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69 Civil **Judge** vacancies out in JK, **Apply here**

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): The Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has announced a recruitment drive for the position of Civil Judge (Junior Division). This opportunity is exclusively available to individuals who are domiciled in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir or are residents of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

A total of 69 vacancies are up for grabs for the position of Civil Judge (Junior Division), with an age limit set between 18 and 35 years.

To be eligible for this role, candidates must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Law from a recognised university. Alternatively, individuals who are Barristers of England or Northern Ireland, members of the faculty of Advocates in Scotland, or possess any other equivalent law degree recognized by the Government of India are also eligible to apply. Aspiring candidates

can apply for this position online by visiting the official JKPSC website. The application portal will be open until the closing date of 17th September 2023.

All interested applicants are encouraged to thoroughly review the official notification on the JKPSC website to ensure they meet all the eligibility criteria before submitting their applications.

J&K BJP issues show cause notice to Sofi **Yousuf for** indulging in 'Anti-Party **Activities'**

JAMMU, Sep 11 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party on Monday issued a showcause notice to senior party leader Sofi Yousuf for allegedly indulging in anti-party activities.

"Despite being senior leader of the party and now occupying a very senior position, it has come to notice of Disciplinary Committee of Jammu Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party, unfortunately, that you Turn to page 9 LG attends launch ceremony of JKFAS's Journal

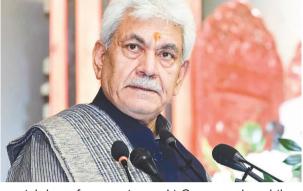
Accountability and transparency is the soul of good governance: Sinha

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SRINAGAR, Sep 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the launch ceremony of the first edition of the Journal of Jammu Kashmir Finance & Accounts Society (JAKFAS) at Srinagar, on Monday.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated all the members of the JAKFAS and highlighted the important role and contribution of Account Service Officers in inclusive development and growth.

Finance and Account Services are not only the



watchdog of accountability as far as government expenditure is concerned but they are also promoter and facilitator of all-round development, he added.

At the ceremony, the

Lt Governor shared the financial reforms taken up by J&K Administration in recent years which have brought greater transparency and accountability to the financial system, making

it more robust and outcome-oriented.

"Accountability and transparency is the soul of good governance. With complete dedication and commitment, we have ensured timely and expeditious implementation of development projects, direct benefit to common man, and social and regional imbalances have been removed," the Lt Governor said.

He said the key reforms including BEAMS. J&KPaySys, mandatory approvals, technical sanctions, e-tendering,

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SC extends protection of Editors Guild members in two FIRs lodged against them in Manipur

will hear the case.

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday extended till September 15 its order asking the Manipur Police not to take any coercive steps against four members of the Editors Guild of India (EGI) in connection with two FIRs lodged against them for alleged offences, including promoting enmity between two communities.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said it will extend the operation of its order passed on September 6 on the plea of the Editors Guild till Friday when it

At the outset, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the state government, said the EGI members may be protected for some more time and the matter be sent to the Manipur High

Court as done in other

cases.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Shyam Divan, appearing for the EGI, opposed the submission and said the matter be heard in top court as the FIRs have been lodged on the basis of a fact-

finding report. "We will take it up on Friday," the bench said, adding it will take up the reply of the state government on that day.

On September 4, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh had said a police case had been filed on the basis of a complaint against the president and three members of the Editors Guild of India and accused them of trying to "provoke clashes" in

A second FIR was also registered against the four members of the Guild, with the additional charge of defamation.

the state.

"Till next date of listing, no coercive step shall be taken against the (four)

Now, unrestricted traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu highway every day: Div Com Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, V. K. Bidhuri, announced on Monday that traffic, including fruit-laden trucks, will now be allowed to ply every day on Srinagar-Jammu national highway, in contrast to the previous SOP of alternating traffic days.

Speaking to reporters, the Divisional Commissioner said that it has been decided to allow hassle-free traffic on the national highway daily, which will undoubtedly benefit fruit growers.

"Previously, we had



the Up convoy-Down convoy system, which meant that when a convoy left from Srinagar, traffic was not allowed from the other side. Now, trucks can operate on any day. This will certainly help fruit growers," he said.

He also mentioned that

this decision was made after the Chief Secretary inspected the National Highway and found it to be in better condition, and the security situation had also improved, a benefit passed on to the public.

Regarding the halting of traffic on the highway for short durations, he stated that security agencies are evaluating the highway's situation, considering both security and the convenience of the public.

"The SOP to halt traffic was implemented after the attack on CRPF in Lethpora, and there was

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Terror attack averted in Baramulla, **IED defused: Army**

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): Security forces defused an Improvised Explosives Device (IED) along the national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday morning, officials said.

Army said a major terror attack was averted with the recovery of the IED on the busy highway.

Officials said a suspect object was found in the Hanjivera area of Pattan by the security forces during the Road Opening Procedure (ROP), a drill that is executed every day to secure the national highway. Hundreds of vehicles of Army, central armed police forces (CAPFs and VVIPs) use this highway every day.

The area was immediately cordoned off, and the traffic movement on the busy highway was halted," officials said.

With conduct of 100 mass weddings,

"A Bomb Disposal Squad was also called, and they found the suspect object to be an IED. It was later blasted in a controlled explosion without causing any damage," they said.

The traffic on the highway was later restored.

Army said that with the recovery of the IED, a major terror incident was averted.

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Militant recruitment module unearthed in J-K

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): A militant recruitment module was unearthed in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, with the arrest of three persons, police said on Monday. Acting on a tip-off, security forces established a mobile check point at Chak Tapper in Kreeri area on Sunday eve-

Three persons, who were moving in a suspicious way, were apprehended, a police official said.

He said three grenades and 30 AK rounds were recovered from the possession of the suspects, who were placed under arrest.

The arrested persons have been identified as Lateef Ahmad Dar, Showkat Ahmad Lone and Ishrat Rasool. The trio confessed to being overground workers of Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit, the official said.

"On further interrogation, the accused persons admitted they had identified four youths in the general area of Kreeri and were about to get them to join terrorist **Turn to page 9**

The non-governmental organization 'Al-Noor Yateem Trust in a poignant display of compassion organised a mass marriage of 100 brides mostly orphans and underprivileged backgrounds across different districts of Jammu and

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies):

was conducted at a Marriage Hall

This heartwarming ceremony

Chairman of 'Al-Noor Yateem Trust,' Shabir Ahmed said that his

in Bemina locality of Srinagar.

organization has been embracing orphaned girls as their own, making it an annual tradition to facilitate their weddings.

"Every year, under the supervision of their legal guardians, we solemnize the 'Nikah' ceremony for each bride. While 'Nikah' is a blessing, we acknowledge that, in today's society, it can be a burden for these less fortunate girls," Ahmed said.

Another member of the Trust said that they meticulously arrange

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

Al-Noor Yateem Trust shines bright mass marriages and provide the essential support that empowers these couples to embark on their

> marital journeys with ease. Our focus is not on extravagant weddings but we save that money to help those facing financial hurdles in getting married." he added.

> The altruistic efforts of 'Al-Noor Yateem Trust' have been made possible through the unwavering support of generous contributors who selflessly contribute to the **Turn to page 9**

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'Devastating for J&K economy': Mehbooba hopes PMO reconsiders decision to lift additional duties on apple, walnut and almonds

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): Reacting to the decision of the Government of India to lift additional duties on several American products, including apples, walnuts, and almonds, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti termed it devastating for the economy of the UT.

She expressed her

opinion on the Government of India's decision through her social media handle on X (formerly known as Twitter).

"The GOI's decision to remove additional duties on apples, walnuts, and almonds will have a devastating effect on local growers in J&K, who are already grappling with huge losses since 2019. I hope @PMOIndia reconsiders," she wrote.

tional duties on several American products, such as chickpeas, lentils, and apples. These fees were initially imposed in 2019 in response to the United States' decision to raise tariffs on specific steel and aluminum items. These retaliatory

India has lifted addi-

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Govt orders reshuffle in **Administration**

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JAMMU, Sep 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday ordered transfers and postings in the administration.

In the interest of administration, Mudasir Ahmad, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gurez, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Gurez, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Parnchayat, Kupwara, against an available vacancy.

Mukhtiar Ahmed Ahanger, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, is transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gurez, He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Gurez, till further orders. Chander Kant Bhagat, JIKAS, DPO, Poonch, is transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Jammu
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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 (Thursday) 14.09.2023 at 08.30 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

SAMAST BAKSHI PARIVAR Smt Bimla Bakshi (Bhabhi)

Smt Reeta & Sh Chand Ji Bakshi (Bhabhi & Brother) Smt Princy & Sh Sushil Bakshi (Bhabhi & Brother) M. No. 9796627819, 9070078002



Sh Sunil Kumar Bakshi (Desh Toth)

Sachan Koul

VAHARVAR

is with tearful eyes we all have passed this one year and remembered you every movement of our life as if you are always with us. Your smiling face and dedication, love and concern for everyone always kept you alive in our hearts which neither can be forgotten nor can fill the vacuum you created in everybody's life. May God who snatched you, place your noble soul in haven for which we all pray for and bid you for your peaceful heavenly journey abode. Masvar - Vaharvar of our beloved Sachan Koul will be performed on 11th September and 12th September, 2023 at their residence, Building No. A-8, Flat No. 104, Kumar Society, Park Infinia, Fursungi Hadfser, Pune -412308.

GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILY 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

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. Vijay 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

MOBILE NO: 8082848583, 9797596757



SH. ASHOK KUMAR **GANDOTRA**

Sh Ashok K Trisal

S/o Late Sh Moti Lal Trisal

MASVAR AND VAHARWAR

रहते थे कभी तुम्हारी प्यार भरी निगाहों में रहना पड़ता है अब गम के साये में हम भी कितने नादान थे दुश्वारियों से अन्जान थे तेरे जाने के बाद जिन्दगी की कशमकश से गुजरना पड़ा हर बात पे कभी हंसना तो कभी रोना पड़ा

जमाने के दस्तुर से वाकिफ न थे हर कोई मुंह मोड़ लेगा जानते न थे यूहीं कारवां जिंदगी का चलता है खुदा के आगे किसका जोर चलता है सब्र का दामन थाम लिया इस विरान आशियाने में

Masvar & Vaharwar of Sh Ashok Kumar Trisal will be performed on 12/9/2023

& 13/9/2023 at our residence H No. 370

Shiv Nagar Udhampur Deeply Remembered by

Smt Raj Kishori Trisal (Mother)

Smt Maha Lakshmi Trisal (Wife) M No. 9419380036

Sonima & Ajit Singh (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Swati & Nalin Swaroop

Akshita & Ojas Singh - Grand Children

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Prem Lata Verma W/o Sh. M.R. Verma originally resident of Rajinder Pura (Bagoona) Samba, presently residing at T-Point, Main Road, Near Royal Apartment, Hazuri Bagh, Talab Tillo, Bohri, Jammu on 03-09-2023. Tenth Day: 12-09-2023 (Tuesday) at our

residence at 11 am. Kriya: 13-09-2023 (Wednesday) at our

residence at 12 noon. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

M.R. Verma - Husband Rahul Verma - Son Maduri Verma - Daughter

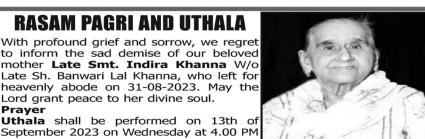
Devar & Devrani Sh. M.L. Verma & Smt. Bimla Devi

Sh. Bishan Verma & Smt. Babli Devi Sh. Sunil Verma & Smt. Shakuntla Devi

Miss Ranjana Verma (Nanad)

Mob.: 9796416754, 6005066740

ord grant peace to her divine soul.



SMT. PREM LATA

VERMA

LATE SMT. INDIRA KHANNA

Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN:**-

Sons & Daughters-in-law Mrs. Bandana Khanna & Mr. Vijay Khanna (Ph: 9419204233) Mrs. Anu Khanna & Mr. Rajesh Khanna (Ph: 6005165405)

to 5.00 PM at Mahajan Sabha, Shalamar,

Mrs. Radhika Khanna & Mr. Rakesh Khanna - Ph: 9419124816

Mrs. Varsha Khanna & Mr. Prince Khanna - Ph: 9419148063

Daughter & Son-in-law

Daugnter & Son-III-law Mrs. & Mr. Sham Arora - Ph: 6284710080 <mark>Grand Sons & Grand Daughter</mark>s: Danish Khanna, Daman Khanna,

Aryan Khanna, Rohit Arora, Payal Khanna, Riya Khanna, Vanshika Khanna, ingel Khanna, Ruhi Arora and Richa Arora

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved Sh. Anoop Kumar Bangroo S/o Late Sh. R.K Bangroo, R/o H. No 40, Abhay Public School ane, Muthi Gaon Jammu left for heavenly abode, on 3rd Sept 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 12th Sept at 8.00 AM

Grief Stricken Smt Archana Bangroo -Wife

Smt Asha - Bhabhi

Smt & Sh. Chand Narayan Bangroo - Brother & Bhabhi Smt & Sh. Ravi Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi

Smt & Sh. Kanwal Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi Smt Aparna & Sh. Sanieev Matoo

Smt Pratima & Sh. Nishant Misri- Daughter & Son in Law Grand Children: Chiranjeev, Yashvi, Khushi, Era, Kartik, Rohit Rahul, Advita, Naysaa

Deeply Remembered by:-Koul's Pandita's, Misri's, Kar's, Matoo's MOBILE NO: 8899183348, 9018712629

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely 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.

Sh. & Smt. Ashok Kumar Koul - Daughter & Son-in-law

Sh. & Smt. Ashok Kumar Dhar - Son & Daughter-in-law Smt. Pinkey Bhat W/o Lt. Mahraj Krishen Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law

Sh. & Smt. Sanjay Dhar - Son & Daughter-in-law

Mourning from Malun Side will be also held at same venue mentioned above. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. & Smt. Satish Kumar Pandita Ph:- 9796621772

10TH DAY KRIYA

"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 Sh. Yogender Dassi & Smt. Prinay Ji - Nephew & Daughter-in-law

Samast Bhat Parivaar

of Fohar & Ashmugan (Anantnag)

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Suman Kumar 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 (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:-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

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THE FALL OF WAR VETERAN

WHEN YOU GO HOME TELL THEM "WE GAVE OUR TODAY FOR YOUR TOMORROW"

AWAY FROM BATTLE FIELD LYING IN SOLITUDE AND PRAYING FOR PEACE CAPT. KRISHAN DATT A VETERAN OF 48. 62 AND 71 WARS PASSED AWAY ON 28TH AUGUST 2019.

THE VOID LEFT BY DEPARTED SOUL WLL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL FOR HIS HUMLITY,

TRUTHFULNESS AND OUTREACH TO SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL CAUSE

CAPT. KRISHAN DATT

SH KULDEEP RAINA

SH. SUMAN KUMAR

DOGRA JI

FROM ALL NEARS & DEARS

TENTH DAY KRIYA

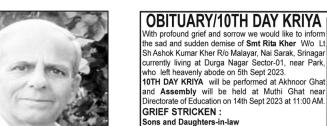
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH KULDEEP RAINA S/O LATE SH JANKI NATH RAINA R/O RAINAWARI ARLAYAR KASHMIR WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 07-09-2023(THU).

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 16-09-2023(SATURDAY)TIMING 08:30 AT MUTHI GHAT NR. DIRECTOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MUTHI JAMMU PRESENTLY RESIDING. LANE NO 3 QTR NO 16 FLAT NO JAGTI COLONY NAGROTAJAMMU.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-SMT SWARANA RAINA (WIFE) **BROTHER AND BHABIES**

DAUGHTERS AND SON IN LAWS PRITI JAMWAL & GAURAB JAMWAL NISHU RAINA AMBARDAR & SACHIN AMBARDAR SH RAJKUMAR & RAJNI RAINA SH ASHOK KUMAR & REKHA RAINA GRAND CHILDREN SHARNYA, KAVISH AND PARYAG

LATE SH SHAM SUNDAR RAINA & SURESH RAINA Mobile Number 7889556944,7006446741 SH CHANDAR RAINA



SH. ANOOP KUMAR **BANGROO**

Smt. Kushla Wati

Sham Sunder Lal Bhat

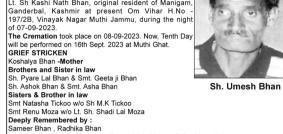
OBITUARY With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Umesh Bhan** S/o Lt. Sh Kashi Nath Bhan, original resident of Manigam, anderbal, Kashmir at present Om Vihar H.No

Mr Ravinder and Mrs Urmilla Kher

Mr Ajay and Mrs Dimpy Kher

Son-in-law & Daughter Mr Sunilji and Mrs Sunita Dhar

Mr Ankur Kher- Son



TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Magotra (Nitu) S/o Smt Sharda Devi & Sh. Om Parkash Magotra (Panthal Wale) on 4th Sept 2023, R/o 19 Sec 1 EWS colony, Lower Roop Nagar, near Chandi Mata Mandir Jammu TENTH DAY will be on 13th Sep 2023 Wednesday at 10.30 AM. And KRIYA on 14th Sep 2023

Thursday 12 'o' clock at our residence.

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

Rehari colony Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

MAGOTRA (MIFE)

SHIVAKSHI MAGOTRA (DAUGHTER) NIMIKASH MAGOTRA (SON)

ANII KUMAR MAGOTRA (DAUGHTER) NIMIKASH MAGOTRA (SON)

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LATE SH. SURAJ PARKASH MAGOTRA & SATLATE MISTURAJ KANTA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)

SH. KEWAL KRISHAM MAGOTRA & LATE SMITVIDYA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)

SH. KEWAL KRISHAM MAGOTRA & LATE SMITVIDA A DIDI JI)

SH. KRISHAM KRISHAM MAGOTRA & LATE SMITVIDA A DIDI JI)

SH. KIRAN WIO LATE SH. NARESH KHAJURIA (MAMI & MAMA JI)

SHIT KIRAN WIO LATE SH. NARESH KHAJURIA (MAMI & MAMA JI)

SHIT SUDESH WIO SH. TILAK RAJ MAGOTRA (MASSI & MASSAD JI)

SHIT SAVITE DEVI WIO LATE SH. DURGA DUTT (MOTHER-IN-LAW & STHER-IN-LAW)

SH. MADHAN MOHAN & SMIT. SHADIL (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)

SH. MSHOR KUMAR & SMIT. BABLI (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)

SHINARTI, AYUSH 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 Smt. Pallavi and Sh. Vimal Joshi - Daughter and Son-in-law Smt. Manu and Sh. Sanjeev Sharma - Daughter and Son-in-law Sh. Jyoti (Retd. Lecturer) and Smt. Usha Baru - Brother and Bhabhi Smt. Swarna and Lt. Sh. K.K. Magotra - Sister and Brother-in-law
Smt. Geeta and Lt. Sh. Madan Lal - Sister and Brother-in-law

(Retd. FA/CAO)

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 Brij Mohan Verma, S/o Late Sh Thakur Das, R/o H.No.50, W.No.2, near Ice Factory,

Shiv Mandir, Bus Stand, Chenani, Udhampur. Time: 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM. Kriya will be held on 14-09-2023, Thursday at our esidence, Time: 12.00 PM.

Smt Rama Verma **-Wife** Daughter & Son Shipali Verma & Nikhil Verma Daughter & Son-in-law Shilpa & Amit Malhotra

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

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Mohan Lal Kotwal (Retd. ZEO) R/o village (Chancer) Gandoh at present Muthi H. No. 166/Sector-1 Jammu who left for his heav

Tenth Day will be performed on Tuesday 12th of September 2023 at Muthi Ghat near Sh Mohan Lal Kotwal Directorate of School Education at 9 AM.

Grief Stricken Daughter-in-laws & Sons Smt Bhawna & Manoj Kotwal - 9622021077

Smt Neeru & Arvind Manhas Smt Geetanjali & Vikram Manhas - 8920798940 Bhabhis & Brothers

Smt Krishna Devi W/o Late Des Raj Kotwal Smt Vidya Kotwal & Sh Charanjit Lal Kotwal - 9906343354

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 eptember 2023.

Fenth Day will be performed on Monday 11th of Sep 2023 at Rani Talab, at 11 am. Kriya will be performed on 14th September 2023 Thursday at House No. 199, opposite Radha Krishen Temple, Pacci Dhakki. Jammu at 11 am.

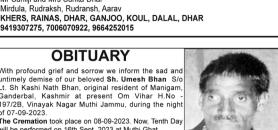
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Grief Stricken Daughters in law & Sons /rs Rajni Kashyap & Raju Kuma Mrs Raj Shree & Sushil Dogra

Daughter & Son-in-law Ars Anita Dogra & Sh Anil Kuma

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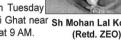
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Uthala will be held on 15-09-2023, Friday at Shiv Mandir, Chenani Time: 04.00 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh Brij Mohan Verma

TENTH DAY

enly abode on 3rd September 2023.



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(Distt. Mobile Magistrate Doda - 9419105957)







NC castigates Govt for neglecting Bhadarwah on tourism front: Rattan Lal

TOP NEWS REPORT

BHADARWAH, Sep 11: The picturesque town of Bhadarwah, often referred to as "Mini Kashmir," has been unjustly neglected on the tourism front by the present dispensation, causing dismay among locals and stakeholders.

The government has miserably failed to harness the immense potential of Bhadarwah, which could have otherwise contributed significantly to the economic prosperity of the region.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu while addressing a party workers meeting in Bhadarwah town of district Doda.

The senior NC leader said Bhadarwah which is known for its serene landscapes, enchanting valleys and rich cultural heritage, has long been a potential tourist hotspot in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the LG-led administration's lack of vision and commitment in harnessing the tourism potential of Bhadarwah has dealt a severe blow to the aspi-



meeting, Sheikh Meh-

boob Igbal Incharge of

Bhaderwah Constitu-

ency threw light on the

hardships being faced

by common masses. He

underscored the press-

ing issues of inadequate

medical facilities, insuf-

ficient ration supplies,

and unreliable power

supply that have gripped

the region. These issues

not only pose immense

hardships to the local

residents but also

showcase the govern-

ment's neglect towards

addressing their basic

needs and ensuring their

well-being. Mehboob

further expressed his

firm belief that the J&K

National Conference is

the only political party

capable of fulfilling the

aspirations of the people

in Bhadarwah town. He

reaffirmed the Party's

commitment in address-

ing the concerns of Bha-

rations of people and hampered the growth of the region.

"The failure of govern-

ment to prioritize Bhadarwah as a key tourism destination has resulted in inadequate infrastructure and a lack of necessary amenities for tourists," he said, adding that even the Dak Bungalow of Bhadarwah which is being run by government is in dismal condition and offering inadequate services to the visitors. He also raised serious concern over the continued neglect of picturesque Jai Valley, which is considered one of the most beautiful tourist spots but lacks adequate tourism facilities.

The meeting was chaired by Qayoom Baghwan District President Doda Rural (Bhaderwah).

Earlier, at the outset of

darwah residents and working towards their upliftment on various fronts including tourism, healthcare, infrastructure, and overall socioeconomic development. Acknowledging the pre-

vailing situation, the Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta exhorted upon party cadre to prepare themselves diligently for the upcoming polls. He asked them to stand united, work tirelessly, and connect with the people to address their concerns effectively. He stressed the importance of reaffirming the party's commitment to serving the interests and aspirations of the people, promising to fight for their rights and uplift the neglected areas of whole district Doda including Bhadarwah. Sheikh Bashir Ahmed.

Provincial Secretary JKNC Jammu said that the National Conference remains committed to fight for the rights and well-being of the people of Bhadarwah and will continue to press for the development and upliftment of this beautiful

region.

BJP compromised Jammu's sentiments for political gains: Manjit

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Sep 11: Apni Party today took out a protest rally in Samba against the illegal collection of toll tax at Sarore, installation of smart meters in Jammu region and stoppage of old age pension.

The protest was led by Apni Party, Provincial President, Jammu and Former Minister S Manjit Singh. He was accompanied by Apni Party leaders, workers and locals during the protest march in Samba. The protest was organized by senior leader, Lovely Mangol.

In this protest, the Apni Party District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, District President, Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti among others were also present.

The protesters were shouting slogans against the NHAI for illegally collecting the toll tax at Sarore despite the shabby condition of Jammu - Pathankot highway in both Samba and Kathua Districts.

The protesters demanded that the collection of tax at the



Whereas, some politi-

cal parties seem to be

hands in glove with the

NHAI as such parties

did not raise their voice

apparently due to cer-

tain reasons. However,

we will continue our right

against the illegal toll

collection," said Manjit

Singh while targeting

BJP for its silence over

He said that it was

unfortunate the people

of Jammu voted them to

power with 25 erstwhile

Legislative Assembly

seats. However, the

same political party

has turned blind eyes

towards the suffering of

He further stated that

the BJP J&K unit has

been exposed before the

people for its silent sup-

port to the anti-people

"We are not going to

the people, he added.

the issue.

Sarore toll plaza must be stopped because it is illegal and unconstitutional.

Speaking on the occasion, Manjit Singh demanded legal action against NHAI authorities for continuing the practice of toll collection even after strong resentment.

"The Govt had assured that it would give a decision regarding Sarore toll plaza after the visit of NHAI's central team. However, many days have passed, yet there is no word from the Govt

or NHAI," he reminded.
He appealed to the
Union Minister Nitin
Gadkari for his intervention because he had
stated that the toll plazas
within 60 kms limits are
illegal.

"The Apni Party raised the issue time and again in support of the people. remain silent over burning issues of Jammu that include smart meters, inflated electricity bills, toll plaza, underdevelopment, growing unemployment, liquor and mining mafia etc," he stated.

He further said that, "The people of Jammu and Kashmir are facing difficulties because of BJP's anti-people policies. They have compromised the sentiments of the people. But the Apni Party will continue its fight for the rights of the people.

He further said that "The J&K produces electricity and supplies the same to different states. However, the same electricity is costlier for the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

He also strongly opposed the installation of the smart meters against the wishes of the people.

"The old age pensioners have been compelled to move from pillar to post because of difficult formalities and therefore, these pensioners are deprived of their rights," he added.

Forest Deptt observes National Forest Martyr's Day across J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 11: Principal Secretary Forest, Environment & Ecology, Dheeraj Gupta along with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Roshan Jaggi today participated in National Forest Martyr's day to commemorate the sacrifices forest officers and front-line staff here at Forest Memorial located at Shankaracharya forests Srinagar.

The event witnesses the participation other officers from various wings of the Forest Department and front-line staff were present and they paid floral tributes to commemorate the sacrifices of forest officers/officials. Similar events were also organized in different parts

of J&K to mark the occasion.

On 11th September every year, Forest Martyrs Day is observed to commemorate the sacrifices of forest officers and frontline staff working for protection and conservation of Forests, Wildlife and for other related environmental issues. This Day is observed at the National level also to highlight the need to protect and conserve Forests, Wildlife and Biodiversity for maintaining the ecological balance. To accomplish this difficult and challenging task, the forest officers and frontline staff who perform their duties under difficult working conditions in far flung and difficult forest areas, there is need to equip them with modern technology, latest equipments and infrastructural facilities.

Govt notifies transport arrangements for migratory tribal families

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 11: The Tribal Affairs Department in collaboration with J&K Road Transport Corporation and the respective District Administration on Monday notified arrangements for migration of pastoral tribal families from Kashmir region to Jammu, with the onset of winter.

The migration of families will commence from mid-September from higher reaches and will continue till November 2023.

The administrative council headed by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has approved the transport service for tribal population during migration as one of the

key deliverables, which is being monitored by the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta regularly. Finance department has also earmarked required budget for this annual facility provided during summer and winter migration.

Every year the government deputes a fleet of trucks to ease the longrange migration through National Highway-44 and Mughal road. This year 150 trucks are being deployed to districts. The Deputy Commissioners have notified nodal officers for facilitating migration and making associated arrangements.

Earlier, Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Dr Shahid Choudhary reviewed the arrangement with Secretary Transport, G Prasanna Ramaswamy, DCs, RTC management and other allied departments. The meeting was also attended by MD J&K RTC, Director, Tribal Affairs, Director, Tribal Research Institute (TRI), Secretary, Advisory Board and other officers.

Secretary, Transport Department, informed that JK RTC has conveyed its readiness to deputy commissioners and will provide the trucks as per the demand raised by the districts administration. DCs have also been authorised to hire trucks and light commercial vehicles at local level for hassle free and timely service.

Deputy Commissioners of District Pulwama, Anantnag, Ramban, Udhampur, Kulgam, Shopian, Poonch and Rajouri will monitor the migration and put in place required arrangements in coordination with J&K RTC, Animal/ Sheep Husbandry Deptt and local authorities.

Meanwhile, TRI J&K has been asked to notify and publicise helpline numbers on radio and all media for wider circulation, to be made available for real time grievance redress.

Pertinent to mention, as per the 1st survey of Transhumance conducted by the Department of Tribal Affairs under supervision of Secretary, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, the department documented world's largest Transhumant population in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmiri Paramedical students of Aryans shine in IKG-PTU Results

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Paramedical Students of Aryans Institute of Management & Technology (AIMT), Rajpura, near Chandigarh brought laurels by giving their excellent performance in the Final Examinations.

In Bilal Ahmed bagged 1st position by scoring 8.28 SGPA in B. Sc. Cardiac Care; Ishan Manhas bagged 2nd position by scoring 8.24 SGPA in Cardiac Care; and Abdul Majid bagged 3rd position by scoring 8.16 SGPA, B. Sc. Medical Lab Science in their 2nd semester exams conducted IKG-PTU, Jalandhar.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group congratulated

the students and faculty for their hard work done. Kataria further said that students are performing well in every field including academics. sports, cultural, innovations etc. Apart from regular academics, cocurricular activities like workshops, seminars, Industrial visits, clinical postings are being organized to enhance the skills and knowledge of the students.

It is to be mentioned that Aryans Institute of Management & Technology has various paramedical courses including Cardiac Care, Anesthesia, Radiology & Imaging Technology, Operation Theatre, Medical Lab Science approved by Punjab Govt & affiliated to IKGPTU, Jalandhar.

Amit Kapoor hails HC's order of books prescribed by JKBOSE

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: President of Dogra Welfare Organization, Amit Kapoor, who is running a movement against the high-handedness of private schools, has welcomed the order of Jammu and Kashmir High Court as historic, in which it has been said that all the books prescribed by JKBOSE can be used in the schools affiliated to JKBOSW.

Will be done He said that after the appointment of a new Chairman, FFRC has become paralyzed and hence its Chairman should be removed immediately. Amit Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in

Jammu.

He said that JKFFRC was the last hope of the parents and from April 2023, JKFFRC is not taking action against the violations as per the rules of which many examples are Oasis School etc.



He said that since FFRC is not issuing any strict orders against private schools, it seems that FFRC officials are also in collusion with private schools.

Amit Kapoor said that parents are discouraged from complaining to the FFRC and parents are not being encouraged to report violations to the FFRC from April 2023. He alleged that most of the schools were charging fake annual fees by submitting fake documents to the FFRC. But FFRC officials are

watching all this with closed eyes.

Kapoor said the FFRC and the Directorate of School Education are not able to punish violators of private school rules as per the FFRC rules, the Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act, 2025, the Right to Education Act or the Child Rights Act. At the same time, private schools continue to violate the bus fee orders of the FFRC and no action by the FFRC or the Director of School Education in such cases

only proves the nexus with the private schools. Kapoor said the annual fee is to be paid on a proportion-

paid on a proportionate basis (monthly) but it is being demanded in advance from poor parents. Which is again a violation of the orders of FFRC and no action is being taken by FFRC and Directorate of School Education Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides, despite cases of violations being published on daily basis in media, news etc., FFRC is not taking any

cognizance nor issuing strict warning orders to schools.

Amit Kapoor said that according to the rules of FFRC 2022, FFRC has the right to inspect schools, but how many schools has FFRC inspected till date? Barely in 10-15 days you harass the schools to clear their files, as they have done with JKHC. Along with this, Amit Kapoor said that just as he has continued his movement against the arbitrariness of private schools, in the same way he will continue his movement against smart meters also.

Kapoor said that just as the issue of high-handedness in private schools is an issue related to every household, in the same way the issue of smart meters is an issue of every household in Jammu and Kashmir and till the time the smart meters are not removed, their movement will continue.

GDC Kathua launches Green Ribbon campaign on World Suicide Prevention Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Sep 11: In an effort to prevent the suicides and suicidal ideations among college students, Department of psychology GDC Kathua in collaboration with 2 JK Girls Bn NCC wing of GDC Kathua launch "Green Ribbon" campaign on Monday to observe "World Suicide Prevention Day".

The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness about suicide and how to support those who may be struggling, honor survivors and remember those who have died. Wearing or displaying a suicide awareness ribbon is just one way to show how important the issue of suicide prevention is to you.

The whole programme was conducted under the guidance and Supervision of Principal GDC Kathua Prof Seema Mir.

Faculty members Prof. Raj Kiran, Dr. Kamaldeep Singh and Dr Jogbinder Singh Soodan were also present on the occasion.

The programme was organized by Dr. Rachna Devi (ANO and coordinator Psychological counseling cell GDC Kathua) with the support of Dr Sumi Saidullah (Lecturer, department of Psychology GDC

Kathua).

More than 300 students from various semesters of undergraduate programs of GDC Kathua participated in the campaign. Volunteer students Miss Saivi, Neha Sharma, Ananya, Yogesh Sharma, Riya Sharma, lakshay Anand, Yashvee Gotra. Shivali Jasrotia and Deepak Jyoti Distributed green ribbons to all participating classes and encouraged students to wear green ribbon throughout the day.

By encouraging students to wear the green ribbon, students can show their support for the campaign and their commitment to influencing positive change in society through creating safe spaces for talking about mental health

Principal GDC Kathua
Prof Seema Mir said
that it's fantastic that
GDC Kathua is getting
involved in green ribbon
campaign to help tackle
suicide cases among
youth. Many young
people still believe that
mental health problems
must remain hidden. We
want to change this perception and encourage
people to have open

and honest conver-

sations about mental

health/ suicide.

Simply by wearing a green ribbon, you are letting students know its ok to have a conversation about mental health/suicidal ideation with you. This small act can help start a conversation about suicide prevention and let others know that you are there for them if they need someone to talk to. She also appreciated the efforts taken by organizers and participants of the event.

EDITORIAL

CULTURE OF INDIA

ust as our India is great, similarly the culture of our country is also great and this culture is much liked in the world. The culture of our country is not of today but is quite old. The culture of our country is more than 5000 thousand years old. Unity in Diversity: This statement is quite common for our culture. We hear and say this statement a lot.

People of different religions and castes live in our country, yet the culture of our country is one and here the festivals of all religions are celebrated with great pomp and show. In India we all respect the culture of our country.

India's culture is praised even in foreign countries across the seven seas. The people there like our culture, costumes etc. very much. People in foreign countries like our clothes, especially the sarees of our country.

People come from foreign countries to visit our country and see the culture of India. Mainly countries like America, Canada etc. Tourists come to India from many countries.

Indian culture is famous all over the world. The culture, costumes and lifestyle of our country are very good, which is liked by the people of the country and also the people coming from abroad. It is not enough to say about Indian culture that it is only one culture. It is not just a culture but it is a special identity of India.

In the culture of India, the folk music here, the beautiful valleys spread across the country and the lifestyle of the people here are the identity of the culture of our country. As Indians, we are proud of this culture of our country. We are proud of the culture of our country.

The people here have struggled a lot before independence to preserve the culture of our country. We are still trying to make our country's culture more recognized in the world.

It is not right to say this about the culture of India, it is the culture of India only. People abroad also like Indian culture a lot. Indian culture is recognized even abroad. People from countries like America, Canada, Australia come to India to see Indian culture.

Indian culture is very much liked in foreign countries. Women in foreign countries wear Indian sarees and people show love for Indian culture by wearing Indian sarees and Rajasthani specials.

The culture of India is known since ancient times. The culture of India is an agricultural country. When ancient cultures were being discovered in the world, Indian culture existed at that time and even before that.

The most beautiful thing about Indian culture is that many festivals in our country are celebrated with great pomp and unity. We celebrate many festivals like Eid, Diwali, Christmas, Lohri, Pongal etc. together and with social harmony. On the day of Holi, we all play with colors together and every citizen of the country plays Holi with us, no matter which religion they belong to. Along with all these, we celebrate many other festivals together.

A mix of success, hype & innovation at Delhi G-20

By: K.C. Singh

The Group of 20 summit hosted by India, which concluded India's one-year rotational presidency, has reached a happy culmination. The 83-paragraph New Delhi Declaration was adopted by consensus halfway through the two-day proceedings. While this is a matter of great pride for all Indians, it is necessary to separate the hype from the facts.

India's G-20 sherpa, Amitabh Kant, and external affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and his team were lauded by the Indian Prime Minister publicly. Some of the elements of the Indian success are fairly obvious. First, that the consensus was achieved at a time when an antagonistic Russia and a sulking China could have been spoilers. The watering down of the Bali Declaration's language on the Ukraine war was probably a compromise solution to get Russia on board. Frankly, the semantics do not alter the criticism of Russian aggression, even though now done indirectly. A reference to the condemnatory UN resolutions has been retained and the principles of the UN Charter and international law restated on non-use of military force to alter international borders or infringe the sovereignty of other nations. Credit perhaps goes as much to the United States and the G-7 bloc for not making an issue out of it to obtain movement on other vital issues facing the Global North and the Global South.

The next notable outcome is the admission of the African Union as a full member of the G-20, making it now the G-21. This 55-member group represents over one billion people and a yet underexploited and huge land mass. However, this must be contextualised. First, India has had close relations with African countries since 1947. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru buried

anti-colonial angst to accept membership of the Commonwealth. As the African countries obtained independence, they followed the Nehru template and joined the Commonwealth of Nations. India began offering training scholarships soon after its independence. In 1964 the Indian Technology and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) scheme was established by the ministry of external affairs to help developing countries. Thousands of scholarships were offered each year, with Africa as a major beneficiary. Thus, Africa as an important partner is not a new concept.

Moreover, South Africa already was Africa's voice in the G-20. It is not clear what additional heft a rotational president will bring. Africa's development problems are as much a factor of external exploitation or neglect as the deficient governance structures in most nations. In sub-Saharan Africa in the period 1960-2000 there were 40 successful or attempted coups per decade. The Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the economic conditions in most African nations, resulting in the frequency of coups accelerating. Gabon had one just weeks ago, as did Niger a month

Since 2000 there have been 24 successful coups, 16 of them in Francophone Africa. One of the reasons for this slippage is that the AU has a much weaker voice today.

However, the membership sends a strong signal of global empathy for the largely developmentdeprived African people. Their fate in the past few decades has been mostly left to China and Russia.

In reality, a more significant outcome is the creation of a Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Development (PGII), on the sidelines of G-20. The meeting was co-chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden. They were joined

by leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia, UAE and the European Union. An India-Europe rail-digital-green-pipeline connectivity was announced, which will run via the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel. The maritime plus railway infrastructure would reduce by 40 per cent the time now taken to transport goods. That the Israeli leadership was absent indicated the one glitch. Despite the best efforts of the US, Saudi-Israeli relations have still not normalised.

Another project is planned to connect Angola, via Zambia, to the Indian Ocean. President Biden said the US will host an Investment Forum in two weeks. The PGII is potentially a powerful rival to the 10-year-old and controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China. In fact, for years it was argued that bemoaning the Chinese infrastructure initiative was counter-productive. The US and its partners had to present attractive alternatives to the Global South. The co-option of Italy, which had recently withdrawn from the Chinese BRI, only added insult to injury. President Xi might have skipped the G-20 summit having some advance information and fearing the loss

The other notable outcome was a Global Biofuels Alliance. Besides India, its members are: Bangladesh, Brazil, Italy, Mauritius, South Africa, the UAE and United States. Canada and Singapore are observers. The aim is to increase ethanol blending of fuel up to 20 per cent. While Brazil, Mauritius and India would use sugarcane molasses as feedstock, others may use whatever indigenous crop or residue is available. The US mainly uses corn. Some of these nations get adequate rainfall and are not water stressed. For others, growing water-intensive crops like corn and sugarcane is not sustainable. Thus, the biofuel solution to clean energy

comes laden with hidden costs, not studied or simply ignored. The BJP's pro-urban and pro-industry orientation often blinds it to the impending agrarian water crisis in India.

The lengthy Delhi Declaration is a testament to the sheer intensity and range of G-20 preparatory meetings hosted by India. The Indian sherpa pointed to the "huge Indian footprint" on the issues. Thus, legacy issues like climate change, health and pandemics, food and energy price escalation, global indebtedness and Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) reform were thrashed out fully. Some forward movement took place on climate finance, with the developed nations committing to start disbursing the promised \$100 billion per year. This unfulfilled undertaking dates from 2010.

India's pan-India Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for social and financial inclusion enabled it to lead on the issue. The One Future Alliance for sharing India's core competence is a wonderful idea. But again transparency, data security and privacy issues need addressing. The BJP's tendency to treat such objections as obstructionism or worse needs to be curbed.

To become a "Vishwa Guru", or Global Mentor, India and its leadership requires not only technical excellence or cultural rejuvenation but commitment to basic values like democracy and freedom of faith, belief and speech. Para 78 of the New Delhi Declaration not only restates these core principles, but also raises a call against "religious hatred". The days ahead will tell whether the BJP can maintain a balance between its compulsively majoritarian narrative at home and a universal, value-based global commitment in the G-20 consensus declaration.

Kailash Yatra-Reminiscent of Naga Dynasty in J&K begins at Bhadarwah

Thousands of Pilgrims with Holy Mace left for Kailash

By: Amir Iqbal Khan

hadarwah-one of the famous tourist destinations after Kashmir Valley and known for its unparalleled mundane beautify incorporates elements of distinction in possessing the most ancient rich legacy of socio-religious importance in organizing perennial chain of festivities that commence initially from the month of May and continues up to December every year. Infact, these festivities mark the beginning of summer season which culminate in the end of every calendar year with the onset of winter season.

One of the worldly renowned regionally acclaimed celebrations is the Kailash Yatra usually conducted in the month of August or September that is at the end of the monsoon period.

The Kailash Yatra is characterized by the taking out of Chhari Mubarak to Kailash Kund situated at an altitude of 14600 feet from the average sea level to the extreme south western part of Bhadarwah Valley. The mountain Kailash (Bhadarkailash) assumes importance in the annals of history in that, it is believed to have been a seat of Lord Shiva up to the extent Lord Vasuki Naag, who was the devotee of Lord Shiva by Virtue of his un imaginable veneration was asked by the former to dwell and grace the Kailash Kund also referred to by the term Kaplash.

The Lord Shiva shifted out to the snowclad Mani Mahesh mountainous heights in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

In the historical perspective of Bhadarwah, as per the legend, local deity Lord Vasuki Naag who was the disciple of Lord Shiva was chased by Lord Gurura and in order to escape from him, Vasuki Naag fled to Kailash Kund and took Shelter in the ice cold waters of Kailash Sarovar (Kailash Kund-the glacial lake) present in the midst of the mountain ridges, which lies at a distance of about 25 kms in the south western end of Bhadarwah Valley. As per historical inscriptions, the real sister of Lord Vasuki Naag namely Bhadarkali informed the Gurura about the escape of Lord Vasuki Naag and also showed his routes leading to Kailash Kund. Surprisingly, the cousin sister of Lord





Vasuki Naag namely Devi Durga came to the rescue of Lord Vasuki Naag and saved him by telling Gurura that there was three times more water in the Kailash lake what he drank when the later had sucked two third waters and he was about to catch hold of Vasuki Naag.

The Gurura gave up the idea of killing Vasuki Naag and left the place, because of which Lord Vasuki Naag was saved and from that time, he remained indebted to his cousin sister Durga. It is further derived out of the historical testimony that the Chharri which is taken out on the remembrance of what had happened with Lord Vasuki Naag and thus, is said to be following the same routes on which Vasuki Naag had traveled to escape from Gurura upto Kailash Kund.

Bhadarwah had been inhabited by the Naga Dynasty who were the progenies of Naga Cult and this part of land used to be their domain of excellence. The people belonging to Naga cult were thought to have a distinct racial hardihood as far their physical features were concerned (Some evidences scribbled in lawrance's collection of Deep Himalayan cultures). According to some historians, still few families of pure Naga



Dynasty are found in the Atkhar area of Bhadarwah tehsil. However, with the passage of time, their life style too has under gone a remarkable dendrological metamorphosis and their congenital prognostication seems equally having gone through an incredible transformation viz-a-viz their cultural ethics have equally intermingled with the modernized life sustaining features. Adding to this is the least attention paid by the successive central and state governments up till now which caused the traditional drift in the ancient dwelling styles and patterns of this race to go into the oblivion of the turns of time and consequent events led to the disappearance of the characteristic features of Naga race. The testimony of Naga Cult is adequately borne in the Vasuki Puranas.

In order to give concurrence to the age old tradition of conducting ancient Yatras, Charri Mubarak of Holy Kailash Yatra 2023 left for its destination of Kailash Kund from the ancient Vasuki Nag

Temple Gatha Bhadarwah here today. The Yatra crossed the Bhaderwah town at 9.30 am where the enthusiastic devotees raised slogans of Vasuki Nag

deity.

Officers from district and addition-

al district administration along with thousands of pilgrims both local and from outside accompanied with Charri Mubarak proceeded to its onward journey.

The Yatra after having a night stay at Hayan (Nalthi) will reach the holy Kailash Kund tomorrow on 12th of September 2023. After performing pooja and other religious rites, the yatra will start its journey back to Bhadarwah on 13th of Sept 2023.

The administration of Bhaderwah has made elaborate arrangements of Medical teams with sufficient medicines, first aid, drinking water, electricity through generator sets, firewood and all other allied facilities including fool- proof security arrangements for smooth conduct of the yatra.

On this occasion, some charitable organisations and religious groups have made arrangements for free Langars at different spots enroute yatra.

This time, a large number of people drawn from Bhadarwah and its adjoining areas besides tourists and devotees from across the country participated in the annual Kailash Yatra.

"Yatras season in Bhadarwah especially in the summer times used to bring cheers on the faces of people whose businesses are connected and dependent on these Yatras every year. The rush of Yatries and other tourists has gone up this year which has once again boosted the livelihood of hundreds of people including Pony Walas, labourers ,small vendors, businessmen etc," said Mast Nath Yogi a veteran sociopolitical activist. He also added that this time like past, a number of devotees were allowed to accompany the Holy Mace upto Kailash Kund just in keeping with the age old traditional practice and for mere sentiments of the public

While talking to this correspondent Ex MLC Advocate Naresh Gupta said that for thousands of years, Kailash Yatra is being organised from Bhadarwah and history is its live evidence. "Bhadarwah is the bastion of 'Kailash Yatra' and since time immemorial this feast is being celebrated with religious fervour, enthusiasm and aboriginal testimonies," he added. He however, demanded that on the pattern of Shri Amar Nath ji yatra, a shrine board be constituted for this yatra too and countrywide publicity be given to make it worldly known festivity.

BJP is a mission to serve people: Munish



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Stating that the BJP is a mission to serve the nation and its people, Munish Sharma, former General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir unit of the party, said that every activist of this organisation is it strength. He said that BJP is the only political party in the country having the most dedicated activists and each one of us feel proud to be associated with it. policies of the Union

Munish Sharma was talking to a large number of local party activists during his visit to Resham Ghar colony and adjoining areas of Jammu West Assembly

constituency. Munish Sharma said that the BJP has achieved the distinc-

tion of being the largest political party of the world and the credit for the same goes to the dedicated activists as well. He said that on the one hand, Narendra Modi government has done a lot in development and social welfare sectors, the BJP activists have reached at the doorsteps of the people in their respective areas and made them aware of the pro- people, nation and development- centric programnes and

government. Munish Sharma said that the BJP activists have been always in the public, educating the people about record number of welfare schemes launched during the past nine years by Narendra

Modi government for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor, the needy, the marginalised sections and extending them every possible help in availing the benefits of the same. The Modi government has also initiated and completed a large number of mega projects of connectivity, healthcare, education and the people have, themselves seen a change on the ground.

The BJP senior leader asked the party activists to continue with the social service and serve as a bridge between the Modi government and the people and keep them updated about what is being done new for bringing progress and prosperity in the lives of the masses.

MSCBM Trust empowers students through art workshop

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 11: Artists of the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust (MSCBMT) conducted a transformative art workshop at the Higher Secondary School and Middle School in Kothibag, Srinagar. The workshop aimed to enhance students' understanding and skills in the field of art, with a special focus on portrait making. The week-long art

workshop, organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of the Union Government, revolved around the theme of 'Vanishing Art and Culture of J&K'. Notable artists including Anas Sultan. Kishore Kumar, Gopal Krushna Samantray, Vijay Kumar, Digbijayee Khatua, Javaid Iqbal, Mohd Yusuf Baccha, Masood Hussain, Prof Zahoor Zargar, and M.A. Mehboob actively participated in the event.

During the workshop, the artists passionately shared their expertise regarding the skills and techniques involved in



students were engaged in interactive sessions, where the essential features to be taken care of while painting portraits were discussed and demonstrated.

Rishi, Anuradha Chairperson of the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust, expressed her excitement about the workshop and its impact on the participating students. She emphasized the Trust's commitment to promoting art and culture, particularly in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Anuradha Rishi further stated, "Through this workshop, we aimed

talents among schoolgoing children at an early stage. By providing them with the skills and knowledge in art, we hope to nurture their creativity and passion for artistic expression. Our Trust is dedicated to empowering young minds and preserving the rich heritage of

She asserted that the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust has been actively working towards the promotion of art and culture through various initiatives. This art workshop stands as a testament to their dedication in fostering artistic devel-

J&K's art and culture."

the unique identity of

Jammu & Kashmir, she added.

Employees, pensioners raise issues of settlement of pending GPF claims

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Sep 11: Employees and pensioners in a well attended meeting at Bhaderwah on Monday raised issues of settlement of pending GPF claims, timely release of salaries, release of DA from July 2023 including release of impounded DA installments during Covid, enhancement of Medical Allowance to Rs 1000 per month, restoration of old pension scheme, constitution of Pay Commission besides adequate stocks of LPG, ration, fire wood and other essentialities in view of ensuing winter in Bhaderwah and adjoining areas.

The meeting was presided over by Mohammad Iqbal

Abdul Hafeez Fani highlighted the several spectacular achievements by the Federation under the leadership of Late Abdul Majid Khan and resolved to continue the struggle under the leadership of Com Kabla Singh and Achal Dev Singh.

Dimple demands BJP leaders to apologise from Dogras for challenging J&K nationality

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a massive protest today against BJP leaders in Jammu, calling for an apology from Kavinder Gupta and others for challenging the patriotism and nationality of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The protest also addressed allegations regarding the Sarore Toll Plaza and emphasized the constitutional foundations of Jammu and Kashmir's status within India.

Sunil Dimple underscored that the fight in the Supreme Court is centered around Articles 370, 35-A, and the conditions of the Instrument of Accession. It is a constitutional battle aimed



at preserving the rich history, unique identity, diverse culture, demographic composition, land, employment opportunities, and the rights of Jammu and Kashmir's

Addressing the crowd, Dimple stated, "Our struggle is rooted in the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India. We are determined to safeguard the essence of Jammu and Kashmir while embracing our role as an integral part of the

Furthermore, Dimple voiced his concerns about the perceived disrespect shown by certain BJP leaders toward the memory of Maharaj Hari Singh. He remarked. "It is disheartening that we, the people of Jammu and Kashmir, have endured a long history of humiliation and disregard from certain ill-informed leaders within the BJP."

The protest saw the participation of prominent leaders, including Awarn Singh, Vijay Virdi, Arun Verma, Daleep Kumar, Vikas, Mohan Lal, Kala Singh, Ballu Kumar, and Lahori Shah, who joined hands to demonstrate their unity and resolve in the face of the ongoing constitutional battle.

G20 success is a watershed in India's diplomacy: Ritika Trehan

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan on Monday congratulated PM Modi Govt over successful G-20 in India terming it watershed in India's diplomacy and has ushered in a sense of pride in the hearts of every Indian.

In a press note issued here, Ritika said that under PM Modi leadership, India has emerged as a voice for the Global South and has shown that even in times of major geopolitical divide, nations can cooperate for a better future for the planet and its people.

"The adoption of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration at the



summit has been particularly pathbreaking as it brought major world powers to a consensus on pertinent issues of geopolitics and climate, added Ritika.

Ritika claimed that it is undoubtedly a huge win for the government led by PM Modi. Getting world leaders to congregate at a platform and form consensus even on issues that are polarising such as the Rus-

shows that PM Modi's leadership is accepted. The opposition has been running campaigns against him, while he was working towards the growth and development of our country, added Ritika. She said on earlier occasions when the government and the party spoke about India's growing influence and heft and how it was emerging as a powerful voice, the opposition "ran down" the PM's efforts on the global platform to "discredit" him.

sia-Ukraine war is not

an easy feat. This also

"When Indian students and citizens of other countries were evacuated from Ukraine as part of Operation Ganga, they said it was done

with the elections in UP in mind. A campaign has been run to show the government as intolerant but this summit has exposed their designs," Ritika said.

Referring to the opposition's response to the summit, Ritika said the "chinks in the opposition's armour" were exposed as some chief ministers rose above party lines to attend the reception hosted by President Droupadi Murmu for the visiting dignitaries Some of them have realsized that the PM's efforts in bringing the country onto the centre-stage have succeeded and world leaders who earlier did not think much of India are now acknowledging our might," Ritika said.

I.N.D.I.A started making inroads into fiefdom of BJP in UP: AAP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Expressing great satisfaction in the loss of **GHOSSI** Assembly seat of BJP to the I.N.D.I.A candidate in the by election, the Sr. AAP leaders in a meeting concluded here said that it is a sort of direct countdown of most haughty & arrogant BJP unveiling the trailer of 2024 general elections in the country. The AAP leaders said that GHOSSI Assembly seat was the most prestigious seat for BJP where it had invested all might including men, muscles & money, not only by the Yogi Government but also the central government but still the NDA candidate lost of I.N.D.I.A candidate with a huge margining giving a clear message that countrymen are now fed up with the JUMLA BHAZI of BJP leaders & they want a visible change

on the ground. The Sr. AAP leaders S/Sh Maj Gen Retd R.S. Jamwal, Faroog Ahmed Banday, Ram Singh Chauhan, Nirmal Mahana, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S. Ravinder Singh, Amit Langer, Ram Pal Khajuria, Agya Kour, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Sandeep Parihar, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Mattoo, S. Ranjodh Singh & Sukhdev Kumar Sangral, said that in the first set of by polls after the formation of the INDIA bloc of opposition Parties, held in seven seats in six states, the BJP won 3 seats & INDIA won 4 seats, including the crucial Ghosi Assembly seat in UP which was won by the Samajwadi Party(SP), has changed the game in UP elections! Big blow to BJP & termed it as countdown for BJP across the country in general & UP in particular, for their utter failure in the context of price rise, record un-employment, corruption, mis-governance. record devaluation of rupee as compared with dollar, record downfall of parameters of various sectors as compared with our small neighboring countries, false, emotive, deceptive & misleading JUMLAS announced from the roof tops by their leaders and above all abusive language & their arrogance, the Sr. AAP leaders said & added that the defeat of BJP-the biggest Party in the world, at the hands of smallest party of the world, in Delhi Assembly elections in 2015, 2020 & in MCD elections & also in Punjab Assembly elections by AAP, is itself remarkable & significant the AAP leaders exclaimed.

The AAP leaders further said that a beginning of BJP "Mukth" Bharat because of their anti-poor & pro- capitalist policies and the day is not far when "Jharoo"

will sweep the whole country because of unique model of Delhi governance acclaimed not only nationally but also inter-nationally, the AAP leaders maintained.

The AAP leaders further said that on one hand BJP is arresting political opponents on fake corruption charges while they themselves are on an MLA purchasing spree. Hard-earned public money is being misused to quench BJP's thirst for power, the AAP leaders alleged.

They further said that the BJP & Prime Minister Modi cannot talk about fighting corruption now; the tainted leaders under the scanner of ED & CBI for corruption have been put into "washing machine" & BJP's detergent washing powder cleans all spots in seconds. Strange, the Modi washing powder failed to take effect in case of Manish Sisodia, Satyinder Jain,

and AAP Councilors in MCD & also in Council of Ministers & MLAs in Delhi & Punjab govern-They further said that

BJP led Government has been completely exposed because of white lies, corruption, un-employment, unprecedented price rise of LPG, Diesel, Petrol, fertilizers, edible oil, pulses, hike in transport charges etc and that people are fed up with them and badly see an alternative in AAP because of magical pro-poor, proworkers, laborers and pro-people policies of AAP launched in Delhi & Punjab, the AAP leaders said and added that enough is enough now and that all the people can't be befooled for all the time as the people have seen through the game of polarization, of all traditional Political Parties so called the savior of Hindus &

Vi Foundation Unveils 'Donate Book' - A Tech Solution for Book Donation, on the occasion of Teacher's Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Books play a cruicial role in the life of students, opening up a world of imagination for them. Books not only enrich their life but also sharpen their intellect, provide more knowledge, improve memory and much more. To enable better access to books for the student community, Vi Foundation, the CSR arm of leading telecom operator Vi, has unveiled a novel tech solution- Donate Book (www.donatebook.in) - a book donation platform that brings together book donors, organisations/schools in need of books and NGOs working for the cause. This initiative is being launched under Vi Foundation's Connecting for Good programme which aims to create a bridge between people having access to books and those in need of books.

This unique solution was launched on Teacher's Day in the presence of renowned poet Padma Shri Surender Sharma, Rishabh Jain- Content creator, Entrepreneur and Educator and P Balaji, Director, Vodafone Foundation and Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer, Vodafone Idea. On this occasion, Vi Foundation also released 'Teachers Diary' - a collection of true stories of remarkable and inspiring teachers from different parts of India, recognized for

their exceptional contribution to education. This book serves as a tribute to teachers all over the country who profoundly impact students' lives and contribute to nation-building.

Speaking about the initiative, P Balaji, Chief Regulatory & Corporate Affairs Officer, VIL said, "Education is a big focus area for us at Vodafone Idea Foundation. We believe in leveraging technology in this space to improve the quality of education and learning outcomes for children from underprivileged communities and rural India where such facilities are not readily available. The Donate Book initiative is born from this objective. We believe there is a large base of book donors who are keen to help needy students. We will provide these donors with a simple, easily accessible mechanism to donate books. Initially being offered in Pune and Jaipur, we will take this to many more towns and cities in India over the coming months. Our aim is to reach ~50,000 students through donation of one lakh of books in the first year itself. In addition, to celebrate Teachers Day, we have launched the third edition of the 'Teachers Dairy' book which recognises the exemplary contribution of teachers in the society. It is our way of recognizing the teaching community which works selflessly for the good of the nation."

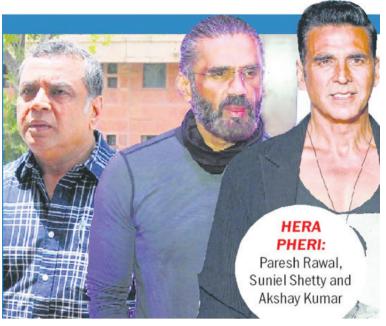
With films like 3 Idiots, Hera Pheri, Zindagi Milegi Na Dobara and more giving us memorable 'trios', here's a look at how these characters have stood the test of time

All of us have a list of movies that we can watch multiple times just for our favourite actor or character. But there are rare instances of films in which picking favourites is hard. Some of the iconic multi-starrers have given us not one or two but three characters to love! We check out these memorable trios of Hindi films.

Sequel guaranteed

What proves that a film has left an impact on the audiences? A sequel, indeed. So to know that characters like Bittu. Vicky and Jana of Stree, or Raju, Shyam and Baburao of Hera Pheri being revived for their timeless chemistry and on-screen energy doesn't come as a surprise. Akshay Kumar, Suniel Shetty and Paresh Rawal formed the backbone of Hera Pheri. And the eccentricity of their characters created memorable humour.

Stree 2 is in the making after the actors Aparshakti Khurana (Bittu), Rajkummar Rao (Vicky), and Abhishek Banerjee (Jana) formed the remarkable trio in Stree, which was released in 2018. Not to forget, Bittu's dialogue, 'Bikki Pleajjj', went viral. The horror-comedy not only paved the way for the genre, but also helped makers create a universe for this one with



a spin-off — Bhediya. In the latter, Varun Dhawan, Abhishek Banerjee and Paalin Kabak's sparkling chemistry was the highlight.

The Three Musketeers

The Three Musketeers is the title of a historical French novel, but is often used to refer to three close pals. It quite reminds one of the hit film Zindagi Milegi Na Dobara with lead characters, Kabir, Imran and Arjun, on an adventure trip to Spain to get past their biggest fears. The roles were played by Abhay Deol, Farhan Akhtar and Hrithik

Roshan, respectively. While this movie was directed by Zoya Akhtar in 2011, a decade earlier, her brother, Farhan, gave Indian audience the famous

trio of Aakash, Sameer and Sid

from the movie Dil Chahta Hai. It

was a film that encapsulated the

transition of teenage friendships

into mature relationships. And who can forget Raj Kumar Hirani's 3 Idiots? It again has three actors, Aamir Khan, R Madhavan, and Sharman Joshi, who portrayed the iconic characters of Rancho, Farhan and Raju, respectively, in the movie.

Their charming companionship resonated with the audience.

Fukrey 3, although a multistarrer, has a funny chemistry between three actors, Manjot Singh, Pulkit Samrat and Varun Sharma, who essayed the characters of Laali, Hunny and Choocha, respectively.

Similarly, Pyaar Ka Punchnama (2011), starring Kaartik Aaryan, Sunny Singh and Divyenndu Singh, was a path-breaking movie with three friends going through similar problems in relationships. The film also saw a sequel in 2015, but since Divyenndu was replaced by Omkar Kapoor, it did not do well at the box-office. Among the recent releases, Dream Girl 2, where Ayushmann Khurrana, Manjot Singh and Abhishek Banerjee, reprised their roles, created magic on screen.

Check out these popular trios in the coming times...

Films Actors Release dates Fukrey 3 Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma and Manjot Singh September 28.

Hera Pheri 3 Akshay Kumar, Suniel Shetty and Paresh Rawal TBA (to be announced).

Jee Le Zaraa Priyanka Chopra. Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt TBA. Stree 2 Rajkummar Rao, Aparshakti Khurrana and Abhishek Banerjee TBA.

Raveena Tandon likes to embrace new characters



Reflecting upon her Bollywood career, actress Raveena Tandon opened up about the time when heroines were more often typecast as mere love interests, and also revealed the secret about her craft. In the weekend episode of India's Best Dancer 3, Raveena will grace the stage as a special guest.

The judge of the dance reality show, Geeta about her daring choices during an era when heroines typically picked safe characters to essay: "Getting heroineoriented roles back then usually meant sweet, beautiful characters that heroes would fall in love with. However, your portrayal in Aks was different and much darker. I don't recall heroines often opting for such roles during that time."

To this, Raveena will reply: "You are absolutely right. During that era, heroines were apprehensive about being typecast, and we often found ourselves dancing to catchy tunes with ponytails. I made a deliberate effort to take on films and songs which broke that stereotype. Whether it was Daman, which addressed a sensitive issue, or Aks, where I portrayed a completely negative character, and later the film Satta, these projects were all divergent from the norm of the late 90s," she said.

The Aranyak' fame actress will add: "Interestingly, many of my songs became massive hits, sometimes overshadowing the depth of the roles we were tackling. Nonetheless, I believe I've not only survived but thrived in my career, reaching a luxurious peak today with projects like KGF 2 and others on the horizon. Mv secret. I believe. lies in embracing new characters and breathing life into them - that's

This is how Reese Witherspoon dealt with rejection in her career...

Actress Reese Witherspoon has become adept at dealing with rejection during her career. The Oscar-winning actress had plenty of setbacks during her early days in Hollywood, but Reese has gradually become much more philosophical about rejection.

"I started young, and rejection was such an early piece of my life that I learnt soon that other people's opinions of me are none of my business," Witherspoon, 47, said at a recent conference



Film Heritage Foundation announces two-day festival to celebrate Dev Anand's birth centenary

A film festival celebrating the 100th birth anniversary of screen icon Dev Anand, will be held later this month, the Film Heritage Foundation (FHF) announced on Monday.

Dev Anand, star of films such as "Hum Dono", "Tere Ghar Ke Samne", "CID", and "Guide", will be honoured ahead of his birthday on September 26 with a gala titled 'Dev Anand@100 - Forever

The two-day celebration, held jointly in association with NFDC-NFAI



(National Film Development Corporation of India - National Film

Archive of India) and PVR Inox will be conducted on September 23

and 24 across 30 cities and 55 cinema halls all over India, according to a press release.

The FHF, founded by filmmaker and archivist Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, has curated a collection of four of the actor's movies for the showcase: "CID" (1956), "Guide" (1965), "Jewel Thief" (1967) and "Johny Mera Naam" (1970). After a successful run with 'Bachchan Back to The Beginning' and 'Dilip Kumar - Hero of Heroes', Dungarpur said they had to celebrate the birth centenary of Dev

Anand. "We wanted to honour

his legacy by screening four of his milestone films. The films are among my personal favourites as I consider Goldie Anand (Vijay Anand) one of the most stylish directors of Indian cinema. The festival also marks an important collaboration between Film Heritage Foundation and NFDC-NFAI who have restored the four films and partnered with us to enable us to showcase these films." the FHF founder said in a statement.

Emma Stone-led 'Poor Things' wins top prize at 80th Venice Film Festival

Poor Things, a film about Victorian-era female empowerment, won the Golden Lion on Saturday at the Venice Film Festival, largely deprived of Hollywood glamour because of the strikes by writers and actors. The film, starring Emma Stone, won the top prize at the 80th edition of the festival, which is often a predictor of Oscar glory. Receiving the award, director Yorgos Lanthimos said the film wouldn't exist without Stone, who was also the producer but was not on the Lido for the festival. "This film is her, in front and behind the camera," Lanthimos

The film, based on Alasdair Gray's 1992 novel by the same name, tells the tale of Bella Baxter, who is brought back to life by a scientist and, after a whirlwind learning curve, runs off with a sleazy lawyer and embarks on a series of adventures devoid of the societal judgements of the era. Other top winners on the Lido were two films shaming Europe for its migration policies.

lo Capitano (Me Captain), by Matteo Garrone, won the award for best director while Garrone's young star, Seydou Sarr, won the award for best young actor. The film tells the



story of two young boys' odyssey from Dakar, Senegal, to the detention camps in Libya and finally across the Mediterranean to Europe. Agnieszka Holland's Green Border, about Europe's other migration crisis on the PolishBelarus border, won the Special Jury Prize.

Others who won Peter Sarsgaard won the best actor award for Memory, which is a film about high schoolers reuniting. In his acceptance speech, Sarsgaard referred to the strike, and the threat of artificial intelligence to the industry in the coming times. "I think we could all really agree that an actor is a person and that a writer is a person. But it seems that we can't," he said.

Cailee Spaeny won best actress for Priscilla, Sofia Coppola's portrait of the private side of Priscilla and Elvis Pre-

Maitree's Ishita Ganguly aces the Tanday dance form in few hours



Ishita Ganguly, who is playing Jhumki in Zee TV's show Maitree, said about a scene, "When I came to know that I have to perform a Tandav in the show, I got excited and nervous. This was because although I am a trained dancer, this was the first time I was performing a Tandav on screen. What

made this intense scene

were the monologues as well as the bloodshed that had to be shot along with it. To make it even more challenging, we also had a time constraint. So, I practised the Tandav act for a few hours on the day of the shoot and simultaneously prepared for the scene as well. It was a tough task, but fun too. In fact, Tandav is one of the toughest dance forms because it needs a lot of strength, balance, and a high level of emotional output to get the scene right. It was edgy, but the dance was shot beautifully, and I can't believe we pulled it off in such less time."

even more interesting

Devoleena Bhattacharjee joins cast of Dil Diyaan Gallaan

Devoleena Bhattacharjee has been roped in for the character of Deesha in the television show Dil Diyaan Gallaan after its 10-year leap.

Deesha is a charming music teacher and a single mother with a mysterious past. She is set to be paired opposite Veer in the show.

The show tells the story of a family torn apart by misunderstandings and deep-seated beliefs, leaving behind unresolved emotions and strained rela-

Devoleena said, "I'm thrilled to be a part of this heart-warming show. The story is taking a new turn but I think the essence of Dil Diyaan Gallaan will remain the same. Deesha is a character



with layers and a hidden past that will keep the audience guessing. It's going to be an exciting ride for both me and the viewers as we see how she impacts the lives of the Brar family." Dil Diyaan Gallaan airs on Sony SAB.

Amanda Seyfried reveals her biggest 'beauty fail' Actress Amanda Seyfried reveals that her biggest "beauty

fail" was when she blundered in an attempt to shape her eyebrows when she was still at

"I egregiously overplucked my eyebrows in high school for them never to return in full," Amandarecalled in an interview with Glamour, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Meanwhile, the 'Mean Girls' star learned how to appreciate beauty in its natural form after a visit to Japan had a lasting

The actress said: "Kyoto left



an incredible impression on me. In Japanese culture in general, the people are all about living within nature and trying not to

"Beauty, to me, is just that. Appreciating what we have, who we are, and where we come from - letting nature inform and inspire our journey inside and

change but thrive surrounded

by the beauty of Mother Nature."

out of ourselves." Amanda, 37, also took a swipe at the beauty standards created by social media and Hollywood and would remove "likes" from people's selfies if she had the power to do so.

"Let's turn the camera around at what's in front of us. Selfies can be nice and organic in the right context. Let's keep it special," she added.

Amanda is an ambassador for beauty brand Lancome and would willingly use the company's Brow Define pencil for the rest of her life.

The actress explained, "My brows are also just a little bit too blonde to see sometimes. Highlighting and appreciating the features I already have is the key."

India-Saudi Arabia partnership crucial for stability, welfare of region and world: PM Modi

PM, Saudi Crown Prince review bilateral relations at India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council meet

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): The strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia is crucial for regional and global stability and welfare, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday during his talks with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

Describing Saudi Arabia as one of India's most important strategic partners, Modi said both sides are adding new dimension to the ties in tune with changing times.

Modi and Bin Salman reviewed the bilateral relations at the first meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council

In his opening remarks at the meeting, the Prime Minister said several initiatives have been identified to take "our close partnership to next level. Our rela-



tionship will get a new direction and energy in today's meeting". The India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council was announced in 2019 with an aim to further increase cooperation

in critical areas. Bin Salman is currently on a State visit to India following end of the G20 Summit.

Ahead of the talks, the Crown Prince was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of

"I am very glad to be here in India. I want to congratulate India for the G20 Summit," Bin Salman told reporters after the ceremonial welcome.

the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The Saudi leader said the

announcements made at the summit will benefit the world. "We will work together to create a great future for both the countries," he said.

Saudi Arabia is one of India's key strategic partners in the Middle-East.

The overall relations between the two countries have witnessed a significant upward trajectory in the last few years.

The two sides have also been focusing on strengthening their defence and security partner-

The then Chief of Army Staff Gen MM Naravane visited Saudi Arabia in December 2020 in the first-ever visit by a head of the 1.3 million-strong Army to the important Gulf nation.

Since then, there have been series of visits of high-ranking military officials between the two

Anurag Thakur slams Rahul Gandhi, Uddav Thackeray for their silence in 'Sanatan Dharma' issue



NAGPUR, Sep 11 (Agencies): Union minister Anurag Thakur on Monday said efforts were being made to 'insult' Sanatan Dharma and hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Shiv Sena (UBT) head Uddhav Thackeray for staying silent over it.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader's remarks came amid a political row after DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin blamed Sanatan Dharma for promoting division and discrimination among people and said it should be eradicated. Also, DMK leader A Raja had likened Sanatan Dharma to diseases like leprosy and HIV which had social stigma.

To a query by reporters here on Rahul Gandhi's statement that he has read Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita and that there is nothing Hindu about what the BJP does, Thakur said, "The opposition should break its silence on insults to Sanatan Dharma."

"The opposition is limited to insulting the Sanatan Dharma. This shows their mentality and efforts are going on one after another to insult the Sanatan Dharma," the minister claimed.

Asked about Rahul Gandhi's comments over the India versus Bharat debate, Thakur said some people have the habit of "spreading fear and confusion and telling lies". They have done this all their lives. he added.

On Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray's statement that a "Godhra-like" incident may take place after the inauguration of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, Thakur claimed some people have forgotten their ideology for the greed of power.

"I don't know what Balasaheb (late Shiv Sena founder and Uddhav Thackeray's father) would have thought today and what Uddhav ji is doing today for the greed of power. Rahul ji and Uddhav ji did not say a word when so many things were said about Sanatan Dharma," Thakur added.

Thackeray on Sunday claimed a "Godhra-like" incident may take place during the "return journey" of a large number of people expected to converge in Ayodhya from across the country for the inauguration of the Ram Temple.

The temple is likely to be inaugurated in January 2024, ahead of the Lok Sabha polls due next year.

On February 27, 2002, 'karsevaks' returning from Ayodhya on board the Sabarmati Express were attacked and their train coach set ablaze at Godhra station in Gujarat, leading to several deaths that triggered large riots across the

COVID-19 body bags purchase 'scam': Ex-Mumbai mayor Kishori Pednekar appears before EOW

MUMBAI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Former Mumbai mayor Kishori Pednekar appeared before the Mumbai police's Economic Offences Wing on Monday in connection with an alleged scam in the purchase of body bags for COVID-19 victims, a police official said.

On September 6, the Bombay High Court granted interim protection from arrest for four weeks to Pednekar, noting the case probe was on and at this stage custodial interrogation was not warranted.

The court also directed Pednekar to cooperate



with the probe in the case and appear before the city police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on September 11, 13 and 16 for questioning.

On Monday, Pednekar reached the EOW office here at around 11 am to

face an inquiry into the

case, the official said. Pednekar approached the HC after a sessions court rejected her prearrest bail plea, saying she was accused of an economic offence involving a huge amount of public money.

The EOW had registered a case against Pednekar and two senior officials of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) under various Indian Penal Code sections including 420 (cheating) and 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy), based on a complaint filed by BJP leader Kirit Somaiya.

It was alleged that there was a misappropriation of funds and irregularities in the management of health facilities and the purchase of body bags for deceased coronavirus patients,

masks and other items by the BMC during the pandemic.

Pednekar was Mumbai mayor from November 2019 till March 2022 when the term of the BMC's general body ended.

Fresh civic elections are yet to be held.

In her pre-arrest bail plea, Pednekar claimed she was falsely implicated in the case and the complaint against her was politically moti-

She claimed the case was lodged only after the split in the Shiv Sena party and that she was being targeted as she belongs to the Uddhav Thackeray faction.

Supreme Court woman lawyer found dead at her Noida house

NOIDA, Sep 11 (Agencies): A 61-year-old Supreme Court lawyer, Renu Sinha, was found dead in her house here, police said on Monday.

The brother of the woman has accused his brother-in-law of killing his sister, police said.

The body was found in a bathroom of the house in the posh Sector 30 on Sunday after her brother Amit informed the local police station that she had not answered her phone calls for the last two days, they said.

A police team, along with the woman's brother, reached the house and broke open the door. Upon searching the house, Renu was found dead in a bathroom. Senior police officers, forensic experts and a dog squad are at the spot, police said in a statement.

The woman's husband, Nitin Sinha, is absconding, police said. Amit has



raised suspicion that his sister's husband is behind the act and claimed that his number was not reachable, they said.

The woman's brother also claimed that the couple had frequent fights, DCP Harish Chander told reporters.

Customer murdered at Hyderabad hotel after argument over extra curd

HYDERABAD, Sep 11 (Agencies): An argument over extra curd for birvani led to the murder of a customer allegedly by the staff of a hotel in Hyderabad.

The shocking incident occurred at Meridian restaurant in Punjagutta, the heart of the city late on Sunday night.

Liyaqat, who was having dinner at the restaurant around midnight, was attacked by hotel employees during a heated argument after he demanded extra curd with the birvani.

The customer, who was injured

in the attack, went to Panjagutta Police Station to lodge a complaint. While talking to policemen, he collapsed.

The police took him to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed. Later, the victim's body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital for autopsy.

Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) MLC Mirza Rahmat Baig Quadri reached there and demanded justice for the victim's family.

Police have registered a case and took up investigation.

6 of family killed as car collides with bus in Rajasthan's Bharatpur

JAIPUR, Sep 11 (Agencies): Six members of a family were killed and two others injured when a car collided with a bus in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan early Monday, police said.

The victims were returning to their home in Dholpur district from Khatu Shyamji temple in Sikar when the accident occurred around 1am, SHO Bane Singh said. He said two bulls were

also found dead on the spot and prima facie, the accident occurred as the

The impact of the collision was so high that the car was reduced to a heap of mangled metal.

The deceased have

bulls were fighting on

the road.

been identified as Harendra Singh (32), his wife Mamta (30), their daughter Janhvi (6), Mamta's sister Sudha (35), her husband Santosh (37) and their son Anuj (5).

The accident occurred near a police station and shortly after the collision, the police and locals reached the spot and rushed the victims to a hospital where six of them were declared dead on arrival.

Two minors were injured while a toddler escaped unhurt.

The bodies will be handed over to the family members after post-mortem.

town in Vellore district.

2 killed, 3 injured as car catches fire in Mumbai's Matunga MUMBAI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Two brothers were killed and three other persons injured after a car they were travelling in caught fire in Mumbai early Monday morning, officials said.

The incident took place around 4 am on B A Road in Matunga area after the CNG car hit a road divider when the vehicle occupants were going on a joyride after having a party, they said.

The car suddenly burst into flames and its occupants did not get time to



get out of the vehicle, a fire official said.

Some locals later alerted the fire and police personnel who rushed to the spot.

The deceased have

been identified as Prem Vaghela (18) and Ajay Vaghela (20), the fire official said.

An official from Sion police station said all the car occupants were Mankhurd. They were on way to the Marine Drive in south Mumbai for a joyride after a party, he said

residents of suburban

During the incident, both the left side door locks of the car got jammed, due to which the occupants were unable to get out, he said.

Car occupant Harsh Kadam (20) suffered 60 to 70 per cent burn injuries, while another occupant Hitesh Bhoir (25) and driver Kunal Attar (25) also received major burn injuries, the fire official said.

The fire personnel later doused the flames and rushed the injured persons to the Sion Hospital, he said.

The police official said it was a CNG car and as it dashed against the road divider, it caught

"On the basis of primary information, we have registered an Accidental Death Report (ADR). Further investigation is underway," the official added.

Seven persons killed in accident in Tami Nadu's Tirupathur

About 13 persons who were injured in the mishap involving the two vehicles were admitted to local government hospitals.

TIRUPATHUR, Sep 11 (Agencies): Seven women died in a road accident when a mini tourist bus was struck from behind by a lorry, causing the bus to overturn on the passengers who were sitting in front of it, on the Bangalore-Chennai National Highway at Sandiyur near Natrampalli town in Tirupattur district during the early hours of today at around 3 am.

According to Natram-

palli police, 10 persons were injured, of which 9 were admitted at the Krishnagiri Government Medical College Hospital and one child received treatment through OP. Among the injured five were women and 4 were men.

The victims have been identified as Selvi (55), Meera (51), Devaki (50), Kalavathy (50), Savithri (42), Geethanjali (35), and Deivaanai (32), all residents of Pernampet

Police said, more than 20 persons went to Bangalore for a tour on September 8 and were returning back to their hometown in two minibuses through Bangalore-Chennai National Highway on September 11 after visiting the tourist spots. However, as one of the minibuses experienced tyre punctures on the service road at Sandi-

yur near Natrampalli,



they stopped the bus near the center median. While working on the repair, the passengers were seated in front of the bus.

However, during this

time, an Eicher lorry approaching from behind collided with the bus, which in turn fell onto the passengers resulting in the death of seven women and 9 injured including the driver and cleaner. The injured were transported

to Natrampalli Government Hospital, who were then transferred to Krishnagiri Government Medical College Hospital.

The bodies of three were taken to Vaniyambadi Government Hospital and four were sent to Tirupattur Government Hospital.

Tirupattur Collector D Bhaskara Pandian visited the kin of the victims at the government hospital in Tirupattur. Vellore Collector P Kumaravel Pandian visited the families of victims at Vaniyambadi Government Hospital. Kirshnagiri Collector, K M Sarayu visited the injured at the Krishnagiri Government Medical College Hospital.

Following the incident, Rs 1 lakh solatium was announced to the kin of the seven women, who died in the accident and Rs 50, 000 for each of the injured.

US outreach to Vietnam is about providing global stability, not containing China: Biden

President Joe Biden was addressing a news conference in Vietnam's capital after attending G20 Summit in India

HANOI (VIETNAM), Sep 11 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden said that his visit to Vietnam to showcase stronger ties with Hanoi was not about trying to start a "cold war" with China, but rather was part of a broader effort to provide global stability by building US relationships throughout Asia at a time of tensions with Beijing.

"It's not about containing China," Biden said at a news conference in Vietnam's capital after attending the Group of 20 Summit in India. "It's about having a stable base."

The American president came to Hanoi as Vietnam was elevating the United States to its highest diplomatic status, comprehensive strategic partner. That is evidence of how far the relationship has evolved from what Biden referred to as the "bitter past" of the Vietnam War.

The expanded partnership reflects a broader effort across Asia to counter China's influence. Biden has said Vietnam wants to flex a degree of independence, and US companies are seeking an alternative to imports from Chinese factories. He is pursuing possible allies while also trying to soothe tensions with China.

"I think we think too much in ... cold war terms," Biden said at his news conference. "It's not about that. It's about generating economic growth and stability in all parts of the world. And that's what we're trying to do."

He added: "We have an opportunity to strengthen alliances around the world to maintain stability. That's what this trip is all about."

Biden opened his news conference by saying he had "traveled around the world in five days," from Washington to New Delhi and now Hanoi, showcasing efforts by his administration to forge alliances. The president will stop in Alaska on the way home Monday to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks

In response to one question, Biden told reporters he had met with Chinese Premier Li Qiang while in India. The contact is the highest-level interaction between US and Chinese officials gines Biden and Chinese



president, Xi Jinping, held talks at last year's G20 in Indonesia. Xi skipped the India talks and sent Li in his place.

"We talked about stability. ... It wasn't confrontational at all," Biden said.

The exchange, between G20 sessions Saturday, was brief, according to a senior Biden administration official. It was not clear who approached whom, but Biden was interested in seeing Li and underscoring his desire to stabilize the up-and-down relationship between the two countries, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Biden went into meetings with Vietnam's leaders after his arrival in the country. He welcomed the new partnership and said he hoped for progress on climate, the economy and other issues during his 24-hour stop in Hanoi.

"We can trace a 50-year arc of progress between our nations from conflict to normalization to this new elevated status," Biden said with Nguy?n Phú Trong, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, at party headquarters.

Biden has described himself as being part of the "Vietnam generation" although he did not serve in a war. He was given five draft deferments and was exempted from military service because he had asthma as a teenager.

Biden called Vietnam "a friend, a reliable partner and a responsible member of the international community." He noted that veterans such as John Kerry, his climate czar, and the late John McCain, a Vietnam POW and Republican senator from

"Both men saw so clearly, as I and so many others did, how much we had to gain by working together to overcome a bitter past," he said.

Arizona, found ways to build a

relationship with Vietnam after

Trong pledged that his country will work hard to implement the agreement. "Only then can we say it is a success," he pledged. Biden described the US and Vietnam as "critical partners at what I would argue is a very critical time." Neither leader specifically discussed how China's economic and geopolitical rise had contributed to their countries' expanded partnership, yet it was hard to explain the mutual embrace without Beijing's growing influence.

Vietnam previously bestowed the same level of relations on China and Russia. Elevating the U.S. suggests that Vietnam wants to hedge its friendships as US and European companies look for alternatives to Chinese factories.

With China's economic slow-down and Xi's consolidation of political power, Biden sees an opportunity to bring more nations, including Vietnam and Cambodia, into America's orbit.

Biden was welcomed upon his arrival in Vietnam with a pomp-filled ceremony outside the mustard-colored Presidential Palace. Schoolchildren lined the steps and waved American and Vietnam flags. Biden watched from an elevated review stand as high-stepping members of the military marched past.

Biden and Trong both expressed happiness over seeing each other again after last meeting some eight years ago in Washington. Biden was

vice president at that time.

Trong had some flattering words for Biden, who is running for reelection next year and faces persistent questions at home about his age.

"You have nary aged a day, and I would say you look even better than before," Trong said. "I would say every feature of you, Mr. President, is complimenting your image." Biden chuckled at that.

But the packed schedule and jet lag appeared to take a toll on the 80-year-old president, who wrapped up his news conference saying "I'm going to go to bed."

Jon Finer, Biden's principal deputy national security adviser, addressed reports that Vietnam was pursuing a deal to buy weapons from Russia, even as Hanoi is seeking stronger relations with the US Finer acknowledged Vietnam's lengthy military relationship with Russia. He said the US continues to work with Vietnam and other countries that have similar ties to Russia to try to limit their interactions with Moscow. which Washington accuses of committing war crimes and violating international law with its aggression in Ukraine.

US trade with Vietnam has already accelerated but there are limits to how much further it can grow without improvements to the country's infrastructure, its workers' skills and its governance. Nor has increased trade automatically put the Vietnamese economy on an upward trajectory.

US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said that the CEOs she talks with rank Vietnam highly as a place to diversify supply chains that, before the coronavirus pandemic, had been overly dependent on China.

American imports of Vietnamese goods have nearly doubled since 2019 to \$127 billion annually, according to the US Census Bureau. But it is unlikely that Vietnam, with its population of 100 million, can match the scale of Chinese manufacturing. In 2022, China, with 1.4 billion people, exported four times as many goods to the US as did

United States marks 22 years since 9/11, from ground zero to Alaska

NEW YORK, Sep 11 (Agencies): Americans are looking back on the horror and legacy of 9/11, gathering Monday at memorials, firehouses, city halls and elsewhere to observe the 22nd anniversary of the deadliest terror attack on US soil.

Commemorations stretch from the attack sites — at New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania — to Alaska and beyond. President Joe Biden is due at at a ceremony on a military base in Anchorage.

His visit, en route to Washington, DC, from a trip to India and Vietnam, is a reminder that the impact of 9/11 was felt in every corner of the nation, however remote. The hijacked plane attacks claimed nearly 3,000 lives and reshaped American foreign policy and domestic fears.

On that day, "we were one country, one nation, one people, just like it should be. That was the feeling — that everyone came together and did what we could, where we were at, to try to help," said Eddie Ferguson, the fire-rescue chief in Virginia's Goochland County.

It's more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) from the Pentagon and more than three times as far from New York. But a sense of connection is enshrined in a local memorial incorporating steel from the World Trade Center's destroyed twin towers.

The predominantly rural county of 25,000 people holds not just one but two anniversary commemorations: a morning service focused on first responders and an evening ceremony honoring all the victims.

Other communities across the country pay tribute with moments

of silence, tolling bells, candlelight vigils and other activities. In Columbus, Indiana, 911 dispatchers broadcast a remembrance message to police, fire and EMS radios throughout the 50,000-person city, which also holds a public memorial cer-

emony.
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts raise and lower the flag at a commemoration in Fenton, Missouri, where a "Heroes Memorial" includes a piece of World Trade Center steel and a plaque honoring 9/11 victim Jessica Leigh Sachs. Some of her relatives live in the St. Louis suburb of 4,000 residents.

"We're just a little bitty community," said Mayor Joe Maurath, but "it's important for us to continue to remember these events. Not just 9/11, but all of the events that make us free."

New Jersey's Monmouth County, which was home to some 9/11 victims, made Sept. 11 a holiday this year for county employees so they could attend commemorations.

As another way of marking the anniversary, many Americans do volunteer work on what Congress has designated both Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

At ground zero, Vice President Kamala Harris is due to join the ceremony on the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum plaza. The event will not feature remarks from political figures, instead giving the podium to victims' relatives for an hourslong reading of the names of the dead.

James Giaccone signed up to read again this year in memory of his brother, Joseph Giaccone, 43. The family attends the ceremony every year to hear

Joseph's name.

"If their name is spoken out loud, they don't disappear," James Giaccone said in a recent interview.

The commemoration is crucial to him.

"I hope I never see the day when they minimize this," he said. "It's a day that changed history."

Biden, a Democrat, will be the first president to commemorate September 11 in Alaska, or anywhere in the western US He and his predecessors have gone to one or another of the attack sites in most years, though Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Barack Obama each marked the anniversary on the White House lawn at times. Obama followed one of those observances by recognizing the military with a visit to Fort Meade in Maryland.

First lady Jill Biden is due to lay a wreath at the 9/11 memorial at the Pentagon.

In Pennsylvania, where one of the hijacked jets crashed after passengers tried to storm the cockpit, a remembrance and wreath-laying is scheduled at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown operated by the National Park Service. Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, is expected to attend the ceremony.

The memorial site will offer a new educational video, virtual tour and other materials for teachers to use in classrooms. Educators with a total of more than 10,000 students have registered for access to the free "National Day of Learning" program, which will be available through the fall, organizers say.

"We need to get the word out to the next generation," said memorial spokesperson Katherine Hostetler, a National Park Service ranger.

1 dead, 8 injured after blast targeting security forces rocks Pakistan's Peshawar

An explosion targeting a vehicle of the security forces hit Peshawar in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Monday, killing a paramilitary personnel and injuring eight others.



PESHAWAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): A paramilitary personnel was killed and eight others, including two civilians, were wounded in a blast that targeted a vehicle of security forces in Peshawar in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Monday, police said.

Warsak Superintendent of Police (SP) Mohammad Arshad Khan said a vehicle of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Frontier Constabulary's (FC) Mohmand Rifles regiment was targeted in the attack around 10:30 am (local time), Dawn reported.

The vehicle was headed towards Peshawar from Machni at the time of the blast. An improvised explosive device (IED) was used in the attack, the SP was quoted as saying.

Visuals show a vehicle completely damaged due to the impact of the blast and security forces and people present at the spot.

One paramilitary force personnel died and six of the officials were injured as a result of the explosion, the SP said, adding that two more civilians were also wounded.

Tehrik-e-Talihan Pakistan (TTP) the

Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The explosion in Peshawar came days after nine security personnel died and 17 others were injured in a suicide bombing in Mali Khel area in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

On July 30, at least 54 people were killed and more than 100 were injured after a suicide bomber triggered a blast at a political party meeting in Khar in the province.

Over 400 members of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F), a hardline Islamist party, and their supporters were attending the meeting at the time of the blast.

Thailand's new prime minister tells Parliament his government will urgently tackle economic woes

Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin cited long-term goals including boosting international trade, supporting start-up businesses, investing more in transport infrastructure and more.

BANGKOK, Sep 11 (Agencies): Thailand's new Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin vowed to act quickly to relieve the country's economic problems in his inaugural speech to Parliament on Monday, following four months of political uncertainty while parliamentarians were unable to agree on a government.

Srettha entered politics after a career as a major real estate developer, and his government is facing high expectations and pressing demands to address a range of economic, political, social and environmental problems in its four-year term.

Thailand's economy has slumped after the COVID-19 pandemic all but crippled its lucrative tourism industry. Public debt rose to more than 60 per cent of GDP in 2023, while household debt spiked to over 90 per cent of the GDP this year, he said.

Thailand's post-pandemic economy is like "a sick person," with a sluggish recovery that puts the nation "at risk of entering a recession," Srettha said.

He vowed to quickly take measures to relieve debt problems, mitigate rising energy costs and boost tourism, without going into detail.

He also said the government



would work immediately to implement a campaign promise, a 10,000-baht (USD 280) handout for all Thais 16 and older to stimulate the economy by boosting short-term spending. Details were not given, though he's previously said it would cost up to 560 billion baht (USD 15.8 billion) and will be ready to deliver by the first quarter of next year.

The promise drew major interest in the election campaign, but critics have questioned whether it would have a sustainable effect

Long-term goals cited by Srettha include boosting international trade, supporting start-up businesses, investing more in transport infrastructure, improving agricultural production, empowering local government and increasing access to land ownership. The government would also seek to amend the current military-installed constitution through a process that allows public participation.

These steps would allow the economy to grow and its people to be able to "live with dignity," he said.

The results of Thailand's elections in May revealed a strong mandate for change after nearly a decade under military control.

But Parliament failed to endorse a coalition formed by the progressive Move Forward party, which won the most seats in the May polls because members in the appointed and con-

servative Senate were alienated

by its calls for minor reforms to the monarchy.

Srettha's Pheu Thai party, which ran a close second in the election, then formed a broader coalition without Move Forward and was able to win Senate support. But it succeeded only by including pro-military parties and several parties that were part of the previous government, reneging on a campaign pledge not to do so.

The deal raised scepticism over Pheu Thai's ability to fulfil its election campaign promises while having to accommodate its allies that come from all along the political spectrum.

Reforms to the military, a pow-

erful political player that has staged two coups since 2006, were part of the platforms of both Move Forward and Pheu Thai, Srettha addressed the point diplomatically in his speech, promising "co-development" with the military to end mandatory conscription, reduce the excessive number of generals and ensure transparency in defense ministry procurement procedures. The ministry is headed by Pheu Thai's Sutin Klangsang, one of the few civilians to hold the portfolio, usually controlled by veteran senior military officers.

DFSS holds protest against corruption scandal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta held March in old Jammu city as a corruption scandal has been unearthed.

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

The entire amount was embezzled by some employees of the department and no GR was given.

The department has hanged a cashier for this embezzlement but the entire corruption cannot happen without the assistance of senior officers as they need



to be held responsible as well.

Manchanda who is the current
Chief Engineer was also heading the city Division of the PHE
during which the money was

embezzled.

He further stated that the current sitting chief engineer

against whom the FIR is registered numbered 23/2016 is still on the chair and he'd should be removed from the highest office of the PHE.

Pipes worth Rs 620 crores have been purchased and lying since past 1 month at the

Narwal Jal Shakti office. The pipe has been purchased t link the source of the water with the over head water tank but as of yet no source has been identified.

Huge bundles of rubber pipes are lying at the Narwal office and they were purchased without any source as huge commissions were earned to mark the expense.

At last he stated that all the people who have been charged or indulged in corruption should be removed and prosecuted as per that.

The party people present at the protest were Rajkumari, Raju, Prem, Naresh, Kalu, Ashish, Arun, Tarun and Abhishek.

Keshav lauds PM Modi for successful completion of G20

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra lauded the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his team for the successful completion of G20 Summit in New Delhi, Keshav Chopra while complimenting the Modi govt said that adequate and proper arrangements were done to make this event a grand success. The unanimous adoption of the Newdelhi



declaration by all the leaders of G20 under the leadership of PM Modi is historic, PM Modi advocates for 'One Earth' 'One Family' and 'One Future' & this

theme was a key focus of G20.

Keshav chopra expressed his gratitude to PM Modi for making Konark Wheel Replica as the backdrop of welcome handshake with G20 leaders. The wheel with 24 spokes, which has also been adapted into the Tricolour, embodies India's ancient wisdom, advanced civilisation and architectural excellence.Bharat is progressing towards becoming "Vishav Guru" Keshav further added.

Dr Jitendra says the CSIR labs can publicise 10 success stories each

Top News Report

NEW DELHI / JAMMU Sep 11: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh has said, the G20 India Summit, that concluded yesterday, showcased Bharat's technological capabilities as well as economic strength.

"Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this Government has institutionalised fusion between the traditional knowledge and the cutting edge of modern technology. We had the traditional knowledge library which is now known as the TKDL (Tradition Under Primal Knowledge Digital Library). Even the Bharat Mandapam or some of the latest monuments constructed by this government represent the best fusion of the latest scientific acumen, technology and architecture with the traditional heritage that we have inherited over the generations," he said, addressing the inauguration of the 'One Week One Lab' (OWOL) programme of CSIR- -National Institute of Science Communication and Policy



Research (CSIR-NIS-cPR), New Delhi today.

The New Delhi Declaration adopted at the G20 Summit committed itself to implement India's initiative of 'Lifestyle for Environment Mission' (LiFE) and promote Artificial Intelligence towards achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). By adopting the 'Green Development Pact,' G-20 has also reaffirmed its commitments to sustainable

and green growth.

The G20 Summit supported India's plan to build and maintain a Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository (GDPIR) and welcomed the establishment of the Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH) within a WHOmanaged framework.

A landmark achievement was the launch of Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA) by the leaders of Singapore, Bangladesh, Italy, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Mauritius and UAE, at the initiative of PM Modi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. GBA aims to serve as a catalytic platform, fostering global collaboration for the advancement and widespread adoption of biofuels.

"I am glad that India, under Prime Minister Modi, has taken a lead in doing so. This is also an occasion when we are making a transition from the kind of work approach that we have followed over the years," said Dr Jitendra Singh, referring to the Anusandhan National Research Foundation which will have up to 70% funding from non-governmental sources.

governmental sources.
Following the success of 'One Week One Lab' (OWOL) programme, Dr Jitendra Singh proposed the observance of 'One Month One Theme' programme towards integrating the efforts of the various

CSIR laboratories.

"Even though each of the (CSIR) labs has

a different USP, but many of have common theme... therefore, later on, in the next stage, we could have a wider integration based on themes," he said, stating that the Aditya Mission illustrates the 'Whole of Science' approach where all Departments pooled resources including ISRO, DST, CSIR's National Aerospace Laboratories, Tata Institute etc.

Stating that the NIScPR can be a torch-bearer, Dr Jitendra Singh said the CSIR labs can publicise 10 success stories each.

"The idea is to reach out to the potential beneficiaries.

However much and however valuable an experiment is, it ceases to actually achieve its purpose if it doesn't reach out to those for whom it is meant to be," he said.

On the occasion, Dr

Jitendra Singh inaugu-

rated the Science Media

Communication Cell and released a number of NIScPR publications and journal. Among the dignitaries who addressed the gathering included Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary, DSIR and DG, CSIR, Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta, Director CSIR-NPL and Prof. Ranjana Aggarwal, Director, CSIR-NIScPR.

'Bharat Mandapam' shows power of Bharat to whole world: Braham Jyot

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: On the successful completion of G-20 summit in New Delhi Senior BJP Leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir Braham Jyot Satti issued a press statement and lauded the efforts of our dynamic Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said Day two of the Summit began with the G20 leaders, including US President Biden, UK PM Rishi Sunak, and Canada's Justin Trudeau gathering at Rajghat to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. The leaders, along with PM Modi, laid ceremonial



wreaths at the Gandhi Memorial and held a tree plantation ceremony at Bharat Mandapam.

He said during this G-20 summit 'Bharat Mandapam' showed the Power of our nation Bharat to the whole world and again we proved that Bharat can lead the whole world.

He said there is no

doubt that our Prime Minister is the world's strongest leader and under his leadership our nation is achieving news heights globally.

He said PM Modi

handed over the G20 presidency to Brazil's Lula Da Silva, marking the end of the G20 Summit in Delhi. The Prime Minister handed over the ceremonial gavel to the Brazilian President to mark the transfer of the Presidency at the third G20 session "One Future" at the Bharat Mandapam in Delhi's Pragati Maidan. With this, the two-day mega conclave of world leaders under Bharat's G20 Presidency in the national capital came to

He said PM Narendra Modi has adopted no tolerance policy against terrorism and in this regard he aired his concern about the "continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada" during a bilateral with President

Justin Trudeau on the

sidelines of G20.

He said PM Modi announced on Saturday that the leaders of G20 countries have reached a consensus on New Delhi G20 Leaders Declaration. The announcement is significant as the deliberations on the Delhi declaration were clouded by the different positions on Russia-Ukraine war.

Gulmarg Festival organised with zeal and zest

Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Sep 11: Gulmarg Festival 2023 was organised with an aim to provide further impetus to the tourism sector of Jammu and Kashmir by projecting the region as an all-weather tourist destination. The event show-cased a wide range of local talent and sports activities across the spectrum of programs.

spectrum of programs.
Extravagant musical performances by renowned local artists as well as famous Bollywood celebrity Vicky Kaushal enthralled the



audience. The event was a mega hit and an apt platform to enhance the tourism potential and talent pool in the valley. To add thrill to the occasion adventure activities such as tethered Hot Air Balloon display, Hiking, Zip Line, Zorbing Ball, Bubble Soccer, Horse &

Pony Race and Cycling Marathon were also conducted.

Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, Chinar Corps Commander was the Chief Guest for the final day of event said that the Gulmarg Festival is a unique grand show and a worthy projection of Gulmarg as an important tourist destination in the tourist map of the world. He also congratulated all the artists who enthralled the audience with their jaw dropping performances. Winners of various competitions conducted as part of the festival were felicitated by the Chief Guest.

Gulmarg Festival 2023 marked an eventful mile stone in projecting the tourism avenues of Jammu and Kashmir through its meticulous conduct, overwhelming support and participation of tourists visiting Gulmarg.

Accountability and transparency is the soul of good governance: Sinha

digital payments, adherence to General Financial Rules and other technology interventions have immensely contributed to the efficiency and transparency in the system. He also lauded the key role of Account Service Officers in implementing these reforms.

"Corruption was deeply rooted in all the systems of J&K for many decades. We have taken multi-pronged action against corruption, stringent action against offenders, and implementation of digital governance for accountability to usher in clean and transparent governance." he said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated the retiring and new members of the J&K Account Services and called upon them to make the people aware of their responsibility of paying for government services. If capable people pay their power bills then government can waive off the bills

of poor and farmers, he said.

J&K is growing by leaps and bounds and so are the aspirations of people and their expectations from the administration. We need to work with dedication to maintain the growth momentum and bring change in the lives of people, especially to the poor and the underpriviled by said

and the underprivileged, he said.
He further called for completion of digitization of pension payment authorities on mission mode.

The Lt Governor, on behalf of JAKFAS, also handed over cheques to Next of Kins

of the deceased members of the society. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Finance Department; Baldev Prakash, MD & CEO J&K Bank; Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary GAD; Rashmi Singh, Commissioner State Taxes; Iftikhar Hussain Chauhan, President JAKFAS, HoDs, senior officers and members of JAKFAS were present.

SC extends protection of Editors Guild members in two FIRs lodged against them in Manipur

petitioners in connection with the FIRs...," the bench had ordered on September 6.

The Editors Guild, in a report published on September 2, slammed the internet ban in the state as being detrimental to media reportage, criticised what it termed as one-sided reporting by some media outlets and claimed there were indications that the state leadership had "turned partisan"

during the conflict.

The chief minister had said, "They are anti-state, anti-national and anti-establishment (people) who came to pour venom. Had I known it before, I would not have allowed them to enter".

Now, unrestricted traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu highway every day: Div Com Kashmir

no divider on the highway at that time. Now, the security situation has significantly improved, and security agencies will soon make a decision after considering all aspects," he added.

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Terror attack averted in Baramulla, IED defused: Army

"#ChinarWarriors & @JmuKmrPolice averted a major terror incident on Monday by recovering & in-situ destroying an IED near Pioneer College, Hanjiwera Bala, Baramulla, the Army's Srinagar-based Chinar Corps said on X, formerly Twitter. It added that the Indian Army stands by its commitment to keep Kashmir terror-free.

With conduct of 100 mass weddings, Al-Noor Yateem Trust shines bright

betterment of society. Their commitment to making a difference is a testament to the power of collective goodwill.

One of the brides expressed her heartfelt gratitude to 'Al-Noor Yateem Trust,' acknowledging that she has not words for their appreciation.

Militant recruitment module unearthed in J-K

outfit in near future. The above three individuals were the mastermind of the recruit-

ment module in general area of Kreeri and were also in touch with active militants Umar Lone and foreign terrorist Usman," the official added.

'Devastating for J&K economy': Mehbooba hopes PMO reconsiders decision to lift additional duties on apple, walnut and almonds

duties were originally imposed on 28 US products.

On September 5, the Ministry of Finance, in a notification, announced the removal of these duties on products, including chickpeas, lentils (masur), apples, walnuts in shells, and fresh or dried almonds, as well as shelled almonds.

Govt orders reshuffle in Administration

(South), against an available vacancy

Mushtag Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Baramulla, vice Gulzar Ahmad, JKAS, who shal await futher orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Yasmeen Jan, JKAS, Private Secretary in the Information Technology Department, is transferred and posted as Personnel Officer, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, vice Ms. Shaheena Khan, JKAS, who shall await futher orders

of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Further Anju Anand, JKAS, Assistant Settlement Officer, Jammu, shall hold the additional charge of the post of Sub Registrar, R.S. Pura, till further orders, relieving Ms. Seema Parihar JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, R.S.

Pura of the additional charge of the post.

Mr. Rouf Ahmad Lone, Jr. Scale JKAS, Tehsildar, D.H.
Pora, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the
Government, Home Department.

J&K BJP issues show cause notice to Sofi Yousuf for indulging in 'Anti-Party Activities'

are indulging in anti party activities and showing marked indiscipline in your political dealings," read a letter issued to Mr Yusoof by the party.

"You have tried to create dissent in Party Cadre with few more persons and now your audio recoding clip has surfaced whose contents depicts that you have no regard for Party Discipline and high principles which are basis of political ideology of the party. Audio clips are being sent to you with this."

"You are directed to submit your reply on your misconduct and indiscipline to the undersigned within 7 days from today as to why action of removing you from all positions of Party may not be taken in addition to any permissible action. You are further directed not to Interact with media directly or Indirectly on any issue including these proceedings till the proceedings are pending," added the letter signed by Sunil Sethi, Chairman Disciplinary Committee, JK BJP.

SC junks PIL challenging Centre's decision to relax payment of AGR dues

The top court had in September 2020 given a time of 10 years to telecom service providers struggling to pay Rs 93,520 crore of AGR-related dues to clear their outstanding amount to the government.

NEW DELHI, Sep 11: Telecom companies can heave a sigh of relief as the Supreme Court has dismissed a PIL challenging the Centre's decision to relax payment terms of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues from them, saying it was a policy matter.

"Any interference by this Court at this stage would not only create uncertainty in the implementation of the policy but also jeopardise the policy itself," a Bench led by Justice NV Nagarathna said.

As per the top court's order, the AGR payment had to be made in yearly instalments commencing from April 1, 2021 up to March 31, 2031 payable by 31st March of every succeeding financial year. The top court had in September 2020 given a time of 10 years to telecom service providers struggling to pay Rs 93,520 crore of AGR-related dues to clear their outstanding amount to the government.

In order to provide relief for telecom service providers, the Union Cabinet in September 2021 introduced certain structural and procedural reforms, including exclusion of non-tele-



com revenue from the definition of AGR on a prospective basis; reduction in requirements for bank guarantees; reduction/ waiving off interest rates/penalties for delayed payments; increasing the spectrum tenure from 20 years to 30 years for future auctions; and permitting 100% FDI under automatic route in the Telecom Sector.

Petitioner Anshul Gupta had challenged these changes.

"In our view, these are all matters of policy and decision-making which is on the basis of experts' opinion and on emerging situations and exigencies, to be made in the interest of the welfare of the people of India

having serious technical and financial implications and, therefore, have to be in public interest," the Bench said, dismissing his PIL.

"Hence, we do not think such Cabinet decisions could be lightly interfered with by a Court of law in the absence of there being any particulars or materials brought to the notice of the Court assailing the Cabinet decisions, as being unconstitutional or arbitrary in nature or contrary to law," the Bench said in an order earlier this month.

"Moreover, the other stakeholders, namely, the Telecom Service Providers are not arraigned as parties to this Writ Petition. Therefore, at this stage, we do not think it proper to entertain this petition," the top court said.

As per the New Telecom Policy, telecom licensees are required to share a percentage of their AGR with the government as annual license fee. But TDSAT had held that AGR will include only revenue arising from licence activities and that capital assets and receipt from the sale of scrap cannot be included in gross revenue for computation of licence fee. The TDSAT had exempted a large number of streams from the definition of AGR, like capital receipts, bad debt, distribution margins to dealers, forex fluctuations, sale of scrap and waiver of late fee.

However, the top court on October 24, 2019 reversed the TDSAT's findings leading to huge financial burden on telecom service providers. On July 23, 2021, it dismissed pleas telecom companies, including Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel, seeking re-computation of AGR-related dues payable by them as they alleged errors in calculation in their dues.

Markets continue to rally for 7th day running

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 293.7 points to 66,892.61 in early trade. The Nifty advanced 95 points to 19,914.95.



MUMBAI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices extended their rally for the seventh day running on Monday as investors continued to remain optimistic about the domestic markets.

Buying in index majors Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services also added to the winning momentum in equities.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 293.7 points to 66,892.61 in early trade. The Nifty advanced 95 points to 19,914.95.

Among the Sensex firms, HCL Technologies, Maruti, State Bank of India, Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Motors, Wipro, Nestle, Reliance Industries, Larsen & Toubro and UltraTech Cement were the major gainers.

IndusInd Bank and Bharti Airtel were the laggards. In Asian markets, Shanghai quoted with gains while Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong traded lower.

The US markets ended in positive territory on Friday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.18 per cent to USD 90.49 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark had jumped 333.35 points or 0.50 per cent to finish at 66,598. The broader Nifty advanced 92.90 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at 19,819.95.

"The G20 Delhi declaration and India's diplomatic triumph can trigger a continuation of the positive market mood and momentum," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

In the present favourable market mood, Nifty is likely to make another attempt at a record high trying to conquer the psychological mark of 20,000, Vijayakumar said adding that however, investors have to be cautious since fundamentals do not support a sustained rise above 20,000.

"The market is ignoring worries arising out of crude at USD 90 a barrel," he added.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 224.22 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

Former CEO of China's Alibaba quits cloud business in surprise move during its leadership reshuffle

HONG KONG, Sep 11 (Agencies): The former CEO of Alibaba, Daniel Zhang, resigned as head of its cloud computing unit Monday in a surprise move as the Chinese e-commerce empire wraps up a leadership reshuffle.

Alibaba said it will invest USD 1 billion in a technology fund Zhang will establish to support the firm's strategies for future growth.

Zhang stepped down on the same day he gave up his roles as Alibaba's CEO and chair-

In a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange, Alibaba said that Eddie Wu, its new CEO, will also head its cloud unit. Wu and Alibaba's new chairman Joseph Tsai assumed their new roles by Monday, with Alibaba saying it has "completed its leadership transition."

its leadership transition."
Alibaba expressed its
"deepest appreciation"
to Zhang for his contri-



butions to the company over the past 16 years. Alibaba's Hong Kong

Alibaba's Hong Kong stock price was down 3.6 per cent on Monday following the announcement.

In an internal letter dated Sunday and viewed by the AP, Tsai wrote that Zhang had "expressed his wish to transition away from his role" as chief of the cloud business, and the Alibaba board had "respected and accepted Daniel's decision."

"Daniel will continue to contribute to Alibaba by channelling his expertise differently," Tsai

wrote.
Alibaba has been

restructuring itself into six business units with the aim of eventually spinning most of them off and listing them to maximise shareholder returns.

In May, the company said it aimed for its cloud unit to be listed within the next 12 months. It reaffirmed that plan on Monday.

Zhang joined Alibaba in 2007 and is known for creating the company's annual Singles Day online shopping extravaganza.

In 2015, he took over from co-founder Jack Ma as Alibaba's CEO. In 2019 he succeeded Ma as chairman.

Olectra Greentech to double e-bus production to 3,000 by 2024

MUMBAI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Olectra Greentech, one of India's leading electric bus manufacturers, plans to double its yearly output to 2,500-3,000 buses from 1,250 at present, said KV Pradeep, Chairman and Managing Director. The total output of the company would be in the range of 4,000-5,000, as it also plans to manufacture electric tippers, he added.

Speaking to a TV channel, the chairman also said the company has an order book of 9,000 buses.

"Earlier we had planned for 1200 buses to deliver by 2024, and currently, it's going as per the plan wherein we are going to deliver whatever we have bagged in the coming 24-30 months time," Pradeep said.

The company has been in the headlines since it won India's biggest e-bus order two months ago from Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC). The company is scheduled to supply 5,150 buses at a price of over Rs 10,000 crores to the state government body.

Boosted by the win, the stock has been on a tear, and has more than doubled in value in



the last six months.

To increase the output, the company is currently putting up new facilities that will take its total production capacity to 5,000 units per year.

The company has set up a manufacturing plant in Hyderabad with an annual production capacity of over 1,500 electric buses. It is also setting up additional plants in Himachal Pradesh and North India. The total manufacturing capacity is expected to reach 5,000 electric buses per year by 2024.

In May 2022, Olectra Greentech signed an agreement with the Assam State Government to supply 100 electric buses. These buses will be deployed in Guwahati over the next few months. This deal is part of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme promoted by the Indian government.

Pricing Challenges
Pradeep said the company
currently imports most of the
components by value, including
the costliest of all — batteries.

"Battery alone will cost around 40 per cent and out of the remaining 60 per cent, 50 per cent has to be localized in accordance with the guidance given by the Indian government," he said, adding that Olectra is already sourcing 60% of its non-battery components

from India.
On price realization, Pradeep

said a bus can cost between 1.25 crores to 2.5 crores. Funding Plans

On finding the funds for the planned expansion, Pradeep pointed out that the board has approved Rs 800 crores of fund-raising, out of which Rs 400 crores will be invested by the promoters. "The rest will be open to banks and financial institutions for funding," he said, adding that several financial institutions are showing interest. However, they will only make the best deal in the next three months, he said in an interview with CNBC-TV18.

On the reports of the company entering the passenger vehicle segment, Pradeep said that will most likely not be done under the listed entity.

In addition to manufacturing buses, Olectra Greentech will also establish charging infrastructure across India. It aims to set up over 1,500 electric bus charging stations in multiple cities. The company has partnered with various urban transport agencies to provide end-to-end electric mobility solutions encompassing vehicles, charging infrastructure and maintenance.

Family member suffering from fatty liver disease? You may be at similar risk

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Close relatives of people with metabolic-associated fatty liver disease have a higher risk of developing liver cancer and dying from liver-related diseases, according to a new study.

It means that family members could also benefit from the lifestyle advice that is currently only given to patients, the researchers said in the study published in The Journal of Hepatology.

People with metabolic-associated fatty liver disease (MASLD, formerly known as NAFLD) have an elevated risk of developing and dying from liver cancer.

MASLD is now the main reason why the number of people developing liver cancer has risen so sharply.

However, researchers at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden now show that close relatives and

partners also have an increased risk of developing liver cancer and advanced liver disease.

"Our findings indicate that patients with MASLD should not be treated separately," said Fahim Ebrahimi, doctor and researcher at the Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Karolinska Institutet.

"Our study also suggests that relatives with metabolic risk factors such as diabetes mellitus may benefit from early screening for MASLD," he added.

The researchers based their study on the ESPRESSO cohort, which contains data on all liver biopsies taken in Sweden from 1965 up to the present.

They identified almost 12,000 people with biopsy-proven MASLD. After matching each person with up to five comparators from the general population they



identified first-degree relatives (parents, siblings and children) and partners for both groups.

The study included nearly 250,000 first-degree relatives and 57,000 partners.

Over an average follow-up period of 17.6 years, with some individuals being followed for up to 50 years, the researchers found that first-degree relatives of MASLD patients were 80 per cent more likely to develop liver cancer

than the controls.

However, as liver cancer is a relatively rare

disease, the absolute increase in risk is much lower: 0.11 per cent over 20 years, according to the researchers.

The researchers also

found that partners of patients with MASLD were more likely to develop severe liver disease (such as cirrhosis) and to die from liver-related causes.

"Our findings confirm that there is a clear familial risk of MASLD and that a shared lifestyle is an important factor in its development," says Dr Ebrahimi.

UK brings forward winter top-up vaccines amid new Covid variant fears

LONDON, Sep 11 (Agencies): The UK health authorities began rolling out their winter vaccine schedule for the most medically vulnerable on Monday, brought forward from a planned early October rollout amid concerns around the new COVID variant BA.2.86.

The National Health Service (NHS) said residents of older adult care homes and people who are housebound will begin receiving their COVID and flu vaccinations from this week and other high risk groups will begin to be invited to get their "top up protection" ahead of winter from next week.

While the variant, BA.2.86, has not been classified as a "variant of concern" by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), it is being monitored closely due to its proclivity to mutate. "While BA.2.86 has a

significant number of



genome compared to other currently circulating COVID-19 variants, the data so far is too limited to draw firm conclusions about the impact this will have on the transmissibility, severity or immune escape properties of the virus," said Dr Renu Bindra, an Indian-origin Incident Director for the UKHSA. "It is clear that there

mutations to the viral

is some degree of widespread community transmission, both in the UK and globally, and we are working to ascertain the full extent of this. In the meantime, it remains

vital that all those eligible come forward to receive their autumn vaccine as soon as it is offered to them," she said.

NHS England said it is rolling out its adult COVID and annual flu vaccination programmes in tandem following pressures it faced with a "twindemic" of flu and COVID resulting in high occupancy in hospitals and record pressure on staff last year. It stressed the importance for those who are eligible to top up their protection, even if they have had a vaccine or been ill with flu or COVID-19 before, as

immunity wanes over time and the viruses change each year. "With concerns arising

over new COVID variants, it's vital we adapt the programme and bring it forward for those most at risk, and so I strongly urge everyone eligible to come forward as soon as they can for this important protection in colder months," said Steve Russell, NHS Director of Vaccinations and Screening.

"Older people and those in clinical risk groups remain at highest risk of serious illness from COVID-19... The vaccine continues to provide the best protection against serious illness and hospitalisation from COVID-19, so please make sure you get vaccinated when offered and encourage loved ones who are eligible to do the same," added Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation at UKHSA.

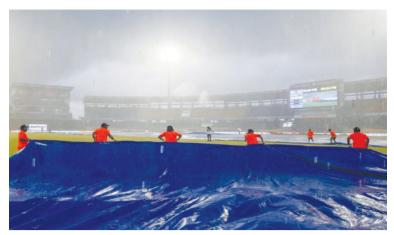
Heavy rain on Monday morning in Colombo on India-Pakistan match reserve day

Noticeable wet patches on the field at R Premadas Stadium show discouraging signs

COLOMBO, Sep 11 (Agencies): Ahead of the start of the Asia Cup Super-4 clash between India and Pakistan at Colombo on the reserve day, there are some discouraging signs from the Island nation that have put the possibility of finishing the game under doubt.

The electrifying match between India and Pakistan in the Super-4 stage of Asia Cup 2023 was been called off and moved for a reserve day as rain did not allow any play after 24.1 overs on Sunday

The play was halted for almost four hours today as the rain kept on coming back. India will resume their innings today at 147/2, with Virat Kohli (8*) and KL Rahul (17*) unbeaten. Skipper Rohit Sharma (56) and Shubman Gill (58) had hit delightful fifties.



There was heavy rain in Colombo at 7am on the reserve day. The skies were extremely cloudy.

Moreover, the onfield faced immense damage as there were noticeable wet patches at the R Premadas Stadium, where the match is taking place. More rain will only make these patches

worse, delay the game further or even cause an abandonment without any further action.

If this match is washed off, India and Pakistan will take one point each. Pakistan will move to the top of the Super Four standings with three points, having won against Bangladesh. Sri Lanka has already registered

a win against Bangladesh too, worth two points, almost knock-

ing them out of the competition. In this case, India's next two matches against Sri Lanka (September 12) and Bangladesh (September 15) will be must-win matches for India to reach a total of five points.

Losing even one of these matches or two more washouts will reduce India to just three points, which will put India's qualifying chances in danger. It will be down to how the points table plays out for the rest of the teams due to their results, rain and net-run-rate if India is to qualify for the final with three points.

India vs Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka vs Pakistan and India vs Bangladesh are the remaining fixtures before the finals in Colombo on September 17.

Novak Djokovic wins US Open for his 24th Grand Slam title by beating Daniil Medvedev



NEW YORK, Sep 11 (Agencies): Half-way through a second set that lasted 1 hour, 44 minutes, a test of tenacity as much as talent amid a US Open final as exhausting as it was exhilarating, Novak Djokovic and Daniil Medvedev engaged each other in a 32-stroke point.

It was among many such elongated exchanges between two men whose styles are nearly mirror images, and Djokovic capitulated by netting a backhand. He fell to his back and stayed down, chest heaving. The crowd roared. Djokovic sat up but remained on the ground for a bit. The crowd

roared some more, appreciating the effort, saluting the entertainment.

Using every ounce of his energy and some serve-and-volley guile — an old man with new tricks — Djokovic emerged for a 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory over Medvedev at Flushing Meadows to claim a historic 24th Grand Slam title on Sunday night in a match more closely contested than the straight-set score indicated.

"I never imagined that I would be here standing with you talking about 24 Slams. I never thought that would be the reality," said Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia and the tournament's oldest male champion in the Open era, which dates to 1968.

"But the last couple of years, I felt I have a chance, I have a shot for history, and why not grab it if it's presented?"

He moved one major singles title ahead of Serena Williams and is the first player to win 24 in the Open era. Margaret Court also collected a total of 24, but 13 of those came before professionals were admitted to the Slam events.

Dabrowski and Routliffe win US Open women's doubles, beating 2020 champs Siegemund and Zvonareva

NEW YORK, Sep 11 (Agencies): Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe won the US Open women's doubles title in just their fourth tournament together, beating 2020 champions Laura Siegemund and Vera Zvonareva 7-6 (9), 6-3.

It was the first Grand Slam women's doubles title for both Dabrowski, a Canadian, and Routliffe, who is from New Zealand. The No. 16 seeds in Flushing Meadows first paired up earlier this summer in Montreal.

After the lengthy tiebreaker in which both

teams had set points, Dabrowski and Routliffe quickly seized control in the second set by breaking Zvonarena's serve in the first game, then Siegemund's in the third for a 3-0 lead.

The No. 12 seeds won

ing Meadows, with no fans attending because of COVID-19 restrictions. They have won four championships as a team.

Siegemund, who cried after being booed by fans for playing slowly

after being booed by fans for playing slowly when she lost to women's singles champion Coco Gauff in the first round, was thankful to have them in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

in their first tournament

together when they

won the title at Flush-

"It was just great to play with people again, not like in 2020," Siegemund said.

Indian-origin man disrupts US Open match for 50 minutes to register climate protest

NEW YORK, Sep 11 (Agencies): An Indianorigin man, who glued his feet to the stadium floor in a dramatic climate protest at the US Open, has said that it was a way of conveying the message directly to the people.

Sayak Mukhopadhyay was arrested at the Arthur Ashe Stadium after disrupting for about 50 minutes the US Open tennis match between American Coco Gauff and Czech Karolina Muchova on September 7.

He and two others from the group Extinction Rebellion NYC stood up shouting "No tennis on a dead planet", and "End fossil fuels" before



he removed his shoes and glued his feet to the floor making it difficult for police to remove him.

He told the New York Post: "The climate change movement has tried everything from writing and lobbying for legislation to demonstrating and blockading banks, but none of that has been as effective as communicating directly to the public by going

to public institutions like museums and sporting arenas."

Gauff, who defeated Muchova in that game and went on to win the US Open, said a news conference that she couldn't get "too mad" at the antic because "it was done in a peaceful way".

"I believe in climate change," she said.

Mukhopadhyay was charged with trespass-

ing, according to the New York Police Department.

It said in a statement that the department's Emergency Service Unit personnel were able to "safely free him" and arrest him.

He was released with a notice to appear in court.

According to an Extinction Rebellion NYC post on X, 50-year-old Mukhopadhyay moved to New York from his native Kolkata 25 years ago. It quoted him as saying that he was horrified by the climate injustice faced by people in India who have to "pay the price" for the climate change caused by emissions produced by developed countries.

Shubman Gill says his most important goal is to win the ODI World Cup 2023

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COLOMBO, Sep 11 (Agencies): Shubman Gill has said that the most important goal for him is to win the World Cup for India this year, as the tournament is all set to start next

Gill has had an exceptional vear in 2023 across all formats of cricket. His record in the ODI circuit has been impressive. He played 14 matches and scored 827 runs in 14 innings. with a highest score of 208. He achieved two centuries and three half-centuries in ODIs, with a strike rate of 105.7 and an average of 68.91. During India's tour of West Indies, Gill played a crucial role in the third ODI, top-scoring with a 92-ball 85 and helping India secure a series-clinching win.

In T20Is, Gill made his mark



by scoring a century off just 89 deliveries in the third T20I against New Zealand in Ahmedabad. This feat made him the fifth Indian batter to score at least one century across all three formats.

Gill is expected to open the

batting with Rohit Sharma during the World Cup this year

Speaking on Disney+ Hotstar, the young star said that his important goal was to win the World Cup. Gill said that his mindset is to swiftly assess the wicket and claimed that his planning currently is based on that.
Gill said that he believes being able to switch mentally will be important.

"The most important goal for me as a player right now is to win World Cup 2023. I recall being young when India won the World Cup in 2011. The mindset is to swiftly read the wicket and access the positions," said Gill.

"As a batsman, it is critical to quickly access to the position and understand the speed. So the planning and play are all based on that. Mindset plays an important role as one has to switch mentally, like from an ODI mentality to a T20 one. The faster you switch, the faster your body adapts; thus, I believe being able to mentally switch is important," said Gill.

Indian Grand Prix-5: Twin sisters fulfilling mother's dream

Tamil Nadu's Vithya and Nithya have both qualified for Asian Games



NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Tamil Nadu's R Vithya Ramraj was still panting after an exhausting 400m race. The 24-year-old beamed with joy as her coaches and friends congratulated her for registering her personal best time at the Indian Grand Prix-5 here.

"Don't you run the 400m and 100m hurdles as well," a journalist asked Vithya as she sat down on the training track still trying to catch her breath. "I also run the 400m hurdles but not the 100m," Vithya replied, to the surprise of the journalist, who argued that he had seen her compete in the 100m hurdles in Bhubaneswar (National Championships in June).

Vithya took a minute to realise what was going on, and with a smile answered that the journalist was talking about her sister. "We are twins — Vithya and Nithya," she said. "Even the

officials get confused sometimes," she added.

Double trouble
Though Vithya shed
only 00.03 from her
previous best of 52.43
seconds, she couldn't
be happier. "This is my
favourite event, though
I also run in the 400m
hurdles," she said.

Incidentally, Vithya has qualified for the Asian Games in the 400m hurdles event. She had won the Nationals gold in Bhubaneswar with her personal best of 56.01s, breaching the Asian Games qualifying mark by almost 1.30 seconds. Vithya also meets the qualifying standard in 400m (52.96s), but was not selected for the Asian Games due to an AFI technicality.

Vithya, though, is looking only at the positives as the Asian Games will be her biggest event so far. Her joy is doubled by the fact that Nithya has also qualified for the Asiad in the 100m hurdles event. Nithya had finished second in

Bhubaneswar with a time of 13.48s, breaching the qualifying mark by 00.15.

"This is the biggest

"This is the biggest event of our lives and I cannot tell you how happy I am that we will be together in China," said Vithya. "We kept ourselves motivated by telling each other it was now or never. We are 24, and had we missed this chance... who knows what will happen in the next four years, marriage, injury," she added.

Mother's joy

The sisters, who hail from Coimbatore, began their journey into sports on the insistence of their mother Meena. A housewife herself, Meena wanted her daughters to have careers.

"We are three sisters and my mother faced a lot of negativity. People often asked her how we would manage with only girls. So she got the two of us started in sports — for her that was the only path to a career and independence," Vithya said.

While Vithya is a Railways employee, Nithya, who is currently training in the national camp, works in the Income Tax department. "When our mother found out that both of us had qualified for the Asian Games, she could not control her emotions. It was as much her dream as it was ours," Vithya said.

New Zealand cricket uses family members to announce ODI World Cup 2023 squad

WELLINGTON, Sep 11 (Agencies): New Zealand cricket decided to announce their World Cup squad in a heartwarming way as they used the family members of the 15 players selected to unveil the team travelling to India.

New Zealand will kick off their campaign against England on October 5 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. This match is particularly anticipated as it is a rematch of the previous World Cup's finalists.

After England, they will face the Netherlands on October 9 in Hyderabad, followed by Bangladesh on October 13 and Afghanistan on October 18, both in Chennai. They will then play against India on October 22 in Dharamsala and Australia on October 28, also in Dharamsala. In November, they will compete

against South Africa on the 1st in Pune, Pakistan on the 4th in Bengaluru, and finally, Qualifier 2 on November 9 in Bengaluru. Inorder to unveil their squad for the World Cup, the Blackcaps decided to rope in the family members of the players in a heartwarming video.

Kane Williamson makes the cut to be named as captain

Kane Williamson has made his recovery in time to be named as the captain for the World Cup as New Zealand announced their squad for the upcoming ICC event in India on Monday.

Williamson has been on a challenging journey to recovery after suffering a significant injury.

In April 2023, while playing for the Gujarat Titans in the IPL, he ruptured his ACL in his right knee during an awkward landing



while attempting to catch a ball at the boundary. This unfortunate incident led to him being sidelined from the game for several months.

However, Williamson's recovery process paid off as he made the cut.

New Zealand squad for World

Cup:
Kane Williamson (c), Trent
Boult, Mark Chapman, Devon
Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt
Henry, Tom Latham (vc,wk),
Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham,
Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra,
Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim
Southee and Will Young.

Hindustan Shiv Sena opens front against smart meter, property tax

JAMMU, Sep 11: On the instructions of Hindustan Shiv Sena State President Vikrant Kapoor, Shiv Sena workers have opened a front against the government for huge electricity bills after installation of smart meters.

In this series, on behalf of the Jammu city unit of Hindustan Shiv Sena, a vigorous demonstration was held against the electricity department in Gurha Morh Bakshi nagar Jammu today.

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

During this, while addressing the protesters, these leaders said that the people were assured by the Electricity Department that there would be no difference in the electricity bills after the installation of smart meters.

But the way huge electricity bills are being



handed over to the people, there is a lot of resentment among the people.

They said that on the instructions of its State President Vikrant Kapoor, Hindustan Shiv Sena has decided to open a front against the government by coming on the streets to solve this problem of the people.

That's why protests are being held today so that the eyes of the government can be opened. They expressed anger by raising slogans against the Electricity Department, BJP's central government and the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor's administration.

They also asked the BJP leaders why they are keeping silence in

They alleged that the BJP government is completely against the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the common people of Jammu and Kashmir are in a bad condition. People are also deprived of Basic facilities like electricity and water. They said that such a government has no right to remain in power. People want them to oust the BJP from power in the coming Lok Sabha elections.

They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the BJP has made Jammu and Kashmir a laboratory. Before starting any scheme in the country,

it is trialled in Jammu and Kashmir. They said that today people are worried about the electricity bills coming from smart meters. They alleged that no state in the country has such smart meters, but the BJP government at the Center has started its trial from Jammu and

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

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

Yudhvir, Anil Masoom kick-start development works worth Rs 27 lakh at Ward 10

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President along with Anil Masoom, Councillor of Ward No. 10, kick-started development works of lanes and drains worth Rs 27 lakhs in Mohalla Afgana, Gali Khilone Wali, and Purani Mandi lane, falling in the Jammu East constitu-

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that the initiation of development endeavors underlines the BJP's steadfast dedication in addressing the concerns of people. He highlighted the transformative strides witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir since the advent of the Modi Government in

2014. Sethi noted that prior to this, development funds designated for the Jammu region were often diverted to Kashmir, giving step motherly treatment to Jammu people. However, under the Modi regime, Jammu region has experienced a more balanced and equitable development trajectory.

"The Government at the Centre is fully dedicated to ensuring that



the people of Jammu and Kashmir receive essential amenities for an improved quality of life," he added.

Sethi appealed to the public to rally behind and bolster the efforts of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in the upcoming elections, with the goal of ensuring equitable development for all. He also commended the relentless efforts of Councillor Anil Masoom, highlighting his dedication in fulfilling the developmental needs of Ward No. 10.

Councillor Anil Masoom shared insights currently underway in Ward No. 10. He assured the people of the Ward No. 10 that numerous development projects are in the pipeline and the same will be executed in a phased manner. This strategic approach aims to address the diverse needs of the residents while ensuring efficient and sustainable development, he added.

The councillor said that public service is at the core of BJP ideology and he is leaving no stone unturned in his Ward. He said that as a foot soldier of the party it is his prime duty to remain among the people and address their issues by taking up the same with the concerned authorities.

Among those who were present include S.P Varma (Padma Shree), Ramesh Gupta, Anita Gandotra, Vishaw Partap, Ram Parkash, Ashwani Arora, Tarun Gupta, Vinay Chopra, Nipun Malhotra, Darshan Singh, Ashwani Arora, Bhushan Pandey, Anita, Meenakshi Suri and Raman Gupta.

Appoint 8th Pay Commission: NMC urges PM



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) President Subash Shastri on Monday urged Prime Minister to appoint the 8th pay commission and announcement in this regard be made in the upcoming special session of parliament starting from 18th of September 2023.

"We urge the Prime Minister to appoint Chairman and other members of the 8th pay commission and take decision in this regard at the next cabinet meeting and start discussion with representatives of both Central and State governments employees and pensioners, organizations, adding that the appoint of 8th Pay Commission will end confusion and uncertainty among the employees and pensioners on this issue once for all

Interacting with media persons here, Shastri pointed out that except seventh pay commission all earlier pay commissions were constituted in the 3rd year of every decade.

"A notification for constitution of the 8th pay commission is the need of the hour, which is bound to have bearing on about one core employees and pensioners, both in Central as well as State governments," NMC Chief added. 40 per cent of DA should be forthwith merged into basic pay and pension," he said, adding, 20 per cent Interim relief should be sanctioned as early as possible in favor of the employees and pen-

sioners. Stressing on the need Shastri also urged him to immediately restore old pension scheme in place of NPS as confidence building measures. He said that many states like Himachal Pradesh.

Rajasthan, Punjab, Karnatka have restored old pension scheme in favor of NPS Employees. He hoped that the NDA Government at the centre will take positive step in this regard, adding that these will be a major political issue in the upcoming general election 2024.

Shastri also appealed to Prime Minister to release 18 months pending DA arrears along with 4% DA due from July this year and urged him to take decision in this regard at the forthcoming union cabinet meeting. He said that prices of all essential commodities had gone up and there was no justification on central Government part to withhold this installment of DA and 18 months dearness allowance arrears.

Shastri also insisted on the regularization of daily wagers who have completed seven years of service in March 2023, adding their monthly emoluments should be raised to Rs 18,000 per month.

Among other who were also spokes on the occasion included Rajan Babu Khajuria, B.S Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Gara Ram. Suraj Parkash, Darshan Baba, Madan Lal Bhagat, Sukhdev Singh, Mushtaq Ahmed, Lal Singh, J.P. Sharma, Banarsi Dass and several others.

Training programme conducted by 2nd Bn SDRF in collaboration NCC at NCC Training Academy

TOP NEWS REPORT

NAGROTA, Sep 11: The 2nd BN SDRF Jammu in collaboration with the National Cadet Corps (NCC), is conducting an enlightening twoday training program at the NCC Training Academy Nagrota.

The event is aimed to equip 500 NCC cadets with essential skills and knowledge to effectively respond during calamities and accidents.

The 1st day of training witnessed a dynamic and engaging session, where cadets were exposed



to various scenarios and actions they can take when facing emergencies. The program emphasized the importance of quick and efficient responses during natural disasters, accidents, and other critical situations.

Expert trainers from SDRF Jammu delivered hands-on demonstrations and theoretical knowledge on disaster management techniques. Cadets were trained in first aid, search and rescue operations, fire-

fighting, and providing

immediate assistance to

Practical exercises and simulations allowed cadets to apply their newly acquired skills, fostering confidence in their abilities to respond effectively. Col RS Jasrotia, the Bn

those in need.

CDR of 2 J&K BN NCC, expressed that "Overall Aim is to create a generation of young leaders who can step up during emergencies. This training equips them with valuable skills that can save lives and minimize damage during unforeseen events."

BJP's Unwavering Commitment to Comprehensive Public Welfare and Development: Neena, Ishant

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 11: Neena Gupta, Corporator of Ward No. 50 Channi Himmat, and Advocate Ishant Gupta, State IT Head BJP J&K, marked a momentous occasion today by inaugurating the much-awaited green strip work and overall development work at Sector 6 Park in Ward No. 50, Channi Himmat, Jammu. With an estimated cost of Rs. 24 lakh, this transformative project addresses a long-standing demand of the public, as the park had remained underdeveloped and deserted since long for public

Neena Gupta, in her address, emphasized the significance of community involvement in shaping their living environment. She said, "The people of Ward No. 50



This project reflects our commitment to the welfare and happiness of our residents." The revamped park will include lush greenery, walkways, recreational facilities, and seating areas, transforming it into a welcoming space for residents of all ages. "Tube Well" to address

the public's water needs under the Amrit-2 project will be inaugurated soon, as announced by Neena.

Advocate Ishant Gupta stated, "The revival of Sector 6 Park is not just a beautification project; it's a restoration of a longforgotten public asset. We are grateful for the public's patience and support." The Sector 6 Park project is expected

to be completed in the coming months, offering a revitalized and vibrant space for the public to enjoy.

Rajinder Motial expressed their gratitude, and stated that, "We are thankful to Corporator Neena Gupta for her wonderful work. She has made herself available to address public concerns and grievances, and today's inauguration is proof of her commitment to improving our living conditions." Neena Gupta's approachability and dedication to addressing public grievances have earned her heartfelt appreciation from

the local community. Lt. General Rakesh Kumar Sharma also spoke on this occasion and said that it was a long pending demand and said that the park's transformation is a testament to Neena Gupta's commitment to addressing the community's needs and dedication to delivering on public demands.

Kamlesh Magotra BJP MM Trikuta Nagar Mandal President, Trishula Gupta Social Worker, Susheela Gupta, Ashok Gupta (Gayatri) Social Worker, Ashok Khajuria, SK Gupta, Rajan Gupta, Dr. Verma and Babu.

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