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BRIEFLY

Army Colonel, **Policeman** critically injured in gunfight with terrorists

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): An army colonel and a policeman were critically injured in a gunfight with terrorists in Kokernag area in Anantnag district of Kashmir, officials said here on Wednesday.

The gunfight broke out between the security forces and the terrorists hiding in Gadole area this morning, a police official

The colonel and the police officer sustained critical injuries in the initial exchange of fire between the two sides, the official

"Encounter has started in #Kokernag area of #Anantnag. Officers from Army and JKP injured. Details shall follow," Kashmir Zone Police posted on

The operation was going on till last reports were received.

The banned Resistance Front, believed to be a shadow group of LeT, has claimed responsibility.

11 killed, 15 injured in accident in Rajasthan's **Bharatpur: Police**

JAIPUR, Sep 13 (Agencies): Eleven people from Gujarat were killed and at least 15 injured when a trailer rammed into their bus from behind in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district early on Wednesday, police said.

The bus was on its way from Gujarat to Mathura in Uttar Pradesh when the accident occurred around 4.30 am, they said.

Expressing grief at the loss of lives and offering condolences to the victims' families, Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of the kin of the dead and Rs 50,000 to the injured.

Qamar Ali Akhoon appointed NC's **Additional** General Secretary

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) has designated Qamar Ali Akhoon, a senior leader hailing from Kargil, Ladakh, and a former Cabinet Minister, as the parties Additional

General Secretary. This marks a significant milestone as it's the first instance where a leader

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Apple farmers' delegation meets LG, demands restart of Apple MIS scheme, 100% import duty on apple

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): A delegation of the Apple Farmers' Federation called on LG Manoj Sinha today and submitted a memorandum of demands including restarting of Market Intervention Scheme for Apple, 100% import duty on apples, implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme.

According to a statement, Zahoor Ahmad Rather, President, and Abdul Rashid Itoo. Secretary, met LG Manoj Sinha today at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar,



and submitted the memoran-

The Lieutenant Governor patiently listened to the delegation and assured them that the concerns of apple growers would be addressed, Apple Federation's statement read.

The memorandum, submitted by the Apple Farmers' Federation of India (AFFI) J&K, seeks restarting of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) by the Union government, which they claim had been playing an important role in procuring inferior quality

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Rajouri Encounter | One more terrorist killed, **SPO Martyred**

RAJOURI, Sep 13 (Agencies): One more terrorist killed and a police SPO was martyred in a encounter in Rajouri district, officials said on Wednesday.

In all, two terrorist killed, an army soldier and the SPO were martyred in the encounter. they said.

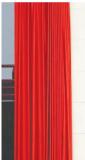
Lt Col Suneel Bartwal, PRO (Defence) Jammu, said that Indian Army and JKP have been tracking two terrorists since September 7. A heavy firefight on September 12 led to the death of one terrorist at Narla area of the district,

Despite challenging weather and terrain, he said, the second terrorist was neutralized today.

"Significant warlike stores were seized," he

Release borrowers' property documents within 30 days of loan settlement or pay compensation: RBI

(Agencies): Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday asked banks and other regulated entities to release all the original movable or immovable property documents and remove charges registered against any personal loan borrowers within a period of 30 days after



ment of loans. This comes after the



central bank observed that the regulated enti-

practices", leading to customer grievances and disputes.

ties follow "divergent

To address the issues faced by the borrowers and promote responsible lending conduct, RBI today issued a series of directions.

Among those, it said the borrower shall be

given the option of Turn to page 9

CBI seizes Rs 2.61 Crore from premises of arrested Railways official

NEW DELHI, Sep 13 (Agencies): The CBI has recovered Rs 2.61 crore cash from the premises of a senior Railways official arrested for graft officials said on

full repayment or settle-

Wednesday. Principal Chief Material Officer of the North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, K C Joshi was arrested on Tuesday evening while allegedly receiving Rs 3 lakh as a bribe from a contractor, they said. The contractor had

approached the CBI

with a complaint that his firm provides products and services to the North Eastern Railways and had received a contract for the supply of three trucks on a tractual basis, for which he was supposed to get

are those claiming on

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Briefing media per-

sons here today, JKPCC

Rs 80,000 per truck per month.

He alleged that Joshi was seeking Rs 7 lakh as a bribe by threatening to get his firm de-registered from the Government

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Govt orders probe into bribery charge against doctors at District **Hospital Ganderbal**

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): The Health and Medical Education Department has appointed Dr. Shafqat Khan, Additional Mission Director of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, as an inquiry officer to probe into allegations of illegal activities and substandard patient care at District Hospital Ganderbal.

Dr. Khan has been tasked with investigating a complaint filed by Dr. Ab. Majid Bhatt against certain doctors and officials at the District Hospital in Ganderbal.

An official order issued by Secretary,

Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, read: "Sanction is, hereby, accorded to the appointment of Dr. Shafqat Khan, Additional Mission Director, Ayushman Bhart Digital Mission, J&K as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the complaint filed by Dr. Ab. Majid Bhatt, against few doctors/other officials of District Hospital, Ganderbal for their involvement in illegal activities."

The complaint, which has sparked concern within the healthcare community, alleges that some doctors and Hospital are engaging in illicit activities, including accepting bribes and delivering subpar medical care to patients.

Dr. Khan has been given a mandate to conduct a comprehensive inquiry and submit a report along with recommendations within ten days from the date of the order.

This development follows a series of controversies surrounding the District Hospital Gander-

Earlier on July 11, the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir took action against Dr. Abdul Maiid Bhat, the Medical

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Army bids Sombre Farewell to Soldier Martyred in Rajouri encounter



of 74th amendment of

the Constitution, which

is applicable to J&K said

Congress asking where

(Agencies): A sombre wreath laying ceremony

tions Commission like

the one already exist-

ing for Panchayats, is

a clear violation of the

Constitution especially

Article 243ZA in terms

Kashmir on Tuesday. The Army bid a tearful farewell to the slain jawan on Wednesday.

The Jammu-based White Knight Corps of the Army said in a statement, "White Knight Corps salutes the supreme sacrifice of Rifleman Ravi during OP SUJALIGALA in bered."

Militancy has not ended in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): National Conference president Faroog Abdullah on Wednesday said militancy in Jammu and Kashmir will not end until India and Pakistan hold a dialogue to find a lasting solution to all conflicts.

"Encounters will keep on happening. To say that militancy has ended will be wrong. These things happened yesterday and are happening today .. these will keep on happening till both the countries do not come to the table for holding talks to find

a solution," Abdullah told agency after a meeting at the party office here. On the removal of addi-

tional duty on the import of apples, walnuts and almonds from the US, Abdullah said there are concerns that the move might lead to a fall in the

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the highest traditions **CRYSTAL NEXA/SN SERIES** of the Indian Army. His unwavering dedication CRYSTAL CLARITY, ELEVATING and service to our nation JAMMU, Sep 13 was held for Army Rifleencounter with terrorists CONNECTIONS, INTERCOM REIMAGINED will always be rememat Narla in the Rajouri man Ravi Kumar, who lost his life during an disrtrict of Jammu and 4Ports - 64 Ports **Elections to ULBs without SEC, violation** 4 - 10 Trunk's of Constitution: Congress FND Tri-Color Small ABS Body Schedular Chief Spokesperson Mr **Top News Report** Plugable Add on KTS Ravinder Sharma said JAMMU, Sep 13: Paging that the entire exer-Raising questions over cise of preparation of Hotel Fn the process for holding www.crystalpbx.com electoral rolls for and ммон Plugable Add on elections to the ULBs the superintendence, including JMC, SMC control - conduct of without establishing an elections to the Urban Independent State Elecbodies is vested in an

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Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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TENTH DAY Gill Sahab lived his life to the fullest.

He will always be loved for his good works & remembered for the smiles & laughs he left in our hearts.

ਹੁਕਮੇ ਆਵੈ ਹੁਕਮੇ ਜਾਵੈ ਹੁਕਮੇ ਰਹੈ ਸਮਾਈ॥

<u>ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PAATH JI</u>

Shall take place on 12th Sept 2023 (Tuesday) at 09:00 am at our residence H.No. 121B, Block A/D, Green Belt, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PAATH SAHIB JI

Shall take place on 14th Sept 2023 (Thursday) at 09:00 am at our residence H.No. 121B, Block A/D, Green Belt, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

KIRTAN & ARDAAS

Shall take place on 14th Sept 2023 (Thursday) at 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Gurudwara Baba Fateh Singh Ji, Gandhi Nagar followed by Guru Ka Langer.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sdn. Kushpal Kour (Wife)

Daughter & Son-In-Law

Avinash Kour & Sukhvinder Singh, Chief Engineer Gurpreet Kour & Yadwinder Singh, Canada

Son & Daughter-In-Law

Jagdeep Singh & Dr. Gurleen Kour

Gundip Singh & Dr. Pallavi Singh



S. KULWANT SINGH GILL {Retd. AE, (PWD, R&B)} (1960-2023)S/o Late S. Dayal Singh (Retd. Capt)

& Late. Sdn. Dhan Kour

Grand Children Anshdeep Singh,

Sehajdeep Singh, Yasleen Multani, Jashandeep Multani, Gursanjh Singh, Amaira Singh,

Aryaveer Singh

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 Jammu.

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)

TENTH DAY

ARAMBH SRI AKHAND PAATH SAHIB JI

Shall take place on 13th of September, 2023 (Wednesday) at 9.00 AM at our residence Gurdeep Vihar near BSNL Telephone Exchange, R.S. Pura, Jammu

BHOG SRI AKHAND PAATH SAHIB JI

Shall take place on 15th of September, 2023 (Friday) at 9.00 AM at our residence Gurdeep Vihar near BSNL Telephone Exchange, R.S. Pura, Jammu.

KIRTAN & ARDAAS

Shall take place on 15th of September, 2023 (Friday) from 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM at CENTRAL LATE S. DARSHAN SINGH GURUDWARA, MAIN BAZAAR, R..S. Pura, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sdn. Surjeet Kour (Wife) Daughter-in-Law & Son

Sdr. Jatinder Kour & S. Kuldeep Singh (Sub-Div. Agri. Officer, Ramnagar)
Daughters & Sons-in-Law:

Sdn. Gurdeep Kour & S. Bachan Singh Sdn. Avinash Kour & S. Rewail Singh



Sister & Brother-in-law: Sdn. Rewail Kour & S. Mohinder Singh Grand Children:

Daughters & Sons-in-Law:

Sdn. Paramjeet Kour & S. Gurmeet Singh (Prem Rice Mill, Kotti Mian Fateh)

Sdn. Tarsem Kour & S. Rajinder Singh (Rtd. Subedar)

Sdn. Daljeet Kour (Sr. Lect. Chemistry) & S. N.P. Singh

(Potato Development Officer, Jammu)

Stisters-in-Law & Brothers:

Sdn. Mohinder Kour & S. Swarn Singh

Sdn. Mohinder Kour & S. Swarn Singh

Sand Children:

Grand Childre

Dr. Ravinder Singh (Asstt. Professor SKUAST-Jammu) Er. Surjeet Singh, Er. Amandeep Singh, S. Hardeep Singh

CHOUBARSI

Choubarsi of our beloved father Late Sh Kali Dass Sharma will be performed on 14-9-23 at 11:00 (Thursday) at our residence Ward No. 5 Near Govt Sub District Hospital Nowshera- Rajouri.

Deeply Remembered By:

Smt Shakuntla Devi & Sh Bansi Lal (Parents) Smt Kiran Devi (Wife)

(Daughter & Son in law)

Supriya Sharma (Daughter)

Sangeeta Sharma & Pankaj Raina

Sidhant Sharma and Sumit Sharma (Sons) Sham Sunder (Brother)



Late Sh Kali Dass Sharma

Sh Mohan Lal Bhat

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Mohan Lal Bhat S/o Lt Sh Maheshwar Nath Bhat, originally resident of Gairoo (Noorpora) Tral who left for heavenly abode on 11-09-2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 19-09-2023 (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat, near Director School Education Deptt.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Shanta Devi (Wife)

Smt Sheela Devi (Sister)

Smt Shama Bhat W/o Lt Sh Sham Lal Bhat Smt Vijaya Bhat W/o Lt Sh Shiban Lal Bhat

Sons & Daughters in law Dalip Bhat & Reeta Koul Sunil Bhat & Archana Bhat

Daughters & Sons in law Dolly Bhat & Ravinder Bhat Rainu Trisal & Manesh Trisal

Princy Malla & Sunil Malla Sunita Bhat & Samir Koul Anupurna Pandita & Ankur Verma





"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 & Ashmuqan (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

Dogra Family 9858277272, 7889741700, 9419160553

10TH DAY/13TH DAY/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Sanjogita Devi** W/o Sh Indar Singh Sambyal, who left for heavenly abode on 05-09-2023. 10th Day will be held on 14-9-2023 (Thursday) at 9:30AM. 13th Day will be held on 17-9-2023 (Sunday) at 10:00AM. UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be performed on 18-9-2023 (Monday) at 12:00 noon at Mandi Thalora Samba.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Indar Singh Sambyal (Ex Sub AEC) -Husband

Son & Daughter-in-Law Deepak Singh & Renu Sambval Daughters & Son- in- law

Seema & Karan Singh Bagal Shalini & Vishal Lalotra **GRAND CHILDREN**

Aayushmaan, Rudradev, Bhavya, Dakshesh & Shambhavi **ALL RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

PH NO. 9596648027,

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SMT SANJOGITA DEVI

SH. SUMAN KUMAR

DOGRA JI

Sham Sunder Lal Bhat

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

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the

sad demise of our beloved Father Sh. Banmali

Sharma S/o Late Ishwar Dutt Sharma who left

Tenth Day will be performed on Thursday

14/9/2023 at our residence H.No. 246, Puran

4, JAGTI COLONY NAGROTA JAMMU. GRIEF STRICKEN:-SMT SWARANA RAINA (WIFE)

BROTHER AND BHABIES SH RAJKUMAR & RAJNI RAINA SH ASHOK KUMAR & REKHA RAINA

DAUGHTERS AND SON IN LAWS PRITI JAMWAL & GAURAB JAMWAI NISHU RAINA AMBARDAR & SACHIN AMBARDAR GRAND CHILDREN SHARNYA, KAVISH AND PARYAG

LATE SH SHAM SUNDAR RAINA & SURESH RAINA SH CHANDAR RAINA

for heavenly abode on 05/09/2023.

Nagar, New Plot, Jammu at 10.00 am.



SH KULDEEP RAINA

Sh. Banmali Sharma (Retd. Assistant Secretary, JKBOSE)

Mobile Number 7889556944,7006446741

Sons & Daughters-in-law Sh. Naveen Sharma & Promila Raina Sh. Praveen Sharma & Shallu Sharma

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Soma Devi - <mark>Mother</mark>

Smt. Kamlesh Kumari - Wife

Sh. Rajesh Sharma & Reetika Ahuja Mrs. Manjula & Sunil Dutta - Daughter & Son-in-law

Brothers and Sisters-in-law

Sh. Krishan Lal Sharma & Nirmal Sharma Sh. Sham Lal Sharma & Geeta Sharma

Grand Children: Disha, Pratham, Vatsal, Aditya, Raghav, Kumud, Apurva, Shivanya Mobile No.: 9419149128

OBITUARY (MALYUN SIDE)

With a heavy heart and tearful eyes we inform the tragic demise of our beloved Naliniji (Anjali Dhar) W/o Mr Anil Dhar on 06/09/2023. May Almighty rest her soul in peace.

TENTH DAY Ceremony will be held at Muthi Ghat on 15/09/2023 at 9.00 am. **GRIEF STRUCK**

Mrs Phoola and Dr C L Koul (USA) Mrs Krishna and Mr K L Koul Mrs Santosh and Mr Inder Jeet Koul

Mrs Aruna and Mr Ajay Koul



Smt Anjali Dhar

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we would like to inform the sad and sudden demise of **Smt Rita Kher** W/o L currently living at Durga Nagar Sector-01, near Park, who left heavenly abode on 5th Sept 2023.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat

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

Sons and Daughters-in-law Mr Ravinder and Mrs Urmilla Kher Mr Ajay and Mrs Dimpy Kher Mr Ankur Kher- Son Son-in-law & Daughter Mr Sunilji and Mrs Sunita Dhar Mirdula, Rudraksh, Rudransh, Aarav KHERS, RAINAS, DHAR, GANJOO, KOUL, DALAL, DHAR 9419307275, 7006070922, 9664252015

Smt Rita Kher

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, Sanderbal, Kashmir at present Om Vihar H.No 197/2B, Vinayak Nagar Muthi Jammu, during the night

of 07-09-2023.

The Cremation took place on 08-09-2023. Now, Tenth Day will be performed on 16th Sept. 2023 at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Koshalya Bhan - Mother
Brothers and Sister in law
Sh. Pyare Lal Bhan & Smt. Geeta ji Bhan
Sh. Ashok Bhan & Smt. Asha Bhan
Sisters & Brother in law
Sisters & Brother in law
Sisters & Brother in law

Smt Natasha Tickoo w/o Sh M.K Tickoo Smt Renu Moza w/o Lt. Sh. Shadi Lal Moza

Deeply Remembered by : Sameer Bhan , Radhika Bhan Shiveta Kaul, Ajay Tickoo, Anita Tickoo, Vishal Moza, Ritika Moza Kak



TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inforn you the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Sanjee 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 Wednesda 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 Mandii

Rehari colony Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

MAGOTRA (MIFE)

SHIVAKSHI MAGOTRA (DAUGHTER) NIMIKASH MAGOTRA (SON)

ANIL KUMAR MAGOTRA (DAUGHTER) NIMIKASH MAGOTRA (SON)

ANIL KUMAR MAGOTRA & NEERU MAGOTRA (BHAIYA & BHABI JI) 5/18 east extr. Tit ng'

LATE SH. SURAJ PARKASH MAGOTRA & ELATE SMITVIDYA DEVI (TAYA & TAI JI)

LATE SH. GOVIND RAM MAGOTRA & LATE SMITVIDYA DEVI (TAYA & TAI JI)

SH. EWAL KIRSHAM MAGOTRA & SMITLATE CHANCHALA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)

SH. KEWAL KIRSHAM MAGOTRA & SMITLATE CHANCHALA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)

SH. KEWAL KIRSHAM MAGOTRA & SMITLATE CHANCHALA DEVI (CHACHA & CHACHI JI)

SH. KISHOK SHAMAR & LATE SUMAN SHARMA (DIDI & DIDI A)

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

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

SHIT SAUTRI DEVI WO HASH PAUL KHAJURIA (MAMI & MAMS AD)

SHIT SAUTRI DEVI WO HATE SH. DURGA DUTI (MOTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)

SH. MADHAN MCHAN & SMIT BABLI (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)

SH. KISHOR KUMAR & SIMT BABLI (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)

SHIVARTI, AYUSH MAGOTRA (NEPHEW & NIECE)

SANJEEV DAILY NEEDS, Roopnagar - 9419142975, 9697042975, 7006761396

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, Chenani, Udhampur, who left for heavenly abode on 03-09-2023.

Tenth Day will be held on 11-09-2023, Monday a

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 residence, Time: 12.00 PM. **Uthala** will be held on 15-09-2023, Friday at Shir

Mandir, Chenani Time: 04.00 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt Rama Verma -Wife Daughter & Son Shipali Verma & Nikhil Verma

Daughter & Son-in-law Shilpa & Amit Malhotra Mob: 9596795521/ 9858760027 **Deeply Remembered By:**

Sangran/ Abrol Family

OBITUARY/ TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regre to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mata Ji **Smt. Soomawati (Drupati)** W/o Late Sh. Soom Nath Pandit of Sagam Anantnag (Kmr) (Daughter of Late Smt. Shobhawati and Keshew Nath Koul of Mir Danter Anantnag) presently at H.No.16 inayak Vihar behind Power Receiv Station Toph Sherkhania Jammu on 12-09

2023. The Tenth Day will be performed on 21 09-2023 (Thursday) 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat (Near Director of School Education Office).

GRIEF STRICKEN Daughters-in-laws & Sons Girja & Maharaj Krishan - 9419166223 Kundan & Piaray Lal - 9419183316 Mohini & Suresh Ji - 7006892569

Asha & Kuldeep Ji - 7006590638 Grand Children: Rachna & Harish, Kirti, Rohit, Ankush & Reshiwar

Great Grand Child: Vidant

TENTH/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Girdhari Lal (Kaku)** S/o Bal Krishan

2023 at Rani Talab, at 11 am. Kriya will be performed on 14th September 2023 Thursday a House No. 199, opposite Radha Krishen Temple, Pacci

Friday at Sh Radha Krishen Temple Pacci Dhakki, Jammu at 4 Sh Girdhari Lal Grief Stricken Daughters in law & Sons Mrs Rajni Kashyap & Raju Kumar Mrs Raj Shree & Sushil Dogra

aughter & Son-in-law rs Anita Dogra & Sh Anil Kuma Mb No. 9419173807 & 9419830707 lakshi, Vahwini, Uditi, Meyank, Gareema & Chetanya

10TH DAY/KIRYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform th sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Agyawan** Gupta W/o Late Sh. Bua Ditta Gupta, who left for heavenly abode on 05-09-2023.

10th Day shall be performed on 14/09/23 (Thursday) from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at Brahman Sabha, behind Moonlight theatre, Kathua.

13th Day Kirya shall be performed on 17/09/23 (Sunday)from 10 am to 12 noon at our residence Lane no 2, Ward no 1, Jawahar Nagar, Kathua.

Rasam Pagri shall be performed on 18/09/23 (Monday) at 4 pm at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN:Daughters-in-law & Sons:
Smt. Chand & M.K Gupta (A.E Mech Retd).
Smt. Anita & Ramesh Chander Gupta.

Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Tripta & Kasturi Lal Gupta.
Smt. Neelam Gupta W/o Lt. Sh Narinder Gupta Smt. Neelam Gupta W/o Lt. Sh Narinder Gupta Grand Daughter-in-law & Grand Son Supta W/o Late Sh. Bua Ditta Gupta, who left fo

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Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law Grand Sons: Sorav Gupta & Rahul Gupta

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Sh Brij Mohan Verma

Grand Son-in-law & Daughter Rohit Ji & Sandha, Suraj Ji & Priya



Rasam Pagri will be performed on 15th September 2023







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NC will sweep impending ULB polls in Chenab Valley: Rattan Lal

TOP NEWS REPORT

RAMBAN 13th Observing the situation after concluding four days long tour of Chenab Valley, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu asserted that the National Conference (NC) will sweep the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections in Chenab Valley as the present dispensation has miserably failed to stand on the expectations of general public.

While addressing party workers meetings in Banihal and Ramban here today, the senior NC leader lamented the state of affairs under the LG Administration in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that this era would be remembered for its rampant corruption and misgovernance. He specifically pointed out scandals in the Jal Shakti and Health Departments, as well as various recruitment scams. He accused the LG of adopting a policy of silence regarding these issues, failing to take appropriate action and address the public's

concerns. Rattan Lal Gupta has also expressed surprise over the Rs 13,000 crore scam in the Jal Shakti Department which was



brought to light by IAS officer Ashok Parmar. He asked LG administration and other investigating agencies why he has remained silent regarding these serious allegations, questioning the lack of response from the LG's administration and other investigating agencies.

He asserted that the Government at the Centre had promised moon to the people of Jammu province but delivered a big zero on around. Moreover it arrogantly and arbitrarily continues to follow the anti people policies with the result that it has met the same fate as that in Valley with people of Jammu region having totally discarded this party. The worst part of the things is that BJP betrayed the trust reposed by the people of the Jammu region

and they are now feeling cheated by the saffron party, he added.

that the NC will emerge

Earlier, both the meet-

ings were convened

under the chairmanship

of Haji Shajjad Ahmed

Shaheen, District

President Ramban. He

enlightened the senior

functionaries of Party

that the local admin-

istration in Ramban is

totally nonfunctional,

resulting in the suffer-

ing of general public,

especially those resid-

ing in far-flung areas

have increased mani-

fold. He emphasized

that the grievances of

the people have been

ignored, leaving them

without proper basic

DDC Chairperson

Dr Shamshad Shan,

DDC Members, Bashir

Ahmed Ronyal, Sha-

meema Akhtar and

Mohd Sahfi expressed

their disappointment

with the local adminis-

amenities.

victorious.

As part of his four-day tour of Chenab Valley, Rattan Lal Gupta visited and covered seven Municipal Committees including Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Thatri, Bhadarwah, Batote, and Banihal. Based on his interactions with the residents and party cadres, he observed that the people are fed-up with the present government for its alleged corruption, loot, and misgovernance.

The Provincial President asserted that the people of Chenab Valley have high hopes from the National Conference and promised that the party will provide better amenities than the present dispensation. He urged the party cadre to prepare for the upcoming ULB polls, confident

tration, accusing it of being non-supportive and causing delays in development projects.

Shiekh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary and Pardeep Bali emphasized that the National Conference is the only party capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people. They urged the public to rally behind Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in order to bring about positive change and progress in Jammu and Kashmir. They reassured the people that the National Conference is committed to addressing their concerns and working towards a better future for all. Among those who were present include Abid Magrey, Arif Mir, Mohd Shafi Zargar, Aruna Thakur, Arshad Mir, Devi Ditta, Ch. Jamat Ali, Abdul Jabbar Adv, Nafeez Mir, Abdul Hamid Rana Adv, Shamas Din Darboo. Farooq Sohail, Pervaz Ahmed Sheikh, Tanveer Ahmed Katchoo, Abdul Hamid Sheikh, Arjun Singh Raju, Arif Wani, Abdul Hamid Sohail, Jeevan Lal, Haji Mohd Yousuf, Amit Sharma, Mohd Imtiaz Mughal, Mohd Abass, Aslam Parray, Pooja Jaggi and other functionaries of District, Blocks and

Surya Vihar residents urge for footpath along road

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 13: The Residents of Surya Vihar Bohri, who met here on Wednesday under the chairmanship of R.L.Kaith, urged for construction of footpath along road stretching from Bohri Chowk to Anand Nagar for the convenience of pedestrians, as is being done on Hazoori Bagh side this time. The elderly, children and women have been facing problems, as they are forced to immediately take the road, where there is a heavy rush of vehicles, the residents added. The Residents also urged for filling up the ditches caused at many places on the road so that the vehicles plying over it may not turn turtle. They further passed a resolution to call on the concerned authorities in this regard.



e-NIT No. 20of 2023-24 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders (in two cover system) Cover-Ist containing CDR and prequalification and Cover-IInd containing price Bid are invited on percentage basisas per specifications in BOQ from approved PWD contractors having upto date GST Clearance

S. No.	Name of work	Advertised Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Position of funds
1	Construction of crate revetment on Right and Left Bank of Bailey Nallah (at spots)	20.80	41600.00	1000.00	35 days	A/B/C	Available as per Budget

1) Date of Publishing of Tender Notice

2) Document Download Start Date

the tender opening authority.

09-09-2023 (06:00 pm) 10-09-2023 (10:00 am) 3) Document Download End Date 25-09-2023 (04:00 pm) 4) Bid submission start date 10-09-2023 (10:00 am)

6) Date and time of Bid opening 26-09-2023 (12:00 Pm) 1) The tender shall be received on-line on or before 25-09-2023 upto 04:00 PM. The Bids will be opened online on the same website www.jktenders.gov.in at above mentioned time and date at the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Akhnoor on 26-09-2023 or any other date convenient to

2) Bids must be accompanied by bid cost of documents as mentioned in the above table in the form as specified in the bidding documents. The Cost of Tender should be paid through Challan simply remitting into Treasury under MH: 0702 and uploading treasury Challan receipt along with Tender shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Akhnoor payable at Akhnoor. (Note:- The fee on account of downloaded bidding documents shall be acceptable in form of Treasury Challan under MH: 0702. Further, bidders are requested to mention name of the work/ NIT No. on the particular Challan. The Treasury Challan before date of publishing of e-NIT shall not be accepted).

3) The bids of the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids and the tender shall be applicable for the financial year 2023-24.

4) Quantities of work may increase or decrease. The contractor will have to execute the work as per site conditions / specifications as per the directions of the site Engineer. Any item not covered in the BOQ shall be paid as per SSR 2020 according to his quoted rates i.e overall appreciation/ depreciation for the said work.

No: FCDA/ 1524-37 Dated: 09-09-2023

DIP/J-8132/23 **Executive Engineer** Flood Control Division

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Shri Vasuki Naag Kailash Yatra organized by Dharmarth Trust concludes

BHADERWAH, Sep 13: With the blessings of Shri Vasuki Naag ji Maharaj, the Shri Vasuki Naag ji Kailash Yatra 2023 Bhaderwah organized by the J&K Dharmarth Trust concluded successfully here today.

The ceremonial Puja was performed by Ashok Sharma, a retired IPS officer and Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust by offering Halwa Bhog to Shri Vasuki Naag ji Maharaj and Pagris to Chelas at the revered Shri Vasuki Nag Ji Mandir, Gatha Bhader-

This Puja, held on September 11, 2023, marked the commencement of the Yatra and sought blessings for the prosperity of Bhaderwah's cultural heritage. The rituals of Holy Mace were performed in a tra-



ditional manner

One of the highlights of this pilgrimage was the invaluable contribution of the Bajantris, traditional folk musicians of Bhaderwah, who played an integral role in making the Yatra successful. Their melodious tunes resonated through the picturesque landscapes, enhancing the spiritual experience for all participants.

On the instructions of Hon'ble Chairman Trustee and Trustees, the Secretary has personally inspected the meticulous planning and execution undertaken by the Trust's management, ensuring the comfort and safety of the participants.

He said that with the cooperation and support of District Administration Doda and people of the area, the Yatra has been successfully concluded. "The efforts of District Administration Doda for providing essential necessities such as food, water, and electricity at Kailash Kund. located at a staggering altitude of 14,500 feet, were instrumental in ensuring the Yatra's success and the well-being of all participants," he added.

Expressing his vision for the Kailash Yatra, he emphasised that this Yatra should be upgraded and promoted to the national level, much like the AmarnathYatra and Kedarnath Yatra, to promote the cultural heritage of Bhaderwah. "The conducting of Yatra and participation of devotees in Yatra rituals symbolizes the sense of brotherhood, secularism and compassion between several communities,"

he added. Ashok Sharma said that the Dharmarth Trust is committed to preserving and enhancing this sacred tradition, inviting devotees from far and wide to experience the divinity and cultural richness of Bhaderwah.

CANCELLATION/SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION/REGULATION/ DIVERSION OF TRAINS DUE TO MAINTENANCE WORK AT JAMMU TAWI

In order to upgrade the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Maintenance work at Jammu Tawi Railway Station over Firozpur Division. To execute this work suitable traffic block from 15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023 will be taken. During this period following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)
12469 Kanpur Central - Jammu Tawi Superfast Express	15.09.2023
12470 Jammu Tawi - Kanpur Central Superfast Express	14.09.2023
12491 Barauni - Jammu Tawi Mour Dhwaj Express	17.09.2023
12492 Jammu Tawi - Barauni Mour Dhwaj Express	15.09.2023
12265 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Jammu Tawi Duronto Express	15.09.2023 & 17.09.2023
12266 Jammu Tawi - Delhi Sarai Rohilla Duronto Express	16.09.2023 & 18.09.2023
12413 Ajmer - Jammu Tawi Pooja Superfast Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
12414 Jammu Tawi - Ajmer Pooja Superfast Express	14.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
14606 Jammu Tawi - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express	17.09.2023
14605 Yog Nagari Rishikesh - Jammu Tawi Express	18.09.2023
04615 Pathankot - Udhampur Special Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
04616 Udhampur - Pathankot Special Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
06951 Pathankot - Udhampur Special Express	15.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 19.09.2023
06952 Udhampur - Pathankot Special Express	15.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 19.09.2023
04642 Pathankot - Jalandhar City DEMU Special Express	19.09.2023
06949 Jalandhar City - Pathankot DEMU Special Express	19.09.2023
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PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS					
Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Date (s) (from originating station)			
18101 Tatanagar - Jammu Tawi Express	at Amritsar	13.09.2023 & 15.09.2023			
18102 Jammu Tawi - Tatanagar Express	from Amritsar	16.09.2023 & 18.09.2023			
18309 Sambalpur - Jammu Tawi Express	at Amritsar	14.09.2023 & 16.09.2023			
18310 Jammu Tawi - Sambalpur Express	from Amritsar	17.09.2023 & 19.09.2023			
19223 Ahmedabad - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot	14.09.2023 to 17.09.2023			
19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express	from Pathankot	16.09.2023 to 18.09.2023			
19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express	from Jalandhar City	19.09.2023			
19225 Bhagat Ki Kothi - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot	15.09.2023 to 18.09.2023			
19226 Jammu Tawi - Bhagat Ki Kothi Express	from Pathankot	15.09.2023 to 18.09.2023			
12237 Varanasi - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot Cantt.	14.09.2023 to 18.09.2023			
12238 Jammu Tawi - Varanasi Express	from Pathankot Cantt.	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023			

REGULATION OF TRAINS					
Train No. & Name	Regulation	Date (from the Originating Station)			
15655 Kamakhya - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	will depart 180 Minutes late from Kamakhya and will regulate 45 minutes in Ambala and 45 minutes in Firozpur Division	17.09.2023			
12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar - S. M. Vaishno Devi Katra Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Dr. Ambedkar Nagar and will regulate 30 minutes in Ambala and 30 minutes in Firozpur Division	18.09.2023			
12920 S. M. Vaishno Devi Katra- Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express	will depart 120 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 60 minutes in the route	19.09.2023			
12471 Bandra Terminus- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Bandra Terminus and will regulate 30 minutes in Ambala and 30 minutes in Firozpur Division	18.09.2023			
12472 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Bandra Terminus Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 60 minutes in the route	19.09.2023			
19416 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Ahmedabad Express	will depart 70 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 50 minutes in the route	19.09.2023			
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DIVERSION OF TRAIN					
Train No. & Name	Diverted via	Date (from the Originating Station)			
12587 Gorakhpur - Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Express	Jalandhar CanttJalandhar City-Amritsar- Gurdaspur-Pathankot Cantt.	18.09.2023			

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Get unite to safeguard pride of Dogras: JPBM

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 13: Jammu Province Bachao Manch (JPBM), a non-political social organization led by its Chairman Ashok Sharma, ex MLA/MLC, held a press conference in Jammu on September 13th, 2023. The press conference focused on fostering unity within the Jammu Province.

Ashok Sharma emphasized that Jammu Region is currently facing critical challenges, including heavy taxation, unemployment, the menace of drugs, encroachment on Duggar land and culture, electricity issues



such as smart meters, illegal toll plazas, and rising prices. He pointed out that the region has not had a government representing the people for the past five years, and the public is enduring the autocratic tendencies of bureau-

cratic rule. He noted that the voice of the people remains unheard due to the absence of a democratically elected government, leaving the public disillusioned with the lack of solutions to their legitimate problems.

Ashok Sharma called for the immediate restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, coupled with the protection of local land and jobs.

Kuldeep Sharma, a senior political and social activist and the

Ashok Sharma appealed to all Dogras

Chief Spokesperson and Secretary-General

of JPBM, along with

Satish Poonchi, Vice

Chairman of the organi-

zation, also addressed

the press and respond-

ed to media inquiries.

to unite, regardless of caste, creed, religion, or area, to seek justice and address their legitimate demands. He emphasized that everyone residing in the Jammu Region is a Dogra, and safeguarding Dogra pride is the duty of all. Ensuring justice for the present and future generations is their rightful

claim.

EDITORIAL

BE HONEST FOR SUCCESS

among all the qualities of life development. Because of this quality in life, solutions to many problems are found. Honesty leads life towards peace and success. Honesty provides a lot of trust and appreciation in life. A famous person Benjamin Franklin said that, "Honesty is the best policy".

With simplicity comes honesty and harmony in home and society. Honesty is an asset which helps in leading a peaceful life and achieving success with dignity. Honesty helps a person focus on the essential things in life. An honest person does not fail in any area of life. An honest person is like a rose among thorns. He attracts the attention of people in the society.

Being true to a person in all aspects of life is what honesty means. An honest person never gets involved in morally wrong activities. Honesty does not break any rules and laws. Disciplined, good behavior, punctuality, telling the truth and helping others are the signs of honesty. Honesty protects us from bad habits, activities and behavior.

Honest person can easily get lots of happiness in his life, and blessings from supreme power and faith in many things.

Being honest is very beneficial in real life. It is not something that anyone can buy or sell. This is a good habit that can be acquired with practice. Honesty is very important to strengthen the foundation of any relationship. Honesty leads a person to a promising path that gives real happiness.

A person is honest when he adheres to honesty in various aspects, such as honesty in speaking, fairness in judging, honesty in dealing, and honesty in all the activities we do in our daily life. Honesty frees a person from all troubles and fearlessness. Honesty provides confidence and self-respect to a person in life.

History is witness to the fact that trustworthy politicians like Abraham Lincoln and Lal Bahadur Shastri, scientists like Newton, Einstein and others immortalized their names in the pages of history by doing honest and excellent work. Great and honest persons like Mahatma Gandhi, Leo Tolstoy, Martin Luther King also used their honesty to win the trust of people and did many good works for the betterment of mankind.

These leaders freed the people from the clutches of slavery on the strength of honesty and truthfulness. There are many such ancient kings and maharajas in history, who won the trust of the people due to the quality of honesty and made their empire bigger.

Good character, faith and morality in life work to develop honesty because a character with a proper personality has nothing to hide from anyone. Therefore we should try to be honest in our life because honesty is the key to every success. God also always keeps his blessings on honest people.

Pakistan is back to 'self-destruct' mode: Jackboots in charge again

By: Kamal Davar

For the past many decades, to any dispassionate observer of regional geopolitics, Pakistan's consistency in pursuing a myopic self-destructive orientated path cannot be denied. Equally, all these years, Pakistan has displayed an uncanny knack of surviving many of its seemingly near-fatal vicissitudes. Pakistan's flirtations with democratic governments followed by their ouster by its all-powerful Army on many occasions is now a part of the infamous Pakistani folklore.

The tumultuous political and economically grave situation in Pakistan over the past year or so, once again, displays the same trend of enduring instability coupled with the omnipotent Pakistan Army once again meddling in its national politics and ousting its duly elected leadership. It is indeed a pity for the suffering people of Pakistan that its formidable Deep State -- the unholy trinity of its Army, the notorious Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and the many terror "tanzeems" sponsored by the Pakistan Army -- keeps only its personal interests in mind while ignoring what is good for the nation's well-being.

The current wave of intensifying political instability can be traced back to April 2022 when the then Pakistan Prime Minister, the charismatic cricketerturned-politician Imran Khan, lost a vote of confidence in the Pakistan Parliament.

That Imran Khan blames the then Army Chief, Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, now retired, of hatching a conspiracy with Shehbaz Sharif and Gen. Asim Munir (the current Army Chief), a Bajwa acolyte who Imran prevented from becoming the coveted ISI chief, is well known. Importantly, Imran also blamed the US administration for his ouster as the United States felt Imran Khan was getting closer to Russia. The US had disapproved of Imran's visit to Moscow on the day President Vladimir Putin mounted his invasion of Ukraine. Meanwhile, a hastilyassembled coalition government comprising one-time political rivals Shehbaz Sharif and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, supported also by Afghan Taliban sympathiser Maulana Fazal-ul Rehman, formed the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government. That they were on an overdrive to harass Imran and have him legally disqualified for the coming Parliament elections in October 2023 has been starkly evident. Their success did lead to Imran's growing number of supporters going berserk inside Pakistan and major acts of vandalism taking place including in Army cantonments -- for the first time ever in Pakistan's troubled

history. A recent Gallup poll places Imran Khan's popularity zooming to nearly 61 per cent among Pakistan's populace. Thus, neither the Pakistan Army under Gen. Asim Munir nor the Sharif-Bhutto political dispensation can ever digest Imran's popularity and will go out of their way to marginalise him. No wonder that Imran has countless cases filed against him over crimes ranging from corruption to lapses in national security matters. As of today, despite some respite from the Islamabad high court on corruption charges, Imran was put behind bars for a case against him on security lapses while he was the Prime Minister.

On August 29, the Islamabad high court suspended the sessions court judgment. Imran Khan had also survived an assassination attempt on himself on November 3, 2022 in Wazirabad, Punjab, while leading a "grand march". His third wife, Begum Bushaira, has publicly voiced her fears that Imran might be murdered in prison -- which many people believe is well within the realm of possibility.

With Imran Khan out of the way, the US has unquestionably come to Pakistan's aid by influencing the IMF to approve a tranche of foreign aid for a financially beleaguered nation. Both Pakistan's "all-weather" friend China and, to an extent, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have also offered to lift Pakistan out of its financial mess.

In the past 30-35 years or so, Pakistan's ISI had been carefully nurturing the Taliban in its struggles against US and other international troops deployed there since late 2001 after the 9/11 attacks on America. However, since the departure of US troops from Afghanistan in August 2021, the Afghan Taliban have shaken off Pakistan's influence and are following independent internal policies and even in foreign relations. This cold-shouldering by the Taliban has been a setback to the wily Pakistanis, and especially Gen. Munir, who was hyperactive earlier behind the scenes (running ISI operations). Meanwhile, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, which also operates from its bases in Afghanistan with nudging support from the Afghan Taliban, has been very active in striking at Pakistani establishment targets frequently.

Pakistan is now reaping what it sowed in fostering terror in the region. Surprisingly, the new centre of power in Pakistan, Gen Asim Munir, has described India as a threat to regional peace -- perhaps to please his Chinese mentors. India has correctly refrained from commenting on the internal turmoil of the past year or so within Pakistan. India has, since August 2019, when it abrogated Article 370 that accorded a special status to Jammu and Kashmir, maintained a calculated indifference towards Pakistan. While the overall security situation in J&K has vastly improved in the last few years, yet Pakistan's traditional machinations have to be watched carefully. Also, Pakistan is more than aware of punitive retaliation in case it indulges in any mischief against India.

Overall, Pakistan's political scenario portends that the increasingly assertive Gen. Asim Munir will be the reigning figure even after the general election is held, whether in October or later. Amazingly, even the US has kept generally mum on the chaotic political situation in Pakistan owing to the latter supplying some arms and ammunition to the beleaguered US-supported Ukraine in its war with Russia. As often in the past, the Pakistan Army is gearing up to play a much bigger role in their nation's polity, and so no breakthrough in India-Pakistan relations appears probable in the near future.

Modi, Biden had the last laugh as Xi stayed away

By: Sunanda K Datta Ray

y skipping the 18th Group of 20 summit in New Delhi, China's President Xi Jinping may have intended to snub Prime Minister Narendra Modi and outwit US President Joe Biden who dares to deny advanced computing and artificial intelligence capabilities to the Chinese military and surveillance state. But Mr Biden's was the last laugh when he flew from New Delhi to Hanoi, where Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, China's ancient adversary, promoted his country's relationship with the United States to the highest level of "comprehensive strategic partnership".

Watching from New Delhi, Mr Modi may have seen the Hanoi rapprochement as another manifestation of the "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) mantra that he intones. But when he says the Upanishads sloka represents India's foreign policy and inspires international jamborees, he surely means aspiration rather than accomplished fact. The absence at Jakarta's East Asian summit and New Delhi's G-20 of both Mr Xi and Russia's President Vladimir Putin reminded everyone that the global community is as riven today by feuds and factions as any Hindu undivided family in the Srivijaya Empire which Indonesia's first President, Sukarno, claimed as the first Negara Indonesia, or Indonesian

International conferences being all about image, Mr Modi's invitation to the African Union to join the G-20 as a full member empowers him to speak for dozens of countries stretching from the Pacific islands to Africa and Asia. It was also tit-fortat for the clout Mr Xi gained when Brics acquired six new members in Johannesburg. Mr Modi's eve-of-

summit agreement with Mr Biden to maintain a "free, open, inclusive and resilient Indo-Pacific" without mentioning the Quad or nuclear subs stole another march on China while the Delhi Declaration's support for "territorial integrity and sovereignty" saved the G-20 from toppling off the Ukraine tightrope. Indians were hardly surprised when Mr Putin pleaded Russia's "special military operation" there for missing the New Delhi meet. The host should also have known that the same reason would have kept away Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy even if he had been invited. Hyderabad's Nizam wouldn't have been gallivanting elsewhere during Operation Polo, would he?

Mr Modi must be equally interested in the AOIP (Asean Outlook on the Indo-Pacific) initiative that Indonesia sponsored at Asean's 2019 summit, clarifying its position on regional cooperation, security and prosperity, as well as on not siding with major powers competing for regional influence. This didn't go far enough in Jakarta for Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, who dismissed the call for regional unity by Chinese Premier Li Qiang (standing in for Mr Xi) as meaningless and described China's latest map featuring a 10-dash line that includes the coastal waters of several Southeast Asian countries as well as parts of northern and northeastern India as directly threatening Manila. Less outspoken Asean leaders agreed with their chairman, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, that the bloc should not be dragged into superpower rivalry.

Predictably, the Asian leaders avoided any outright criticism of China. But even the muted grumbling encouraged Washington's hopes of wooing Afro-Asia through reformed international institutions like the World Bank that the US

national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, contrasts with China's "coercive and unsustainable lending through the Belt and Road Initiative." The US-proposed shipping corridor from India to Europe via West Asia was another tit-for-tat. Aware that Sri Lanka's 99-year lease of the Hambantota deep water port, the country's second largest after Colombo, weighs heavily on Afro-Asian minds, Mr Sullivan promised action on matters ranging from climate to technology to prove the US "commitment to the G-20 as a forum that can actually deliver". The White House has asked the US Congress for more funds for crisis relief and infrastructure building in poorer countries.

Missing Jakarta, Air Force One -not to be confused with Mr Modi's own sumptuous prime ministerial aircraft -- with the presidential Cadillac nicknamed "The Beast" and the armoured vehicles of Ground Force One in its hold, took Mr Biden to Fortress New Delhi, whose excellent Metro was partially restricted for the occasion. The action was in the capital's glittering new Bharat Mandapam sprawling over 123 acres but not very felicitously dubbed India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination. The real mice -- India's bewildered poor -- were in enforced purdah behind cloth curtains and tin screens or forced off roads and pavements, un-glimpsed by the visiting dignitaries.

Impressing foreigners has always been Afro-Asia's priority. President Obama is reduced to a familiar "Barrack". Even Nelson Mandela was proud to call Queen Elizabeth II "Elizabeth". At another level of ingratiation, hundreds of gallons of fresh water were pumped into stagnant ponds along the roads that Queen Elizabeth II had used when she visited what was then still Calcutta. The mayor of Colombo's

mother, collecting driftwood on the beach, was herded into a truck when beggars were being concealed during the nonaligned nations' summit.

The gossip was that if Mr Putin's absence made Mr Biden's triumph possible, Mr Xi's absence transformed Mr Modi into the stellar attraction. The consequent burden on the respective number twos recalled Bangladesh's former military ruler, Gen. H.M. Ershad, lamenting not having a Prime Minister to receive and see off dignitaries. "I am more busy than the US President" he told me in Dhaka, "I must keep running to the airport for every VIP!" US vice-president Kamala Harris, Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov and Chinese Premier Li Qiang had a hectic time standing in for the boss.

No such glory for India's Amit Shah as Mr Modi lived up to his 56-inch chest boast by rushing back from Jakarta for more than 15 bilateral meetings over the weekend. Did that display of personal stamina enhance India's standing? China's Global Times noted acidly that what matters is whether India can reform an economic system that dates back from colonial times. "Without revolutionary reform, India cannot achieve revolutionary development." With its billionaire population up from 145 to 161 and predicted to rise to 195 by 2027, does today's India really care?

As for Mr Biden's Hanoi halt, China's Deng Xiaoping gloated after the 1979 invasion that Beijing had had to teach Vietnam a lesson. This time round, it's China's turn to learn something. For starters, it should be less cavalier about global events. Asean might be awed into silence but the G-20, representing 85 per cent of the world's GDP and two-thirds of its population, isn't dazzled by dictators. As Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong told the group's final session on Sunday under the "One Future" rubric: "multilateralism is yet alive". He meant democracy, the only recipe for survival.

Jammu University team attends FDP for Design Your Degree Program at DU

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JAMMU, Sep 13: Jammu University has taken a significant step towards advancing education in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) through active participation in a four-day faculty development workshop held at the Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi. This transformative event saw the convergence of academia's finest minds, igniting discussions on innovative curricula for higher education.

The inauguration of the workshop set the stage for an intellectually stimulating journey. The first session commenced with an address by Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman of the Jammu & Kashmir Higher Education Council, who introduced the workshop's objectives and its pivotal role in shaping the future of education in the region. Prof. Singh's insights were instrumental in framing the discourse around the NEP.

Following this, Prof.



Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu, took centre stage to discuss the innovative "Design Your Degree Program." His presentation showcased the university's commitment to aligning its curriculum with the principles of the NEP and providing students with a dynamic and holistic educational experience.

Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor of Cluster University, Jammu, added to the narrative by highlighting the implementation of the "Design Your Degree Program" at Cluster University. His remarks underscored the collaborative efforts of higher education institutions in the region to foster innovation and student-

centric learning. The inauguration reached its zenith when Prof. M.M Chaturvede, Founder Director of the Cluster Innovation Centre at the University of Delhi, presented a compelling case study on the center's innovative practices. This case study shed light on how the Cluster Innovation Centre has successfully transformed traditional education by infusing it with innovation, creativity, and technology. The inaugural session

culminated with profound remarks by Prof. Shobana Bagai, Director of the Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi. Prof. Bagai emphasized the essential role of mentorship and advisory in nurturing students' holistic growth and preparing them for the evolving demands of the modern world. Session II of the workshop witnessed lively interactions and discussions.

On day two of the session, the illustrious faculty members of the Clus-

ter Innovation Centre gathered to share their profound insights into pedagogical approaches and highlight their exceptional projects conducted in collaboration with their students. They also showcased a plethora of inspiring projects undertaken in collaboration with their students, illustrating the practical applications of the NEP's principles.

In the second part of the session, participants engaged in dynamic group activities, collaboratively developing project-based learning modules that align with the NEP's vision for higher education.

This workshop exemplified Jammu University's unwavering commitment to educational innovation and its dedication to the successful implementation of the National Education Policy. It provided an invaluable platform for educators and leaders to exchange ideas and insights, fostering a collaborative spirit that will continue to drive progress in higher education.

Churat residents hold protest against water scarcity, seek LG's intervention

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KULGAM, Sep 13: The residents of Churat village area of Devsar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday staged a protest against the Jal Shakti (PHE) department Qazigund over the issue of nonavailability of drinking water in the area.

Scores of the residents including men, women and children assembled on Road and raised Slogans against Jal Shakti department Qazigund for failing to provide drinking over in their area.



to the notice of the concerned administration but no improvement has been witnessed so far which forced us to hit streets

The Inhabitants said that we are demanding clean drinking water for their survival as the area

is facing acute shortage of drinking water facilities from last several

The protesters appealed to higher authorities to look into the matter and to redress the problem at the earliest so that people can feel some sort of relief.

Ayushman Bhava Health Campaign launched at CHC Sankoo

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SANKO, Sep 13: Ayushman Bhavah Campaign a nationwide initiative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) was launched at Community Health Center Sankoo, Kargil on Wednesday.

Ayushman Bhav is an initiative with an objective to saturate all health schemes.

During the virtual launching ceremony among those present Sub Divisional Magistrate(SDM) Sankoo Kaneez Fatima, Block Medical Officer Sankoo Dr Ghulam Hussain, Dr Imtivaz Ali Surgen, Dr Ashig Hussain Dental Surgeon, Dr Syed Abul

Hassan RBSK Medi-

cal Officer, Paramed-

ics staffs, RBS Team, ASHAs and AWWs.

Stall have been set up to provide Health services like free diagnostics, ABHA (health ID), Ayushman Bharat Goldan Card, Health Id ID Generation, NCD screening, IMI campaigning were kept available for the general public for their benefit.

Martyrdom of soldier, army dog in Kalakote encounter will be remembered forever: Raman

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JAMMU, Sep 13: Asserting that the terrorists' days in Jammu and Kashmir are numbered, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said that the martyrdom of soldier and a pet (Army dog) named Kent during an encounter between terrorists and soldiers in Village Patrada in Kalakote will never be forgotten. This sacrifice to defend borders and flush out terrorists is a debt on our shoulders which we can never repay, he added.

The BJP leader said that this encounter was the result of frustration of residual terrorists who are trying to sustain themselves by resorting to such cowardice tac-

tics but our valiant solhow she took the bullets diers, by sacrificing their lives saved our peace. This is a very heavy the encounter. price that they pay for

safety and security of the nation, which will always remain indebted to them, he said, adding that the loss is irreparable for the family but this martyrdom sends a strong message that the Indian soldiers are wellmotivated to defend their nation and its people. Raman Suri said, pets like Kent, a six-year-old female Labrador who was working for the army and sacrificed her life, are also an example how faithful animals

remain to their masters/

handlers. Her sacrifice

will also be remembered

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on herself while trying to save her handler during

Raman Suri hoped that the three security personnel, two Army jawans and one Special Police Officer, who were injured in the gunfight will recover soon and said that the terrorism in J&K is on its last leg and this frustration is forcing terrorists to resort to such activities. However, the gunning down of terrorists during the gunfight is indicative of the fact that our soldiers are prepared to take them head-on and will not rest till they all are wiped out. Otherwise also, people have rejected violence and are enjoying the newlydawned peace. The

Union Government's firm resolve to wipe out terrorism is bearing fruits and now every corner of the Union Territory (UT) is seeing development and prosperity.

The BJP leader said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are fulfilling their commitment made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir that peace will dawn here and terrorism will be wiped out. This is the reason that cross-border terrorism is on its last leg, separatist forces are nowhere to be seen and people are having a sigh of relief as their children are seeing a bright future for themselves in a safe, peaceful, developing, and good atmosphere.

BJP has lost its faith in Jammu: Rajesh August 5 amendments in

DPAP's KDP Wing demands immediate release

of cash assistance of displaced migrants

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JAMMU, Sep 13: The Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chief Rajesh Gupta said on Wednesday that "BJP has lost its political ground and relevance across both provinces of Jammu and Kashmir due to its antipeople policies.

They had promised a lot to the people of the Jammu province but delivered poorly on the ground," Gupta claimed. In a statement, he claimed that the BJP has failed to address genuine issues of the people from



the Jammu region in the absence of an elected government.

Gupta said to divert the attention of the people senior leaders of the BJP like former DyCM Kavinder Gupta confused the people by giving controversial remarks.

"He said that BJP leadership has failed on all increasing unemployment etc. Apart from problems of farmers and border dwellers has made the situation in J&K worse," Gupta said asking the J&K Government to revisit the decision of installing smart meters. "We do not want 'achhe din'. We want 'buray din', back," Gupta said. "It is for the first time that somebody wants to impose 'achhe din' on the people and the people are not willing to accept them," he said, calling the new

land laws and the post-

J&K a human rights violation. "First, it was happening with Kashmiris, now it is happening with the people of Jammu as well." Gupta said that the BJP exploited their "nationalistic feelings" and "patriotism". With every new law that the Union government has implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, resentment among the people of Jammu grew, he said. JWF leader added

The BJP "betrayed" the trust of the people in the region, leaving them feeling cheated.

Nissan to be official partner for ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

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CHANDIGARH, Sep 13: Nissan announced its 8th consecutive year of partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) as the Official sponsor for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. This highly anticipated event will take place in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023 and will feature the Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite as the Official car of the World Cup. To celebrate and

commemorate its enduring partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and embrace the festive cricket season with great enthusiasm, Nissan Motor India has introduced the all-new Nissan Magnite KURO Special Edition.

Commenting on the announcement Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India said, "Nissan



Official partner of all ICC tournaments and is delighted to have the Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite as the Official car of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023. It is a proud moment for Nissan to introduce the Nissan Magnite KURO Special Edition in commemoration of its 8th year partnership, for this tournament Nissan will engage with multiple activities with millions of cricket fans on their deep passion strengthening its bonds, especially in India where

cricket is a festival."

is pleased to be the

As the Official partner, Nissan will actively promote the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, showcasing the Nissan car at the stadium, in addition to exciting on-ground engagement initiatives across the country.

As a significant contribution to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, Nissan is also promoting the tournament Trophy Tour, currently on a journey across multiple cities in India, with the introduction of a 3D trophy in malls.. This innovative initiative is designed to engage

cricket enthusiasts by offering them exclusive access to the world cup trophy, allowing them to capture 360-degree images with this iconic symbol of cricket excellence. Nissan will introduce and display the ICC World Cup Nissan Magnite during the trophy tour. Customers can click selfies with the Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite and share to win tickets.

Nissan Magnite has updated many safety features as standard across all variants such as Electronic Stability Program (ESP), Traction Control System (TCS), Hill Start Assist (HSA), Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS). With the above safety features added and with a 4-Star Safety Rating for Adult Occupant Safety by Global NCAP rating, the Nissan Magnite offers superior safety in its segment.

JAMMU, Sep 13: In a joint statement issued by KDPW of DPAP lead by its President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku have demanded immediate release of Cash Relief to the migrants for the month of August,23 and flour stopped since last five months. The Leaders have

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appealed the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Migrants to consider release of Cash assistance on priority basis, as the relief holders are suffering on this account for want of medical, educational and other usual expenses, being dependent solely on this relief assistance. Besides have demanded release of flour to relief holders stopped for the unknown reasons since last six months.

demanded to post permanent senior Relief Assistants in Jagti Relief Zones, as the migrants registered in Jagti face problems in absence of trained permanent staff for getting usual problems processed.

The Leaders have

The Leaders have appealed the Commissioner Secretary DMRRR to consider a sympathetic attitude for getting the day to day sufferings mitigated. The Leaders have also demanded to allot the constructed shops to deserving traders for saving these precious Govt. constructed shops from deterioration, as the condition of these constructed shops has gone deteriorated, requires fresh repair ment when alloted. The Leaders have appealed that Concerned Authorities must exert for welfare of the migrants not migrated on their own.

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan rally, seeks liberation of POK

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JAMMU, Sep 13: President of Mission Statehood, Sunil Dimple, on Wednesday led an anti-Pakistan rally demanding the liberation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Balochistan to make them part of India.

Dimple also criticized the BJP for failing to stop terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and accuses Pakistan of various human rights abuses.

Sunil Dimple leading an anti-Pakistan rally protesting against ongo-



ing terrorist encounters in Rajori and Anantnag. Dimple demanded for the liberation of POK, Gilgit, and Balochistan and appealed to international forums for support in this endeavour. He alleged that in Pakistan the forcible conversion of Hindus and Sikhs to Islam, rape, and destruction of temples and Gurdwaras are on rise.

In Amritsar, Punjabi actress Neeru Bajwa says her film Buhe Baariyan is set to open the doors for empowerment

Reining the Punjabi film industry since 2013, with her first breakthrough performance in Jatt and Juliet to her moving portrayal in Kalli Jota, Neeru Bajwa has given several celebrated characters. In Amritsar to promote her latest film Buhe Baariyan, she talked about her success mantra in life and more.

"We often tend to get weighed down by social pressure and perceptions. I believe in self-love and its power to transform one's life," she shared. Buhe Baariyan will see Neeru playing a woman in uniform. Her co-stars include some of the brightest actresses of Punjabi film industry, including Nirmal Rishi, Gurpreet Bhangu, Jatinder Kaur, Rubina Bajwa, Simmi Chahal and more.

"As one can see from the initial trailers and posters, we have not let any men take charge or share space," quipped Neeru. "It's a film that attempts to talk about women empowerment not through dialogues, but through its characters. It was a tough task to get all these immensely talented and busy actors lock



their dates for the film," she

However, she did add that the film, with all its female star power, was not just for women. "It's for all to watch." Neeru also shared how female actors in the industry too are conditioned to accept certain 'norms'. "Of course, after a few years, once you reach a certain age, you are no longer seen as desirable. But I feel extremely lucky that my audience has stood by me," she said.

Changing times

Jatinder Kaur, 80, with 50 years of experience as an actress, has definitely challenged the norms. Starting as a theatre actress, when the profession was not considered respectable, especially for girls, Jatinder has had a long, arduous journey, but a fulfilling one at that. "I started at a time when society used to talk about acting in a derogatory manner. But things have changed now and we should take advantage of our experiences, and talk about subjects that are often silenced through films," she said.

The veteran actress, who was last seen on Tu Jhooti Mein Makkar, playing the role of a loud, the witty grandmother of Ranbir's character, said Punjabi cinema must tell more stories with purpose. "Our strength as an industry has been in churning out entertaining films. We should use that entertainment as a tool to make meaningful films."

'Sholay' actor Birbal dies at 84

Birbal is perhaps most remembered for the role of a prisoner with a half moustache in 1975's 'Sholay', headlined by Dharmendra and Amitabh Bachchan.



Veteran actor Satinder Kumar Khosla, best known by his stage name Birbal, died on Tuesday evening due to cardiac arrest at a hospital here, his daughter Shalini said.

He was 84. Birbal is perhaps most remembered for the role of a prisoner with a half moustache in 1975's 'Sholay', headlined by Dharmendra and Amitabh Bachchan.

According to Shalini, her father was admitted to Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital for kidney-related issues last week.

"He had undergone brain surgery about a

month ago. We had admitted him to the hospital three-four days ago due to kidney issues. He passed away at the hospital on Tuesday evening due to cardiac arrest," Shalini told agency.

Birbal became popular for his comic timing in 1960s and 1970s films such as 'Boond Jo Ban Gayi Moti', 'Upkar', 'Roti Kapda Aur Makaan', 'Kranti', 'Naseeb', 'Yaarana', 'Hum Hain Rahi Pyar Ke' and 'Anjaam'.

As a character actor, he has appeared in over 500 movies across languages like Hindi, Punjabi, Bhojpuri and Marathi.

The final rites will be performed at around noon on Wednesday at the Versova crematorium.

Besides Shalini, Birbal is also survived by his wife and another child.

Sonam Kapoor opens up about her pregnancy, says, 'it was the best moment of my life'

Actress Sonam Kapoor opened up on the most magical moment of her life when she delivered her baby and he was in her arms.

The actress opened up in detail about her pregnancy at an event in Mumbai.

Talking about the most magical moment of her life, Sonam said: "When I delivered my baby and he was in my arms, it was one of the best things I felt. There is a feeling of euphoria. I had a natural birth and it was the most amazing moment. My husband was next to me and the doctor who helped me deliver the baby was my mother's close friend. I had the people who love me around me -- my parents, my sister, my in-laws. It was just the best moment of my life. It is really life changing when you give birth to a child."

Sharing about her diet during her pregnancy, the actress said: "My doctor in London told me to eat a balanced inflammatory diet which is basically Indian Khana. So I had dal, roti, and bhaji. If you are a non vegetarian you can have chicken, fish and dahi. So I had a balanced diet, did walking and a bit of exercise. It really helped me. I had a great pregnancy as I kept it easy



and simple."

On the work front, Sonam was last seen in a crime thriller film 'Blind' directed by Shome Makhija.

with Purab Kohli, Vinay Pathak and Lilette Dubey in supporting roles.

Joe Jonas tears up on stage before singing song he wrote for estranged wife Sophie Turner

Singer-songwriter Joe Jonas shed a tear while thanking his fans before singing the song he wrote for his estranged wife Sophie Turner.

The Jonas Brothers singer, 34, has been on tour with his brothers over the last few weeks amid news of his divorce from the 'Game of Thrones' actress, reports 'Female First UK'.

At his show at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, he told fans before he launched into a rendition of 'Hesitate': "Thank you everyone for the love and support to me and my family - I love you guys."

He walked around the stage and looked down at the ground while the crowd cheered him on, and video from one cinematographer showed him in close-up singing the lyrics to the song while a single tear rolled from his eye. During the moment Joe was singing the lines: "Time, time only heals if we work through it now, I promise we'll figure this out."

As per 'Female First UK', Joe



continued to sing the chorus along with brothers Nick and Kevin despite being overcome with emotion.

His parents Denise and Kevin Jonas Sr were watching in the audience and a clip showed Denise putting her hand over her mouth and shook her head

as soon as her children began playing the song. Joe also told fans at the Saturday gig: "It's been a crazy week I just wanna say, look - if you don't hear it from these lips, don't believe it. OK?"

He filed for divorce from Sophie, with whom he has

daughter Willa, three, as well as another girl born last year, on 5 September, after four years of marriage.

The couple said in a joint statement at the time, obtained by 'Female First UK', "After four wonderful years of marriage we have mutually decided to amicably end our marriage.

"There are many speculative narratives as to why but, truly this is a united decision and we sincerely hope that everyone can respect our wishes for privacy for us and our children."

Sources told Page Six, Joe has been "unhappy" for a while in his marriage to Sophie. One added: "Divorce was a last resort for Joe. He never wanted to break up his family, but he had to take what he felt was the best course of action for his girls. The former couple — who have not revealed the name of their second daughter - eloped in Las Vegas in May 2019 and said "I do" again at a more glamorous wedding in France later that year.

Taylor Swift wins top honours at MTV's Video Music Awards



Pop star Taylor Swift has tied the record for most wins in a single night at MTV Music Video Awards (VMAs).

The other stars who attended the ceremony included band Tomorrow X Together and Selena Gomez.

Nicki Minaj also stole the spotlight at the awards nite.

The annual awards ceremony that celebrates artists and performance in the music industry was held on Tuesday.

Taylor Swift received the most nominations and wins at this year's event.

The pop star was the biggest winner at VMAs. She went into the night with most nominations and left with four wins for 'Best Pop', 'Song of the year', 'Best direction' and 'Video of the year'.

Prior to Tuesday's show, Swift held 14 VMAs to her name, placing her closely behind Beyonce's 16 and Maddona's 20. She ended the broadcast

with 18 total Moon Person's trophies.

"This is unbelievable. The fact that this is a fan-voted award means so much to me," Swift said in her acceptance speech.

"It really felt like adventure of a life time past this year. I cannot believe that it was a year ago at the VMAs that I announced the 'Midnight' album. All I have to say tonight is thank you."

NSYNC presented the award making Swift visibly excited as she accepted it. "I had your dolls!" Swift said to the band members, including Lance Bass and Justin Timberlake. "You are pop personified. So to receive this from your golden pop hands, it's too much." She added.

Rema and Selena Gomez won the first VMA for Afrobeats music for their collaboration 'Calm Down'.

Performers at the ceremony, held at the Prudential Centre in Newark, New Jersey, included Demi Lovato, Lil Wayne, Olivia Rodrigo, host Nicki Minaj and rapper Sean 'Diddy' Combs, who received the Global Icon award.

Nicki Minaj suffers wardrobe malfunction at MTV VMAs



took to the MTV VMAs stage in a pink wedding dress. The bold outfit was a bubble-gum pink, presumably as a nod to her 'Barbie' nickname, reports 'Mirror. co.uk'. However, it wasn't smooth-sailing for the beloved rapper as she suffered a wardrobe malfunction. The Hip-Hop starlet looked sensational in the lacy, pink lingerie-style frock, which featured a silk corsetstyle bodice, showing off her incredible curves. The

Rapper Nicki Minaj stunned the audience as she

style bodice, showing off her incredible curves. The flowing skirt was completely sheer and nipped Nicki in at the waist before jutting out just above her knees in a fishtail-style. Nicki's silky pink knickers were completely on show in the netted skirt. She paired the look with a long veil, which had pretty pink applique around the hem. As per 'Mirror.co.uk', she went all out in the makeup-stakes, framing her striking peepers with a heavy kohl eveliner and adding a slick of Barbie-pink gloss to her plump pout. But Nicki revealed that it didn't get swimmingly for her in outfit stakes as she shared she'd suffered a wardrobe malfunction. Speaking to the camera, she said: "I just realised that one of my motherf****g shoes weren't buckled properly," before the camera zoomed in at her feet. Nicki also revealed that MTV had been concerned of what she may say on the stage when she took to her hosting duties. However, she shared that she attempted to alleviate their fears. It's the second year in a row that Nicki has taken to the hosting helm of the awards bash.

Saiyami Kher faced rejections, felt disheartened, but then came turning point with Anurag Kashyap's 'Choked'

Actress Saiyami Kher, who has been enjoying the response to her latest theatrical release 'Ghoomer', reflected on her transformative journey and on the shift from facing back to back rejection to working alongside some of the best filmmaking talents in the Hindi film industry.

The actress said that she developed a thick skin with patience as the key which helped her navigate her path.

For Saiyami, the turning point came when acclaimed director Anurag Kashyap cast her in the lead role for the streaming film 'Choked'.

Speaking about her journey, the actress said: "The path hasn't been smooth, and there were times when the rejections were disheartening. However, I held onto the belief that my time would come."

Saiyami's work in 'Ghoomer' impresses Sachin Tendulkar. Saiyami further men-

Saiyami further mentioned that for her, working with filmmakers like Anurag Kashyap, Ashwiny Iyer tiwari, Neeraj Pandey, and Balki has been a dream come



true.

The actress added: "Their belief in me and the author-backed roles I've had the privilege to play have been transformative. I'm grateful for the space I'm in now and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead."

Saiyami's recent collaborations have been

a treat for the lovers of cinema and content.

Working with director

Ashwini lyer Tiwari in 'Faadu' further solidified her position in the industry.

And most recently, her collaboration with filmmaker R. Balki in 'Ghoomer' has garnered immense attention and anticipation.

Top RSS, BJP brass to talk religion, nation, culture at **3-day meet from Thursday**

The meeting between the Sangh and sister organisations, including the ruling BJP, will take an ideological view of ongoing issues, including the 'assault on Sanatan faith, name change of the nation' among others

NEW DELHI, Sep 13 (Agencies): Issues confronting the nation, religion and culture will be in focus at the threeday coordination meeting of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh and its sister organisations, including the ruling BJP, commencing in Pune on Thursday.

The meeting, an annual affair, will conclude on September 16 and will deliberate on the "current national and political developments and key issues being handled by various RSSinspired organisations".

Speaking about the meeting, where the BJP will be represented by party president JP Nadda and general secretary organisation BL Santosh, RSS national communications chief Sunil Ambekar said all matters concerning "our country, our religion, our culture will be discussed and ideological stance to be taken in the future will be



deliberated on and firmed up".

"The RSS has always said that such issues (the ones that exercise the minds of the people) should be discussed and thrashed out," Ambekar said amid a raging row over the remarks of the DMK, the opposition INDIA bloc constituent, on the Sanatan dharma.

The meeting is also expected to discuss the planned name change of the country from India to Bharat and laud the move by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to call himself the leader representing Bharat at the recent G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi.

The RSS has always backed the name Bharat for India. Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat, who will chair the meeting, had a few days ago said that the time had come to call the country Bharat and stress its civilisational continuity.

The meeting will also take a view on economic policies with Ambekar noting that selfreliance remains the Sangh's

"The VHP engaged in the task of building the Ram Temple will also share their experiences, as will all other organisations working in their respective sectors such as the education and environment sectors," Ambekar added.

The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Swadeshi Jagran Manch and Shiksha Utthan Nyas are some of the 36 organisations to be represented at the meeting which will finalise a broad ideological direction to be followed by the RSS and its affiliates in the run-up to state elections (MP, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram) and later the 2024 general election.

Ambekar said the deliberations would take the shape of formal resolutions only at the All India Karyakari meeting of the RSS in November.

The discussions are closeddoor, he said.

Chandrayaan-3 To Be Replicated In Kolkata Durga Puja Pandal



KOLKATA, Sep 13 (Agencies): Chandrayaan-3 will come down to a Durga Puja marquee in Kolkata, as its organisers will replicate India's successful moon mission to enthrall pandal hop-

In the pandal, the goddess will be seen standing inside a replica of the 'Vikram', the lander of Chandrayaan-3. A model of the rover 'Pragyan' will also be there.

"This is how we want to celebrate Durga Puja. We wanted to show our respect to all scientists of ISRO and how all are proud of their achievement," Anirban Roy, a member of Netaji Sporting Club said while speaking to agency.

The country scripted history on August 23 as the ambitious third Moon mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) touched down on the Moon's south pole, propelling the country to an exclusive club of four and making it the first nation to land on the uncharted surface.

Monu Manesar to be questioned in connection

The puja committee has named the theme 'Chandralok-e Uma' (Goddess

Durga on the Moon). The theme has been conceptualised by all members of the club and they did not hire any artist to give shape to their

concept, Mr Roy said. After entering the pandal, one will see a replica of the rocket, used by ISRO for carrying out the Chandrayaan-3 mission, on top of the entry gate. The visitor will then enter a tunnel to reach the main area where the goddess will

Photographs of various scientists along with some information about them will be displayed on the walls of the tunnel. Finally, when people step inside the main 'mandap', through visual effects, they will get to see the landing of Vikram on one side, while on the other side, the earth's view from the moon can be seen.

The model of the rover Pragyan will also be placed beside Vikram.

People will get a feeling that they are on the surface of the moon and looking at the lander, Mr Roy said.

While the traditional idol of goddess Durga is being made by artist Nemai Pal, the pandal is designed by the organisers of the puja.

Every year, several puja organisers in West Bengal choose a theme, mainly social issues, and use their pandals, idols and lighting arrangements to

Gopal Baglay appointed India's **High Commissioner to Australia**

NEW DELHI, Sep 13 (Agencies): Senior diplomat Gopal Baglay has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Australia.

A 1992-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Baglay is India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka

"Gopal Baglay, at present High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, has been appointed the next High Commissioner of India to Australia," a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Baglay will succeed Manpreet Vohra as Indian High Commissioner to Australia.



He is expected to take up the assignment

Baglay has served in various capacities in the Ministry of External Affairs, including as its official spokesperson, joint secretary (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran) and more recently as joint secretary in the Prime Minister's Office. Baglay took over the assignment in Colombo in May 2020.

Born on January 4, 1966, Baglay holds a Masters degree in chemistry from Lucknow University and speaks Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit, English, Ukrainian, Russian and Nepali.

with murder of 2 men from Rajasthan JAIPUR, Sep 13 (Agencies): Police in

Rajasthan will question suspected cow vigilante Monu Manesar in connection with the murder of two Muslim men from the state whose charred bodies were recovered in Haryana's Bhiwani district in February, officials said on Wednesday.

Monu Manesar -booked by Rajasthan Police for the murder of Nasir and Junaid and accused by some of inciting the recent violence in Nuh -- was nabbed on Tuesday.

While Haryana Police did not confirm that the Bajrang Dal leader



had been detained, an office-bearer of the outfit's parent organisation -- the Vishva Hindu Parishad -- said he was picked up in Gurugram's Manesar.

He was handed over to Raiasthan Police

after it obtained a tran-

sit remand from a court

in Nuh. Monu Manesar

-- whose official name is

Mohit Yadav -- was then

and produced in a local court, which sent him to two-day police remand.

brought to Bharatpur

Superintendent of Police (Deeg) Brijesh Jyoti Upadhyay on Wednesday said the court sent Monu Manesar to two days in police remand.

The police are interrogating him in connection with the murder of Junaid and Nasir.

In February, Manesar was named in an FIR lodged by Rajasthan Police after two men, Nasir (25) and Junaid (35), were found dead in a burnt car in Loharu in Haryana's Bhiwani. The men from Ghatthan's Deeg (formerly Bharatpur) district were allegedly kidnapped by suspected cow vigilantes who then crossed the border into Haryana.

mika village in Rajas-

Rajasthan Police said last month that Manesar's role in hatching a conspiracy and abetting the crime was "under active investigation".

Manesar was also accused by some of being a trigger for the July violence in which a Vishva Hindu Parishad procession was targeted by mobs in Nuh -- leading to the deaths of six people in that district and neighbouring Gurugram.

Vehicles catching fire a matter of concern; committee constituted to study reasons: Kerala Government

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Sep 13 (Agencies): The frequent incidents of vehicles catching fire in Kerala in recent days is a matter of concern and a committee has been constituted to study the reasons for the same, the state government said in the assembly on Wednesday.

State Transport Minister Antony Raju said the decision to constitute a committee comprising experts from the road safety commission, police and other officials was taken subsequent to an urgent meeting held on the issue by him on August 17.

The panel, constituted on August 28, has been asked to submit a report within two months, he said.

The minister was responding to UDF MLA Anoop Jacob calling attention to the issue of frequent incidents of vehicles catching fire in the state and the deaths as a result of that.

Jacob said there should be a proper study on what kind of vehicles—diesel, petrol, LPG, CNG or electric-are catching fire and the reasons for the

Raju said that in the meeting of experts in the transportation sector, transport department officials, vehicle manufacturers, insurance surveyors and car dealers, several causes were identified as being the

reasons for the fire. These causes ranged from man-made issues—like illegal fittings, electronic failures and electrical circuit problems, he said.

The minister said illegal fittings, to make a low variant vehicle into a high variant, was identified as one of the major causes for the fire. He said that it was opined in the meeting that such fitments should be discouraged and the establishments carrying out such fittings need to be regulated and also held responsible. Raju said that car dealers have been instructed to make buyers aware about the dangers of going for such illegal

Further steps would be taken based on the report of the expert committee, he added.

In August, a 35-year-old man was charred to death after his car suddenly caught fire as the vehicle was entering the compound of his home in Alappuzha district of the state. In the same month, a 57-year-old man died a few days after suffering grievous burns after his moving car caught fire in Kottayam district. Prior to that in February, in a tragic incident, a pregnant woman and her husband were

KOTA, Sep 13 (Agen-

charred to death when the car in which they were travelling caught fire near the district government hospital in Kannur.

16-year-old NEET aspirant kills herself in Rajasthan's Kota



cies): A 16-year-old NEET aspirant from Jharkhand allegedly hanged herself in her hostel room in Vigyan Nagar area of this Rajasthan district, police said on Wednesday.

Richa Sinha, who was preparing for the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET),

was found hanging in her hostel room late on Tuesday, they said.

The police received information about Sinha's death around 10.30pm on Tuesday from the private hospital where she was taken, said Amar Chand, an assistant sub-inspector at Vigyan Nagar police

Sinha, who hailed from Ranchi in Jharkhand, was a Class 11 student and enrolled in a coaching institute in the city. She came to Kota earlier this year, he said. Chand added that no

suicide note was recovered from her room and the police are investigating the reason behind the suicide.

The body has been sent to MBS Hospital for post-mortem.

This is the 23rd case of suicide by a coaching institute student in Kota this year. Fifteen students preparing for competitive exams killed themselves in Kota last

Maharashtra Woman Marries Facebook Friend, He Cheats Her Of 45 Lakh

THANE, Sep 13 (Agencies): A man allegedly cheated a 56-year-old woman from Navi Mumbai of cash and jewellery worth 45 lakh after befriending her on a social media platform, police said on Wednesday.

The woman, who has a son and is a resident of Sanpada area, separated from her husband in 2020.

Later, she met the 42-year-old accused, who is from Cuffe Parade in neighbouring Mumbai and also married, on Facebook and they became friends. The accused did not inform the woman that he was married, an official from Sanpada police station said.

The accused started visiting the woman's house frequently and both of them got married, as per the FIR.

Later, the accused allegedly started beating and abusing the victim and also threatened to kill her son. He also allegedly took from her money and gold jewellery collectively worth 45 lakh, including 36 lakh in cash, the police stated quoting the complaint filed by the woman.

Based on the complaint, the Sanpada police on Tuesday registered a case against the accused under Indian Penal Code sections 406 (criminal breach of trust), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 494 (marrying again during lifetime of husband or wife), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation), he said. A probe was on into the case, he

Clash Between 2 Groups In **Madhya Pradesh** DATIA, Sep 13 (Agen-

5 Killed, 8 Injured In

cies): Five people were killed and eight others seriously injured after two groups opened fire at each other over grazing of domestic animals in Madhya Pradesh's Datia district on Wednesday, a police official said.

The shootout between members of the Dangi and Pal communities took place around 9 am at Renda village in the district, which is the home turf of state home minister Narottam

Mishra.

Citing the initial investigation, Datia Superintendent of Police (SP) Pradeep Sharma said there was an altercation between one Prakash Dangi and Preetam Pal over the grazing of domestic animals three days ago.

During the heated argument, Prakash slapped Preetam following which cross-complaints were filed and FIRs registered against both communities, the SP said.

Members of the two communities once again faced off on Wednesday morning and engaged in a shootout, which left five dead and eight grievously injured, he said.

Prakash Dangi, Ram Naresh Dangi, Surendra Dangi, Rajendra Pal and Raghvendra Pal died in the exchange of fire, he said. All the deceased were above 30.

The injured persons have been admitted to the district hospital.

3 Family Members **Killed After Roof Of House Collapses** In UP Village



SAMBHAL (UP), Sep 13 (Agencies): Three members of a family were killed when the roof of their house collapsed following rains in Ghonsli village here, police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on Tuesday night, trapping four members of the family, police said.

While three persons identified as Mahavir (35), his sons Ritik (2) and Sachin (1) died on the spot, his wife Sunita (32) was rushed to a hospital where her condition was stated to be stable. Sub Divisional Magistrate Ramesh Babu said the bodies have been sent for postmortem.

Explainer: How could Russia help North Korea build a satellite?

SEOUL, Sep 13 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Wednesday toured Russia's most modern space launch centre, where President Vladimir Putin promised to help Pyongyang build satellites.

The unprecedented visit comes as North Korea seeks to put its first spy satellite into orbit, an effort that has seen two failed attempts this year.

The promised Russian aid comes as North Korea's scientists have vowed to try another launch of the new Chollima-1 booster in October.

Here's what we know about North Korea's race for space, why it's so controversial, and how Russia might help

Why does North Korea want a satellite?

Since 1998 North Korea has launched six satellites, two of which appeared to have been successfully placed in orbit.

In 2015, a senior North Korean space official said the country wanted to develop cooperation with Russia on "peaceful" use of outer space, the official told TASS.

The most recent successful satellite launch was in 2016.

International observers said that satellite seemed to be under control, but there was lingering debate over whether it had sent any transmissions. Another senior official at

North Korea's space agency said after the 2016 launch that it planned to put more advanced satellites into orbit



limited capacity to building sat-

ellites," said Brian Weeden of

the Secure World Foundation,

a U.S.-based space policy and

security organisation. "None

of them appeared to have any

Why are North Korea's satel-

The United States and its

allies called North Korea's

latest satellite tests clear viola-

tions of United Nations Security

Council resolutions, which pro-

hibit development of technol-

ogy applicable to North Korea's

United Nations resolutions

- passed with Russia's sup-

port - also ban any scientific

and technical cooperation with

North Korea in nuclear science

and technology, aerospace

and aeronautical engineering

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manufacturing production tech-

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ballistic missile programs.

significant capability."

lites so controversial?

by 2020 and eventually "plant the flag of (North Korea) on the moon".

During a party congress in January 2021, Kim revealed a wish list that included developing military reconnaissance satellites.

The Chollima-1 seems to be a new design and most likely uses the dual-nozzle liquidfuelled engines developed for Pyongyang's Hwasong-15 ICBM, which has roots in Soviet designs, analysts said.

South Korea has recovered some of the Chollima-1 wreckage - including, for the first time, parts of a satellite.

Seoul said the satellite had little military value, though analysts said any working satellite in space would provide North Korea with better intelligence on its enemies.

"To the best of our knowledge, North Korea has a very

North Korea has said its space program and defence activities are its sovereign

At the time of the 2016 space launch, North Korea had yet to fire an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). The satellite launch was condemned by governments in the United States and South Korea as a disguised test of missile technology capable of striking the continental United States.

Since 2016, North Korea has developed and launched three types of ICBMs, and now appears committed to placing working satellites in space. That would not only provide it with better intelligence on its enemies, but prove it could keep up with other growing space powers in the region, analysts said.

Putin's comments before meeting Kim at Vostochny Cosmodrome may suggest Russia will seek to teach North Korea how to build satellites, rather than building them for North Korea, said Lee Choon Geun of South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute.

It is unlikely that Russia can launch a satellite on North Korea's behalf, but if it does so, that violates UN restrictions, Lee said.

"Any form of satellite technology transfers or coordination between Russia and North Korea could be against international sanctions," he said. "There is no workaround."

How emotional scars let Musk have fluid mix of girlfriends, ex-wives and 11 kids



SAN FRANCISCO, Sep 13 (Agencies): Hit by emotional scars apparently inflicted by his father early in life, Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk went on to have a fluid mix of girlfriends, ex-wives, ex-girlfriends and significant others, and has many children with multiple women, his biography by American author-journalist Walter Isaacson has revealed.

Time and again, Musk has referred to his desire to increase the global population as an explanation for his unique family situation.

"Population collapse due to low birth rates is a much bigger risk to civilization than global warming," Musk said last year.

Isaacson's book, titled 'Elon Musk' which is now out on stands, revealed Musk had a third child (named Techno Mechanicus) with the musician Grimes in

The book revealed that Musk encouraged employees such as Shivon Zilis, a top operations officer at his Neuralink company, to have many children, reports the CNN.

"He feared that declining birthrates were a threat to the long-term survival of human consciousness," Isaacson wrote.

Musk volunteered to donate sperm to Zilis

and she agreed. She had twins in 2021 via in vitro fertilization.

Zilis has just shared a video of the twins for the first time on X. writing, "I love youuuuuu." The video shows the twins running around on a

floor mat. "Zilis and Grimes were friendly, but Musk did not tell Grimes about the twins", according to the book.

Isaacson wrote that Grimes was upset in 2022 when she learned that Musk is the biological father of Zilis' chil-

Along with the three kids he shares with Grimes and two with Zilis, Musk is also a father to the six children he shares with his exwife, Canadian author Justine Wilson.

Musk had his first son, Nevada Alexander, with Wilson in 2002, but at 10 weeks old he died from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

One of Musk's children. Jenna. often criticized her father's wealth specifically and capitalism broadly.

In 2022, she disowned her father, which Isaacson reports saddened Musk.

Putin cites Modi to urge Russians to drive Russia-made cars

VLADIVOSTOK, Sep 13 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin has cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make a case for self-reliance in the car segment in his country.

In a televised interview shared on the website of the Russian President Putin is heard urging Russians to drive home-made cars.

Allaying fears of a 1990-like situation when dearth of Russia-made cars led to failure of the self-reliance project in the country, Putin said, "In the 1990s, there were not too many such (Russia made) cars but we have those cars available now. They are somewhat modest compared to the Mercedes and the Audi but they are being procured in large numbers.

"In this regard, we should learn from many partners of ours namely our partners in India. They are mostly focusing on production and use of the cars and vessels produced in India and PM Modi is doing the right thing by encouraging

people to use the brand made in India.' Putin says that Russia has indigenously made vehicles available now



late any commitment of ours under the WTO. We need to put in place a certain understanding of who is to drive which kind of cars and make sure we are driving Russian made cars," the Russian President says.

He was responding to a push in Russia to drive home made cars, with the interviewer asking him what was the guarantee that this self reliance stress will succeed now unlike in the 1990s when it had failed.

Russian State officials are being

Spanish police arrest man for touching reporter's bottom while live on air

MADRID, Sep 13 (Agencies): Police in Spain arrested a man for alleged sexual assault of a journalist after he touched her rear while she was live on air, with the man's actions prompting outrage from government ministers.

The incident comes as Spain is embroiled in a debate over sexism sparked by the scandal involving a kiss on the lips by the president of Spain's football federation, Luis Rubiales, on World Cup winner Jenni Hermoso.

Anger over the kiss has show balled into a 'Me Too' moment building for years in a nation increasingly intolerant of macho attitudes and sexual misconduct.

On Tuesday, Isa Balado was reporting on a robbery in Madrid



for channel Cuatro when a man approached her from behind and touched her bottom before asking her which television channel she worked for.

Balado explained she was in the middle of a live broadcast and attempted to continue with her report but host Nacho Abad insisted that she put the man in front of the camera. She confronted him, telling him that she had been trying to do her job.

As he walked away, he attempted to touch her head as she ducked out of the way. The man continued to linger in the street and approached her once more, saying he had heard her accusations and that she should "tell the truth." Balado asked for the broadcast to be cut because she did not want to give the man any more attention.

Police said in a message on X that a man had been arrested for sexually assaulting a reporter live on air.

Mediaset Espana, which owns Cuatro, said it "categorically repudiates any form of harassment or aggression. We fully support Isa Balado, reporter for 'En boca de todos', after the absolutely intolerable situation she has suffered today." Labour Minister Yolanda Diaz said the incident should not go unpunished.

"It is machismo that makes journalists suffer sexual assaults like this, and the aggressors are unrepentant in front of the camera," she wrote on X.

Equality Minister Irene Montero sent her support to Balado.

"Non-consensual touching is sexual violence and we say enough to impunity," she said.

More than 5000 dead in Libya floods, and "we should make use of them." asked to drive Russia-made cars, the "These are adequate and do not viointerviewer says. but far higher toll feared Luxury cruise ship with The death toll is expected to go up in the upcoming days. The flooding comes 206 people remains stuck in

days after a drastic earthquake last week in Morocco, another North African country, which killed 2,800 people.

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145 of them were Egyp-

tians. As per the reports

by Libyan television sta-

tion Al-Masar, Tarek Al-

Kharraz, a spokesman

for the Interior Minis-

try to the Government

stated that in the city of

Derna, which has been

the worst hit, at least



HELSINKI, Sep 13 (Agencies): A luxury cruise ship carrying 206 people remained stuck in a remote Greenland location on Wednesday after running aground earlier this week, the vessel's operator and rescue services said.

The Danish military's Joint Arctic Command (JAC) said Tuesday's tide had failed to lift the 104-metre (341-foot) Ocean Explorer enough to free it.

in during the day, local time, did not provide the desired help to sail on," the JAC said in a statement.

Greenland as tide fails to help

The passengers and crew remained safe on board, Australian cruise operator Aurora Expeditions said.

"There is no immediate danger to them, the vessel or the surrounding environment," Sydney-based Aurora said in a statement.

The ship ran aground

remained in contact with nearby ships to see whether they would be able to help free the Ocean Explorer.

Greenland, a semisovereign territory of Denmark in the North Atlantic Ocean with a population of just 57,000, attracts tourists with its rugged landscape and a vast ice cap that covers much of the island.

DERNA, Sep (Agencies): Following the torrential rains and the collapse of two dams, more than 5,000 people are suspected to be dead in Libya, reported the government on Wednesday, as per the New York Times. reportedly missing.

On Monday night, Libya, a North African Country, faced one of the biggest floods in the

history of Africa. While addressing the media in Geneve, Tamer Ramadan, the head of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies in Libya said the number of people presumed to be dead is more than 5,000 and 10,000 are

5,200 people died. According to the offi-The death toll is cial reports, of those expected to go up in

Morocco, another North African country, which killed 2,800 people. At least 20,000 people are expected to be displaced by the floods. The floods were

caused by torrential rains from Storm Daniel, which made landfall in Libya on Sunday after earlier lashing Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey.

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The flooding comes

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earthquake last week in

Derna, 250 kilometres (150 miles) east of Benghazi, is ringed by hills and bisected by what is normally a dry riverbed in summer, but which has turned into a raging torrent of mudbrown water that also swept away several major bridges.

More than 700 victims were buried Tuesday -but vastly greater numbers were feared lost in the river that empties into the Mediterranean.

The storm also hit Benghazi and the hill district of Jabal al-Akhdar. Flooding, mudslides and other major damage were reported from the wider region, with images showing overturned cars and trucks.

Libya's National Oil Corporation, which has its main fields and terminals in eastern Libya, declared "a state of maximum alert" and suspended flights between production sites where it said activity was drastically reduced.

Oil-rich Libya is still recovering from the years of war and chaos that followed the 2011 NATO-backed popular uprising which toppled and killed longtime dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

CBC organises one day outreach programme at GDC Pampore

Top News Report

PAMPORE, Sep 13: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on Wednesday organised an outreach program at Government Degree College, Pampore in Pulwama district

The program was organised on the theme of 9 Years: Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan by CBC's Field Office, Anantnag to showcase India's matchless achievements in different fields during the last nine years.

Information about various public welfare schemes of the government, especially those for youth, was shared with the people through informative standees, expert lectures and printed awareness material. Prof.(Dr) Huda Galzai, Prin-

cipal GDC, Pampore presided over the proceedings.

In her presidential address Dr.Galzai appreciated the CBC for reaching out to the people especially the youth. She exhorted the students to play a proactive role in the development of the community. She stressed on the need to spread awareness about the public welfare schemes among masses for their successful implemen-

Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC in his welcome address gave a detailed overview about the mandate and activities of CBC and briefed the audience about the programme.

Talking about welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat, PMGKAY, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Mudra Yojana and PM's Scholarship schemes for students, Lone said the schemes have changed the lives of people across India. He said that awareness about these public welfare schemes is of key importance for upliftment of poor and marginalised communities.

He thanked the college administration and students for the support and coordination in successful organisation of the program.

Earlier an open quiz competition was organised for the students and the winners were awarded prizes and commendation certificates by CBC.

Others who addressed the gathering included Prof. Alam Ara Shah, NSS Coordinator, Prof Ashiq Hussain and Sikander, FPA CBC, Srinagar. Also present on the occasion were Neeraj, FPA Srinagar and Khazir Mohammad from CBC FO Srinagar.

Sucha, Keshav inaugurate development works



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 13: Municipal Councillor Ward 31 Sucha Singh along With BJP Talab Tillo Mandal President Keshav Chopra inaugurated Lane and drain work at Extension Nitco Lane Talab Tillo.

The works will be done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) With an estimated cost of Rs 25 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Sucha Singh assured the residents that all their demands will be fulfilled on war footing, He also appealed to the public not to throw garbage, sit, polythene etc in the drain, Lanes & avoid using polythenes as well as single use plastic.

Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Chopra said that BJP is committed for the development of every ward, Keshav applauded the efforts of sucha singh and said that BJP elected representatives are doing commendable work.

XEn Devanand Sethi, Samardeep Singh, Prabodh Choudhary, Pinky Bhat, Ravinder Kachroo, Ravinder Gupta, Manohar Lal and others were also present during the inaugura-

Gopal Chandel conferred with title of "Bhagat"



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 13: Gopal Chandel was given the title of "Bhagat" in the Guru Gorakhnath Ji's Raat Jagran Akhara, a sect of the Hinduist Sanatani Nath Panth, in

This title was conferred upon

They expressed the belief that Gopal Chandel's fame would be akin to that of the Chandel dynasty and urged him to work towards the betterment of society, following in the footsteps of Guru Gorakhnath

Akhara, along with members of

the Rashtriya Valmiki Sena and

other Panchs, gave their blessings

to Gopal Bhagat.

Guru Gorakhnath Ji's teachings emphasized public service and justice, and it seems that these values were encouraged during this ceremony.

Guru Raju Chandel, one of the prominent figures in the sect, mentioned that Gopal Chandel, as the newly appointed Bhagat, would play a significant role in promoting the Bhagat Samaj and the Sanatan Dharma, as well as contributing to the upliftment of society.

Floral tributes to head priest Machail **Mata shrine**



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 13: Sarv Shakti Sevak Sanstha that associated with Mata Machail pilgrimage in Paddar area of Kishtwar district on Wednesday organised a meeting to pay floral tributes to the head priest at the Machail Mata shrine Paddar, Des Raj, who breathed

his last on September 1. The head Pujari was associated with the Machail Yatra since its beginning and had thousands followers in the region.

He was greatly admired among his followers for his spirituality and simplicity. During the ameeting, which was attended by the people from different shades of life, the participants paid their rich tributes to the head priest and recalled his selfless services and contribution for the promotion of the pilgrim-

Vice President of Sanstha Raj Kumar, while sharing his view, said that Des Raj's contribution for the welfare of mankind and in promoting spirituality would always be an inspiration for others.

Former minister Sunil Sharma while paying his tributes said the death of Des Raj, the chief priest of Mata Machail, was extremely sad and it has left behind a great void in the society.

"With his demise we have lost a great saint of present times, who has been a guiding force for the millions," Sharma said while expressing his deepest condolences to the bereaved family and followers.

Apple farmers'

delegation meets LG,

demands restart of Apple

MIS scheme, 100% import

duty on apple

apples in the Valley since 2017 when

the National Agricultural Cooperative Mar-

keting Federation of India (NAFED) first

"However, this year, the UT Administration

has discontinued it for the current market-

ing season, causing much concern among

growers. Every year, there are visuals of

this culled fruit being dumped on highways

and rivers, as the procurement under MIS

is a small portion of the total produce, and

most growers have no other avenue to sell

The federation also cited the loss of fruit

"The cumulative effect has been the

reduction of the total yield by 40 to 50%, a

drop in yield by 1 million metric tonnes or

more! But what is even more concerning is

that a larger portion of this year's produce

is turning out to be inferior C-grade culled

fruit. So, while the reduction in the supply

of quality apples may lead to an increase in

their market prices, there will be no takers

for the flood of culled fruit entering the mar-

Citing the example of procurement by

Himachal Pradesh, where a similar situa-

tion has also developed due to incessant

rains and hailstorms damaging the apple

crop, the Federation said the State govern-

ment, through its procurement agencies of

HPMC, has declared that the culled fruit

In the prevailing circumstances, the AFFI

demands that the Administration of J&K

revitalizes the MIS and procures a signifi-

cant part of the culled fruit at a remunera-

tive price in the 2023-24 marketing season.

The Administration, through J&K HPMC,

should involve growers in value-addition

activities such as processing culled fruit

into apple fruit juice, jams, pickles, bread,

etc., following the pattern of Himachal

The Administration should implement the

Crop Insurance Scheme (CIS) forthwith,

The federation also demanded an inqui-

ry into the failure of the J&K Horticulture

Department to establish adequate weather

as demanded by the farmers' federation.

Pradesh, the statement reads.

would be procured at Rs 12 per kilo.

quality as well as quantity due to weather

their C-grade apples," it read.

launched the scheme.

him in the presence of Guruji Raju Chandel, Guruji Moni Chan-

del, Guruji Surendra Chandel, and

other Nath Panth Gurus.

The ceremony was organized to honor Gopal Chandel, and he received this title with the blessings of Guru Gorakhnath Ji.

Bhagat Ji of the newly appointed

stations that could communicate the spread of scab disease from one region to another. Revert the reduction of import tariffs on Washington apples and impose a 100% import duty to safeguard apple growers in the country and also regulate freight charges on the pattern of Himachal Pradesh."

Release borrowers' property documents within 30 days of loan settlement or pay compensation: RBI

collecting the original movable or immovable property documents either from the banking outlet or branch where the loan account was serviced or any other office of the entity where the documents are available, as per the borrower's preference.

In the case of the demise of the sole borrower or joint borrowers, the entities shall have a well-laid-out procedure for the return of original movable or immovable property documents to the legal heirs.

"Such procedure shall be displayed on the website of the REs along with other similar policies and procedures for customer information," RBI said.

The RBI also as part of its directions proposed providing compensation for delay in release of such documents.

In cases where the delay is attributable to the regulated entity, RBI said it shall compensate the borrower with Rs 5,000 for each day of delay.

"In case of loss/damage to original movable/immovable property documents, either in part or in full, the REs shall assist the borrower in obtaining duplicate/certified copies of the movable/immovable property documents and shall bear the associated costs, in addition to paying compensation..." RBI said.

However, in such cases, an additional time of 30 days will be available to the REs to complete this procedure, and the delayed period penalty will be calculated thereafter — after a total period of 60 days.

Govt orders probe into bribery charge against doctors at District **Hospital Ganderbal**

Superintendent of the hospital, following allegations of harassment made by medical and paramedical staff.

In response to mounting pressure, Dr. Bhat was attached to the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, with Dr. Nighat Yasmeen Sheikh, the current Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Ganderbal, temporarily assuming the additional responsibility of the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Ganderbal.

The decision to attach Dr. Bhat came after doctors and paramedical staff held a protest within the hospital premises, voicing their discontent and demanding the removal of the Medical Superintendent due to alleged deplorable behaviour.

CBI seizes Rs 2.61 Crore from premises of arrested Railways official

e-Marketplace (GEM) website and cancel his contract, they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation verified the allegation and laid a trap where the exchange of the part payment of the bribe was planned, they said.

Joshi was nabbed in the process, following which the searches were conducted at his residential premises in Gorakhpur and Noida, where Rs 2.41 crore in cash was seized, they said.

Militancy has not ended in J&K: Faroog Abdullah

prices of local produce.

We have concerns that our fruit industry in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal and Uttarakhand will be affected. The farmers, who have spent a lot of money, are worried that the prices of local produce will fall and they will suffer losses.

"I request the government to pay attention to this issue so that the farmers do not suffer. If they suffer losses, it will not be good for the country," he said.

The former chief minister refused to comment on the agenda of the opposition INDIA bloc's coordination committee meeting, which is scheduled to be held in the national capital on Wednesday.

"Omar Abdullah has gone to attend the meeting on behalf of the National Conference. You will be told about what was decided after the meeting," he said.

Elections to ULBs without SEC. violation of **Constitution: Congress**

applicable to Jammu and Kashmir

Taking a dig over the proponents of one nation, one constitution, he said why BJP is silent when elections the rural panchayat bodies are held under SEC while it has no jurisdiction over elections to the ULBs. The entire exercise of elections including preparation of Electoral rolls, is violative of the constitution and unconstitutional, more particularly after abrogation of special status & J&K becoming UT, whereby the entire constitution is applicable to J&K.

Taking strong exception to the fact that the exercise for the upcoming elections to the ULBs is being conducted by the Chief Electoral Officer and not by the existing state election Commission which has jurisdiction over Panchayats only, so far, as per 73rd amendment whereas in view of 74th amendment, the ULBs elections are also to be conducted by an independent commission, said JKPCC Chief Spokesperson .How is it justified that the elections to the rural panchayats etc are conducted under superintendence & control of state election Commission, while as Urban bodies are being conducted by another election authority- office of CEO, he asked.

It is totally illegal, unconstitutional and against the provisions of 74th amendment, which is fully applicable to the J & K but not implemented in this regard by the dispensation claiming one nation, one constitution.

The state election Commission was incorporated in the state Panchayat Raj Act, by an amendment on the insistence Congress in coalition with NC, after the elections to BDCs, were aborted over the issue of full implementation/ incorporation of all relevant provisions of 73rd amendment. It was later done in March 2014 by amendment in the state legislature whereby entire jurisdiction over the electoral exercise including delimitation of wards was given to the commission.

After the coming into power, the BJP tried to weaken & dilute the 73rd amdt by incorporating indirect elections to sarpanch, which was later undone by then Governor N N Vohra during Governor rule.

Referring to the process of delimitation and rotation etc, he said that 73rd & 74th amendment provided the same to be done under supervision of independent institution of election Commission ,in the absence which it is violative of the provisions of 74th amdt. Congress in coalition with NC had incorporated all left out provisions of 73rd including state election Commission but same was not extended to ULBs by BJP controlled government post 2015, till date.

Terming the exercise of elections to

ULBs and all related matters as illegal and unconstitutional, particularly after the whole constitution is directly extended and applicable to J&K, post 5th Aug 2019, Congress questioned the exercise already initiated, as without jurisdiction and demanded immediate extension of the jurisdiction of election Commission over the whole exercise of elections & related matters .to the Commission, as provided by Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India which reads as under " Art 243ZA - Elections to the Municipalities -(1) -The Superintendence, direction & Control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of all elections to the municipalities shall vest in the state election Commission as referred in the art,243K."

Since constitution is supreme, any provisions of law inconsistent to the constitution, is void and cannot sustain, he added, demanding holding of ULB elections under independent Election Commission.

Mr. Kapil Singh- PCC Spokesperson and Mr. Neeraj Gupta- Secretary PCC (Media Coordinator) accompanied Mr. Sharma in the press conference.

Qamar Ali Akhoon appointed NC's **Additional General** Secretary

from Ladakh has been entrusted with such a prominent role within the party.

Qamar Ali Akhoon boasts a longstanding association with the National Conference, spanning several decades. He has previously represented the Kargil constituency and served as a Cabinet Minister during the tenure of the Omar Abdullah-led government in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. Notably, Akhoon also held the role of Advisor to the then Chief Minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, underscoring his influential presence in the political landscape.

Further underscoring his significant contributions, Akhoon was the inaugural Chief Executive Councillor for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) in Kargil back in 2002.

The news of Qamar Ali Akhoon's appointment as Additional General Secretary has been met with widespread approval and enthusiasm from the National Conference leaders in Kargil. They have extended their heartfelt appreciation to the party's high command, including NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah, and Omar Abdullah, the vice president, for this significant decision, which marks a new era of representation and leadership within the party.

Sensex falls in early trade after eight days of rally

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 167.77 points to 67,053.36. The Nifty slipped 49.1 points to 19,944.10.

MUMBAI, Sep 13 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices declined in early trade on Wednesday, with the BSE Sensex halting its eight days of rally, amid weak trend in global markets and fresh foreign fund outflows.

Also, the high valuation concerns of the domestic market made investors cautious.

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Among the Sensex firms, ICICI Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finserv and Infosys were the major laggards.

ITC, Titan, Power Grid and UltraTech Cement were among the gainers. In Asian markets, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong quoted lower while Tokyo traded



in the green. The US markets ended in negative territory on Tuesday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.20 per cent to USD 92.24 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,047.19 crore on Tuesday after a day's breather, according to exchange data.

inflation Retail declined to 6.83 per cent in August after touching a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July, mainly due to softening prices of vegetables, but still remains above the Reserve Bank's comfort

India's industrial production growth rose to a five-month high of 5.7 per cent in July, mainly due to good showing by the manufacturing. mining and power sectors, according to official data released on Tuesday.

The BSE benchmark had climbed 94.05 points or 0.14 per cent to settle at 67,221.13 on Tuesday. The Nifty, however, pared all its gains and ended marginally lower by 3.15 points or 0.02 per cent at 19,993.20 in a volatile

production set to dip to 4-year low 13 (Agencies): Sugar prices in India are set to soar as a severe

drought in Maharashtra, the country's top sugarproducing state, threatens to slash production levels, reported agency.

Government and industry officials told the news agency that the 2023/24 crop year could witness a staggering 14 per cent drop in sugar output, marking the lowest production in four years.

The forecast stems from significantly lower cane yields caused by the driest August experienced in over a century.

This potential reduction in sugar supply may further exacerbate food inflation concerns and discourage the Indian government from permitting sugar exports.

Such a scenario could also provide support to global sugar prices. which are already trading near their highest levels in over a decade.

While this may pose challenges, higher

Current laws in the

archipelago nation do

not cover transactions

on social media. US

tech giant Meta also

uses e-commerce shops

on its social media plat-

forms Facebook and

Trade Minister Zulki-

fli Hasan told reporters

Monday that a revision

to laws could require

companies to apply for

Instagram.

domestic sugar prices could prove beneficial for leading producers such as Balrampur Chini, Dwarikesh Sugar, Shree Renuka Sugars, and Dalmia Bharat

Sugar. These companies could see improved profit margins, potentially enabling them to make timely payments to farmers.

Sugar production likely to fall

Maharashtra, a pivotal player in India's sugar production landscape, typically contributes over a third of the nation's

sugar output.

BB Thombare, president of the West Indian Sugar Mills Association, told Reuters that Maharashtra's sugar production for the upcoming 2023/24 season, commencing on October 1st. is expected to plummet to around 9 million metric tons, down from the 10.5 million tons achieved in the previous year.

Sugar prices may surge as Maharashtra's

Thombare highlighted the underlying issue, stating, "The sugar cane crop didn't receive ample rainfall during the crucial growth phase this year. In almost all districts, the crop's growth is stunted."

The region grappled with a substantial rainfall deficit in August, receiving 59 per cent less rainfall than normal, aggravating the drought's impact on cane yields.

Chandrakant Pulkundwar, Maharashtra's sugar commissioner, echoed these concerns, confirming that sugar mill representatives had reported lower cane yields due to an extended dry spell and soaring temperatures.

Pulkundwar emphasized the urgency of September rainfall to mitigate the damage caused by the prolonged drought.

India's weather department forecasts that September will witness average rainfall, following the unprecedented dry spell in August.

However, the repercussions of Maharashtra's dwindling sugar output extend beyond domestic markets.

Ban on sugar exports

The state's production significantly influences India's ability to export sugar, casting a shadow over overseas shipments in the upcoming season.

A Mumbai-based dealer from a global trading house expressed pessimism about the outlook for sugar exports due to Maharashtra's impending production decline.

In the 2021/22 season, Maharashtra achieved a record sugar production of 13.7 million tons, enabling India to export a historic 11.2 million tons. In the following year, as Maharashtra's output contracted to 10.5 million tons in 2022/23, India scaled back exports to 6.1 million tons.

According to government sources, New Delhi is expected to impose a ban on sugar mills from exporting sugar in the season commencing in October, marking a halt in shipments for the first time in seven years.

TikTok opposes mooted Indonesia social media transaction ban

JAKARTA, Sep 13 (Agencies): TikTok on Wednesday criticised calls by Indonesia to ban social media transactions, as Jakarta rails against what it says are monopolistic practices by major companies with e-commerce platforms such as the Chinese-owned firm.

Indonesia users spent more money on TikTok than anywhere else in Southeast Asia over the past year, as the app's e-commerce arm rapidly grew to gain a substantial regional market share and millions of sellers since its 2021 launch.

Several government officials in recent weeks have called for social media and e-commerce

to be separated, taking aim at companies like TikTok for what they say are monopolistic practices threatening local and small businesses.

"Close to two million local businesses in Indonesia use TikTok to grow and thrive through social commerce," Anggini Setiawan, TikTok Indonesia's head of communications said.

"Forcing social media and e-commerce to separate into different platforms would not only hamper innovation. it would also disadvantage Indonesian merchants and consumers." It called on Jakarta to "provide a level playing field for TikTok".

It came after Deputy Trade Minister Jerry



Sambuaga told a parliamentary hearing Tuesday that "we must differentiate between e-commerce, social media and social commerce".

He complained there was little regulation of the social media e-commerce space and called for a change to current trade laws.

"A revision... will firmly and explicitly ban that," he said, without confirming further details of his

Minister of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises Teten Masduki also reportedly told a commission last week that companies should not be able to combine social media and e-commerce, warning Tiktok could become a "monopoly".

Indonesia is TikTok's second-largest market, with 125 million users, according to company figures. It is owned by Chinese technology giant ByteDance.

Its chief executive Shou Zi Chew visited Jakarta in June where he pledged to pour billions of dollars into

Coal India Limited to invest Rs 24K crore for green projects



NEW DELHI, Sep 13 (Agencies): Stateowned Coal India Limited is planning to invest Rs 24,750 Crores in the next few years for the 61 First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects to boost eco-friendly coal transportation.

The company said the project will come in three phases and will have a combined capacity of 763.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) when complet-

"It is essential that coal transportation is environment friendly to improve the quality of life of people living in the proximity of coalfield. FMC projects offer benefits like suppression of dust pollution and carbon emissions. They also reduce the load on road transportation leading to safety. Other benefits include

precise quantity and quality coal is loaded for consumers with minimal manual intervention" said a senior CIL official.

FMC projects involve the transportation of coal in mechanised piped conveyors from the production point to handling plants/silos with a rapid loading system where coal is loaded directly into rail wagons. The company said about 35 FMC projects under the first phase having 414.5 MTPA capacity account for Rs 10,750 crore. Out of them, eight projects of 112 MTPA capacity are operational. CIL is gearing up to commis

New study shows smoking can make you age faster

BEIJING, Sep 13 (Agencies): If you want to stay young and healthy for long, then quit smoking as it might not only harm your lungs and overall health, but can also make you age faster, according to a study of nearly 500,000 people

The study, presented at the European Respiratory Society International Congress in Milan, Italy, showed that smoking shortens the end fragments of chromosomes in the white blood cells of our immune systems.

The length of these end fragments, called telomeres, is an indicator of how quickly we age and our cells' ability to repair and regener-

"Our study shows that smoking status and cigarette quantity can result in the shortening of leukocyte telomere length, which is an indicator of tissue selfrepair, regeneration and ageing. In other words, smoking can accelerate the process of ageing, while quitting may considerably decrease the related risk," said Siyu Dai, Assistant Professor in the School of Clinical Medicine at Hangzhou Normal University in China.

Telomeres are lengths of repetitive DNA sequences that protect the ends of chromosomes

Each time a cell divides, the telomeres become slightly shorter, eventually becoming so short that the cell can no longer divide successfully, and it dies. This is part of the ageing pro-

Telomere length in white blood cells (called leukocytes) has been linked previously to smoking, but, until now, there has been little research into whether smoking status and the quantity of cigarettes smoked actually caused the shortening in telomere length.

The researchers used genomic data from 472,174 UK Biobank participants, related to current smokers, those who never smoked, and for people who had smoked previously.

They found that current smoking status was statistically significantly associated with shorter leukocyte telomere length, whereas previous smokers and people who had never smoked didn't show significantly shorter leukocyte telo-

mere length. Among people who used to smoke, there

was a trend towards shorter telomere length, but this was not statistically significant. People who smoked the greater number of cigarettes had significantly shorter leukocyte telomere length.

"In summary, smoking may cause the shortening of leukocyte telomere length, and the more cigarettes smoked, the stronger the shortening effect," said Dai.

"In recent years, obser-

vational studies have linked shortened leukocyte telomere length with many diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and muscle loss. This means that the effect of smoking on telomere length probably plays a critical role in these diseases, although more research is needed to understand the underlying mecha-

"Our study adds to the evidence that smoking causes ageing. As there are clear health benefits of smoking cessation, it is time to include cessation support as well as treatment into daily clinical management to help us to create a smoke-free environment for the next generation," Dai added.

separate licenses for social media and for Southeast Asia in the Lead exposure likely caused 5.5 million deaths

NEW DELHI. Sep 13 (Agencies): Exposure to lead may have caused 5.5 million adult deaths from cardiovascular disease and the loss of 765 million IQ points in children under the age of five worldwide in 2019, according to a study published in The Lancet Planetary Health

Up to 95 per cent of the effects were in low and middle-income countries (LMICs), with children there losing an average of 5.9 IQ, or intelligence quotient, points during their first five years of life, the researchers said.

The findings indicate the global health effects of lead exposure could be similar to the estimated health effects of small particle pollution, PM2.5, and household air pollution combined, and three times greater than the health effects of unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and handwashing, they

IQ loss in LMICs due to lead exposure is nearly 80 per cent higher than a previous estimate, while deaths from cardiovascular disease are six times higher, the researchers said.

The global cost of lead exposure in 2019 was estimated to be USD 6 trillion, equivalent to 7 per cent of global GDP. In LMICs, it was equivalent to more than 10 per cent of GDP, or twice as high as in High-Income Countries (HICs), they

Exposure to lead can serious-



ly harm young children's health, including damage to the brain, slowed development, and learning difficulties. In adults, lead exposure can increase people's risk of cardiovascular disease – which accounts for almost 95 per cent of deaths linked to lead exposure - as well as chronic kidney disease and learning disabilities.

Despite the fact that lead-containing petrol has been phased out around the world, exposure to the toxic metal still poses major global health risks, especially in LMICs, the researchers

Key sources of exposure include lead acid battery recycling, metal mining, food, soil and dust, leaded paint, cookware from recycled materials, lead-glazed pottery and ceramics, spices, toys, cosmetics, electronic waste, fertilisers and cultured fish feed, they said.

"We know that lead exposure has continued to cause huge impacts on human health. despite most countries banning the use of leaded petrol more than 20 years ago," said study lead author Bjorn Larsen from The World Bank, Washington,

"What is concerning about our study is that it indicates these damaging health effects are much greater than we previously thought and that they come at a very high economic cost, especially in low- and middleincome countries," Larsen said.

The authors of the study used blood lead levels (BLL) estimates from the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) 2019 study to estimate the global health impacts and costs of lead expo-

The average BLL in LMICs was 4.6 microgrammes per decilitre (µg/dL), compared with

People in North America and in Europe and Central Asia had the lowest average BLLs, with the highest among people in South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa, the researchers said.

The analysis estimates that lead exposure contributed to 5.5 million deaths from cardiovascular disease globally in 2019, or 30 per cent of all cardiovascular disease deaths.

This is more than six times higher than the GBD 2019 estimate of 850,000 CVD deaths from lead exposure. Of the 5.5 million deaths from lead exposure, 90 per cent were in LMICs, they said.

The analysis also suggests that lead exposure caused the loss of 765 million IQ points in children under five years old in 2019, with 95 per cent of the losses among children in LMICs, according to the researchers.

During their first five years of life, children in LMICs on average each lose 5.9 IQ points from lead exposure. The authors estimate this can reduce these children's total lifetime income by as much as 12 per cent, they

The authors acknowledge some limitations to their study. These mainly revolve around the accuracy of global estimates of BLLs, as nationwide measurements are not available for many countries, particularly LMICs.

India march into Asia Cup final with 41-run win over Sri Lanka

Skipper Rohit Sharma scores fine half-century | Kuldeep Yadav picks 4 wickets

COLOMBO, Sep 13 (Agencies): Indian bowlers produced a splendid collective effort to carry their team to a 41-run win over a spirited Sri Lanka in a Super 4 match, and into the Asia Cup final here on Tuesday.

Rohit Sharma's fifty (53 off 48 balls) was the cornerstone of India's sub-par 213 after Lankan spinners Dunith Wellalage (5/40) and Charith Asalanka (4/18) bamboozled them.

But India, guided by Kuldeep Yadav's 4 for 43, bowled out Sri Lanka for 172.

India, who entered the final with four points, will either face Sri Lanka or Pakistan in the summit clash on Sunday. The hosts will face Pakistan in a crunch match on Thursday.

The insipid effort of their batsmen made it mandatory for the Indian bowlers to be on the money from ball one, and Jasprit Bumrah led the way.

Bumrah took the ball away from Pathum Nissanka and the healthy edge was snaffled behind the wicket by a diving KL Rahul.

Kusal Mendis looked in fine touch but he failed to keep his drive off a slow, full delivery from Bumrah down.

Substitute fielder Suryakumar Yadav took the catch at covers and umpires gave Mendis out after a quick check with the TV umpire for bump ball.

Mohammed Siraj soon got into act, cramping Dimuth Karunaratne for room and his cut did not go beyond Shubman Gill at second slip.

Sri Lanka were 25 for 3 at



that stage and Kuldeep took a couple of quick wickets to further dent their chase, reducing them to 99 for six.

However, Wellalage (42 not out) and Dhananjaya de Silva (41 off 66 balls) added 63 runs for an enterprising seventh wicket alliance to revive Lankan hopes.

But a moment of indiscretion ended the stand as De Silva tried to clear the infield off Jadeja only to give a simple catch to Gill at the edge of the circle

From that point, Wellalage, who batted exceptionally well under pressure against a fancied opponent, tried to bridge the gap.

But the task was a tad too hard to achieve with a one man show.
Earlier, left-arm spinner Wellal-

Earlier, left-arm spinner Wellalage and offie Asalanka did not allow Indian batters to settle into any sort of rhythm, as they knifed through their line-up taking nine wickets among them.

But before Lankan spinners

exploited the generous turn and grip on the Premadasa pitch, India started their innings in a

Rohit added 80 runs for the opening wicket with Gill, and that remained the brightest phase of Indian innings.

blazing fashion.

Watching Rohit and Gill adding those runs in just 12 overs rekindled the memories of India's blitz against Pakistan on Monday, when they posted a massive 356 for two.

During his innings, the Indian captain also went past a significant personal milestone, becoming the sixth Indian batsmen to score 10000 runs in ODIs

The landmark came in a befitting fashion too, as Rohit lifted pacer Kasun Rajita over his head for a majestic six.

Other Indian batsmen to reach the mark are: Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Virat Kohli and MS Dhoni. Indeed, a magnificent company to be in! However, the introduction of Wellalage changed the whole complexion of the game, as the spinner halted Indian batsmen's early charge.

Gill was the first batsman to depart. The opener played a forward defence without entirely covering the line and once the ball beat his bat, Gill's fate was sealed.

Wellalage, a former under-19 captain of his country, then went on to show why he has been spoken so highly in Lankan cricketing circles.

The 20-year-old bowled a straight, quick delivery and Rohit could not bring his bat down on time, as the ball rearranged his timber.

But Wellalage wasn't finished. He added the wickets of Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, who added 63 runs for the seventh wicket with Ishan Kishan, and Hardik Pandya to his kitty for his maiden five-wicket haul in ODI cricket.

None of the following batsmen could effectively negate the uneven bounce and turn on the pitch, as Asalanka wreaked havoc in India's middle and late order.

His delivery to dismiss Ravindra Jadeja would carry a lot of repeat value.

The ball reared from the length, turned and bounced viciously to take an edge of Jadeja's bat before nestling in stumper Kusal Mendis' gloves.

India inched past the 200-run mark as Axar Patel made a precious 26, and the total proved just enough on the night.

Rohit Sharma sixth Indian to amass 10,000 ODI runs

India captain completed his 10,000 runs in 241 innings, which is second fastest



COLOMBO, Sep 13 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma on Tuesday became the sixth batter from his country and 15th overall to complete 10,000 ODI runs.

Rohit achieved the feat during India's Asia Cup Super 4 contest against Sri Lanka here.

The India skipper hit a six off Sri Lanka's Kasun Rajitha to complete the milestone in the seventh over of the innings, a day after Virat Kohli became the quickest ever batter to cross 13,000-run landmark in a record 267 ODI innings.

In fact, Rohit completed his 10,000 runs in 241 innings, which is second fastest ever after Kohli did so in 205

The other Indians in the 10,000-run club are Sachin Tendulkar (18,426 runs), Virat Kohli (13,026), Sourav Ganguly (11,363), Rahul Dravid (10,889) and MS Dhoni (10,773).

As the only player in the history to have hit three double centuries in 50-overs cricket, Rohit also holds the record of most runs in an innings — or the highest individual score — 264 against Sri Lanka at Eden Gardens in November 2014.

Rohit recorded his first ODI double ton against Australia in November 2013 when he scored 209. Four years later, he smashed another double ton against Sri Lanka — 208 not out at Mohali in December 2017.

With 30 centuries so far, Rohit is at joint-third with former Australia captain Ricky Ponting for hitting most ODI hundreds

He is also third in the list of batters with most sixes in the format.

ISL clubs unwilling to release players for Asian Games

NEW DELHI, Sep 13 (Agencies): The All India Football Federation (AIFF) is hoping that the ISL clubs would release any 22 players from the registered 50 for the upcoming Asian Games, allowing the senior men's team to participate in the continental showpiece.

Most of the clubs had shown unwillingness to release the 22 players named in the Indian squad that was released by the Sports Ministry, as the Asian Games' football competition schedule clashes with the ISL, which starts on September 21.

The federation has also not ruled out the possibility of star players Sunil Chhetri, Sandesh Jhingan and Gurpreet Singh Sandhu travelling to Hangzhou, China, with the team for the quadrennial extravaganza.

While the Games are scheduled from September 23 to October 8, the football event will kick off on September 19 and continue till October 7.

Bengaluru FC, FC Goa and Mohun Bagan Super Giants are among clubs who are not willing

I was a little a nervous on my comeback: KL Rahul

31-year-old said his strong preparations during the rehabilitation period at NCA

helped him prepare for his return

to release their players for the Games.

Out of the 22 players named in the squad, six are from Bengaluru FC, three from Mumbai City FC, while FC Goa, Mohun Bagan, East Bengal, Odisha FC and Kerala Blasters have two each. Newly-promoted Punjab FC, Chennaiyin FC and Hyderabad FC have one

ACL tear sparks row Reigning ISL champions Mohun Bagan are "furious" with the way Ashique Kuruniyan's injury was handled by India's physiotherapist during their King's Cup match against Iraq and have decided not to release their players.

An MRI revealed that Kuruniyan suffered an ACL tear. "For five days, they neglected his injury and didn't even conduct an MRI.

This is not something we'd expect from a Team India physio," a Mohun Bagan official said. "If they had performed an MRI, we could have started physiotherapy earlier and minimised the extent of the injury. In light of this episode, there is absolutely no consideration

of releasing our players for the Asian Games," he added. Indian football mired in

astrologer controversy
In the eye of the storm
for his alleged correspondence with an
astrologer during the
Asian Cup Qualifiers,
India coach Igor Stimac
today hinted at major
revelations ahead and
reaffirmed his dream of

into a footballing nation. The controversy has once again cast a shadow over Indian football and this time the national men's team coach is being linked to it."

transforming the country

Target or honest fighter for the betterment of Indian football? The time is coming to put all cards on the table and see how much and who really cares about football in this country,' Stimac posted on X. The AIFF had hired an astrologer for predictions on the Indian football team for an estimated cost of Rs 16 lakh. As per media reports, Stimac was directly in touch with the astrologer to seek his opinion on the team selection during the Asian Cup Qualifiers.

Former No. 1 tennis player Simona Halep gets 4-year ban in doping case

LONDON, Sep 13 (Agencies): Two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep has been suspended from professional tennis for four years for doping violations, the International Tennis Integrity Agency

The 31-year-old Romanian had been accused of two doping offences — failing a drug test during the 2022 US Open and for irregularities in her Athlete Biological Passport, the ITIA said.

A panel concluded that Halep "had committed intentional anti-doping rule violations."

Halep had been provisionally suspended since October 2022. The

four-year ban will run to October 6, 2026.

Halep reached No. 1 in the WTA rankings in 2017. She won Wimbledon in 2019, beating 23-time major champion Serena Williams in the final, a year after winning the French Open.

Halep, who had blamed a contaminated supplement, plans to appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

"I am continuing to train and do everything in my power to clear my name of these false allegations and return to the court," Halep said in a statement.

She said she also will "pursue all legal remedies against the supple-

ment company in question".

The ITIA's tribunal heard from Halep and her expert scientific witnesses but concluded that the player committed both offenses.

"The tribunal accepted Halep's argument that they had taken a contaminated supplement, but determined the volume the player ingested could not have resulted in the concentration of Roxadustat found in the positive sample," the ITIA said.

sample," the ITIA said.
Halep's biological
passport profile had
been examined by an
expert panel.

Such passports provide a baseline reading of substances in an ath-



lete's body and are considered a way to help

chart doping.

The tribunal reported

that "likely doping" was the explanation for the irregularities in Halep's profile.

Marquinhos earns Brazil late win over Peru in World Cup qualifier

LIMA, Sep 13 (Agencies): Brazil made it two wins from two in 2026 World Cup qualifying on Tuesday after a late goal from Marquinhos earned them a 1-0 win over Peru in Lima.

Brazil, who crushed Bolivia 5-1 at home on Friday, moved level on six points with rivals Argentina at the top of the South American qualifying standings.

Interim coach Fernando Diniz's side dominated possession and attacking opportunities early in the game but Raphinha and Richarlison saw goals ruled out for offside in the first

"I'm pleased with what we've shown in both games. Today's game was a different atmosphere. The team had to score three goals to make one count," Diniz told reporters.



"It's always important to win. I think we won with a lot of credit. I really enjoyed it."

With the game heading towards a scoreless draw Paris St Germain defender Marquinhos headed home Neymar's corner at the near post to seal the win in the 90th minute.

"We practised set pieces both in Belem and here.

Set pieces define the game, today it did," Diniz added.

"We scored through ersistence.

persistence.

A well struck ball and anticipation on the first post." The five-times world champions will host Venezuela before visiting Uruguay next month when qualifying continues.

In other qualifiers earlier on Tuesday, Argentina cruised past Bolivia 3-0, Venezuela beat 1-0 Paraguay, Uruguay lost 2-1 at Ecuador, while Chile and Colombia drew 0-0.

(Agencies): India batter KL Rahul admitted that he was a bit nervous ahead of his comeback game against Pakistan but grew in confidence once he spent some time in the middle before going on to complete a memorable hundred.

COLOMBO, Sep 13

In a rain-marred Asia Cup match, Rahul struck an unbeaten 111 and then kept wickets for the entire duration in his first match for India since March.

"I am happy with how the last two games have gone. I was a little nervous initially but as I started facing a few balls I felt alright," said Rahul in the post-match press conference on Tuesday night after India's 41-run win over Sri Lanka.

Rahul said his strong preparations during the



rehabilitation period at the NCA helped him prepare for his return.

"I was thinking that I will be in the playing 11 and that's how I prepared. I was confident that I can still go there and do the job," said Rahul.

The 31-year-old said he was given a clear

idea about his role in the team as a middle-order wicket-keeper batter.

"The team management has also told me that this will be my role – batting in the middle-order and keeping wickets," said Rahul.

In that context, the Bangalore man said he

worked on his wicketkeeping during his time at the NCA.

"I have been keeping wickets for the last couple of years. So, it is not new to me. I think I started keeping in 2019 when Rishabh (Pant) got concussed against Australia.

"During my time at the NCA, I have worked on my keeping with the coaches there. Hopefully, I can do both the roles well," he added.

Rahul patted Kuldeep Yadav, India's highest wicket-taker in ODIs this year, for upgrading his skills and coming back as a better bowler.

"I am really enjoying watching him bowling and I can see that he has developed a few new tricks that are giving

some results to him.
"We keep talking

between the overs about the strategy to be adopted to get a batsman out or how to keep a set batsman away from the strike. His rhythm has also been good in the last two matches," said Rahul.

Dunith Wellalage produced a wonderful solo effort for Sri Lanka on Tuesday, taking five wickets and scoring an unbeaten 42 off 46 balls to stretch India.

Rahul rated him the most dangerous Sri Lankan bowler on that

"He got five wickets and got the job done for his team. He looked the most dangerous bowler from the Sri Lankan attack, Obviously, Asalanka also picked up a few wickets later on," said Rahul.

Universal Brotherhood Day celebrated at SMVDU

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KATRA Sep 13: The School of Philosophy & Culture, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu Center organized Book Exhibition and a lecture to commemorate anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's address to the Parliament of World's Religions in Chicago on 11th September 1893.

This day is celebrated as the Universal Brotherhood Day to remember the Swamiji's message of religious harmony and unity of all humanity. The exhibition displayed works by Swami Vivekananda and others on various



spiritual issues and texts such as Upanishads and Shrimad Bhagavad-Gita.

The faculty, staff and students enthusiastically visited the exhibition and bought the literature on self-development and spirituality.

The lecture on Swamiji's struggles during his visit to America before attending the Parliament of Religions and his message was delivered by Swami Yajnadharanandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu Center.

Dr. Uday Pathania, Organizing Secretary of the program, welcomed Swamiji and briefed the

audience about the significance of the occasion. After the lecture students interacted with Swamiji and discussed their questions.

The lecture was attended by students, faculty and staff of the University.

The programs were facilitated by volunteers Manchand Singh, Vishwaroop, Balvant and Brahmachari Harish Chaitanya.

The lecture was attended by Prof. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Dr. Satish Kumar Tiwari, Krishna Panday, Keshava Pandey, and Pooja Tomar among others.

Resolve genuine problems of **Kashmiri Pandits forthwith: Bhat**

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JAMMU, Sep 13: Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party Migrant wing President Sunil Bhat has expressed grave concern over the genuine basic problems being faced by the Kashmiri Migrants living in exile for last more than 33 vears especially the recent move made by the concerned authorities in stopping the monthly supply of flour to the migrants which is a grave injustice with the poor and hapless migrant community.

In a press statement issued today Sunil Bhat said that the issue of releasing monthly flour supply to the migrants be restored forthwith like it was earlier in order to provide solace to poor families.

Bhat also raised the other issues of the community like creation and advertisement of more new five thousand new posts in Government Jobs for educated unemployment youth of community, enhancement of Relief assistance from meager amount of Rs. 13000/ to Rs 20000/ per month a long pending and genuine demand of Kashmiri migrants, formation of concrete rehabilitation Policy for Kashmiri Pandits for Valley with time bound duration, internal repair and

renovation of Quarters at Jagti, TRT Nagrota, Buta Nagar and Purkho, subsidized loan schemes for over aged unemployed youth of the community, regular supply of pure drinking water in all migrant camps etc.

He appealed to Lt. **Governor Union Territory** of Jammu and Kashmir to address the above listed genuine problems of migrants on priority basis.

Bhat also appealed Relief Commissioner Migrant J&K to come forward and discharge the assigned role of this in facilitating and getting resolved the problems of the Kashmiri Migrants on war footing.

Shiv Sena launches Mai Bhi Ek Sanik, vows to fight for rights of Jammuites



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JAMMU, Sep 13: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit on Wednesday launched the "Main Bhi Ek Sainik" campaign by paying floral tribute to "Shere-Duggar" Prem Nath

Under the leadership of party J&K president, Manish Sahni, a group of Shiv Sainiks went door-to-door, contacted the public and appealed to come together for the restoration of their rights and a decisive fight against dictatorial decrees. Sahni said that the people of Jammu, who supported every decision of the Central Government including the abrogation of Article 370, have

who used to sing the praises of Jammu are now silent on the discrimination faced by the city, and the injustice done in the name of alleged discrimination from Jammu. Our cultural identity is under attack, Jammu Doordarshan has been almost shut down, commercial activities such as hotels are being facilitated in the glorious historic Mubarak Mandi complex, and the historic

ful state. He said that the economy of Jammu has been severely affected

been betrayed. by the disruption of the Sahni said that those Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage due to the expansion of rail and road routes. Tourism destinations in Jammu are suffering due to their deteriorating conditions. The proliferation of liquor shops and the spread of addiction and crime are leading the youth towards destruction, he added. He maintained that

the increasing rate of unemployment among the youth, coupled with deepening despair, is pushing them towards drug abuse and crime. The public is burdened with inflation, unemployment, and economic instability, as they are being forced to bear the brunt of smart meters and property tax.

Sahni asserted that the campaign aims to ensure the guarantee of the rights of the sons of the soil along with the cultural security, free electricity and water, toll-free travel, eradication of drugs and crime, inflation, unemployment, and better healthcare and education. Let us all become "Sanik" and take the fight for our rights to a decisive turning point.

On this occasion,

dozens of Shiv Sainiks including President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, Prabhari Ashwani Prabhakar, President Udhampur Sanjeev Sharma, Geeta Lakhotra, Dimple, Shashi Pal, Mangu Ram, Sahil Gandotra, Vishal Verma and others were pres-

JU's Poonch Campus students showcase exceptional art and craft creations

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POONCH, Sep 13: The talented students of the Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus, University of Jammu have once again demonstrated their artistic prowess by crafting a remarkable array of art and craft items. In a delightful display of creativity and skill, the students have produced an impressive collection of handmade crafts that reflect their dedication and passion for the arts.

The event organized by Poonch Campus, University of Jammu, featured a wide range of art and craft items, including Bouquets, Wall hanging rosettes, Saraswati paintings, and other forms of creative expression. These creations are a testament to the creative talent flourishing within the Poonch Campus.

This art and craft event provided a platform for students to not only showcase their artistic abilities but also explore their entrepreneurial skills, as many of the



Director Poonch Campus Prof. Rakesh Vaid expressed great pride in the students' achievements, saying, "Our students have once again demonstrated their incredible talents in the realm of art and craft. We believe in nurturing their creativity and providing them with opportunities to shine." Incharge Department

opportunity to support

these budding artists.

of Sericulture, Dr Rubia Bukhari, lauded the efforts of the students of the Department of Sericulture for demonstrating their artistic prowess by crafting a remarkable array of art and craft items. She said that the event will draw attention to the importance of fostering creativity and artistic expression within educational institutions. "Poonch Campus, under the able guidance of Director Prof. Rakesh Vaid is committed to providing a holistic education that encourages students to explore their passions and develop skills beyond academics," She added.

Students who participated in the event were Ajay Sadotra, Nitish Singh Pangotra, Chail Singh, Sonia, Khair Un Nisa, Jyoti Sharma, Simran Shan, Shivali, Kajal Bhandari, Nuzat Arra, Rabia Qureshi, Shakshi Devi, Bindiva Verma, and Shaista Shabir. The exhibition was well-attended, drawing visitors from the students, teaching staff, and non-teaching staff of the campus. "Poonch Campus has created a vibrant atmosphere where artistic conversations flourished, and new friendships were forged," said students of the campus, Simran Shan and Jyoti Sharma.

Another student, Nitish Singh Pangotra, said that Campus continues to be a hub for innovation and creativity, and the success of this art and craft exhibition underscores the institution's dedication to promoting the arts as an integral part of education. Present on the occasion are Dr. Suraksha Chanotra, Dr. Jvoti Angotra, Dr. Palvi Sharma, Kalpna Sudan, Sahil Choudhary, Mohd Arshad, Mohd Sagheer, and Sandeep Kumar.

Mobile restorative dental camp organised at Commerce College



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JAMMU, Sep 13: Post-Graduate Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, IGGDC Jammu in collaboration with Dr. Surinder Kumar Principal Govt SPMR college of commerce, Dr.Parvern Singh HOD Department of Computer Sciences, Rtn Ramnik Singh (President Rotary Club), Rtn Balvinder Singh (Sect.

Rotary Club), Dr Dushyant Chowdhary (Past Dist. Governor) Rotary Club Jammu Tawi A/D Block, Gandhi Nagar.

Rotary Club Jammu, organized Screening cum Restorative Dental Camp at SPMR college Jammu Tawi.

The staff and Students of SPMR college along with Rotarians were screened for oral conditions like Caries and on spot restorations were performed and Medica-

tion were distributed to the needy people for the benefit of the students and staff by the specialist faculty members of the conservative dentistry under the guidance of Dr Azhar Malik Prof and HOD. The well attended dental camp was meticulously planned, arranged and organized by Dr. Azhar Malik (Prof. and HOD), Dr. Shamim Anjum

(Asstt. Prof. incharge

Dental specialty camp).

Dr Ajay Gupta (Associate Prof.), Dr. Sachin Chadgal (Lecturer), Dr. Sangeeta Bhagat, Dr. Taniya Jandial, Post Graduate students Dr Insha Shafi, Dr Sadiya Anayat and Interns Dr Insha Ilyas and Dr Muskan Bakshi examined the visiting patients and performed on spot restorative procedures.

The off-campus activities were executed under overall guidance and direction of principal and dean of IGGDC Jammu Dr Prof Rakesh Krishan Gupta who has always encouraged such activities. He said this camp is an in continuation of the series of dental restorative camps organized to encourage and emphasized the importance and maintenance of overall health of public.

AIGMS highlights various issues faced by Gujjar Bakarwal community in J&K



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JAMMU, Sep 13: The provincial meeting of the All India Gujjar Maha Sabha (AIGMS) was chaired by Chaudhry Bashir Ahmed Kohli, the President of the Jammu Kashmir All India Gujjar Maha Sabha, here today.

During the meeting,

various issues faced by the Gujjar Bakarwal community in Jammu and Kashmir were discussed, and efforts were made to find solu-

lighted the ongoing demands related to the forest rights of the Gujjar Bakarwal people.

cial for their livelihoods. tions to these problems.

The meeting high-

These rights may pertain to access to forest resources, land rights, or other issues related to forests that are cru-

The Gujjar Bakarwal community demanded political reservation. This typically refers to reserved seats or quotas in legislative bodies or local governments to ensure political representation for marginalized communi-

The issue of reservation and promotion was also discussed. This could involve matters related to job reservations or affirmative action policies that aim to uplift the community in terms of education and employment opportunities.

The meeting was attended not only by officials from 10 districts of Jammu province but also by Vice President Chaudhary Noor Ali and common people who supported these discussions and demands.

The meeting aimed to address the social and political issues faced by the Gujjar Bakarwal community in the region and work towards their resolution.

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