check-post (ICP) said, "On a daily basis, 50 to 55 trucks are coming from Afghanistan to India...before August 15 about 20 trucks were coming."

Talking with TNIE,

Anil Mehra a dry fruit importer based at Amritsar told TNIE that the prices of dry fruits are on the higher side this season and have not come down as the crop was comparatively less last year in Afghanistan. This affected the import of dry fruits from Afghanistan last year.

Mehra said, `` Also Aloo Bukhara and Khurmani are in demand.'

The import during the financial year 2022-2023 was Rs 2.219 crore and it was Rs 2,977 crore during 2021-22 thus a decline of Rs 758 crore. While the export increased from Rs 5 crore during 2021-22 to Rs 74.29 crore in 2022-23, as per the data with ICP.

Foods you should definitely have if you've started working out

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): As you embark on your fitness journey, it is crucial to fuel your body with the right nutrients. When you begin to work out, your muscles undergo a process of tearing and repair. Having a nutritious diet with protein can help build muscles and ensure healthy fat loss.

If you've started an exercise routine, here are some foods you need to incorporate into your diet.

Whole-grain cereals: According to Harvard Health Letter, starting your day with a healthy breakfast can replenish your blood sugar, which is essential for powering your muscles and brain. Whole-grain cereals or bread are rich in fibre and protein, keeping you full for longer and providing the energy you need for your workout.

building and repairing muscles. Lean proteins such as poultry, fish, dairy, legumes and eggs are low in saturated and trans fats, making them healthier options. According to Harvard Health Blog, adults need about 0.8 grams of protein per kilogram of their body weight daily.

Fruits and vegetables: These are rich sources of natural fibre, vitamins, minerals, and other compounds that your body needs to function properly. They're also low in calories and fat.

The recommended daily intake for an adult by the World Health Organisation (WHO) includes 2 cups of fruit (4 servings), 2.5 cups of vegetables (5 servings), 180 g of grains, and 160 g of meat and beans.

Healthy fats: Healthy unsaturated fats

Hello UPI: Digital payment apps take center stage at Delhi G20 Summit

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): A key display at the G20 Summit this year, hosted by India, will be the growing Digital Public Infrastructure of the country. A Digital India Experience Zone is part of the event and will be set up in halls 4 and 14 of Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

There, delegates and leaders from 18 other member nations and the European Union will interact with various Digital India initiatives launched in recent vears.

Four Indian banks have launched dedicated United Payments Interface (UPI) apps for G20 delegates, namely SBI, Axis, Canara and ICICI Bank with a balance of Rs 2,000 digital currency, using which the delegates can buy goodies by scanning QR codes. The delegates will also be shown flagship platforms like Aadhaar, eSanjeevani, Digi-locker, DIKSHA, Bhasini and the allnew Gita app.



the milestone of reaching 1,000 crores in August this year. In its aftermath, the National Payment Corporation of India launched six new UPI features in September. These included a credit line on UPI, the conversational payment mode "Hello UPI", Billpay Connect, UPI Tap & Pay, and UPI Lite X.

there have been 1,024 crore UPI transactions worth Rs 15 lakh crore. A G20 Policy Recom-

topped the list with Rs 474.3 crore through 7.6 lakh crore transactions as of July 2023. A little more than 5 lakh crore transactions were made through Google Pay worth Rs 349.4 crore in the same period of time. The ease of transactions makes UPI a viable method of payments globally, especially in countries where cash transactions are preferred over card payments. This has led the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to introduce UPI in foreign shores. This will also enable Indian tourists to scan their UPI apps and make

Bananas: Bananas are packed with potassium and magnesium, essential minerals that can be replenished after a workout. They also provide natural sugars to fuel your exercise. You can also have it as a healthy pre-workout snack

Nuts: Nuts are an excellent source of heart-healthy fats, protein and essential nutrients. They provide sustained energy for your workout. Pair them with fresh or dried fruit for a healthy dose of carbohydrates.

Lean proteins: Protein is essential for

like those found in avocados, olives, and certain oils can help reduce inflammation and provide calories. While fat is a primary fuel for aerobic exercise, we have plenty stored in the body to fuel even the longest workouts.

Hydration: Hydration is key during workouts. If you exercise for an hour or less, water is all you need. However, for longer workouts, a drink with electrolytes, like a sports beverage or coconut water, can help replace minerals lost through sweat.

This all comes at an opportune time. UPI transactions achieved

India Today's Data Intelligence unit analysed UPI data available on the NCPI portal and charted its growth from its launch date on August 25, 2016, to August 2023. In a span of seven years,

mendation report by the World Bank released recently states that "for the fiscal year 2022-23, the total value of UPI transactions was nearly 50 percent of India's nominal GDP"

The maximum number of digital transactions were made through third-party apps like Phone Pe, Google Pay, and Paytm, followed by Cred, the Axis Bank app, and Amazon Pay, respectively. Phone Pe

such payments while travelling abroad

In July 2021, Bhutan became the first country to accept UPI through the BHIM app, followed by Malaysia in August 2021 and a handful of South-East Asian countries in September 2021. The digital platform is now available in about 20 countries with the most recent addition being Sri Lanka in July 2023 through the Lanka Pay app.

Only ferocious animals have rabies: Busting myths about deadly viral disease

Dogs are the source of the vast majority of human rabies deaths, contributing up to 99 per cent of all rabies transmissions to humans.

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): A 14-yearold boy died this week after he was bitten by a dog in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad. The teenager who succumbed to rabies was attacked by the canine over a month ago but allegedly did not tell his parents about it out of fear. In view of this, the child's death has not just sparked a debate about the menace of stray dogs but has also highlighted the dangerous effects of this fatal viral disease.

Rabies is a deadly, yet preventable viral disease that primarily spreads through the bite of an infected animal.

The virus infiltrates the central nervous system of mammals, causing severe illness in the

brain and ultimately leading to death. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), dogs are the source of the vast majority of human rabies deaths, contributing up to 99 per cent of all rabies transmissions to humans.

Other carriers of rabies include cats, jackals and mongooses

The transmission of rabies to humans usually occurs following a deep bite or scratch from an infected animal. The virus can also spread if the saliva of an infected animal comes into direct contact with mucosa, such as the eyes or mouth, or fresh skin wounds. WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF

RABIES? The initial symptoms of rabies can appear anywhere from a few days to over a year after the bite.

Early signs include a tingling, prickling, or itching sensation around the bite area, along with flulike symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, loss of appetite, nausea, and fatigue.

As the disease progresses, symptoms may evolve into cerebral dysfunction, anxiety, confusion, and agitation. ABOUT MYTHS RABIES

Myth 1: Rabies is contracted from wild animals

Fact: One common myth is that rabies is usually contracted from wild animals like pos-



sums, foxes, or bats. However, in reality, domestic animals, particularly dogs, are the primary transmitters of the disease to humans. Myth 2: Rabies can be

cured Fact: There is no cure for rabies or treatment for the disease. However, there is a treatment that can be given immediately after a bite

or scratch to stop the infection. Myth 3: Ferocious ani-

mals have rabies

Fact: You can't know for sure just by looking at an animal if it has rabies. Some animals act ferociously or behave strangely, such as nocturnal animals being out in the daytime. Many will behave more tamely than usual and allow humans to approach. Animals with rabies are described as foaming at the mouth because they produce more saliva than usual. Myth 4: Indoor pets are safe

Fact: Another misconception is that indoor pets are safe from rabies. The truth is, that any mammal can contract rabies, and it can only be passed to another animal or a person through saliva.

Myth 5: If you're bitten by vaccinated dogs, you don't need a rabies vaccine

Fact: This is another myth about rabies. Even if a dog is vaccinated, you need to go to a doctor if you've been bitten by one for a close examination. Post-exposure vaccination might be needed. IS THERE ANY

TREATMENT FOR RABIES?

Rabies is a serious concern due to its high fatality rate. There is currently no test for rabies in live animals, and no treatment is available once symptoms develop.

However, rabies can

be prevented through vaccination of pets and immediate postexposure prophylaxis in humans, which includes thorough wound washing and a series of rabies vaccinations.

Despite the severity of the disease, rabies is often overlooked and underreported, especially in developing countries where it causes tens of thousands of deaths every year.

The World Health Organisation aims to minimize zero human rabies deaths by 2030 through a One Health approach, which involves multiple sectors and local communities in building awareness and conducting mass dog vaccination campaigns.

SPORTS

India seek answer to Rahul-Kishan riddle ahead of high-voltage Pakistan clash

Indian management will want to assemble the best possible 11 in the park against Pakistan, whom the Rohit Sharma-led outfit is facing for the second time in the event

COLOMBO, Sep 10 (Agencies): The Indian team management's predicament to choose between KL Rahul and Ishan Kishan will be the dominating theme amid the usual edgy emotional quotient, when they face arch-rivals Pakistan in the most-awaited Super 4 match of the Asia Cup here on Sunday.

Alongside focusing on the team goals, the Indian management will want to assemble the best possible 11 in the park against Pakistan, whom the Rohit Sharma-led outfit is facing for the second time in the event. But for that, they need to find answers for the aforementioned puzzle, and hope that rains will stay away despite adding a controversial reserve day to the match on Monday.

The return of Rahul to the squad has widened the pool of players to select from, but that has also given them a happy headache.

Kishan has impressed everyone in the last month or so, smashing four fifties in as many matches - three against the West Indies and one against Pakistan in the Asia Cup Group A match at Pallekele last week. During the process, Kishan has also diversified himself, underlining his comfort in positions ranging from opening to number 5.

The 25-year-old Jharkhand man opened the innings against the Caribbean team while batted in the middle-order against Pakistan

Additionally, Kishan brings in a bit of variety to the Indian batting



wicketkeeping drills at nets on

Friday, further indicating his

So, the team management will

While that decision is impor-

tant for the team to achieve the

desired balance, they will also

be eager to start the Super 4

with a win notwithstanding the

Pakistan have already bagged

two points after beating Bangla-

desh by 7 wickets at Lahore,

and another win will place them

comfortably on the way to the

So, India will also want to enter

the log sheet but they will have

to counter a potent Pakistan

bowling attack that can make an

impact irrespective of the nature

Of course, Rohit and other

Indian batters will be wary of the

high-paced incoming deliveries

of Shaheen Shah Afridi, but the

Pakistan bowling unit has other

Haris Rauf, with his express

pace, is currently topping the

equally explosive performers.

combination they field.

have to take a hard call on the

readiness to make the return.

match day.

final.

of the pitch.

line-up as he is a left-hander. So, it seems that Kishan has everything going for him. But Rahul's claim for the No. 5 position is hard to ignore despite the fact that the Bengaluru cricketer has not played an ODI since March this year, courtesy a thigh injury and the ensuing phase of post-surgery convalescence.

The 31-year-old remains one of India's steadiest ODI batters since 2019. In that year, he made 572 runs from 13 matches at 47.67.

The trend continued in the following years - In 2020: 443 runs from 9 matches at 55.38; in 2021: 108 runs from 3 matches at 88.50; in 2022: 251 runs from 10 matches at 27.89 and in 2023: 226 runs from 6 matches at 56.50.

If one filters the stats further, while batting at No. 5, Rahul has amassed 742 runs from 18 matches at 53 with a hundred and seven fifties.

Those are strong numbers and his wicket-keeping offers an additional arrow in the quiver. Rahul also engaged in intense Asia Cup bowling chart with 9 wickets from three matches, and seemed to have emerged from the shadows of Afridi (7 wickets).

While Naseem Shah also has taken 7 wickets, ensuring no let off point for opposition batters. Pakistan has an edge on

paper in this department, but India will believe that they have the ammunition to strike back in kind.

The return of Jasprit Bumrah, who skipped the league match against Nepal, will bolster India's bowling, while Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur can play the efficient support cast role.

But once these two teams enter the arena, factors like playing 11, form, past records etc go irrelevant. It will be a storm force collision on the field. Teams

India: Rohit Sharma (captain), Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, İshan Kishan, Hardik Pandya (vicecaptain), Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumraj, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Prasidh Krishna.

Pakistan: Babar Azam (captain), Abdullah Shafique, Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Salman Ali Agha, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Haris, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Usama Mir, Faheem Ashraf, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Afridi, Saud Shakeel, Tayyab Tahir (travelling reserve).

"Not used to playing such an attack": Shubman Gill on Pakistan's pace attack

Talking about how

contrasting him and his

opening partner skipper

Rohit Sharma are, Gill

said that this contrast

makes it difficult for

bowlers to contain them.

likes to play along the

ground in the powerplay.

Rohit takes on bowlers

aerially. This combina-

tion works well for us.

How different we are as

players makes it difficult

for bowlers to contain

Talking about his brief

slump after the Indian

Premier League (IPL),

Gill said that sometimes

it is just the quality of

bowling that outpowers

"Yes you go back to

the good times (during

a slump). Sometimes it

is not even about tech-

nique. It is just about

the bowlers, they are

also there to take wick-

ets. You can get some

good deliveries. When

you play well, there are

things that go in your

us," said Gill.

a batter.

"I am someone who



COLOMBO, Sep 10 (Agencies): Ahead of his side's Asia Cup Super-4 clash against arch-rivals Pakistan, Indian batter Shubman Gill said that not playing against a quality Pakistani bowling attack has proved to be a reason why Men in Blue are struggling to take on them at times. India will take on Pakistan in their Super-4 Asia Cup clash at Colombo on Sunday. Talking about India's struggles with Pakistan's left-arm pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, Gill said in a pre-match press conference, "When you are playing at this level, you play left-armer pacers previously at some point of your career. We do not play Pakistan that much as compared to the other sides. They have a quality bowling attack. When you do not face such a bowling attack frequently and are not used to it, it makes a difference."

favour. You just have to trust your game and keep going to get those big runs," he said.

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Questioned if the players see and follow Pakistan skipper Babar Azam's batting, Gill agreed and termed him a "World-Class player". "Yes, definitely we follow him. When a player is doing well. Everyone watches him to find out why they are doing so good, what their speciality. The same thing goes for Babar. He is a world-class player and we all do admire him,' said Gill.

Talking about the differences in bowling of Pakistan pacers Shaheen and Naseem Shah, Gill said that the former offers more swing, but the latter has more pace and bowls in good areas.

Gill said that the team is clear about their roles, batting positions heading into the ICC Cricket World Cup, which will start from October 5 onwards.

Talking about the team's plans with their batting, Gill said, "Our plans will be the same, to give a solid foundation and then dominate. In that last game against Pakistan, our top order did not do well. But still, we made around 260 and looked set to make 310-320 runs at some point at such a wicket. These are good signs."

West Indies vs India 2023: **ICC Rates Pitches For Both Tests As 'Average'**

DUBAI, Sep 10 (Agencies): The International Cricket Council has come up with an "average" rating for the pitch at Windsor Park in Roseau, Dominica, which hosted the opening Test between West India and India in July. Jeff Crowe, the match referee for the Test, had initially given a "below average" rating for the track, which would have seen the venue receive a demerit point. While Cricket West Indies would have had the option to appeal Crowe's verdict in that case, it would have also had to explain to the ICC regarding the substandard of the pitch. The pitch was famous for being slow and its turns, as batting first, the hosts were bundled for 150, with veteran offspinner Ravichandran



Asia Cup 2023: Bangladesh stare at elimination after defeat to Sri Lanka in Super Four

Shakib Al Hasan's Bangladesh lost two matches in the Super 4 of the Asia Cup 2023 and are on the verge of getting knocked out of the tournament.

side the off-stump.

then Mushfiqur Rahim

and Hridoy put on 72

runs to bring their team

back into the contest,

although the required

rate was steadily climb-

Skipper Shanaka

came to the party again

as he removed Mush-

fiqur, who scored 29

laboured runs. Hridoy, in

the meantime, got to his

ing

COLOMBO, Sep 10 (Agencies): Bangladesh's poor batting came back to haunt them yet again as the Tigers lost to Sri Lanka by 21 runs in the Asia Cup 2023 Super Four match on Saturday, September 9 at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. Barring Towhid Hridoy, none of the other batters looked like posing a threat to the opposition bowlers. Hridoy scored 82 runs off 97 balls with seven fours and a six, but his valiant efforts could not pay dividends. Chasing a not-so-big total, Bangladesh start-

ed steadily as Mehidy

Hasan Miraz and Naim

Shaikh put on 55 runs

for the opening wicket

off 11.1 overs. But it was

Mehidy who did most

of the scoring as his

half-century off 73 balls to hold one end up. But once Maeesh Theekshana trapped him plumb in front, it was all over bar the shouting for Bangladesh, who finets of Pathum Nissanka and Kusal Mendis. The Bangladeshi spinners, Shakib, Mehidy and Nasum Ahmed, failed to pick up a wicket. Nasum, however, was

Ashwin bagging a fifer, while leg-spinner Ravindra Jadeja scalped three.

The visitors managed well with the bat, putting on 421 for the loss of five wickets. thanks to openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rohit Sharma scoring 171 and 103, respectively. However, the Men in Blue ran havoc with the ball again in the second

partner was struggling to score runs. While trying to up the ante, Miraz mistimed a pull shot off Dasun Shanaka straight down the throat of Dushan Hemantha. Naim also perished soon while trying to play a nothing shot off Shanaka. Litton Das rotated the strike for a bit before he got a bottom edge off Dunith Wellalage. Shakib Al Hasan got out to Matheesha Pathirana while trying slashing a ball way out-

ished with 236 in 48.1 overs. Hasan Mahmud and Nasum Ahmed threw their bats around, but it was only to mitigate the damage. At 83 for the loss of Bangladesh pacers impress four wickets in 18.5 Earlier, after electing overs, the Tigers were in all sorts of trouble. But

to field. Bangladesh did a decent job, restricting Sri Lanka to 257 for nine. Taskin Ahmed and Hasan Mahmud picked up three wickets apiece for the Tigers. Taskin also joined Haris Rauf as the joint-highest wicket-taker in the ongoing Asia Cup.

Shoriful Islam was impressive as well after he got the crucial wickmiserly as he conceded only 31 runs in 10 overs. At one point in time, Sri Lanka were struggling to reach 230-240. But Sadeera Samarawickrama came to the party and guided his team to a more than competitive score. He went on to score 93 runs off 72 balls with the help of eight fours and two sixes.

As far as Bangladesh are concerned, a lot of permutations and combinations need to go in their favour for them to qualify for the final. Their last Super 4 match is against Rohit Sharma's India on September 15.

India vs Pakistan Asia Cup 2023: Babar Azam And Co. Reveal Playing XI Ahead Of Mega Super 4 Clash

innings, with Ashwin

being even more effec-

tive, grabbing seven for

71, as they prevailed

in the contest by an

innings and 141 runs,

which ended within just

Also, the pitch for

the second Test at the

Queens Park Oval in

Port of Spain, Trini-

dad and Tobago, has

received an "average"

rating, which ended in a

rain-marred draw

three days

COLOMBO, Sep 10 (Agencies): The Pakistan cricket team has announced their playing XI for the Asia Cup 2023 Super 4 match against India on Sunday. There were no changes to the side that defeated Bangladesh in their first Super 4 match as the Babar Azam-led side decided to stick to the winning combination. It means that there will no comeback for Mohammad Nawaz after he was replaced by the fast bowling allrounder Faheem Ashraf. Pakistan also decided to make no changes to their in-form pace attack of Shaheen Afridi, Haris

Rauf and Naseem Shah who have been enjoying a brilliant run of form in Asia Cup 2023. Babar will once again

back his deadly pace trio to achieve a similar feat against their biggest rival.

"I am proud of my pacers. We dominate everyone. Big matches and tournaments are won by fast bowlers. I have my belief in them. The secret behind their success is that they stay united and have belief in themselves. If one does not have a good day, the other one steps up and covers up for it," said Babar in the pre-match press conference



In their first encounter of the Asia Cup group stage, India posted a total of 266, but rain

intervened and washed out the game complete-With clouds once again

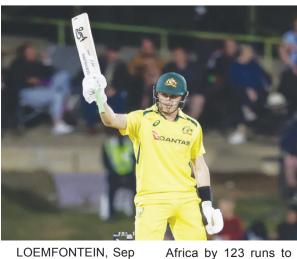
looming over Colombo, Babar said that the team is focused on what it can control. "We are focusing on things we can control. It rained four days. The way the sun is out, does not look like it will rain. But we will focus on utilising whatever time we get to the best of our abilities," he said. Pakistan (Playing XI) against India: Fakhar

Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Babar Azam (c), Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Agha Salman, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Faheem Ashraf, Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf.

South Africa vs Australia 2nd **ODI: Marnus Labuschagne Shines As Australia Register** 123-Run Win

take a 2-0 lead in the

five-match series. In the



LOEMFONTEIN, Sep 10 (Agencies): Australia on Saturday beat South second ODI, Australia posted 392 for 8, thanks to Marnus Labuschagne's 124 and David Warner's 106. They then bundled out South Africa for 269.

In the first game, Australia had registered a tight three-wicket win. Labuschagne was the unlikely hero for Australia after batting as a concussion substitute for Cameron Green. He made 80 not out to steer Australia to an unlikely three-wicket win.

Top News of J&K Jammu, Sunday, September 10, 2023

LOCAL

Drugs-a gateway to destruction: Swami Shri Rajeshwaranand

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: Jai Deva Mission Founder Swami Shri Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir Unit President Manish Sahni expressed deep concern over the increasing drug trade and growing number of youth getting trapped in drug addiction in the city of temples, Jammu. They sent a message to the youth to stay away from drugs and demanded the enforcement of prohibition in Jammu and Kashmir.

During a program organized at the Shiv Sena state office in Jammu today, Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Manish Sahni jointly addressed the media and expressed their deep concern over the rising activities of drug traffickers in the city of temples and the growing addiction among the youth.

the youth, stating that "Nasha Naash ka Dwara Hai" (Drugs are the gateway to destruction). He emphasized that the more drugs penetrate into their lives, the more they get immersed in the clutches of destruction. Similarly, Sahni mentioned that there is an abundance of liquor

ranand addressed also increasing day by day. The future and lives of the youth, who are addicted to drugs, are in danger. Sahni highlighted the

growing attraction of youth towards Western culture and hookah, which is proving to be the cause of the destruction of our cultural identity. Out of the total population of 13 shops in the city of million in Jammu and temples, which is the first step towards addic-Kashmir, approximately 10 lakhs people have tion. Along with that, the activity of traffickfallen prey to the addicing drugs like charas, tion to drugs. Saints, sages, holy men, and even the heavens on earth known as Jammu and Kashmir are being rapidly captured by the drug trade, he added.

Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Manish Sahni have requested the youth to stay away from drugs and urged the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to enforce strict prohibition of drugs in Jammu and Kashmir and take stern action against the elements involved in the drug trafficking.

BJP Govt has set poor man's Kitchen on fire in J&K: Malik

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 10: Several prominent persons today joined Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) in presence of Rafiq Malik State President JKUT, RP Singh State General Secretary. Subash Chander Sharma Jammu Province General Secretary, Mahraj Krishan Bhat State President Migrant Cell, Mulkh Raj State President SC Cell. The newly joined were given assignments as officer bearers including Davinder Pal Singh State President Minority Cell JKUT, Harjeet Singh,State General Secretary Minority Cell JKUT, Jangbahadur Singh State Secretary JKUT . Among others who joined Congress today include Jagjeet Singh, V.S Risam, S.Daleep Singh, S.Chanchal Singh, Simardeep Singh, Arvinder Pal Singh, Tarsem ,Parvinder Singh,Karan Singh, Davinder Singh



besides others. Speaking on the occasion, Malik voiced the frustration of many by stating, "People of Jammu have been diligently paying their electricity bills, but now being gifted smart meters. They are not financially capable of paying the tariffs based on meter readings. We are not against the idea, but shouldn't the authorities consider the people's ability to pay?" He claimed that people from the unprivileged section wouldn't be able to make their both ends meet if they spend their earnings on power bills. Malik said BJP Govt

has set the poor man's Kitchen on fire with prices of wheat flour. edible oil, pulses, vegetables and fruits are skyrocketing. While the common people are in acute distress, the Govt is in ecstasy after pushing the prices of essential commodities from tomato to petrol beyond reach." Bhalla said. Castigating the sycophants of the Govt for not telling it the truth about savagely rising prices and peaking unemployment, Malik said "while the budgets of middleclass households have derailed, the poor cannot afford the basic food for sustenance.

Malik pointed out, the government has continuously implemented antipeople measures, as if seeking revenge from the people. "Instead of providing relief to the people, the government keeps imposing unjust measures one after another," he lamented. He further warned that the government's actions were testing the patience of the people in J&K, and that continued such measures would be met with strong resistance."They are already suffering from previous anti-people measures, and they will not accept this new measure as it directly impacts the survival of their families," Malik said. He said after installation of smart meters, people are getting bills in thousands of rupees. He asserted that they were against the current approach to installing prepaid smart meters due to the burden of hefty bills on households where these meters had been implemented.

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Natrang presents Hindi play 'Parda Uthne Se Pehle'

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JAMMU, Sep 10: Natrang presented a new Hindi play 'Parda Uthne Se Pehle' in its weekly theatre series, Sunday Theatre today at its Studio Theatre here in Kachi Chawni, Jammu. The play has been written by Rajinder Kumar Sharma and was directed by Neeraj Kant.

"Parda Uthne Se Pehle" is the story of a man who is very fond of acting, but his wife does not like his acting. When the play starts, Anil's wife Sheela is seen cursing her husband and says that no one's husband should get addicted to drama. Meanwhile, Anil enters the house and Sheela gets angry at Anil and says that if he wants



drama in his life then passes of the play. send her to her par-After that Anil starts the ents' house. Later, Anil rehearsal again when praises Sheela and says Anil's talkative neighbour Makhan Lal enters that now the heroine of his play is not Veena and starts wasting his but she. Because the time in idle talks. Anil heroine of his play has barely gets rid of him gone somewhere withwhen his son Munnu out informing him and comes to disturb him. They send Munnu out his play is going to be performed the day after with an excuse and tomorrow. Now Anil start rehearsing the starts getting Sheela to last scene in which Anil points Munnu's toy rehearse when a man comes to take entry pistol towards Sheela

and starts speaking dialogues. Meanwhile, Anil's neighbours Pindidas and Subramaniam enter after hearing the noise and mistakenly understand that Anil is shooting Sheela. With great difficulty he explains to both of them that they were rehearsing for the play.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Chirag Anand, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sumit Bandaral, Mehak Singh, Palshin Dutta, Harsh Dogra, Nikhil Sharma, Chaitanya Shekhar and Sonali Sharma. Lights and Music of the play were operated by Neeraj Kant. The presentations were done by Mahikshit Singh and the show was coordinated by Mohd.

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DODA, Sep 10: Apni Party has geared up its membership drive in Doda with a motive to strengthen the party cadre at grass root level in the hilly district.

As per a press release, a meeting was organized by the district committee members in Doda at their office in Doda City. The meeting was chaired by Provincial Secretary, and In-charge membership, Dr Rohit Gupta alongwith State Secretary, Mohinder Parihar and District President Doda, Saleem Magrey. The meeting was also attended by Sheikh Mohammed Shafi, Adil sahab, and other leaders of the party. During



launched across the Doda District. Dr Rohit Gupta

reviewed the party's working alongwith Mohinder Parihar and District President Doda, Saleem Magrey during a threadbare discussion. In his address, Dr Gupta stressed on

by educating the people about the policy and programmes of the party. "The party is committed for upliftment of the people of all regions equally," he added.

Similarly, Mohinder Parihar also asked about the strengthening and streamlining of the



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In this meeting, the dis-

trict committee informed

about their membership

cies of the Apni Party.

campaign that has been strengthening the party

JKBS members emphasize importance of unity to preserve community culture



TOP NEWS REPORT

R.S PURA, Sep 10: In a significant meeting of the Batwal community convened in R.S.Pura, community leaders came together to reaffirm the age-old adage, "United we stand, divided we fall." The gathering witnessed leaders, including Dr. Ramesh Kumar Kaith, R.L. Kaith, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, and several

others, setting aside their differences and committing to working in unison for the unity and integrity of the Batwal Community. Their shared goal is to prevent any divisions within the community. Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Samaj (JKBS) stressed the transformative power of unity, encouraging all community members to join hands and foster

ness

Prominent figures present at the meeting included Municipal Councillor Krishan Lal, Captain Girdhari Lal, Master Naresh Kumar, Ram Lal, Bishan Dass, Gopal Dass, Krishan Lal, and Bawa Ram. This collective pledge to maintain a culture of unity within the Batwal community reflects a commendable commitment to preserving their rich cultural heria sense of togethertage

7-Day Personality Development Workshop for Women concludes

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JAMMU, Sep 10: The 7-day, first-ever Personality Development Workshop for women, specifically homemakers, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), reached its successful conclusion today at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

Bharat Singh, Secretary of JKAACL, warmly welcomed all the attendees and extended his congratulations to the participants who completed this unique workshop. The event saw the active participation of women from both urban and rural areas. Mr. Singh also expressed his appreciation for the experts from various performing arts disciplines, including Music, Dance, Theatre, Yoga, and Meditation, who contributed their expertise to the workshop. In his address, Bharat Singh emphasized the



importance of personality development, stating that "Personality refers to the enduring characteristics and behavior that comprise a person's unique adjustment to life, including major traits, interests, drives, values, self-concept, abilities, and emotional patterns." During the event, the participating women delivered captivating performances in music, Dogri dance, short

plays, and showcased various yogic asanas, demonstrating their newfound skills.

The workshop featured prominent experts who delivered lectures and provided training, including Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Dr. Kamal Sharma, MS Sushma Gupta, MS Saba, Advocate Supriya Chouhan, Dr. Sumita Bhat, and Dr. Sudhir Mahajan from JKAACL, who served as the internal expert. Advocate MS Supriya Chouhan, the guest of honor, commended the exceptional performances by the women participants and applauded the initiatives of JKAACL. Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, SDI and incharge Divisional office, Jammu, extended the vote of thanks at the event. The women who par-

ticipated in the work-

shop included Ms.

Ujala Sultan, Rashpreet

Kour, Urja Singh, Rabia

Sharma, Atinder Kour, Aarti Samyal, Aradhana Jamwal, Kuljit Kour, Sandeep Kour, Lalita Sharma, Sunita Manhas, Kulveer Kour, Sharishta Devi, Manju Devi, Kiran Kachroo, Ruchi Gupta, Preya Devi, Suksham Guleria, Diksha Vaid, and others. These participants were recognized and honored with certificates of appreciation for their outstanding performances during the 7-day workshop.

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