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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 said.

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

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

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 road 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 kin of the dead and Rs 50,000 to the injured.

Qamar Ali Akhoo appointed NC's Additional General Secretary

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) has designated Qamar Ali Akhoo, 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

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 memorandum.

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 C-grade

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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 an 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, he said.

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

"Significant warlike stores were seized," he said.

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

MUMBAI, Sep 13 (Agencies): The 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 full repayment or settle-



ment of loans.

This comes after the

central bank observed that the regulated enti-

ties follow "divergent practices", leading to customer grievances and disputes.

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

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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. Shafiq 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. Shafiq Khan, Additional Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat 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 officials at the District 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 Ganderbal.

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

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Army bids Sombre Farewell to Soldier Martyred in Rajouri encounter



JAMMU, Sep 13 (Agencies): A sombre wreath laying ceremony

was held for Army Rifleman Ravi Kumar, who lost his life during an

encounter with terrorists at Narla in the Rajouri district of Jammu and

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 the highest traditions of the Indian Army. His unwavering dedication and service to our nation will always be remembered."

Elections to ULBs without SEC, violation of Constitution: Congress

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JAMMU, Sep 13: Raising questions over the process for holding elections to the ULBs including JMC, SMC without establishing an Independent State Elections Commission like the one already existing for Panchayats, is a clear violation of the Constitution especially Article 243ZA in terms



of 74th amendment of the Constitution, which is applicable to J&K said Congress asking where

are those claiming on nation, one Constitution. Briefing media persons here today, JKPC

Chief Spokesperson Mr Ravinder Sharma said that the entire exercise of preparation of electoral rolls for and the superintendence, control - conduct of elections to the Urban bodies is vested in an Independent Election Commission, as provided in Constitution in terms of 74th amendment, which is wholly

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Militancy has not ended in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Sep 13 (Agencies): National Conference president Farooq 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 additional 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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Honesty is the best quality 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 cricket-turned-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 hastily-assembled 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

By 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 state.

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-for-tat 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 acutely 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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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 non-availability 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 water in their area.



Protestors alleged that matter has been brought 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 months.

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

Ayushman Bhava 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 Imtiyaz Ali Surgen, Dr Ashiq Hussain Dental Surgeon, Dr Syed Abul Hassan RBSK Medical 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 Gold Card, Health 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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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 tactics but our valiant soldiers, by sacrificing their lives saved our peace. This is a very heavy 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 well-motivated 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 forever. This is an example of faithfulness as to

how she took the bullets on herself while trying to save her handler during the encounter.

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 newly-dawned 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

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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 anti-people 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

fronts in J&K. Inflation, 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-

August 5 amendments in 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



is pleased to be the Official partner of all ICC tournaments and is delighted to have the Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite as the Official car of the World Cup. This 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."

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.

DPAP's KDP Wing demands immediate release of cash assistance of displaced migrants

TOP NEWS REPORT

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

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.

The Leaders have 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 appealed the Commissioner Secretary DMRR to consider a sympathetic attitude for getting the day to day sufferings mitigat-

ed. 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 repairment when allotted. 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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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 added.

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.

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.

The film featured her in a leading role 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



Rapper Nicki Minaj stunned the audience as she 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 corset-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 eyeliner 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 the hosting of the awards bash.

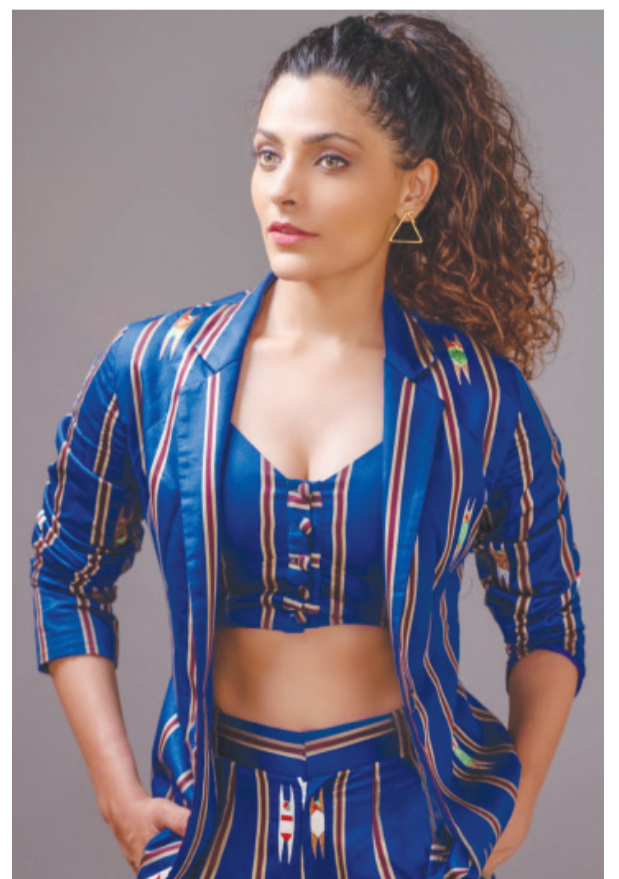
Saiyami Kher faced rejections, felt disheartened, but then came turning point with Anurag Kashyap's 'Choked'

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 mentioned that for her, working with filmmakers like Anurag Kashyap, Ashwini 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 Iyer 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 three-day 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 RSS-inspired 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 self-reliance remains the Sangh's

priority.

"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 closed-door, 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 enthral pandal hoppers.

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.

The puja committee has named the theme 'Chandrolak-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 be placed.

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 Nema 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 depict it.

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 shortly.

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.

Monu Manesar to be questioned in connection 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 Rajasthan Police after it obtained a transit remand from a court in Nuh. Monu Manesar -- whose official name is Mohit Yadav -- was then

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

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 Ghat-

mika village in Rajasthan's Deeg (formerly Bharatpur) district were allegedly kidnapped by suspected cow vigilantes who then crossed the border into Haryana. 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 same.

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 fittings 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 fittings.

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 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



KOTA, Sep 13 (Agencies): A 16-year-old NEET aspirant from Jharkhand allegedly hanged herself in her hostel room in Vignay 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 Vignay Nagar police station.

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 year.

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 added.

5 Killed, 8 Injured In Clash Between 2 Groups In Madhya Pradesh

DATIA, Sep 13 (Agencies): 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 Raghendra 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



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 liquid-fuelled 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

limited capacity to building satellites," said Brian Weeden of the Secure World Foundation, a U.S.-based space policy and security organisation. "None of them appeared to have any significant capability."

Why are North Korea's satellites so controversial?

The United States and its allies called North Korea's latest satellite tests clear violations of United Nations Security Council resolutions, which prohibit development of technology applicable to North Korea's ballistic missile programs.

United Nations resolutions - passed with Russia's support - also ban any scientific and technical cooperation with North Korea in nuclear science and technology, aerospace and aeronautical engineering and technology, or advanced manufacturing production techniques and methods.

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

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 2022.

The book revealed that Musk encouraged employees such as Shimon 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' children.

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 ex-wife, 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 indignously made vehicles available now and "we should make use of them."

"These are adequate and do not vio-



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 asked to drive Russia-made cars, the interviewer says.

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 snowballed 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.

Luxury cruise ship with 206 people remains stuck in Greenland as tide fails to help



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.

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

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 on Monday while touring the Alpefjord national park, some 1,400 km (870 miles) northeast of Greenland's capital Nuuk, where the nearest rescue vessel is still days away.

Photos taken by a Danish air force plane on Tuesday showed the Ocean Explorer sitting upright in calm waters with the sun shining.

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

Greenland, a semi-sovereign 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.

More than 5000 dead in Libya floods, but far higher toll feared

The death toll is expected to go up in the upcoming days. The flooding comes days after a drastic earthquake last week in Morocco, another North African country, which killed 2,800 people.



DERNA, Sep 13 (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.

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

history of Africa. While addressing the media in Geneva, 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 reportedly missing.

According to the official reports, of those

who were killed, at least 145 of them were Egyptians. As per the reports by Libyan television station Al-Masara, Tarek Al-Kharraz, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry to the Government stated that in the city of Derna, which has been the worst hit, at least 5,200 people died.

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the upcoming days. The flooding comes days after a drastic earthquake last week 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.

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 mud-brown water that also swept away several major bridges.

More than 700 victims were buried Tuesday -- but vastly greater num-

bers 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.

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 Swami'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 Swami's struggles during his

visit to America before attending the Parliament of Religions and his message was delivered by Swami Jaynadarandajai, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu Center.

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

audience about the significance of the occasion. After the lecture students interacted with Swami 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 years 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 unemployed 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 "Sher-e-Duggar" Prem Nath Dogra.

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 been betrayed.

Sahni said that those 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

Ranbir Canal is in a pitiful state. He said that the economy of Jammu has been severely affected by the disruption of the 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 "Sainik" 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 present.

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



items were available for purchase. Visitors to the exhibition were not only treated to an aesthetic feast but also had the opportunity to support these budding artists.

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 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, Bindiya 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. Jyoti 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 solutions to these problems.

The meeting highlighted the ongoing demands related to the forest rights of the Gujjar Bakarwal people.

These rights may pertain to access to forest resources, land rights, or other issues related to forests that are crucial for their livelihoods.

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 communities.

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.