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Woman injured in fire from husband's licensed gun in Rajouri

RAJOURI/JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): A 46-year-old woman was injured after being hit by a bullet that allegedly went off from a licensed gun of her husband under mysterious circumstances in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Thursday, officials said.

The husband has been detained, they said. The bullet from the .303 rifle of Yash Pal, a sarpanch, hit his wife Neelam Devi at her home in Patrara village of Sunderbani sub-division, they said.

Devi was shifted to the civil hospital and later referred to the GMC Hospital in Jammu, they said.

They said the weapon has been seized by police and further investigation is underway.

Youth killed, another injured in Srinagar road accident

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): A youth was killed, while another was critically injured in a road accident near SKICC on Boulevard road in Srinagar on Thursday, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that two youth identified as Moazum Ahmad Bhat and Mashkoor Ahmad Bhat of Gulab Bagh Srinagar were critically injured in the accident. He said that both were shifted to hospital, however, Moazum succumbed to his injuries.

Oppn bloc INDIA slams BJP for 'celebrations' at HQ on day security personnel killed by terrorists in J-K

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Several INDIA bloc parties slammed the BJP on Thursday for holding "celebrations" to mark the success of the G20 Summit on a day security personnel were killed by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, with the Congress saying that no matter what happens, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cannot postpone

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LG inaugurates workshop on 'Strengthening Child Protection System & Mechanism in UT of J&K'

We have adopted zero tolerance policy against drugs with a vision of drug-free J&K: Sinha



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SRINAGAR, Sep 14: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated the two-day workshop for Sensitization/Training programmes for representatives of PRIs,

ULBs, Police and other stakeholders to strengthen the Child Protection System and Mechanism in the UT of Jammu Kashmir.

This is the first such campaign organised by the Women and Child

Development Ministry, Government of India in the country.

In his address, the Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Women and Child Development and lauded the Social

Welfare Department for its innovative initiative which aims to organise training programme for 15,000 persons in 2023-24.

He said the training programme is the testimony to the commitment of the UT Administration to secure a blissful childhood and to ensure a supportive ecosystem for children which enables them to realize their true potential.

"For many decades, our children did not get the childhood they deserve. Conflict profiteers brainwashed them and handed over stones in their hands. We have decimated that ecosystem and our children

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Number of terrorists down in J&K due to development, will take time to stop 'sporadic' incidents: VK Singh

INDORE, Sep 14: The number of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir has come down considerably as development has picked pace there, claimed Union minister V K Singh on Thursday, asserting it will take time to stop "sporadic" terror incidents as Pakistan continues to meddle in India's internal matters.

Singh, who was in Madhya Pradesh to campaign for the BJP ahead of the year-end assembly polls, was speaking to reporters in Indore, a day after an Army colonel, a major, a deputy superintendent of police and a jawan were martyred in a gunfight with terrorists in J&K.



The Minister of state for road transport and highways and civil aviation said the misconception spread by separatists that J&K is different from the rest of the country has also been dispelled.

"Infrastructure, industries and tourism are developing at a fast pace in Jammu and Kashmir. If the common Kashmiri citizen is asked, he will

tell you that he is very happy with this development," Singh said.

"Sporadic terror incidents (in J&K) will continue to take place," he said, a day after three soldiers and a police officer laid down their lives fighting terrorists in J&K's Anantnag district.

"It will take time to stop because there is a country (Pakistan) which may have gone bankrupt but its habit of interfering with India's internal affairs continues. When that country is torn apart, these things will automatically disappear," he said.

The Union minister said everyone in the country is saddened by

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Killers of Army officers won't go unpunished: Chugh

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh who is also party in charge of J&K has strongly condemned the killing of three senior security officers, including an Army colonel and a major by terrorists in Anantnag encounter and said that the "killers of our valiant officers will not go unpunished."



Paying rich tributes to Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of 19 RR, Major Aashish

Dhonchak, DySP Humayun Bhat, son of former DIG Kashmir Ghulam Hassan Bhat, Chugh said it was a desperate act of terrorists who are feeling frustrated due to the pressure of the security forces.

He said it was a cowardly act of terrorists which would further strengthen the

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Digital education to replace old 'Chalk-Blackboard' practice in J&K's Primary Schools

JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): The old 'chalk-blackboard' practice of teaching will soon be history at the primary level government schools as the Jammu and Kashmir Samagra Shiksha under the School Education Department is all set to equip teacher fraternity with tablets in next three months across the Union Territory.

To make optimum use of the 'Digital India' and determined to reform the education sector, as per the official sources, around 40,000 primary level teachers in the government schools will be provided tablets to not only enhance their teaching skills but also to make students learn beyond textbooks.

"In next three months, digital education will

replace the old practice of 'chalk-blackboard' teaching in primary level government schools," said an official.

He stated that around 40,000 primary school level teachers will be issued the gadgets in the first phase, adding, "the government in all the sectors is already focussing upon the digitalisation, so following

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'Missing Handwara Trio Traced In Chennai'

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Three school going children who had gone missing from Handwara last Monday have been traced from Chennai in south India's Tamil Nadu State.

Three minor boys namely Nazim Mumtaz, son of Mumtaz Ahmad Lone of Phalmarg, Faizan Hameed Mir son of Abdul Hameed Mir of Kalmooa and Uzair Ahmad Dar, son of Mohammad Shafi Dar of Champpora.

"After looking for every possible place, the trio couldn't be located until information was received from Chennai in Tamil Nadu about their presence", said an official source.

Confirming the receipt of information about the sighting of the trio in

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Visa fraudsters charge-sheeted in Rs 10 lakh fraud: CB Jammu

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JAMMU, Sep 14: The Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch Jammu has charged five individuals in a case involving fraud and cheating.

The accused are alleged to have con-

spired to deceive and defraud the complainant by promising to arrange a Visa and other necessary documents for Canada in exchange for a sum of Rs 10 Lakh.

The charges against the accused are based on various sections of the Indian Penal Code

(IPC) and the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr. PC).

The accused persons include Bachhan Lal, son of Late Dhani Ram, resident of 326-B Gangyal, Near Amba Press, Tehsil & District Jammu; Sudesh Kumari, wife of

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Time To jail advocates of talks with Pakistan: BJP leader Altaf Thakur

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): BJP leader Altaf Thakur on Thursday said time has come to put behind bars people who advocate holding dialogue with Pakistan on Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP leader was reacting to the state-

ment of National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, who said dialogue with Pakistan was necessary to end the bloodshed and establish peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I think time has come to put even those people in jails who advocate

holding talks with Pakistan. It is these people who advance Pakistan's cause here and support it," Thakur said after paying tributes to Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonchak and Deputy SP Humayun Bhat, who

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Dialogue Must for ending bloodshed in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said India and Pakistan will have to come to the dialogue table if they want to end bloodshed and find lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister also said wars did not resolve issues in the past nor will they bring peace in the future.

"Such incidents will continue if there is no dialogue. We are fools if we think that it (violence) will stop. We will keep losing lives.... There is no way but dialogue. Both countries should



give up their stubbornness and hold talks," Abdullah told reporters here after visiting the family of Humayun Bhat, a deputy superintendent of the Jammu and Kashmir Police who was martyred in a gunbattle with terrorists in Anantnag.

Bhat and two other security officers — Colo-

nel Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonchak — were martyred in the encounter with terrorists in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district on Wednesday.

Asked about some Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders' remarks about taking back Pakistan-occupied Jammu

and Kashmir (PoJK), Abdullah said wars neither resolved issues in the past, nor will bring peace in the future.

"Let them do it. Who is stopping them? I will not stop. If they feel that it will end the problem, they should do it. Let me make it clear that no issue can be resolved by confrontation. Pakistan has fought four wars and the borders are still in place," he added.

Abdullah slammed the BJP-led Centre for claiming that terrorism has ended in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is a big loss for the family and the country. You have seen that a colonel and a major

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Indian Troops defending every inch of border with China: LG Ladakh

LEH, Sept 14 (Agencies): Indian troops are defending every inch of the border with China and not even a single inch of land has been taken over by the neighbouring country in recent years, Ladakh Lt Governor Brig (Retd) B D Mishra said on Thursday. He said infrastructure development is taking place at a rapid pace across Ladakh with roads, helipads, airfields, tunnels and bridges being built, and India will catch up with China in that regard within next four-five years. Brig Mishra (Retd) was in Jammu in connection with a three-day north-tech symposium which concluded at IIT Jammu on Wednesday.

The event provided a platform for engagement between the academia and industry to devise unique solutions to meet the army's operational requirements in northern command, while promoting self-reliance in defence production and technology proliferation. "If there is any match to them (China) in Asia, it is India. China is a nefarious country. So right from the very beginning, they have been having this policy to contain, to threaten and to coerce India. So they have been doing it for last two, three decades," the LG told PTI-Video in an exclusive interview here. Mishra said India started infrastructure development in the region



about six seven years back. "But the way we are developing our infrastructure like roads, helipads, airfields, tunnels and bridges, during next four or five years we will catch up with China and we will be as good, if not better, on infrastructure on our borders as China," the Lt Governor said. Asked about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks last month that every individual in Ladakh knows that

China has "taken away our land", he said the fact on the ground is that the neighbouring country has not occupied even one square inch of Indian land in the recent years. "I would not comment on what a particular person has said or what a particular person is saying. I would give you an answer based on my own tour, observation and on seeing the facts on the ground. The fact is they (Chinese) are not in occupation of even one square inch of land of India," the Lt Governor said. Brig Mishra (Retd) said Indian troops are defending the borders and they are defending every inch of it. "Anybody who says what is well up

to him, but the fact is that not even a single inch of land of India is under Chinese occupation. Whatever has happened in 1962 (during the India-China war), that is a past story... That is a separate issue but when I am talking to present and according to our own definition of Line of Actual control, we are present there," he said. During his nine-day tour of Ladakh last month, Gandhi raked up the border issue twice at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a conversation on the sidelines of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Summit in Johannesburg.

SRS president condemns heinous act of terrorists; pays tributes to martyred Colonel, Major, DySP

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JAMMU, Sep 14: Rajiv Mahajan, President, Shri Ram Sena J&K UT strongly condemned the heinous and barbaric act committed by the terrorists last night in Kokernag, wherein a Colonel of the Rashtriya Rifles, an Army Major, and a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP)

attained martyrdom in an encounter with terrorists. While paying homage to the young officers, including Colonel Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonack of 19 RR, and DySP Muhammad Hamayun Muzamil Bhat of J&K Police, Rajiv Mahajan said that this barbaric act is the manifestation Pak spon-

sored terrorists outfits. Rajiv Mahajan described terrorism as biggest challenge to the civilized society, saying the world must unite and launch a decisive war against terror. Expressing condolences to the families of martyrs, Rajiv Mahajan prayed for the eternal peace to the departed souls in heaven.

FFMA pays tributes to martyred officers in Kokernag encounter

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JAMMU, Sep 14: Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) paid tributes to the Martyrs, who fell to the bullets of Pakistani terrorists at Kokernag encounter in Anantnag.

While paying tributes Colonel Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonack of 19 RR, and DySP Muhammad Hamayun Muzamil Bhat of J&K Police, FFMA leaders said that the frustrated cowards Pakistani sending terrorists to attack security force in India.

"We salute our brave Jawans and extend our solidarity and condolences to their families. The nation will forever remain indebted to these martyrs and their bereaved families," they said.

Prominent persons who pay tributes to martyred officers

include Chief Patron Balwal, Karnail Chand, FFMC Ved Gandotra, Pritam Sharma, Chairman Rajiv Mahajan, R.C Puri, S.S and others.

YRS takes out march rally, pays tribute to Anantnag Martyrs

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JAMMU, 14 SEP: Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) today took out a march rally in the support of security forces and paid rich tribute to martyrs of Anantnag. Earlier YRS gathered at Near Bagwati Nagar Bridge as per Gahero BJP office. But in view of the major casualties of Col Manpreet Singh, Maj Ashish D & DSP of JKP Humayun Bhat who laid down their lives and attained Martyrdom on Wednesday at Kokernag in Anantnag District. YRS decided to pay tribute to our Martyrs Soldiers by taking out a march rally from Ware House Jammu towards Maharaaja Hari Singh Ji Statue Tawi Bridge. Holding National flags into their hands YRS marching



towards Statue YRS raised the slogans of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Indian Soldiers Zindabad' under the presidentship of Vikram Singh. While addressing the media Vikram raised voice against Pakistan for encouraging the Terrorists and distribute the peaceful climate of J&K, he

also said that the Indian Soldiers always sacrificed with their lives and save our Motherland. Vicky also appealed Central Govt to take a strong action against Terrorism and having a strike against Pakistan who always distribute our country. Former YRS Presidents

Surinder Singh Gilli and Rajan Singh also condemned that Terrorism is a major drawback for J&K and its effects on major economy of J&K as this is tourism state and as Central Govt take the necessary action against Terrorism. Chairman Raghuvir Singh and Founder member Rajinder Singh also said that the OGWs who are involved in such type of activities, administration took strictly action against them and having a legal action. All core committee members, senior members and Stakeholders of YRS along with numbers of other people paid tribute to Martyrs soldiers and prays to God for their noble soul and their contributions for our Nation is always remembered.

Ajatshatru expresses grief over martyrdom of three brave-hearts in Kokernag encounter

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JAMMU, SEP 14: M.K Ajatshatru Singh, a senior BJP leader and former minister today expressed deep grief over the sacrifices made by Army Col Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonack, and Deputy Superintendent of Police, J&K, Humayun Bhat during the encounter in Kokernag area, district Anantnag. In a solemn statement, Ajatshatru Singh conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the brave martyrs. He assured them that the entire nation stands in solidarity with them during this difficult time. "The sacrifices made by Colonel Manpreet



Singh, Major Ashish Dhonack, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat will forever be remembered. Their unwavering bravery and dedication to duty serve as a shining example to all. Their sacrifices will inspire generations to come and instill a sense of patriotism in our society," he said. The former minister acknowledged the immense courage dis-

played by our armed forces and law enforcement personnel who selflessly put their lives on the line to protect our nation. He emphasized the importance of honoring and supporting the families of these fallen heroes, who have made the ultimate sacrifice. During this time of great sorrow, Ajatshatru Singh called upon the nation to unite and stand with the families of three brave-hearts. "As a nation, we must never forget the sacrifices of our brave soldiers and police officers. Their selflessness and dedication to duty will forever be etched in our hearts," he added.

College Teachers delegation meets Bali Bhagat, submit memo of demands

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JAMMU, Sep 14: A delegation of J&K College Teachers Association (CTA), led by Dr. Rakesh Jasrotia, President of JKCTA-Jammu and general secretary Amit Kumar Sharma, today called on Bali Bhagat, senior BJP leader and former cabinet minister and submitted a memorandum addressing the pressing issues faced by college teachers in Jammu and Kashmir. During the meeting, the delegation apprised Bali Bhagat about the various challenges faced by college teachers, including the restoration of Advanced Increments for higher qualifications of Ph.D and MPhil, the release of legitimate arrears of college teachers placed in the Pay Level of 13A, the need for uniformity in the age of superannuation of college teachers across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, and the unjust stopping of salaries for college teachers posted in colleges of the Doda District. The former minister gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by the delegation and assured them that their issues would be taken up with the relevant authorities for early redressal of their demands. Furthermore, Bali Bhagat urged the Lieutenant Governor to intervene in the matter urgently, ensuring that the duty-bound college teachers and non-teaching staff do not suffer due to the unjust withholding of salaries by the DC Doda and District Treasury Officer.

Grand Kalash Yatra commences majestic 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya at Sidhgoria Temple

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JAMMU, Sep 14: A grand Kalash Yatra was taken out on Thursday in connection with 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya from Baba Sidhgoria Temple under the guidance of Mahant Kuldeep Singh Paloura Wale of Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura in which large number of devotees participated. The devotee women took out the Kalash Yatra by placing the holy Kalash on their heads from Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura and travelled all the way from temple to Canal near BSF Paloura and went back to temple. The Kalash Yatra was taken out at 9 am and



returned two hours later with religious fervour and gaiety. Large number of devotees besides social and religious organisation heads participated in the Kalash Yatra. It is worthwhile to mention here that the 54th Shat Chandi Mahayag-

ya, Hawan Pujan, Sant Samelan and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Narayan Dass Ji Maharaj has been organised by Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji Paloura Wale at Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura, Jammu from September 14 (Thurs-

day) to September 24 (Sunday), 2023 where large number of devotees will take part in Mahayagya and listen Shrimad Bhagwat Katha during the programme. The religious programme started on 14th September 8 am with Jal Yatra followed

by Mandal Pujan and Yagya from 8 am to 12 noon, Shrimad Bhagwat Katha from 2 pm to 5 pm daily from September 18 to 24. Prominent persons who participated in the yatra include Ashok Singh Chib, Satish Sharma Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Vasu, Vishu Jaipal Paloura, Suresh Kumar Laswara, Sonu Baba Paloura, Jyot Baba Paloura, Ashok Singh, Corporator, Balbir Singh Paloura, Mohit Gupta, Amarjeet Singh, Deepanshu, Pawan Kumar Sharma, Suresh Kumar Rehari, Kuldeep Gupta Talab Tillo, Ram Paul Sharma and Varinder Singh Badori.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In part supersession to Public Notice, published in various newspapers on 13.09.2023. The following corrigendum is issued as under :-

- Train No. 12587 Gorakhpur - Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Exp. JCO 18.09.2023 will now run on its proper route instead of diversion & will be regulated for 15 minutes enroute.
- Train No. 15655 Kamakhya - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 17.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No. 12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 18.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No. 12471 Bandra Terminus- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 18.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No. 04642 Pathankot - Jalandhar City DEMU Special Express and 06949 Jalandhar City - Pathankot DEMU Special Express JCO 19.09.2023 will be restored.
- 19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express JCO 19.09.2023 will be short originated from Pathankot (instead of Jalandhar City).

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Short e-NIT No. 03 of 2023-2024/Jammu East Dated 11-09-2023

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** e-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contract
1	Upgradation of Cooperative Training Institute Amphalla, Jammu	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	11.25	600	2% of Advertised Cost	1 1/2 month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 20-09-2023	A, B, C & D Class

Position of AAA : Accorded.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11-09-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12-09-2023 to 19-09-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
4	Bid submission Start Date	12-09-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	19-09-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	20-09-2023 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East** and upload the same i.e treasury challan/ receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East**. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East** at the time of allotment.
2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
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EDITORIAL

CHOOSE RIGHT CAREER

We start thinking about our career right from the time we are young. In childhood, someone wants to become a doctor, someone wants to become an engineer, someone wants to become a lawyer or a singer.

However, in childhood we do not have enough wisdom to choose the right career. But when we grow up and our level of education increases then we realize the importance of career.

Because we are taking education to improve our future and it is very important to choose a good career to use the education to build a good future.

As easily as we used to say in childhood that we will become this or that, it becomes equally difficult to choose a career as we grow up because we have a good future only through our good career.

In today's time, there are many things which distract the attention of the youth, due to which they are not able to choose the right career. Our entire future gets ruined because of a wrong career choice. In such a situation, it is very important to choose your career very thoughtfully.

We should choose our career during school education itself. Because further we choose subjects according to our career and get education in it.

For example, if someone wants to become a doctor, he will have to complete further education in science subject. If someone wants to become a literature then he can complete his education from Arts stream.

That is why it is important for every child to choose a career at least after passing class 10th.

However, the responsibility of choosing a career should not be the sole responsibility of a child, his/her parents should also support him/her. Because parents have more experience. They can help your child to choose a right career.

Children can get disoriented after seeing the outside world. But parents can tell their children the importance of a right career from their experience. In today's time, children do not face so much difficulty in choosing a career because today we can also take the help of internet in making a career.

However, support of parents should be taken in choosing career. But career choice should not be made under pressure. Career should be chosen according to one's ability.

It is not necessary that we choose the same career as others are doing. After selecting a career, we need to work hard continuously and develop our skills to make that career.

We need to work hard every day by aiming at the career chosen by us, only then we will be able to achieve that career in future. In this way, the future of one who has chosen the right career in life is completely clear.

Many challenges for India as voice of 'Global South'

By: Patralekha Chatterjee

As India positions itself as a key, if not the champion of the "Global South", a question comes to mind. What will it take to be the voice of the Global South now that the G-20 summit is over?

As someone old enough to remember the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), a group of more than 100 countries, which openly said that the world needs a financial system that is fairer to developing states, the buzz around the "Global South" narrative has a familiar ring. "Global South" is not a geographical term. It is a geopolitical idea as numerous commentators have pointed out. There has been a longstanding debate about how to correctly describe the uneven, post-and neo-colonial patterns of development and power. Carl Oglesby, an American writer and activist, coined the term "Global South" back in 1969, while writing about the Vietnam war in a Catholic journal, *Commonweal*.

But the term really gained currency after the Soviet Union broke up. Today, "Global South" is used to a broad swathe of nations, poor and not-so-poor, who advocate reform of the iniquitous structures of the global economy.

Despite all the buzz around it, the term "Global South" does not figure explicitly in the G-20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration released last week. But it is popping up everywhere else.

None of us this should surprise us, given how much India, the summit host, invested in this loosely defined idea linked with interests of developing countries. Earlier this week, Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan described the induction of the African Union, representing 55 countries in Africa, into the G-20 as the "biggest achievement of

the New Delhi summit." The credit, he said, goes to India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The African Union now has the same status as the European Union, the only other regional bloc with full membership. Preparations began quite some time ago. India hosted a virtual Voice of Global South summit soon after it assumed the G-20 presidency. Around 125 countries participated in the virtual summit, held in January 2023.

Critics of the Narendra Modi government flag the dissonance between the government's high-minded statements at international fora and domestic realities. But the fact of the matter is that India finds itself in a sweet geopolitical spot currently, for a host of reasons. The critical one is the rivalry between the United States and China.

The mantle of leadership of the Global South, however, is not a low-hanging fruit. There are many challenges ahead.

With greater visibility and clout comes greater expectations, greater scrutiny, and competition.

"Can India Challenge China for Leadership of the 'Global South'?", asked the *New York Times* recently. For more than a decade, the newspaper noted, "China has courted developing countries frustrated with the West... And as it challenged the post-war order, especially with its global focus on development through trade, loans, and infrastructure projects, it sent billions of much-needed dollars to poor nations. But now, China is facing competition from another Asian giant in the contest to lead what has come to be called the 'Global South'."

A newly confident India, it went on to say, is "presenting itself as a different kind of leader for developing countries -- one that is big, important and better positioned than China in an

increasingly polarised world to push the West to alter its ways". As exhibit A, it cites the "unexpected consensus India managed at the Group of 20 summit in New Delhi".

A turf war with China for leadership of the "Global South" is not the only challenge. Being a champion of developing countries means having to live up to greater expectations from the developing world and being open to greater scrutiny.

Take food security, a dominant concern in the Global South. India has been blamed for exporting food price inflation. Rice prices have soared after India, the world's biggest rice exporter, restricted shipments. India is expected to feed its 1.4 billion people, many abysmally poor, and the world.

"Much has been written critiquing India's July 2023 ban on rice exports (non-basmati rice), which made up a third of its milled rice exports. Given that India is the world's largest rice exporter, critics argue such a move could damage its claim to lead the "Global South", as it falls far from its promises of addressing global food challenges when it assumed its G-20 leadership in 2023..." noted Jose M.L. Montesclaros, a researcher at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, in a recent commentary.

"However," notes Montesclaros, "such discourses have not proven effective in convincing India to normalise its rice trade".

A more constructive approach, the researcher argues, is to engage India and "recognise the complex balancing act it undertakes within the global food order, in particular, its dual mandate of serving as a reliable food source in the international food trade on the one hand while meeting the food security needs of its domestic constituents on the other".

Being the voice of the Global

South means embracing complexity. It also means being ready for more intense scrutiny from the rest of the Global South and other countries. Low-cost, generic medicines produced in India have helped save millions of lives across the world. Dr Yusuf Khwaja Hamied of Cipla fought Big Pharma to sell AIDS drugs for \$1 a day, thereby saving many African lives. India sent shipments of Covid-19 vaccines to many developing countries during the pandemic. But in recent times, India's reputation as the "pharmacy of the world", a reliable source of inexpensive generics and frugal innovation has taken a severe knock because of a spate of controversies over contaminated medicines linked back to India. The affected countries are scattered across Asia and Africa. Several deaths have been reported.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has been raising alerts. In August, the WHO issued a global alert regarding an Indian-made cough syrup being sold in Iraq. The medication was found to be contaminated with toxic chemicals. This is the fifth such warning against an Indian pharma manufacturer in the last year, according to media reports. The Indian health authorities have initiated measures to address the situation but India must show zero-tolerance towards counterfeit and substandard drugs. Too many lives have been lost. There cannot be a repeat.

India seeks to champion the concerns of the "Global South" at a time when there are glaring fault lines in the world and within the country. The Narendra Modi government, which has invested huge political capital in the project, has the dual task of building trust at home and outside. It must be able to deal with questions and complexities.

Khattar's whiplash: U-turn on appointment raises eyebrows

By: Dilip Cheria

Consistency in government decisions is a fundamental principle of responsible governance. Each decision of the government is presupposed to have been taken after careful consideration and thereby carries significant weight. However, the recent abrupt reversal of a key appointment by Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar raises questions about its decision-making process.

The state government officially announced the appointment of Sudhir Rajpal as additional chief secretary for several critical departments, including home, jail, criminal investigation and administration of justice. But within a few hours, it reversed the order and issued a new order appointing Mr Rajpal as additional chief secretary of the school education department and cooperation department. Another IAS officer T.V.S.N. Prasad assumed the role of ACS for home.

Observers have noted that the Haryana government has been besieged by a litany of administrative challenges, which conceivably

may have prompted the reversal of Mr Rajpal's appointment. This sudden reversal has left many wondering about the underlying reasons, inevitably fuelling suspicions of political manoeuvring. It's essential for Mr Khattar to maintain credibility and trust, and such swift reversals can end up eroding that trust, especially in the fast-nearing election season.

Sherpas who scaled G-20 summit The recently concluded G-20 summit in New Delhi will be remembered as a watershed moment in India's diplomatic victory, with the unanimous adoption of the Delhi Declaration, said to be the first time that a G-20 meeting has concluded with all members on the same page. Among the key figures who played a pivotal role in this, Amitabh Kant, India's G-20 sherpa stands out as the true orchestrator of diplomatic excellence. His impressive track record as a civil servant and Niti Aayog top honcho made him the ideal candidate to represent India's interests and ensure a cohesive strategy, which he delivered splendidly.

Obviously, this achievement is attributable not only to Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi and external affairs minister S. Jaishankar but also to several dedicated babus, as Mr Kant himself has noted. A formidable coalition of IAS, IFS and IIS officials worked through more than 200 hours of relentless negotiations, 300 bilateral meetings and 15 draft revisions towards a common goal. Besides Mr Kant, there were former foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, and officers like Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur, Eenam Gambhir, Ashish Kumar Sinha, Lily Pandeya and Abhay Thakur, among others.

As India continues to assert its role on the global stage, it will be officials such as Mr Kant whose ability to harness bureaucratic talent, navigate complex geopolitics and address global security concerns will determine the path to the future. These sherpas successfully scaled the peak of Indian diplomacy.

PESB revives board-level selection drive

After a month-long lull, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has resumed the selection interviews for board-level positions in various Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The last recommendation

PESB made for a board-level position was that of director (technical) at Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers on August 9, 2023.

According to sources, interviews slated for this month include the position of director (R&D) in Indian Oil, CMD in Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., and CMD of Power Grid Corporation (PGCIL). This last appointment is significant as the current chief, K. Sreekant, is retiring on December 31, 2023.

August saw only three selection interviews for board-level positions, marking the lowest number of selections this year. This lull was an anomaly in a year that otherwise witnessed a consistent flow of leadership selections. In all, PESB has held 73 selection interviews for board-level positions this year, with the highest numbers in February (13) and March (14), followed closely by April (9), May and June (10 each). In contrast, January had six, while August had the lowest three selection interviews.

As the selection process gains momentum once again, it is hoped that this is a sign of something more than a routine administrative process.

Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of DPAP condemns attack on Col. Manpreet, Major Ashish, DySP Humayun Bhat

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: The joint statement issued by the Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of DPAP expressed strong condemnation of the ghastly attack on Col. Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat in Kokernag, Anantnag. These individuals were martyred while bravely fighting for the nation. The leaders, including DPAP President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, Roop Krishen Koul Vice President, Gowhar Wani Spokesperson, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, Mahila Presi-

dent Dazy Dhar, Vikas Koul Secretary, Amrita Bhat Mahila Vice President, Naveen Gosani, Youth President and Rahul Raina Youth Vice President and others unequivocally condemned the attack on these security personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. The leaders paid their respects and offer condolences to the families of the martyrs, acknowledging the profound loss they have suffered. The statement called on the general public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities or individuals to the authorities. This is seen as a crucial

step in preventing such attacks by anti-national elements.

The leaders spoke with one voice in their appeal for the formulation of a comprehensive policy to address the ongoing threats faced by the common masses, especially the minority Hindu community in the Kashmir Valley. They argue that the Kashmiri culture, known for its harmony, should be preserved and protected. The statement hints at the involvement of external agencies behind the disturbances and calls for their immediate cessation to restore confidence among the minority community.

Chandel urges Army to take revenge of martyrdom of Col Manpreet, Major Ashish & DSP Humayun

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Hindu nationalist BJP leader Raju Chandel strongly criticized Pakistan for sending foreign terrorists to Kashmir for the killings of Indian police and army officers. Chandel expressed his anger in strong words and condemned Pakistan's actions, calling them cowardly. He also said that Pakistan's recent actions, following the success of the G20 Summit, show that the



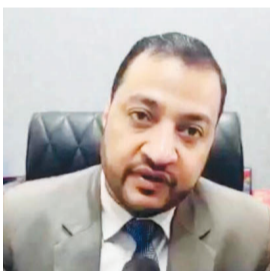
country continues to engage in cowardly acts of terrorism. He emphasized that the sacrifice of our brave Army Colonel, Major and DySP of J&K Police will not go in vain.

Demanding a surgical strike on the terrorist training camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Raju Chandel urged the Defense Minister, Rajnath Singh, to take immediate action against Pakistan. He stressed that the loss of such high-ranking officers in our country has caused significant damage, and the only way to seek revenge is to destroy the terrorist camps. Only then will the sacrifice of the three officers be avenged.

Nitish expresses grief over the martyrdom of three brave-hearts

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge Social Media Department, BJP, J&K, today expressed grief over the martyrdom of an Army Colonel, Major, and Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Kokernag encounter. In a statement issued here today, the BJP leader conveyed heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyred officers during this time of great distress. "In the face of this tragic incident, the whole



nation stands united in solidarity with the grieving families. The loss of these brave souls is an irreparable loss to the nation as they made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, dedicating themselves to the service and protection of

our citizens. Their valor and unwavering dedication will forever be cherished and remembered," he said. Nitish emphasized that the nation will forever remain indebted to these martyrs and their bereaved families. This act of heroism is a testament to their selflessness, bravery, and unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation. Their sacrifices have not gone unnoticed, and their memory will serve as an inspiration for generations to come, he added.

Sham Langer expresses grief over martyrdom of Army Col, Major, DySP in Kokernag encounter

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Sham Lal Langer, Convener of BJP Trade Cell, J&K, expressed profound grief and shock over the tragic martyrdom of Army Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhancok, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat during an encounter in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district. In a statement issued on Thursday, Langer acknowledges the supreme sacrifice made by these brave officers in the line of duty. He said that the whole nation stands firmly with the families of these martyred officers, sharing their grief in this hour



of immense pain and distress. Highlighting the valour and sacrifice showcased by these brave officers, Langer affirmed that the nation will forever remain indebted to them and their families. Their selfless sacrifice serves as a poignant reminder of the immense courage and dedication exhibited by our armed forces and law enforcement

personnel in protecting the sovereignty of the nation. Langer extended his deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the families of Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhancok, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat. He assured them of unwavering support and solidarity during this difficult time. Langer called upon the people of the nation to stand as one against such acts of violence and terrorism. He urged the Central Government to take stringent action against those responsible for perpetrating such acts and ensure that justice is served.

TECNO honours Chandrayaan 3; launches Spark 10 Pro Moon Explorer

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: TECNO, the leading technology brand synonymous with innovation and style, is once again breaking new ground in the world of beautifully designed smartphones. The TECNO SPARK 10 Pro Moon Explorer Edition is a testament to the brand's commitment to pushing the boundaries of design, functionality, and environmental responsibility. Scheduled for pre-booking starting September 7, 2023, and with its first sale on September 15, 2023, this smartphone derives inspiration from India's Moon Mission - Chandrayaan 3, while also prioritizing eco-friendliness with its unique Black & White Leather Design crafted from environmentally friendly eco-silicone leather.

The SPARK Series has always stood out for its captivating design and impressive functionality, and the SPARK 10 Pro Moon Explorer Edition continues this tradition. This smartphone is designed to make a statement with its innovative Black & White Leather Design along with a camera module that resembles the moon's surface, a fitting tribute to Chandrayaan 3. Unlike other dual-shade designs, this phone features a one-piece eco-leather back panel that not only looks stunning but also aligns with our eco-friendly approach.

Capture life's moments in unparalleled detail with the SPARK 10 Pro Moon Explorer Edition's ultra-clear camera setup. It boasts a remarkable 32MP AI Selfie Camera with a dual flash for stunning selfies, and a 50MP Dual Camera with an F1.6 Aperture and Dual Flash on the rear for breath-taking photography. Say goodbye to blurry photos and hello to crisp, vibrant images.

Experience seamless multitasking and gaming with the phone's impressive 8GB + 8GB RAM configuration with memory fusion and a spacious 128GB internal storage. In a market where most competitors offer just 4GB or 6GB RAM at this price point, the SPARK 10 Pro Moon Explorer Edition ensures you have the power you need for lag-free operations.

The TECNO Spark 10 Pro Moon Explorer Edition offers value at an attractive price point of ₹11,999. To get your hands on this cutting-edge smartphone, mark your calendars for the pre-booking phase, which commences on September 7, 2023. The official release date is set for September 15, 2023, ensuring that tech enthusiasts and smartphone aficionados can soon experience the perfect blend of innovation and style in their hands. Don't miss out on the opportunity to explore the cosmos of features this phone has to offer.

GCoE Jammu organizes Poetry Competition to commemorate Hindi Diwas



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Government College of Education (GCoE), Jammu organized an enlightening, magnetic and informative Poetry Competition to commemorate "Hindi Diwas."

The objective of the programme was to mark the need, uses, importance and virtue of our Matribhasha Hindi. Since promotion of national language is important for the promotion of national integration the program highlighted the need of Hindi language. The staff and students participated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal of GCOE, who very precisely and deeply made everyone aware about the importance of Hindi Language and its widespread cov-

erage in our daily life ranging from Indian films to television and day to day life.

She asserted that Hindi is the most widespread used and loved language by the masses.

She further explained that Hindi language is widespread not only in India but also in other countries.

Prof. Satish K Sharma HOD Hindi welcomed the gathering and explained the journey and origin of the Hindi Language and its usages since in the Vedic and Sanskrit Era. He also stressed upon the importance and pride of the Hindi Language.

Prof. Seema Kotwal, Dr. Taahira Shah and Prof. Shalini Rana adjudged the competition. Geetika Kohli was also

present on the occasion. The program was attended by Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Rajinder Kour Prof. Anuradha Choudhary, Dr. Sushma Bala, Prof. Vinay Lata, Prof. Neeraj Verma, Vikram Singh Jamwal, Daljeet Singh and Karuna Balotra among others.

The programme was organized by Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Sarita Dogra and Arushi Sharma.

The competition was indeed creative, informative and full of enlightenment and brought before the audience certain unknown facts about Hindi language and boosted the morale of all to work for the encouragement and spread of Hindi Language and Culture and take it to great heights. Vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Seema Kumari.

Councillor Rahul urges people not to throw polythene bags in Nallah

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Councillor Rahul Kumar, along with the Joint Commissioner of Health & Sanitation, JMC, CTO, TO, and the sanitation officer of JMC, conducted a visit to the flood-affected area of 2nd Ext Gandhi Nagar today.

During the visit, Councillor Rahul Kumar observed the remaining portion of the Nallah, which had resulted in severe flooding and affected the lives of residents in the area. Recognizing the urgent need to avoid further



damages, he instructed the officials to expedite the dismantling of the remaining portion of the Nallah.

Understanding the potential risks posed by the Nallah with overflowing of filthy water, Councillor Rahul Kumar

emphasized the importance of taking immediate action to ensure the safety and well-being of the local community.

He urged the officials to execute the dismantling process swiftly.

In addition, the Councillor addressed a critical issue that has been contributing to the congestion in the Nallah. He urged the people not to throw polythene bags filled with garbage into the watercourse. The irresponsible disposal of waste has been one of the main causes of Nallah blockages and subsequent flooding. He appealed to the residents of the area to be responsible and ensure the cleanliness of their surroundings.

Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K or Bhrashtachar Yukt J&K: AAP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Sharing resentment and deep anguish regarding all time high and unprecedented corruption in all departments in general and Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K, with general masses and opposition Parties, the Senior leaders of AAP Jammu, including, Ram Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Amit Langer and Sukhdev Kumar Sangral, in a meeting held here, castigate the ruling dispensation saying that in the name of various lucrative and public friendly emotive slogans like eradicating corruption & bring transparency, the BJP is leaving no stone unturned in looting the public money and befooling the masses in one sloganeering or the other without bringing anything on the ground. The AAP leaders said that if everything is

going transparent in Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in J&K then what made Financial Commissioner Shlinder Kabra to come before the press & refute the charges of corruption? If it is not Rs. 13,000 crores, then what is the exact & true picture they questioned? & maintained that in the real sense BJP wants to make J&K as "Bhradhita char Yukt" and not "Bhrashtachar Mukht".

The AAP leaders further said that if all is well in Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) then why no CBI or ED action into the wild allegation of siphoning of public money? The unique case of declaring Rs 31 crores from J&K Bank branch Link Road Jammu, in the name of three Senior BJP leaders/ Ex Minister, as NPA (never to be returned) is still in the minds of people, the AAP lead-

ers reminded. Why no inquiry through ED or CBI in the wild recruitment Scams, the AAP leaders pinpointed and added that closing down the old policy of recruitment as 10+2 Lecturers of highly qualified un-employed youth marring their future and now again offering contractual engagements in Hr. Secondary Schools, is an open example of bankruptcy of persons at the helm of affairs framing Education Policy in J&K, the AAP leaders blamed.

They strongly ridiculed the statement that "Na Khaon Ga, Na Khane Doonga" terming it as wild Jumla, the AAP leaders alleged that if raid on opposition leaders, then why not on the alleged Rs. 13,000 crore scam in the Jal Jeevan Mission which has come against the J&K-UT government.

The whistleblower of

the scam, Ashok Kumar Parmar is an officer, who happens to be a Dalit IAS officer & has written to the SC/ST Commission & also the ministry of Home but no action has been taken. Hitting out at the government, the AAP leaders said, that it seems that the top echelons of the Modi government, the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajender Singh Shekhawat & Lt. Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha has promoted these corrupt officers, named in the scam by Parmar & punished the whistleblower, by demoting him from being a Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department to ARI and Trainings Department.

Even though with 30 years of service, his position should have been of Financial Commissioner. Why was a Dalit IAS officer harassed & targeted even though he

exposed a massive scam of Rs. 13,000 crore? Why were other officers who embezzled funds, scammed the exchequer and looted over people, promoted? Were they following the orders from a higher power above? Who is the mastermind of this humongous scam of Rs. 13,000 crores? The AAP leaders asked why no CBI enquiry has been ordered despite complaints to the Union Home Minister & who was protecting the government. This scam should be handed over to ED/CBI for investigation, so that real faces of the beneficiaries of the scam is made public & comes to fore. While questioning why these agencies are silent, so far, in the serious matter and are they meant to investigate allegations against non BJP Political leaders or anti government people?

Story of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will echo with people across globe: Shyam Benegal

Filmmaker Shyam Benegal on Thursday said he is honoured to narrate the story of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman through his film 'Mujib - The Making of a Nation'.

A Bangladesh-India co-production, 'Mujib - The Making of a Nation' was screened at 48th annual Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) on Wednesday evening.

The upcoming biographical drama narrates the life story of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the first president of Bangladesh and later its prime minister who was assassinated with most of his family in 1975.

Benegal, 88, who was unable to attend the screening, said he was happy to present 'Mujib - The Making of a Nation' at the prestigious festival.

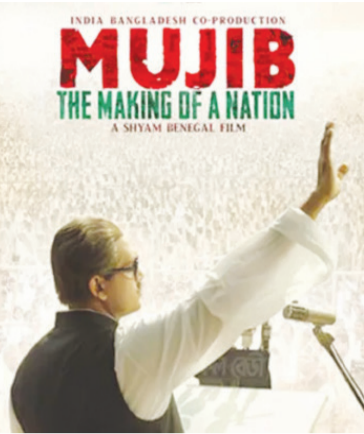
"Delighted to be unveiling the film at this prestigious festival. I'm sure the story of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his journey to



create the Nation of Bangladesh will echo with the people and communities across the globe. It has been an honour to be able to tell this inspiring story of the making of a nation," the veteran filmmaker said in a statement.

The film is a collaboration between India's National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC).

Dr Hasan Mahmud, minister



of Information & Broadcasting of Bangladesh, said he was brimming with emotions at the screening of the film inspired by the life of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, popularly known as 'Bangabandhu', under whose leadership Bangladesh attained freedom in 1971.

"I'm grateful to the team from both countries for being able to portray his journey, his unfathomable love and supreme sacrifice for the country and

its people. Mr Shyam Benegal is missed immensely as he's not present for the screening," Mahmud said.

Bangladeshi actor Arifin Shuvoo plays the title role in the film, which also stars Nusrat Imrose and Nusrat Faria in the roles of his wife Renu and Sheikh Hasina, their daughter and the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh, respectively.

Shuvoo, who attended the TIFF screening of the film, said it was a great experience to view the film alongside the festival crowd.

"The research, the detailing to look like Mujib is seen on screen. I may not be able to put it in words what a feeling it is to see the film with an audience. It is an honour to play Bangabandhu in this magnificent biopic and to be here to see the response myself. May Mujib continue to touch our hearts and inspire the world the way he always did," he said.

Pakistani entrepreneur Kanwal Cheema hates the fact that she looks like Aishwarya Rai



Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has many people who look like her and enjoy being called her doppelgangers.

However, there is one exception—a Pakistani entrepreneur called Kanwal Cheema. She doesn't like the fact that

she resembles the Bollywood star and has openly expressed her displeasure.

Recently, an old video of Cheema has gone viral, in which she appears slightly annoyed when someone compares her

to Aishwarya. In the video, she addresses the media and dismisses the question about her resemblance to the actor.

Aishwarya is known as one of the most beautiful Bollywood actors, and there are many people who look like her and are proud of it.

Many people were surprised when they saw the video as Cheema's resemblance to Aishwarya is striking.

Interestingly, her voice also sounds similar to another Bollywood actress, Shilpa Shetty, which has also caught the attention of fans.

Cheema is a Pakistani entrepreneur, who is the founder and CEO of My Impact Meter, a prominent technology platform.

Sanya Malhotra talks about her role in Jawan

The limited screen time in Jawan never bothered Sanya Malhotra, as the actress says she was more focused on what she could learn from superstar Shah Rukh Khan and the rest of the film's team.

Malhotra has a pivotal, but small role in the Atlee directorial as Dr Eeram, a former doctor who is part of Shah Rukh's team of vigilantes.

She also gave the example of Shah Rukh's appearance in Kamal Haasan's 2000 movie Hey Ram and said, "In Hey Ram, he had done a character just for the script and love of acting, which gives me a lot of confidence as an actor. When I got this opportunity, it's something I could never have said no to because I'm a huge Shah Rukh Khan fan, and to get to work with him, to be around him, to see him work — why would I say no to it even in my dreams?"

Jawan also stars Vijay Sethupathi, Priyamani,



Girija Oak, Sanjeeta Bhattacharya, Lehar Khan, Aaliyah Qureshi, Ridhi Dogra, Sunil Grover and Mukesh Chhabra, as well as Deepika Padukone and Sanjay Dutt in guest appearances.

Malhotra called Shah Rukh an 'institution' and

that she learnt a lot from the actor.

The 31-year-old actress said she learnt a lot on the sets of her first film Dangal as well.

In Dangal she shared the screen with Aamir Khan, and it came in handy when she signed for Jawan.

'Jawan': SRK counts on 'brother' Sonu Sood; calls Varun Dhawan 'kid in a candy store'

Shah Rukh Khan's action entertainer 'Jawan' has created frenzy among the netizens and the Bollywood fraternity since its release on September 7.

The social media is flooded with love and appreciation for the 'Badshah of Bollywood'.

Now, actor Sonu Sood took to X and wrote a dialogue from his film 'Happy New Year' in which he co-starred with SRK. He wrote: "Kismat badi kutti cheez hoti hai, Saali kabhi bhi palat jaati hai. Lekin JAWAN



apni kismat khud likhta hai. Mubarak ho bhai @iamsrk Keep Ruling #jawan."

Replying to Sonu,

'King Khan' said: "Thank u @SonuSood.... Your wishes mean the world. Kismat palte ya na palte, it's good to know I can

count on a brother like u!!! Love u."

SRK's 'Dilwale' co-star Varun Dhawan shared: "#jawaan is blockbuster stuff. @iamsrk delivers as an actor and superstar. So much fun I felt like a kid in a candy store. Each moment beautifully executed by @Atlee_dir Anna kya baat hain sirr super stuff."

SRK replied to Varun's post and said: "Thank u my man!!! Kid in a candy store is a good way to describe u... ha ha!!! Love, health and wish-

ing u the best always."

Sunny Singh said: "jo sabko milade woh hindustan hai, ek hawa chali hai jiska naam shahrukh Khan @iamsrk".

The 'Baazigar' fame actor replied: "Thank u Sunny!!! Hope u saw and enjoyed #Jawan.... Wishing u health and happiness".

Directed by Atlee, the film stars SRK in a dual role, alongside Nayanathara, Vijay Sethupathi, Deepika Padukone (billed as a special appearance), Priyamani and Sanya Malhotra.

Rithvik Dhanjani on his first interactive film 'Lost and Found In Singapore'

MX Player recently launched the interactive film Lost and Found in Singapore starring Rithvik Dhanjani and Apoorva Arora, and invited viewers to become a part of the narrative.

About the concept, Rithvik said, "This is an interactive film and that's the beauty of it. It is not a usual phenome-

non in romantic comedy films that you get to choose your character. It is exciting for the audience to choose where Dhruv or Sitara will go and see what happens next. It's an immersive experience. You will surely want to see both sides of the story."

He added, "It's very tricky for the writer Kan-



ishka Singh Deo and director Harsh Dedhia

to approach such a film, as they have to engage

the audiences in both the stories.

The team has done a fantastic job. You may choose any of the stories, but you will want to go back and know what is happening on the other side.

The audience embarks on a journey with us, and I think that's the beauty of it."

Will try to push content envelope through my brand of cinema: Ayushmann Khurrana on TIME 100 Impact Award

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who is the only Indian to be chosen for the 2023 edition of the TIME100 Impact Awards, on Wednesday said he is humbled by the honour which will encourage him to push the envelope of Indian content through his brand of cinema.

Known for tackling several social and taboo subjects through his films such as "Vicky Donor", "Dum Laga Ke Haisha", "Shubh Mangal Saavdhan" or "Bala", Khurrana was chosen to be amongst 100 Most Influential People of the World by the US-based publication in 2020.

"This is the second time that the prestigious TIME Magazine has chosen to recognise the work that I do on camera as well as off it. I'm proud as well as humbled with this honour from TIME Magazine because it validates my core belief system as an artiste and a human being trying to affect positive social change.

"I'm deeply grateful to TIME Magazine for

bestowing me with the TIME100 Impact honour this year. I have and will always try to push the content envelope of India through my brand of cinema," the "Dream Girl 2" star said in a statement.

In the title of the profile of Khurrana, TIME magazine described the actor as "a Bollywood Star Like No Other". He won the National Award for Best Actor for 2018's "Andhadhun".

"Khurrana has carefully curated a filmography that seamlessly switches between light-hearted commercial hits and films that critique the social mores of India's conservative middle class.

"The risk-taking has seen the actor win several more accolades, including a prestigious National Film Award, administered by the Indian government. As his career has flourished over the years, Khurrana has also become passionate about using his platform on the silver screen to advocate for social issues," the outlet



stated.

Khurrana, who was appointed the National Ambassador by UNICEF India for ensuring rights of every child, said he wants to use his work to make the country a better place.

"I shall also continue to work hard as the UNICEF Ambassador to aid as many children

in need in my country. I want to make a difference through my craft and my actions so that the people too can join me in making this nation better for our future generations," he added.

Previous Indians who received the TIME100 Impact Award include actors Alia Bhatt and Deepika Padukone.

Kiran Rao says it hurts her when films with 'regressive messaging' make 'hundreds of crores'

Filmmaker Kiran Rao has noticed how some films with highly 'regressive' messaging have been minting money at the box office. She confessed that this trend hurts her. In an interview with Film Companion, Kiran opened up about the responsibility of a filmmaker to 'push the needle'.

'You could have pushed the needle'

Kiran did not name any film or filmmaker in particular when she said, "I suppose all filmmakers set out to make good films, the intention is often great. But so much has changed in terms of the market. The audience now has so many more options and you are reaching for all kinds of attention, when you're making a film. So I suppose, when it is a really regressive sort of messaging, and it makes hundreds of crores, it hurts. Because you had the opportunity and you could have pushed the needle in some direction and you didn't. So those are the things that sometimes bother me."

'Every filmmaker has

his own goal'

She added, "Having said that, every filmmaker has their goals and they are going to do what they do. But it would be really nice if the big films, the kind that audiences love and earn lots at the box office, were also doing some of that important work for us. Building our society in a more positive way, not stereotyping people, in fact breaking some of those regressive ideas down or in some way opening up those conversations. I am not saying that all big films are not good but it would be great if we had more success of films that have better messaging. Having said that, films are not necessarily for social change."

Recently, films like The Kashmir Files, The Kerala Story and Gadar 2 enjoyed success at the box office, but were criticised for their messaging by some sections.

Laapataa Ladies at Toronto

Kiran is currently at the 2023 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) with her film



Laapataa Ladies. Set in 2001, in rural India, Laapataa Ladies follows the jolly mess that ensues when two young brides went missing from a train. The film boasts an ensemble cast, including Nitanshi Goel, Pratibha Ranta, Sparsh Shrivastava, Chhaya Kadam, and Ravi Kishan in pivotal roles.

Laapataa Ladie is

bankrolled by Kiran's former husband Aamir Khan's banner Aamir Khan Production and her own venture Kindling Productions.

The screenplay and dialogues have been written by Sneha Desai while the additional dialogues have been jotted down by Divyani Shree Sharma. The film will be released on January 5, 2024.

INDIA alliance has pledged to destroy Sanatan, must unite to defeat them: PM Modi

Was speaking at an event in election-bound Madhya Pradesh where he unveils a range of development projects

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday waded into the Sanatan row slamming the opposition INDIA Alliance for what he described as their "pledge to destroy Sanatan faith that united Indians through the centuries".

Speaking at an event in election-bound Madhya Pradesh where he unveiled a range of development projects, the prime minister cautioned all Indians against the "nefarious designs of Ghamandia alliance" and asked them to unite to "defeat their designs."

"There is no clarity on the leadership of Ghamandia alliance but in their Mumbai meeting this group has finalised its future strategy and hidden agenda. Their plan is to attack the faith of Indians, to destroy the ideas, values, and traditions that kept us united and to abolish the Sanatan faith," said the prime minister after serial statements



from DMK leaders against the Sanatan faith.

The PM cited Sanatan as the inspiration behind Ahilya Bai Holkar, Rani Lakshmbai, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi and said, "This Ghamandia alliance wants to destroy Sanatan faith and take the country back to centuries of slavery. We must stay alert and

defeat these designs with our unity of purpose."

The PM was attacking the INDIA bloc of 26 parties, including the Congress, TMC, NCP, AAP, Left, RJD, SP among others, for their silence on the statements of DMK leaders who have compared Sanatan dharma with contagious diseases and called for its eradication.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's son Udhayanidhi had compared Sanatan with HIV, Covid and malaria. Former union minister A Raja has called "Hinduism a menace for society".

The BJP has decided to take up the issue as a major poll plank ahead of the election in MP, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram and the 2024 general election.

The PM in Madhya Pradesh also hailed the successful conduct of the G20 leaders' summit by India and asked people whether or not their hearts filled with pride at the feat.

The PM said, "The country has decided to move forward with renewed confidence shedding colonial legacy."

He also reminded the voters that he had fulfilled guarantees of housing, free health cover, toilets, potable water, roads and electricity to every household.

Hindi Unites The "Diversity" Of Languages In India: Amit Shah



NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said Hindi unites the diversity of languages in India and it has honoured different Indian as well as global languages and dialects.

In a message on the occasion of "Hindi Diwas", Mr Shah said Hindi has never competed nor will compete with any other Indian language and that a strong country will emerge only by strengthening all its languages.

The home minister expressed confidence that Hindi will become a medium to empower all the local languages.

"India has been a country of diverse languages. Hindi unites the diversity of languages in the world's largest democracy. "Hindi has been a democratic language. It has honoured different Indian languages and dialects as well as many global languages and adopted their vocabularies, sentences and grammar rules," Mr Shah said.

He said the Hindi language has played an unprecedented role in uniting the country during the difficult days of freedom struggle and instilled a feeling of unity in a country that has several languages and dialects.

Hindi, as a language of communication, has played an important role in carrying forward the freedom struggle from

east to west and from north to south, Mr Shah said.

He said the movements for achieving "Swaraj" and "Swabhasha" were going on simultaneously in the country.

Considering the important role of Hindi in the freedom movement and after independence, the architects of the Constitution accepted it as the official language on September 14, 1949, the home minister said, adding that a country's original and creative expression is possible only through its own language.

Mr Shah said all Indian languages and dialects are the country's cultural heritage, which have to be carried forward.

He said Indian languages have received due recognition and respect at national and global forums under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr Shah said the Department of Official Language of the Ministry of Home Affairs is making continuous efforts, by leveraging modern technology, to enrich the Indian languages to establish those as languages of public administration, education and scientific use.

He said under the prime minister's guidance, public welfare schemes are being implemented effectively by establishing communication between

the government and the public in Indian languages.

The home minister pointed out that the principle of language change says "language moves from complexity to simplicity".

He said in his opinion, simple and clear words of Hindi should be used in office work.

Mr Shah said the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language was constituted to periodically review the work done in the country's official language.

It was given the responsibility to review the progress made in the use of Hindi in government work across the country and prepare its report and present it to the president, he added.

From the point of view of increasing the use of the official language in various areas, Shah said a total of 528 town official language implementation committees (TOLICs) have been formed so far.

Such committees have even been formed abroad, such as in London, Singapore, Fiji, Dubai and Port-Louis.

Mr Shah said India has also taken initiatives to promote the use of Hindi in the United Nations (UN).

He said a new tradition of organising the "All India Official Language Conference" has also been started by the Department of Official Language.

The home minister said in order to develop the official language according to technology, the Department of Official Language has created a memory-based translation system called "Kanthastha".

Taking a new initiative, the department has also created the "Hindi Shabd Sindhu" dictionary, Shah pointed out.

4 in 5 Indian professionals believe AI will change the way they work: Report

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): About four in five professionals in India believe artificial intelligence (AI) will significantly change the way they work, while eight in 10 professionals believe there will be 'significant' changes in their jobs in the next year as a result of AI, a new report said on Thursday.

According to the professional networking platform LinkedIn, while AI has created some uncertainty with 60 per cent of professionals feeling overwhelmed and 39 per cent worried that they won't be able to keep up with AI developments sweeping through the workplace, the majority of professionals in India are will-

ing to embrace the shift. Seven in 10 professionals said they want to learn more about AI, even if they don't know where to start.

In fact, 68 per cent of the workforce admits to already using generative AI in their job, with 50 per cent trying out AI tools like ChatGPT. Millennials (54 per cent) are leading the usage of ChatGPT followed by GenZ (46 per cent) professionals, the report found.

"While getting up to speed can be challenging, it is encouraging to see people focus on the positives that AI can bring to their working lives," said Nirajita Banerjee, LinkedIn's India Editorial Lead and

Career Expert.

"Nine in 10 (90 per cent) professionals in India believe that AI will be an invisible teammate in the next five years and with their time freed up, many are looking to invest in themselves by learning new skills, focusing on more creative and strategic work, and growing their professional network, all which are strong career boosters," she added.

When it comes to how AI will help move their career forward, about 57 per cent of professionals said it will make them more confident at work by giving them faster access to knowledge, while 43 per cent said they'll get a quicker



promotion as they can focus on work that adds more value.

Professionals in India think skills like problem-solving (77 per cent), communication (76 per cent), and creativity (76 per cent) will become more important as AI tools become more

widely used at work, the report mentioned.

Over half of India's workforce believes AI can make their jobs easier and, therefore, increase job satisfaction (55 per cent) and help them achieve greater work-life balance (74 per cent).

10 children missing after boat capsizes in Bagmati river in Bihar's Muzaffarpur

MUZAFFARPUR, Sep 14 (Agencies): At least 10 children went missing after a boat capsized in Bagmati river in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district on Thursday, officials said.

The boat was carrying 30 children, and 20 of them have so far been rescued, they said.

The incident took place near Madhupur Patti ghat along the Bagmati river.

Talking to reporters, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said: "Rescue



operation is under way. I have asked the district magistrate to look into the matter with urgency. The state government will provide all assis-

tance to the affected families."

Kumar is in Muzaffarpur to review the progress of the ongoing projects in the district.

Delhi excise policy case: ED summons BRS leader K Kavitha for questioning on Friday

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate has summoned BRS leader and the daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, K Kavitha, at its Delhi office on Friday for questioning in connection with the excise policy case in the National Capital, officials said.

Kavitha was questioned several times at the ED headquarters in March and had to submit her mobile phones to the federal agency. It is alleged that she



Delhi government's excise policy for 2021-

22 to grant licences to liquor traders allowed

cartelisation and favoured certain dealers who had paid bribes for it, a charge strongly refuted by the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the national capital.

The policy was subsequently scrapped and the Delhi lieutenant governor had recommended a CBI probe, following which the ED registered a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

During its probe, the ED had recorded the statement of Butchiba-bu, an accountant alleg-

edly linked to Kavitha, in which he had said "there was political understanding between K Kavitha and the chief minister (Arvind Kejriwal) and deputy chief minister (Manish Sisodia). In that process, K Kavitha also met Vijay Nair on March 19-20, 2021".

Kavitha has asserted that she has done no wrong and accused the BJP-led Centre of "using" the ED as the saffron party could not gain a "backdoor entry" into Telangana.

Boy beaten up at UP school, case lodged against teacher

BALLIA, Sep 14 (Agencies): A case has been registered against a teacher and management committee of a private school here for allegedly thrashing a class four student mercilessly, police said on Thursday.

On the complaint by the father of the boy, a named FIR has been registered against the management committee and teacher of the school located in Nagahar village of Rasra area on Wednesday, Rasra Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mohammad Faheem Qureshi, said.

The complainant alleged that the school teacher beat his nine-year-old son mercilessly after which he fell unconscious and his elbow was broken.

The injured boy was admitted to the government hospital in Rasra, from where he was referred to the district hospital.

When the complainant reached the school, the management committee misbehaved with him and also helped the accused teacher escape, the complaint alleged.

Indian Air Force successfully tests 'Type V Heavy Drop System' from cargo aircraft

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): The Indian Air Force has successfully tested the Type V Heavy Drop System and declared it a major success under 'Make in India'.

The Type V Heavy Drop System would help with the transportation and dropping of arms, equipment and ammunition, weighing up to 20 tons, with the help of a parachute.

According to officials, the Type V Heavy Drop System has been designed and developed at the Aerial

Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Agra (DRDO).

The testing was jointly completed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Indian Armed Forces and Airbornics Defence and Space Pvt. Ltd. (Defence Division of JCB).

ABOUT TYPE V HEAVY DROP SYSTEM The Type V Heavy Drop System can be used for C-17, C-130 and other C-series aircraft.

It has a platform and

a special multistage parachute system and consists of eight main canopies - three extractor parachutes, one drogue parachute and electrical, electronic, mechanical systems, along with other latching accessories.

The platform of the heavy drop system is made up of special aluminum metal.

Meanwhile, preparations for the induction of the Type V Heavy Drop System into the Indian Armed Forces have been completed.

Man sets his son and family on fire in Kerala



THRISSUR/KOCHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): A man allegedly tried to kill his son, daughter-in-law and grandson by setting them on fire while they were sleeping in their house in Thrissur district, police said on Thursday.

Police said Johnson allegedly poured petrol inside the room in which his son, daughter-in-law and their child were sleeping and set them on fire on Wednesday night.

The incident was reported from Chirakakode under Mannuthy police station limits, and the condition of 38-year-old Joji, his wife Liji (33) and their 12-year-old son is said to be critical.

They have been admitted to a private hospital in Ernakulam.

Johnson also suffered burns and has been admitted to a private hospital in Thrissur, police said.

A spokesperson at the Ernakulam Medical Centre, where the injured family members are being treated, said Joji and his son suffered 90 per cent burns and were put on ventilator support.

The condition of Liji, who suffered over 50 per cent burns, is also critical, he said.

Police said a family dispute is suspected to be the reason behind the crime.

Hit by impeachment inquiry, Biden says Republicans want to 'shut down government'

WASHINGTON, Sep 14 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden said that Republicans wanted to impeach him because they want to shut down the government, hours after the White House denounced plans to launch an impeachment inquiry against the president.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre called the inquiry a "political stunt" and said no evidence has been produced by Republicans against Biden as they investigate the business dealings of his son, Hunter Biden.

The inquiry is centered around whether Biden benefited from Hunter Biden's business dealings.

Biden said that when Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, a far-right Republican



lawmaker and staunch ally of former President Donald Trump, was first elected to the US Congress, she said the first thing she wanted to do was impeach him.

"I don't know quite why, but they just knew they wanted to impeach me," Biden told donors at a fundraiser in Virginia. "Now, the best I can tell, they want to

impeach me because they want to shut down the government."

Biden said he does not focus on the impeachment inquiry. "I get up every day, not a joke, not focused on impeachment. I've got a job to do," he said.

The White House has blamed Taylor Greene into pressuring House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy, the

top Republican in Washington, to order the impeachment inquiry.

McCarthy's move sets the stage for months of divisive House hearings that could distract from lawmakers' efforts to pass spending bills and avoid a government shutdown and could supercharge the 2024 presidential race, in which Trump hopes to avenge his 2020 election loss to Biden and win back the White House.

"This is an entire exercise of how to do this in an illegitimate way. ... It is going after the president politically, not about the truth," Jean-Pierre said.

She said Republicans have turned up no evidence that Biden did anything wrong "because the president didn't do anything wrong."

Korean man found competent to stand trial in deadly stabbing of Indian-origin roommate

WASHINGTON, Sep 14 (Agencies): A Korean man accused of fatally stabbing his Indian-origin roommate at Purdue University in the US state of Indiana has been found competent to stand trial, according to media reports.

Ji Min Sha, who was charged with murder in the death of 20-year-old Varun Manish Chheda, of Indianapolis, in October 2022, was previously found incompetent to stand trial in April by a Tippecanoe County judge.

In his April order, Tippecanoe Circuit Court Judge Sean M Persin wrote that Sha has reported hallucinations and has experienced chronic psychosis and delusional thoughts while in jail.

According to a September 12 court filing, doctors at Logansport State Hospital found Sha competent to stand trial after months of treatment, WTHR, a television station in Indianapolis, reported. Sha "has attained the ability to understand the proceedings and assist in the preparation of his defence," Logansport State Hos-

pital Superintendent Bethany Schoenrad wrote in a letter to the judge.

The judge has directed the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office to transport Sha back to the county jail.

A status conference in the case has been scheduled for September 29.

Sha and Chheda lived in McCutcheon Hall on Purdue University's West Lafayette campus. Prosecutors allege that Sha stabbed Chheda several times in the head and neck with a folding knife that officers found on the floor near the chair where Chheda's body was discovered. Purdue Police Chief Lesley Wieta said Sha called police early on October 5, 2022, and told them his roommate was dead in their dorm room. Officers who arrested Sha found him wearing clothes with blood on them, prosecutors have said. An autopsy found that Chheda had died of "multiple sharp-force traumatic injuries". If convicted, Sha could face 45 to 60 years in prison, WFIU, an Indiana-based public radio station, reported.

NASA to publish long-awaited UFO report

WASHINGTON, Sep 14 (Agencies): NASA is set to release on Thursday the findings of a long-awaited study on unexplained flying objects in Earth's skies.

The US space agency announced last year it was reviewing evidence regarding unidentified anomalous phenomena, or UAPs -- which has replaced the term "UFO" in official parlance.

The subject has long fascinated the public but was shunned by mainstream science.

An independent team of 16 researchers shared their preliminary observations in May, finding that existing data and eyewitness reports are insufficient to draw firm conclusions while calling for more systematic collection of high-quality data.

It's unlikely Thursday's report will change that bottom line -- but it could eventually usher in the start of a new mission for the agency.

While NASA's probes and rovers scour the solar system for any fossils of ancient microbes, and its astronomers look for signs of intelligent civilizations on distant planets, its historic posture has been to "debunk" sightings on our home planet.

There have been more than 800 "events" collected over 27 years, of which two to five per cent are thought to be possibly anomalous, the report's authors said during the May meeting.

These are defined as "anything that is not readily understandable by the operator or the sensor," or "something that

is doing something weird," said team member Nadia Drake.

The US government has begun taking the issue of UAPs more seriously in recent years, in part due to concerns that they are related to foreign surveillance.

NASA's work, which relies on unclassified material, is separate from a Pentagon investigation, though the two are coordinating on matters of how to apply scientific tools and methods.

In July, a former US intelligence officer made headlines when he told a congressional committee he "absolutely" believes the government is in possession of unidentified anomalous phenomena -- as well as remains of their alien operators.

"My testimony is based on information I've been given by individuals with a longstanding track record of legitimacy and service to this country -- many of whom also shared compelling evidence in the form of photography, official documentation and classified oral testimony," David Grusch told lawmakers.

Earlier this week, the alleged bodies of two "non-human" beings were presented during a congressional hearing in Mexico, generating a mixture of surprise, disbelief and ridicule on social media.

The purported mummified remains, which had a greyish colour and a human-like body form, were brought by Jaime Maussan, a controversial Mexican journalist and researcher who reported finding them in Peru in 2017.

Vivek Ramaswamy plans to fire 75 per cent of US government workforce if elected President

WASHINGTON, Sep 14 (Agencies): Indian-American Republican presidential aspirant Vivek Ramaswamy has said he would fire more than 75 per cent of the federal workforce and shutter several major agencies like the FBI if he wins the 2024 elections, as he continued to put forward strident proposals that have helped him stand out in the crowded primary field.

In an interview with American news website Axios, Ramaswamy said that his targets would be the Department of Education, the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the (Internal Revenue Service) IRS, and the Commerce Department.

"We would start on day one, and we want a 50 per cent reduction by the end of year one," he was quoted as saying.

"Keep in mind that 30 per cent of these employees are eligible for retirement in the next five-year period," Ramaswamy, 38, said.

"So it is substantial, no doubt about it, but it's not as crazy as it sounds," he said.

According to Axios, Ramaswamy says his eventual goal would be to cut the federal civil workforce of 2.2 million people by 75 per cent after four years.



Ramaswamy made a strong case in a speech at the America First Policy Institute.

"In order to actually get this job done, we're going to have to confront several myths that have been perpetuated in this town by advisers and members of the very bureaucracy that we're trying to shut down that we're going to have to confront and overcome," Ramaswamy asserted.

"It's like the equivalent of working at a company. The HR department does not actually determine the rules without reporting to the CEO. It works the same way for the federal government, as well," he said.

His pitch was another echo of former President Donald Trump, whom he has modelled himself

after and who sought to expand political control over the federal workforce near the end of his term.

"Good presidents, excellent presidents from (Ronald) Reagan to (Donald) Trump have spoken to the same ideal, and I'll give credit to Donald Trump for taking more steps than have been taken in a generation in the direction," he said.

About 2.25 million people work for the federal government in civilian roles.

Cutting more than 75 per cent of that workforce would result in more than 1.6 million people being fired, saving billions of dollars in the federal budget but also shutting down critical functions of the government, The New York Times said.

Ramaswamy's harsh proposals have helped him stand out in the crowded primary field.

Ramaswamy has garnered attention after his maiden Republican presidential primary debate held on August 23. The first poll that came out after the debate said that 28 per cent of the 504 respondents said that Ramaswamy performed the best.

He was followed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis with 27 per cent, and former vice president Mike Pence (13 per cent). Indian-American Nikki Haley received seven per cent of the votes.

According to Fox News, Ramaswamy was the most Google-searched GOP candidate for the first Republican presidential debate. He was followed by fellow Indian-American Haley.

Following the debate, The Wall Street Journal wrote that Ramaswamy is not a nobody anymore and that the other candidates have taken notice of him.

Trump, 77, described Ramaswamy as being a "smart, young guy" and a "very intelligent person" who has "a lot of talent" and "good energy."

He also advised him to be "a bit more careful" with what he says.

Myanmar junta accused of depriving medical care to jailed leader Suu Kyi

BANGKOK, Sep 14 (Agencies): Myanmar's junta is endangering the life of jailed democracy figurehead Aung San Suu Kyi, her political party said on Thursday, accusing the military of depriving her of medical care and food.

Suu Kyi has been detained since the generals seized power in February 2021, ending a 10-year democratic experiment and plunging the Southeast Asian country into bloody turmoil.

In recent days, local media have reported the Nobel laureate, 78, was suffering dizzy spells, vomiting and unable to eat because of a tooth infection.

"We are particularly concerned that she is not receiving adequate medical care and they are neither providing healthy food nor accommodation sufficiently with the intention to risk her life," the National League for Democracy said.

"If Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's health is not only impaired but her life also is endangered, the military junta is solely responsible," the statement said, using a Burmese honorific.

During her 19-month trial in a junta court that rights groups denounced as a sham, Suu Kyi regularly skipped hearings on health grounds. That trial ended last year, with Suu Kyi jailed for a total of 33 years in prison, a term later partially reduced by junta chief Min Aung Hlaing.

Suu Kyi's UK-based son told the BBC last week that the junta was denying treatment to his mother for dizziness and gum disease, though he is not in direct contact



with her.

A junta spokesman told agency last week that reports of Suu Kyi's ill health were "rumours."

"She's not suffering from anything as her medical doctors are taking care of her health," Zaw Min Tun said.

"Hostage" Suu Kyi, who remains widely popular in Myanmar, was being held as a "hostage... in secret places", by the junta, the NLD said.

The party asked the international community to "advance efforts and push" for the release of Suu Kyi and all political prisoners in Myanmar.

According to a local monitoring group, more than 24,000 people have been arrested in the junta's sweeping crackdown since the coup.

In June 2022, after more than a year under house arrest, Suu Kyi was moved to a prison compound in another part of the sprawling, military-built capital Naypyidaw.

There, she was no longer permitted to her domestic staff of around 10 people and assigned military-chosen helpers, sources told AFP at the time.

Confinement in the isolated capital is a far cry from the years Suu Kyi spent under house arrest during a previous junta, where she became a world-famous democracy figurehead.

During that period, she lived at her family's colonial-era lakeside mansion in commercial hub Yangon and regularly gave speeches to crowds on the other side of her garden wall.

The NLD has been decimated in the junta's bloody crackdown on dissent, with one former lawmaker executed by the junta in the country's first use of capital punishment in decades.

In March, the junta dissolved the party for failing to re-register under a tough new military-drafted electoral law, removing it from polls it has indicated it may hold in 2025.

China becomes first to name new Afghan ambassador under Taliban

China became the first country to formally name a new ambassador to Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover, after its envoy presented credentials at a ceremony in Kabul.

KABUL, Sep 14 (Agencies): China became the first country on Wednesday to formally name a new ambassador to Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover, after its envoy presented credentials at a ceremony in Kabul.

The Taliban have not been officially recognised by any foreign government, and Beijing did not indicate whether Wednesday's appointment signalled any wider steps towards formal recognition of the Taliban.

"This is the normal rotation of China's ambassador to Afghanistan, and is intended to continue advancing dialogue and cooperation between China and Afghanistan," China's foreign ministry said in a statement. "China's policy towards Afghanistan is clear and consistent."

A Taliban administration foreign ministry spokesman told



Reuters new envoy Zhao Xing was the first ambassador from any country to take up the post since August 2021, when the Taliban took over as U.S.-led foreign forces withdrew after 20 years.

Mohammad Hassan Akhund, acting prime minister in the Taliban administration, had accepted the new envoy's credentials in a ceremony, the Taliban administration's deputy spokesman, Bilal Karimi, said in a statement.

The Taliban administration spokesman

published photos of a ceremony at Afghanistan's presidential palace on Wednesday at which the ambassador was received by officials, including Akhund and the acting foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi.

China's previous ambassador to Afghanistan, Wang Yu, took up the role in 2019 and finished his tenure last month.

There are other diplomats in Kabul with the title of ambassador, but all of them took up their

posts before the Taliban takeover.

Other countries and bodies, such as Pakistan and the European Union, have since sent senior diplomats to lead diplomatic missions using the title 'charge d'affaires', which does not require presenting ambassadorial credentials to the host nation.

The Taliban entered the capital on Aug. 15, 2021, as the Afghan security forces, set up with years of Western support, disintegrated and U.S.-backed President Ashraf Ghani fled.

Commerce Deptt, JU inaugurates MDP on "Building Leadership Skills"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: P.G. Department of Commerce, University of Jammu in collaboration with Anutham Hotel and Amantran Farm organised Management Development Programme (MDP) on "Building Leadership Skill" from 14-15th September, 2023 at Anutham Hotel.

The event has been sponsored by "Yokohama India Pvt.Ltd, Gupta Tyre House, Jammu". Management Development Program was initiated by the Department under the mentorship of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, who urged to take a proactive step towards enhancing learning experience by taking it directly to the field.

Dr. Rinku Sanjeev, Corporate Trainer, Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, Noida



was the Resource Person for the MDP.

The inaugural function began on Thursday wherein Prof. Hardeep Chahal and Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Head of Department welcomed the distinguished resource person with a momento. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Coordinator for the event formally welcomed all the distinguished guests and valued participants and extended her gratitude to Anutham Hotel and Amantran Farm for collaborating with the

Department for organising MDP.

She stressed that such MDPs help in the holistic development of the managers by building their skill sets. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Head of the Department threw light on relevance of building leadership skills in the era of rapid change and unprecedented challenges.

She also highlighted the role of effective leadership in an organisation and how leadership is a cornerstone

upon which success and growth are built.

Dr. Rinku Sanjeev later proceeded with the sessions wherein first session focused on leading self. Session II engrossed the participants towards leading downwards. Wherein the third session, Dr. Rinku indulged in explaining ethics, culture and change management.

Dr. Rinku conducted various hands-on-sessions like 'mobile exchange', 'tower ka

power' and various behavioural exercises to enhance the observation capacity and other skill-sets of the participants. The sessions aimed at understanding self; managing self; managing relationships with others and leading with social skills. The outcomes of the event focused on pillars to improve personal effectiveness to build self for better productivity.

Managers thoroughly participated and learnt along with fun element of the exercises carried by the resource person.

The event was attended by Prof. Neetu Andotra, Dr. Tarsem Lal, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Rupa Mahajan, Dr. Vishal Gupta, Dr. Sumeet Kour and Dr. Deepti Abrol and the proceedings of the session was conducted by Dr. Harleen, Deputy coordinator of the event.

NIFD organises Seminar on 'Design your Career'



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: National Institute of Fashion Designing (NIFD) organised a seminar on "Design your career Design your life" in academic collaboration with Padam Shri Padma Sachdeva Govt Women Post Graduate College Gandhi Nagar Jammu on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College, Prof Meenu Mahajan said, "The seminar is under Academic collaboration/linkage programme organised under academic collaboration."

Fashion designing is emerging as the most attractive field for young energetic resources, she added.

Today's seminar was all about the spread awareness regarding career in fashion designing, Principal mentioned.

NIFD Chairperson Vanita Thakur said, "NIFD is committed to provide the platform to the youth who are ready to explore the Fashion Designing field."

For the last many years youth are making their career in Fashion designing field as it provide more stability as well as financial and social security to youth, Thakur added.

Pallab Bose a motivational speaker, career coach and show host he talked about the urgency for girls to excel. He gave tips on how to excel in this new world post COVID where setting ones goals and choosing ones career path is of vital importance, he left no stone unturned to motivate the audience present there.

Skill and talent in fashion designing play an important role to get a better career option there, she added.

In the coming days more seminars are going to be organised as it helps NIFD to connect with the deserving human resources, Thakur added.

Thakur also extended gratitude to Women College Gandhi Nagar for organising this one day seminar there.

OBC Samaj will definitely get their all rights in J&K: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU, Sep 14: BJP OBC Morcha delegation comprising Braham Jyot Satti, Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir, Sunil Prajapati (President BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir), RajKumar Tarkhan (General Secretary BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir), Ashok Salgotra (District President BJP OBC Morcha),

Onkar Verma (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha) met with Ashok Koul (General secretary, Org)at BJP head office, Trikuta Nagar Jammu and submitted memorandum.

In the meeting, they discusses various issues and problems which are being faced by OBCs for getting OBC certificates across Jammu Kashmir and submit Memorandum regarding their demands

.They said some seats should be reserved for OBC community candidates in upcoming Councillor elections.

They also briefed that OBCs are unable to fetch the benefits of many schemes of government because of heavy and hard documentation. Procedure to get obc certificates should be flexible as per previous orders but people from obc community are facing too



much heavy problem in getting this essential document.

Ashok Koul listened to all issues very politely and assured that all problems will be sorted out as soon as possible and OBCs will definitely get their all rights in Jammu Kashmir.

He ensured the OBC Community that their pending demands will be fulfilled as early as possible so that people belongs to OBC catego-

ry could gives a better life and education to their children.

He also said that like One Nation, One Flag, One Constitution, One Ration Card, One Reservation policy should be implemented in Jammu Kashmir as soon as possible.

He said OBC Samaj is very hard working and it is dedicated towards nation. OBCs are back bone of our society as well as BJP.

He said OBC secured a high population density across Jammu Kashmir and now our central government working hard for upliftment of OBC communities and couple of years of Modi cabinet included 27 ministers from OBC community.

He said BJP is working hard in Jammu Kashmir for OBC Samaj and their all demand will be sorted out as soon as possible.

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LG inaugurates workshop on 'Strengthening Child Protection System & Mechanism in UT of J&K'

now carry laptops, tabs and contributing in nation building," the Lt Governor said.

Addressing the inaugural session, the Lt Governor highlighted the need to provide homes to the children living in institutional care and in street situation.

"I believe childhood blossoms in a vibrant environment of home, hence institutional care should be the last option," the Lt Governor said.

He said the government has taken several rehabilitation and child care initiatives, and adoption through joint effort of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) has started that will promote family-based non-institutional care of children.

The Lt Governor also called upon public representatives, NGOs, community elders, religious leaders and youth clubs to join the fight against the drug menace.

Adolescent drug abuse is one of the major areas of concern. We have adopted zero tolerance policy against drugs and it is our collective responsibility to raise awareness and strengthen action to realize the vision of drug-free J&K, he said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor asked the officials of the central government to consider the establishment of Vatsalya Sadan one each in Jammu and Srinagar.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K; Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development; Indra Mallo, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development; Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department and senior officers from Central Government and UT Administration were present.

The inaugural session was attended by PRLs and ULB members, Police officials; Resource persons, representatives of Juvenile Justice Board, Judiciary, NGOs and other stakeholders.

Number of terrorists down in J&K due to development, will take time to stop 'sporadic' incidents: VK Singh

the death of the security personnel in J&K

on Wednesday but the Congress did nothing to mourn their sacrifice.

"At the very least, they (Congress) could taken out a candlelight procession. In the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government, soldiers did not even get bulletproof jackets. These jackets have been made available to soldiers since 2014," said Singh, who had also served as the Army chief.

Singh said Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI and some locals were creating hurdles in the government's efforts to resettle Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley for their selfish interests. He said, "... But I am saying this with great confidence that this atmosphere will not last long. Just wait for a few more days." The Union minister also said that while the British left after India's independence, some forces took political advantage of the "anti-Sanatan Dharma views" created by them in the southern part of the country.

"DMK is a political party born out of such forces. Today the political existence of this party is in danger, so its leaders started talking against Sanatan Dharma," he said.

The BJP has been attacking the opposition following DMK leader and Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's controversial statement that Sanatan Dharma is against social justice and that it should be eradicated. A Raja, another DMK leader, likened Sanatan Dharma to diseases.

Singh also hit out at the "INDIA" bloc of opposition parties, saying the acronym does not represent the country India. He alleged that the name of the opposition alliance has been kept in an attempt to fool the people to hide its real face.

Killers of Army officers won't go unpunished: Chugh

determination of the security forces to defeat their designs decisively. The sacrifice of our valiant forces personnel is "unforgettable" and killers "won't go unpunished".

Chugh said that Pakistan is leaving no stone unturned to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir and employing its malicious tactics day in and day out to inflict wounds on the people of J&K.

He condemned the killings and expressed heartfelt sympathy with the families of slain forces personnel. "My heart goes out at this moment but it strengthens our resolve to wipe out terrorism and its ecosystem with all roots," Chugh added.

Digital education to replace old 'Chalk-Blackboard' practice in J&K's Primary Schools

the directives, we will be soon taking a call and introducing this practice of teaching through tablets but in the primary classes to start with."

The exercise will not only save time but also update the teacher community by enhancing their professional as well as technological skills, he stated.

Major reforms are under consideration to make the education system augmented further, he added and said, "The primary level education is also being updated under Nipun Bharat Mission by 2025 under New Education Policy (NEP) and as a part of it, these initiatives are being taken," said an official.

Confirming the same, Deep Raj, Project Director, J&K Samagra Shiksha said, "yes it is true and the tender process for the same is being issued. The distribution of tablets will be made in the next three months across the Union Territory."

'Missing Handwara Trio Traced In Chennai'

Chennai, a police official said that they are in continuous touch with the authorities there to ensure all the three boys are brought back and reunited with their families at an earliest.

Visa fraudsters charge-sheeted in Rs 10 lakh fraud: CB Jammu

Bachhan Lal, resident of 326-B Gangyal, Near Amba Press, Tehsil & District Jammu; Jatin Vashisth, son of Ved Parkash Vashisth, resident of H.No 09 Adhyapak Nagar Manglo, New Delhi; Neha Bhardwaj, wife of Jatin Vashisth, resident of H.No F-09, Adhyapak Nagar Manglo, New Delhi; and Rohit Kumar, son of Bachhan Lal, resident of 326-B Gangyal, Near Amba Press, Tehsil & District Jammu.

The complainant, Balwinder Singh, son of Teja Singh, resident of Chak Mohd Yar, Tehsil R S Pura, District Jammu alleged that Bachhan Lal, who was known to him, promised to arrange a Visa for Canada. Initially, an advance payment of Rs 1.50 Lakh was made to Bachhan Lal. Subsequently, Neha Bhardwaj, wife of Jatin Vashisth, was

involved, and the complainant was asked to pay an additional Rs 8.50 Lakh to Bachhan Lal for arranging the Visa. However, after receiving the money, both Bachhan Lal and Neha Bhardwaj left the complainant stranded in Thailand with a fake Visa.

A preliminary verification was initiated after the complaint was lodged, and the allegations were found to be prima facie true. The case was registered for an in-depth investigation. During the course of the investigation, relevant records were seized, statements of witnesses were recorded under sections 161 and 164 of the Cr.PC, and various forms of evidence were collected. The investigation established the offenses of luring and duping the complainant on the pretext of sending him to Canada on a Visa.

The accused have been charged under sections 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating), and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

The charge sheet has been presented in the Court of law for judicial determination, where the accused will face legal proceedings based on the evidence gathered during the investigation.

Time To jail advocates of talks with Pakistan: BJP leader Altaf Thakur

were martyred in an encounter with terrorists in Anantnag district on Wednesday Thakur said India has held talks with Pakistan several times but the neighbouring country always played foul.

"We have held talks with Pakistan many times since 1947. (Atal Bihari) Vajpayee went to Lahore by bus but Pakistan is a country which will never give up its mischievous activities. Terrorism and talks cannot go on simultaneously," he added.

The BJP Kashmir organised a function here to pay tributes to the three slain security force officers.

Dialogue Must for ending bloodshed in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

have also been martyred, besides this young DSP. There is no doubt that this destruction has been going on for long, but I do not see an end to it. The government is shouting that terrorism has ended. You tell me, has it ended?" he asked.

Reiterating his stand on resumption of dialogue, Abdullah cited the example of the

Ukraine conflict.

"Look at the situation in Ukraine. There is destruction everywhere. For establishing peace, Russia and Ukraine will have to hold talks," he said.

Asked if he was advocating holding talks with Pakistan, the NC president said, "The talks will have to be between the two countries that are at loggerheads. There is no point talking to me. This problem has been there since India became independent." Replying to a question about Pakistan fomenting trouble in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said the neighbouring country has never accepted the status quo.

"How does it matter? Pakistan has been saying that they do not accept it. They throw the UN resolutions at you. What will you tell them? They are saying we do not accept this decision," he added.

The former Union minister said he is not in a position to throw light on where these terrorists are coming from, but added that incidents from the recent past indicate that they are highly trained and might be from a country other than Pakistan.

"I am neither in the intelligence nor in the government, so I cannot say where they come from. But they are coming and they are coming fully trained. I fear that these foreign terrorists might be from another country, they are so well trained," he said.

Asked if he was hinting at the involvement of Afghans, Abdullah said he does not want to point fingers at anyone.

"Those who need to understand will understand. There is a danger, an imminent danger. We have to face this every day. Our people are dying, our jawans are dying," he said.

Oppn bloc INDIA slams BJP for 'celebrations' at HQ on day security personnel killed by terrorists in J-K

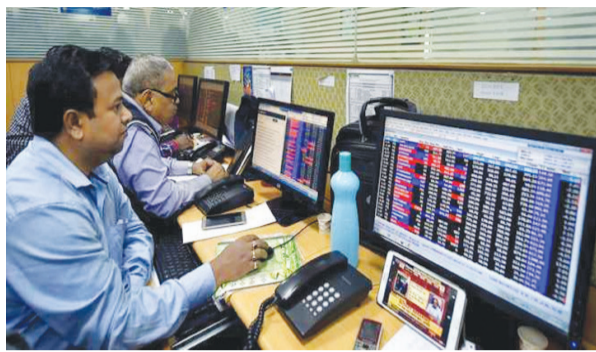
receiving accolades. Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonack, and Deputy Superintendent Humayun Bhat were killed in the firefight with terrorists that ensued in Garol area of Anantnag district early Wednesday. In a post on X, the Congress called the prime minister "insensitive" and shared videos of mourning family members of a deceased soldier and Prime Minister Modi being given a rousing welcome at the BJP headquarters on Wednesday evening following the successful G20 meeting under India's presidency.

Sensex, Nifty hit record peaks in early trade

Among the Sensex firms, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, State Bank of India, Power Grid and JSW Steel were the major gainers

MUMBAI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty hit their record peaks in early trade on Thursday in continuation of their ongoing rally, amid a largely firm trend in Asian markets along with buying in IT and banking stocks.

Rallying for the 10th day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 304.06 points to 67,771.05 -- its all-time peak -- in early trade. The Nifty advanced 97.65 points to reach its lifetime high of 20,167.65.



Among the Sensex firms, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, State Bank of India, Power Grid and JSW Steel were the major gainers.

Bajaj Finance emerged as the only laggard. In Asian markets, Seoul and Shanghai

were trading in the positive territory while Hong Kong quoted lower.

The US markets ended on a mixed note on Wednesday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.42 per cent to USD 92.28 a barrel.

Bombay Dyeing shares jump 20 per cent; hit 52-week high after land deal



NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Shares of Bombay Dyeing on Thursday jumped 20 per cent to hit the 52-week high level after the Wadias-run firm announced the sale of a 22-acre land parcel to Japan's Sumitomo for Rs 5,200 crore.

The stock rallied 19.97 per cent to Rs 168.50 --

its 52-week high -- on the BSE. At the NSE, it zoomed 20 per cent to reach its 52-week high of Rs 168.60.

In one of the biggest land deals in the financial capital, Wadias-run Bombay Dyeing on Wednesday announced the sale of a 22-acre land parcel to Japan's Sumitomo for Rs 5,200

crore. The plot in central Mumbai's Worli houses the Wadia International Centre, the nearly three-centuries old group's headquarters and other establishments.

"It's a large deal and will help solve a lot of our issues," Rahul Anand, the chief executive of Bombay Realty, an arm of the listed Bombay Dyeing, told agency.

The transaction will help Bombay Dyeing record a pre-tax profit of Rs 4,300 crore, take its worth into the positive territory, and also pay dividends in the future, as per an official statement.

Nipah virus alert in Kerala: How to keep yourself safe

Doctors suggest staying away from Nipah virus infected individuals, especially those showing symptoms, and avoid close contact with their bodily fluids.

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): The Nipah Virus (NiV) outbreak in Kozhikode with two suspected deaths has alarmed the Kerala Health Department to issue an alert.

Kozhikode has experienced two previous Nipah virus outbreaks, one in 2018 and another in 2021. During the first outbreak in 2018, 23 cases were identified, with 17 people succumbing to this zoonotic virus.

Dr Tushar Tayal, Consultant, Internal Medicine, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram told IndiaToday that in this case, the standard precautions for the viral outbreak are good hygiene by washing your hands as frequently as possible and choosing to keep personal protective equipment (PPE) handy.

"We have to remember our learning from Covid and use the same precautions that we have been following for the past few years, which is hand hygiene, social distancing and use of masks," Dr Tushar Tayal said.

How to keep yourself safe from Nipah virus?

Dr Rajiva Gupta, from CK Birla Hospital, added that healthcare workers should ensure standard infection control precautions.

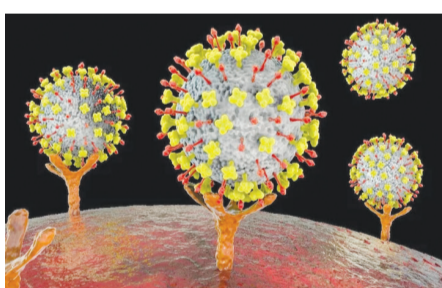
To reduce the risk of bat-to-human transmission, individuals should be advised to avoid raw palm sap that could be contaminated.

Individuals should wear gloves and other protective clothing while handling sick animals or their tissues and avoid close unprotected physical contact with patients who have Nipah virus infection.

Health care workers who care for patients with suspected or confirmed infection, or handle their specimens, should implement standard infection control precautions, as well as contact and droplet precautions.

Dr Anurag Aggarwal, from Fortis Escorts Hospital, Faridabad, also shared the preventive measures.

Avoiding close contact: Stay away



from infected individuals, especially those showing symptoms, and avoid close contact with their bodily fluids.

Hygiene: Practicing good hand hygiene by frequently washing hands with soap and water can help reduce the risk of infection.

Avoid fruit bats: Nipah virus is often transmitted through fruit bats. Avoid contact with them and do not consume fruits that may have been contaminated by bat saliva or urine.

Quarantine measures: Rapidly identifying and isolating suspected cases can help prevent the virus from spreading within communities.

Awareness: Stay informed about outbreaks in your region and follow public health guidelines.

Protective gear: Healthcare workers should use appropriate personal protective equipment when caring for infected individuals.

What is the Nipah virus?

The Nipah Virus is a viral infection. The name 'Nipah' comes from a Malaysian village where the first outbreak was reported in 1998-1999.

The virus emerges from fruit bats. It can spread to humans who have direct contact with infected animals or their body fluids.

In Malaysia, the source of the infection was nosocomial (originating in the hospital), the origin being pigs and bats, who had transmitted the virus to humans.

Consecutively, human-to-human infection is the cause of the spread of the infection through droplets.

Adani forms joint venture for marketing of green hydrogen in Japan

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Adani Group on Thursday said it has formed a 50:50 joint venture with Japanese conglomerate Kowa Group for the sale of green hydrogen in Japan, Taiwan and Hawaii markets.

Billionaire Gautam Adani-led conglomerate is investing up to USD 50 billion over the next 10 years in setting up a fully integrated green hydrogen ecosystem in India.

This includes the production of 1 million tonnes of green hydrogen in the initial phase which will be ramped up to 3 million tonnes later.

"Adani Global Pte Ltd, Singapore, a step-down wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd, announced a 50:50 joint venture (JV) with Kowa Holdings Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore for sales and marketing of green ammonia, green hydrogen and its derivatives. The JV will concentrate on marketing of products in Japan, Taiwan and Hawaii," the group said in a statement.

Hydrogen is a clean energy source. It is mainly used in the refining and chemical sectors and produced using fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas.

Green hydrogen is produced by using electricity from renewable sources such as solar, to power an electrolyzer that splits the hydrogen from water molecules.



Adani already is the largest renewable energy producer and for the green hydrogen project, it plans to expand its solar module manufacturing capabilities at Mundra SEZ in Gujarat to up to 10 GW per annum.

The Mundra factory would manufacture metallurgical grade (mg) silicon, polysilicon, ingots, wafers, cells and the module itself that are used to generate electricity from solar energy.

Sea water will be desalinated before using its electrolyzers to produce low-cost green hydrogen.

"The JV with Kowa for green hydrogen marketing is a natural and strategic extension of Adani Group's long-standing marketing and trading relationship with Kowa," the statement said.

Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL), the green hydrogen platform of Adani Group, is developing end-to-end solutions to produce globally competitive green hydrogen and its associated sustainable derivatives at

scale.

"The first project of ANIL of 1 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) green hydrogen is being implemented in phases in Gujarat. The initial phase is expected to start production by FY2027. Depending on market conditions, ANIL aims to increase capacity to up to 3 MMTPA of green hydrogen in the next 10 years, with an investment of about USD 50 billion," it said.

After hydrogen is produced, it can either be transported directly (which is a risky and costly affair) or converted to ammonia, often referred to as 'green ammonia'.

Clean hydrogen can help decarbonise a range of sectors, including long-haul transport, chemicals, and iron and steel, where it has proven difficult to reduce emissions. Hydrogen-powered vehicles would improve air quality and promote energy security as they produce just water on being burnt in an

engine.

ANIL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the group's flagship Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL).

"ANIL's strategy is focused on the development of an integrated hydrogen ecosystem with three business streams - manufacturing of supply chain products (i.e. solar polysilicon, ingot, wafer, cell & module, wind turbine generator, electrolyzers and ancillary items), green hydrogen generation, and production of downstream derivative products (i.e. green ammonia, green methanol, sustainable aviation fuel and others)," the statement said.

The combined strength of Adani Group's experience in renewable equipment manufacturing, setting up large-scale generation projects, building grid infrastructure, and proven project execution capabilities gives it a significant competitive advantage while building the green hydrogen ecosystem in India, it said.

"ANIL is well positioned to realise its targets and provide green molecules and sustainable fuels at a globally competitive cost. Mundra ports' proximity to the global supply chain enables the export opportunity of green hydrogen and derivatives, especially considering the availability of jetty for shipment of cryogenic products," it added.

Low inflation may not translate to rate cuts by RBI - analysts

Food prices have been a key concern for policymakers since last year as erratic weather conditions have hurt the output of vegetables, milk and cereals.



NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): India's retail inflation eased to 6.83% in August from 7.44% in the previous month due to falling food prices, especially vegetables.

"The trend is anticipated to continue as vegetable prices correct. Core inflation is also on a downward trajectory, reflecting the impact of previous rate hikes," said analysts from JM Financial.

"However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to maintain a cautious stance in the next Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, given that rising food prices are primarily a supply-side issue, and further tightening measures are unlikely," it added.

Even as the inflation for August came down it was still above the central bank's 2%-6% target band.

"The cooldown in headline inflation is mainly on account of lower food prices, which we can clearly see is cooling down. And we expect the food prices to go down considerably from next month, as vegetable prices have seen sizable corrections in the previous month," said analysts from Centrum.

Food prices have been a key concern for policymakers since last

year as erratic weather conditions have hurt the output of vegetables, milk and cereals.

"Core inflation (excluding food and beverages, fuel and light and petrol and diesel) eased marginally to 5.06 per cent in August from 5.12 per cent in the previous month, the third consecutive month of decline," noted analysts from Motilal Oswal.

Food price decline The significant decrease in food prices was driven by several factors. However, it's important to note that during this period, certain essential items such as cereals, pulses, milk, and fruits experienced slight price increases.

The erratic weather conditions across the country have sent food prices on a roller-coaster ride, which play a significant role in calculating inflation. Staples like tomatoes and onions notably experienced substantial price spikes, contributing to the overall rise in retail inflation.

In its efforts to rein in domestic inflation, India's government banned exports of non-basmati white rice last month and imposed a 20% duty on exports of parboiled rice, while imposing a 40% tax on onion exports. It has banned exports of wheat since last year.

Fortunately, the situation has significantly improved, and experts predict a gradual decline in inflation over the coming months. This development carries significant weight, not just for millions of households but also for numerous businesses struggling with reduced demand due to rising inflation.

Moreover, the August dip in inflation is expected to inject some optimism in domestic markets on Wednesday. Investors had been cautiously awaiting this data, leading to increased volatility during today's trading session.

However, as these weather conditions began to stabilize, vegetable prices corrected themselves, resulting in a YoY slowdown from 37.39% growth in July to 26.13% in August.

Additionally, while cereals and spices remained elevated at 11.85% and 23.19.18% respectively, the overall food price surge subsided, contributing to the easing of inflation.

Food and beverages, which accounts for 45.86 per cent of the overall consumer price index (CPI), recorded an inflation rate of 9.19 per cent in August as against 10.57 per cent in July.

"However, deficient rains and depleting reservoir levels may negatively impact Kharif yields and Rabi sowing. Hence we remain cautious of any signs of persisting inflationary pressures in food category," said analysts from JM Financial.

Reserve Bank's target challenge

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been targeting an inflation rate of 4%. Governor Shaktikanta Das emphasized this goal in the recent Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. However, the recent spike in food prices, caused by factors like heatwaves and unexpected rainfall damaging crops, temporarily pushed inflation rates higher, making the 4% target appear distant.

Das, in the same MPC meeting, expressed confidence that prices would soon revert to more normal rates in the coming months, given the improved supply conditions.

Industrial output surge In contrast to the slowdown in inflation, India's industrial production exhibited robust growth. In July 2023, industrial output grew at 5.65% YoY, a notable increase from June's 3.76%. This encouraging trend was driven by buoyant demand across major sectors.

The manufacturing sector, which accounts for 77.63% of the index's weightage, saw growth of 4.59% YoY in July, compared to 3.14% the previous month. Mining output also increased significantly by 10.68% YoY, up from 7.56% in June.

Consumer durables and infrastructure growth

Consumer durables,

after briefly growing in May, remained in the contraction zone for the second consecutive month in July. However, within consumer durables, primary goods showed strong growth, recording 7.59% growth YoY, compared to 5.31% in the previous month. Infrastructure also displayed robust growth of 11.36%.

Consumer non-durables posted healthy numbers in July, with a growth rate of 7.41% compared to just 0.34% in June. These positive figures indicate a significant upturn in India's industrial activity.

Outlook and monetary policy

With food prices expected to decrease further in the coming months as vegetable prices continue to correct, there is a positive outlook for cooling inflation. Core prices have also shown a slowdown, suggesting that previous rate hikes are having an impact.

"Despite these developments, the RBI is likely to adopt a wait-and-watch approach, as the rise in food prices is primarily due to supply-side issues rather than monetary policy. As such, further tightening measures in the next MPC meeting are not anticipated," said Centrum in its report.

The encouraging industrial production figures, coupled with strong domestic demand, indicate that India's industrial activity is on a positive trajectory, and this trend is expected to continue in the coming months. The Manufacturing PMI and Index of Eight Core Industries have also performed well recently, further supporting this view.

Asia Cup: India ticking the boxes

After passing Lankan test, Rohit says his team needs more high-pressure games

COLOMBO, Sep 14 (Agencies): Despite a stop-start campaign so far, India have reached the Asia Cup final with an undefeated record. After just one completed match, against minnows Nepal, in seven days, India played two games in three days to seal a berth in the final with one more Super 4 tie to go.

After a walk in the park against Pakistan, India passed their toughest test so far against a plucky Sri Lanka. Opting to bat, India managed a below-par 213 but the bowlers produced a splendid collective effort to carry their team to a 41-run win.

India captain Rohit Sharma said his team needed these kind of matches to prepare for the upcoming World Cup. "It was a good game. For us also to play a game like that under pressure. Challenged a lot of aspects of our game," Rohit said.

India had bossed Pakistan in their previous game. After the top-four had a field day — with two hundreds and two fifties — to lead India to 356/2, the bowlers returned on the reserve day to skittle out Pakistan for 128.

Spin trouble
The match against Sri Lanka, though at the same venue, was played on a different pitch, with much less grass cover. Expecting turn, India added another slow bowler to their attack but it was their batters who could not



adapt quickly enough. India lost all their wickets to spinners, with only Rohit firing in the top-order. "We definitely want to play on pitches like these to see what we can achieve," Rohit said.

Encouragingly, though, India's middle-order steadied the ship for the second time in the tournament. Ishan Kishan and Hardik Pandya had rescued India in their group game against Pakistan. This time, Kishan partnered comeback man KL Rahul to help India set a fighting target. 'Good headache'

Kishan has usually been India's go-to wicketkeeper for limited-overs matches this year but it is clear he cannot take his place for granted with Rahul hitting top form after returning from injury.

Kishan appeared to be first-

choice for the gloves, not just because he has four fifties in his last five ODI knocks but also for the left-handed variety that he brings in a batting line-up dominated by right-handers.

Rahul's first two knocks since returning from a thigh injury, however, have ensured he remains in contention, creating the "good headache" that chief selector Ajit Agarkar had anticipated after picking both in the World Cup squad.

Rahul also kept wicket for the majority of the Pakistan innings and throughout the Sri Lankan innings. "I have been keeping wicket for a long time, more than two years now actually," Rahul said. "So it's not new for me, and the team management has told me that this would be my role in the squad — to play in the

middle order and keep wicket." Comeback men

In the bowling department too, comeback men have performed well in the tournament. Kuldeep Yadav's renaissance has been the most impressive. After falling down the pecking order and then undergoing a knee surgery, the left-arm wrist spinner has returned to become India's most dangerous bowler going into the World Cup.

The 28-year-old has taken 31 wickets in 15 ODIs this year, the highest by an Indian. He followed up his five-wicket haul against Pakistan with four against Sri Lanka. "He's worked hard on his rhythm and you can see the results. He gives us a lot of options. So going forward it's a pretty good sign," Rohit said.

Jasprit Bumrah has also shown signs that he will be back at his best by the time the World Cup begins. In his two games here, the 29-year-old bowled with gumption and provided India early breakthroughs.

The team has also been boosted by Pandya's role as a bowler. His incisive spells — with the all-rounder easily hitting 140kph — have been getting India wickets at key junctures. "He's worked hard on his bowling over the last couple of years, and it's pleasing to see how he bowled that spell," Rohit said.

In twilight years, Saina Nehwal vows to keep going



NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Saina Nehwal is aware that qualifying for the Paris Olympics will be "tough" for her but the injury-ravaged Indian shuttler has no plans to quit badminton and would do everything to resurrect her career.

Laid low by a spate of injuries, including a recurring knee issue, and other health problems, the 33-year-old from Hyderabad has found it tough to stay fit to consistently turn up at the BWF World Tour events.

Her ranking has plummeted to No. 55 in the world.

"I get inflammation in my knee whenever I train for an hour or two. I am not able to bend my knee so a second session of training is not possible. The doctors have given me a couple of injections. Of course the Olympics is near and it is tough (to qualify)," Nehwal, who is the race ambassador for the Harvest Gold Global Race on September 24 in Gurugram, told reporters.

"But I am trying my level best to comeback. The physios are helping me but if the inflammation doesn't reduce, it will take little more time to recover. If you are trying to compete against An Seyoung or Tai Tzu Ying or Akane (Yamaguchi), it won't happen with just one hour of training. The level has improved so much. So when you are playing such players, you need a high level game," Nehwal said.

No deadline for retirement

The two-time World Championships medalist Nehwal last won a title in January 2019 at the Malaysia Masters.

While knee has been a recurring issue, she also had problems with groin and ankle, besides being diagnosed with acute gastroenteritis with mild pancreatitis in the past. "Everyone has to retire someday... there is no deadline. Everyone is going to stop when you feel the body is not supporting you. But at the moment I am trying."

Asia Cup 2023: Kuldeep Yadav is the best spinner in the world at the moment, says Aakash Chopra

COLOMBO, Sep 14 (Agencies): Former India batter Aakash Chopra has showered praise on India spinner Kuldeep Yadav, saying he is the best spinner in the world at the moment. Kuldeep claimed four wickets to help India beat Sri Lanka in Colombo and book their spot in the final of Asia Cup 2023.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Chopra said Kuldeep is the best spinner in the world at the moment, adding that he is a proper wicket-taker. Kuldeep has claimed nine wickets in his last two matches in the 2023 Asia Cup.

"I feel Kuldeep is the best spinner in the world at the moment. If you see Kuldeep Yadav's numbers, you say he is a proper wicket-taker. We are talking about spinners who have taken 150 ODI wickets. Firstly, 150 wickets is a very good number, it is not a small sample size," said Chopra.

He went on to say that Kuldeep is special because he is orthodox, unlike the mystery spin-



ners like Rashid Khan and Ajantha Mendis. Kuldeep picked four wickets while giving away 43 runs in 9.3 overs against Sri Lanka at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.

"He has taken only 85 innings to pick up 150 wickets. He has a strike rate of 30.1. He is special because he is orthodox. If you talk about Ajantha Mendis and Rashid Khan, they had or have mystery. This guy has no mystery. He bowls normal

leg-spin and googly and traps you with that itself," Chopra added.

Kuldeep became the fastest Indian spinner to claim 150 wickets in ODIs after his match-winning performance against Sri Lanka. His four-wicket haul helped India qualify for the final of Asia Cup 2023.

They will meet either Pakistan or Sri Lanka in the final, with the two sides set to lock horns in a virtual semi-final in the Super-4 stage in Colombo.

SL vs PAK, Asia Cup: Pakistan, Sri Lanka face in virtual semi-final as India challenge awaits in title clash

COLOMBO, Sep 14 (Agencies): India booked their ticket to the final after clinching a dominant win over Pakistan and a hard-fought one over Sri Lanka in the Super Fours to make up for the early exit last year in the Asia Cup. It's now time for Pakistan and Sri Lanka to fight it out for a spot in the final when they meet in the Super Fours contest in Colombo on Thursday, September 14.

Pakistan need nothing less than a win when they meet Sri Lanka in the Super Fours match at the R Premadasa Stadium. Pakistan's confidence took a big dent after their crushing defeat to India, while Sri Lanka will be looking to make a mark after a spirited show against Rohit Sharma's men in Colombo.

Pakistan will hope the weather gods in Colombo show mercy as a washout will eliminate them from Asia Cup 2023. Pakistan have the worst Net Run Rate in the Super Fours as the big defeat to India did not help their cause. There is no reserve day for the match between the two former champions.

NO MORE FAVOURITES?
Pakistan headed into Asia Cup 2023 as one of the favourites to lift the trophy. They made a strong start, decimating Nepal in the tournament opener in Multan before putting up a good bowling show against India in a Group A match in Pallekele.



They began the Super Fours stage with a dominant 7-wicket win over Bangladesh. However, their campaign took a huge blow when they meet their arch-rivals for the 2nd time.

It was a reality check for Pakistan as they were handed a 228-run hammering by India in the rain-affected Super Fours match in Colombo that needed a reserve day. Pakistan's bowling wilted under pressure and their batters were not able to step up in the steep chase.

5 CHANGES TO XI
It seems as if Pakistan have panicked. They lost two of their key pacers, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf, to injury concerns. While Naseem has been ruled out of the remainder of the tournament, Haris has not been picked for their must-win match against Sri Lanka as a precautionary measure.

Pakistan also dropped their flamboyant opener Fakhar

Zaman after a string of failures, making as many as 5 changes to their XI that lost to India.

Pakistan have added left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz as the pitch at the RPS is expected to be spin-friendly, as it was in the thriller between India and Sri Lanka where Rohit's men defended 213.

Pakistan need their batting order to step up and captain Babar Azam, who has not come to the party in the Super Fours, needs to lead from the front. There is pressure on wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan, who has not done justice to the faith shown in him by the team management so far.

Meanwhile, Shaheen Afridi will lead an inexperienced pace attack as Pakistan included Mohammad Wasim Jr and called up Zaman Khan, who will make his ODI debut on Tuesday.

CAN SRI LANKA IMPRESS AGAIN?

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, will be hoping to replicate their spin-bowling show against Pakistan. Dunieth Wellalage has been the talk of the town for his sensational 5-wicket haul and a valiant 42 with the bat against India. He will be key along with Maheesh Theekshana, Dhananjaya de Silva and part-timer Charith Asalanka, who picked up 4 wickets vs India.

Sri Lanka would also be hoping for an improved batting show, especially from the top-order batters, including Pathum Nissanka and Kusal Mendis.

Sri Lanka will be pumped up to have a go at Pakistan. However, Pakistan can take confidence from the fact that they are on an 8-match winning streak against Sri Lanka that dates back to 2015.

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Pakistan XI: Mohammad Haris, Imam-ul-Haq, Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Saud Shakeel, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Wasim Jr, Shaheen Afridi, Zaman Khan

Sri Lanka probable XI: Pathum Nissanka, Dimuth Karunaratne, Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Dasun Shanaka (captain), Dunieth Wellalage, Maheesh Theekshana, Kasun Rajitha, Matheesha Pathirana

Asia Cup draw appears to be fixed, says former Sri Lanka cricketer Senanayake

COLOMBO, Sep 14 (Agencies): Former Sri Lanka cricketer Charith Senanayake was the chairman of the technical committee for the 2022 Asia Cup held in Dubai and Sharjah. So he was shocked beyond belief when he learnt about the introduction of a reserve day for the India-Pakistan Super Four clash at the eleventh hour a few days ago.

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), on whose insistence the former had to make a provision for reserve day, had already faced a lot of criticism for the decision. Charith,

who played three Tests and seven ODIs for Sri Lanka, strongly believes that the decision may boomerang on Pakistan if their Super Four match against Sri Lanka on Thursday is washed out.

"Before the tournament, playing conditions are given and all the teams are made aware of them. Thereafter rules cannot be changed unless all the teams agree with it. Otherwise, it's unfair," the 60-year-old former cricketer told this daily.

"Hypothetically, if the Pakistan-Sri Lanka game is washed out, both teams will get one point each. In that sce-

nario, on the basis of the better run rate, Sri Lanka will go through and Pakistan will be out. That's because you don't have an additional day or a reserve day. That will be very unfortunate. So the decision which apparently PCB made could boomerang on it."

Charith says the PCB has brought the tournament under scanner. "If that is the case (PCB wanting a reserve day), then there is a big question mark about the authenticity of the tournament. It becomes very questionable. It appears games (draws) were fixed because everybody was trying for an India-Pakistan final.

You cannot have different rules for different boards."

He was also amazed how every tournament featuring India and Pakistan always has at least a clash between the two arch-rivals. "People tend to ask questions about how it happens all the time. To begin with, I actually don't know how the groups were drawn. Whether it was actually done or done physically. But it looks very funny. The ACC makes money only through this it seems. Everyone is trying to make money."

Not associated with Sri Lanka Cricket anymore, Senanayake now runs a business and is a

member of the National Technical Committee constituted by the sports ministry in the country. Speaking on other boards remaining silent, he said, "Money talks at the end of the day. Because of such an act, the whole tournament becomes questionable. It also raises questions as to how clean this Asia Cup is. Six countries in two groups and India-Pakistan in one group. It is fixed in such a way that both teams play at least twice and if they reach the final, three times. All boards played it down because if they objected, India would refrain from visit-

ing their countries and the boards cannot be run because India wields such power."

Charith was once involved in a verbal spat with legendary spinner Muttiah Muralitharan in 2016 when he was manager of the national team. He had then alleged Muralitharan, who was a spin bowling consultant visiting Australia, for possibly influencing the pitch curator to prepare a turning pitch to suit spinners from Down Under. He, however, affirmed that he never had any personal issues with Muralitharan and it was all a professional disagree-

ment. "As a professional, you may have a disagreement with your colleagues. When I was manager there was an incident which involved Murali. We had a discussion and it was picked up by the media and highly exaggerated.

We spoke to each other. There was nothing personal, it was all professional. All I can say is that probably I can have many disagreements with my support staff but that doesn't mean I am angry with them or anything like that because that's my nature. I question, I am not scared to ask questions, perhaps that is the reason I

have been left out. I will question because I have nothing to hide. I am very straightforward."

He also held India's favourites for both the Asia Cup and ODI World Cup. "Suryakumar Yadav, Mohammed Shami and Shardul Thakur are on the bench. When you have such a bench strength, imagine the other 11 guys playing on the field. All of them are match-winners. Their batters, bowling both pace attack and spinners. The Indian team is a real deal. Playing in their own backyard, I will be surprised if India doesn't win the World Cup."

JU organizes placement drive

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: University of Jammu under the dynamic leadership of the Prof Umesh Rai, Honourable Vice Chancellor University of Jammu has organised a Placement Drive across various disciplines. The drive was planned and executed by the Dean Placement cell, Prof B.K Bajaj in collaboration with the School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu. The Placement drive was conducted with the objective of connecting the students with good educational institutes for their employability. On-Campus Placement Drive was conducted on 11th September 2023 by Guru Nanak Institutions from Hyderabad for providing job opportunities to the students who are pursuing their academic courses in Physics, Chemistry, Engineering and Mathematics. Guru Nanak Institutions



is a prominent group of educational institutes located in Hyderabad, serves as the flagship institute of Guru Nanak Institutions (GNI). The institute is recognized as a premier technical institution in South India with NAAC A+ rating. The drive saw an overwhelming response from the offsite campuses of University as well as from the main campus of University of Jammu. Many candidates were shortlisted during the

drive. Prior to the Placement drive, Director School of Biotechnology, Prof Sanjana Kaul and Prof. BK Bajaj, Dean, Placement Cell had an interactive session with the employers discussing the creation of platforms for meaningful collaborations, establishment of connections with business organizations to foster meaningful and long-term collaborations for placement of university students and

enhancement of the university-industry partnership through campus engagement initiatives. Prof Bajaj and other members of Placement cell interacted with interviewees before the pre-placement talk by the interview board of Guru Nanak Institutions. Dr. Ritu Mahajan and Dr. Nisha Kapoor, members Placement cell introduced the students to the interview board. Ms Shilpa Chaku, Training and Placement Officer,

University of Jammu registered the students for the interview. The interview was conducted in the seminar hall of the School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu.

Earlier an offline placement drive was also conducted by the Placement cell, University of Jammu on 06th September, 2023 with Kandhari Beverages, Bari Brahmana for the final semester students of the School of Biotechnology. The students from Biotechnology, Biochemistry and Microbiology program were interviewed in this drive.

The Placement cell University of Jammu is committed to conduct more such drives on regular basis and with such initiatives, a common platform will be provided to recruiters for identifying the desired skill sets and thereby creating multiple opportunities to the students and scholars.

GDC Kishtwar celebrates Hindi Diwas with enthusiasm



TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Sep 14: Department of Hindi, GDC Kishtwar celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm on 14th September 2023 at 11:00 am in Conference Hall. The day was organised to encourage students to enhance their knowledge and develop love for Hindi language. 10 students expressed their views about Hindi language through poetry. On this occasion, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal GDC Kishtwar addressed

the students about the importance of Hindi language and mentioned the rich history and the traditions of Hindi language and literature.

Dr. Madhu told students to read Hindi books to improve their knowledge of Hindi. The Entire programme was proceeded by Dr. Vijay Kumar, HOD, Department of Hindi.

He spoke on the Historical background of Hindi Diwas. He told that Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14th of September every year. It is a day dedicated

to our our national language, Hindi. It marks the day on which Hindi language was declared as the official language of union of India. The first Hindi Diwas was celebrated in 1953. Infact after independence day on 14th of September 1949, the constituent Assembly had decided to make Hindi the official language of the country. 150 students with the staff of the College including NSS volunteers were present and concluded with vote of thanks by Abhay Sharma.

SHoDH CU Jammu organises seminar on Role of Entrepreneurs in Rising Bharat



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Students for Holistic Development of Humanity (SHoDH) Central University of Jammu unit in collaboration with the School of Engineering, Central University of Jammu organised a seminar on the "Role of Entrepreneurs in Rising Bharat."

In this seminar Dr. Savarkar Sharma

(Director, Center for Molecular Biology - CU Jammu), Gulshan Kumar (Manager, Sales & Marketing Department - SBI), Vinay Kumar (Organising Secretary, Swadeshi Jagran Manch - Jammu Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh) and Entrepreneur Ajay Chandel remains mainly present.

The seminar started with the lamp lighting

and welcome address by Kuljeet Singh (State Convener, SHoDH Jammu Kashmir).

While speaking on the occasion Dr. Savarkar Sharma explained meanings of innovation and invention and gave detailed information about patents and startups.

Gulshan Kumar gave information about various ongoing loan facilities

of the government and also shared important information on how to start a business. Vinay Kumar shared information about the history of Indian enterprise and highlighted India's role on the global stage.

Entrepreneur of Jammu Kashmir Dr. Ajay Chandel was also present in the program, he shared his journey of life and highlighted the startups and talked about promoting business from different sectors.

Stage was moderated by Meenakshi and the vote of thanks was given by Sneha.

Others who remain present in this seminar are Dr. Ritu Bakshi (DSW - CUJ), Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh (Director - CCRC), Dr. Amit Gangotia, Dr. Gaurav Thakur, Dr. Shaweta Kohli faculty of the university and Dr. Arvind Kumar (Incharge, SHoDH Jammu Kashmir).

GDC Chatroo organizes enlightening program on "Science behind Miracles"

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHATROO, Sep 14: In continuation to the activities planned by the College on Celebration of Gandhi Jyanti, with theme deliberations on truth and Non-Violence, NSS unit of Govt Degree College Chatroo, under the esteemed guidance and supervision of Dr. Ved Kumar, the Principal of the College, today hosted a captivating and informative program titled "Science behind Miracles" which among students was attended by the teaching and non-teaching faculty of the College. The event was aimed to unravel the mysteries behind seemingly miraculous phenomena through a scientific lens.

Dr. Ashaq Hussain, an esteemed Associate Professor and resource person of national repute, graced the event as the resource person. Dr. Ashaq showcased a



series of mesmerizing magic experiments and tricks that left the audience spellbound. However, he did not stop at the wonderment; he went on to elucidate the underlying scientific principles that made these tricks possible.

During his presentation, Dr. Ashaq emphasized that the world is moving away from the realm of science and reason, and regrettably, some self-pro-

claimed 'babas' misuse these very principles to deceive and exploit innocent individuals under the guise of performing miracles.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Ved Kumar commended the efforts of Dr. Ashaq Hussain in shedding light on the scientific aspects of seemingly supernatural occurrences. He urged the students and the audience not to fall victim to deceptive

claims made by individuals who misuse these scientific principles for personal gain.

The program was a resounding success, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of the science behind miracles and a heightened awareness of the need to critically evaluate claims of the supernatural. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Waseem Rasheed.

BJP Talab Tillo Mandal holds 'Meri Mati Mera Desh Campaign



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: Continuing its Nationwide Campaign of Collecting the mitti (Soil) to use it in the making of Amrit Vatika at the National Capital

Today BJP District Jammu President Parmod Kapahi, BJP Senior Leader and Former Vice Chair-

man (MoS) Daljit Chib, Municipal Councillor Ward No- 31 Sardar Sucha Singh and other leaders visited the houses of Martyrs, Retired Army Soldiers and Prominent locals of the Talab Tillo. The Programme was Organised by BJP Talab Tillo Mandal President Keshav Chopra.

Speaking on the Occa-

sion Parmod Kapahi said that "Meri Mati Mera Desh" Campaign has been initiated under the leadership of PM Modi, Every Karyakarta of Talab Tillo Mandal is going door to door to collect the Mitti (Soil) which is commendable.

Speaking on the Occasion Daljit Chib hailed PM modi's commitment for the nation

and said that this whole campaign signifies "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat", Daljit also applauded the efforts of the Talab Tillo Mandal team.

Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra and Sucha Singh said that J&K is a land of Bravery and this Campaign runs with the slogan "Mitti Ko Naman Veero Ka Vandan" Keshav thanked all the party leaders for their Participation.

BJP Booth President Samardeep Singh, Mandal Vice President Deepak Kumar, Mandal Secretary Bablu Chand, BJP Senior Leader Pinki Bhat, Parbodh Choudhary, Ravinder Kachroo, Manohar Lal, Ritu, Usha, Anita, Veena sharma, and others were also accompanied the leaders.

DFSS holds protest against Pakistan

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 14: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a massive protest in Jammu city by burning the Pakistani Flag upon the martyrdom of our soldiers.

Bhat, father of a two-month-old daughter and son of retired Inspector General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Ghulam Hasan Bhat, died due to heavy blood loss.

The banned Resistance Front, believed to be a shadow group of banned terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), has claimed responsibility.

Officials believe that it is the same set of terrorists who had carried out the attack on army personnel on August 4 killing three jawans in the higher reaches of the Halan forest area of



Kulgam district.

War is now the only option to teach Pakistan a lesson. Holding talks with Pakistan is futile as it has never listened to the language of peace. Our jawans are being mutilated. How long are we going to tolerate this? Time has come to teach Pakistan a lesson.

Modi government must declare war against Pakistan. The entire nation will back him.

Ashok Gupta said that even Pakistan team arrives in India for the World Cup matches they would be protested against and India will not play against Pakistan. He appealed to the

government if the match is not cancelled then we shall do the same what Bala Saheeb Thackeray did by digging up the pitch. Party people present at the protest were Abhishek, Ashish, Sushil, Lovely, Rahul, Bantu, Vikky, Prem, Naresh, Raju and Rahul.