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Centre orders premature repatriation of IPS Officer to AGMUT Cadre

JAMMU, Sep 20 (Agencies): The Centre has ordered premature repatriation of Inspector General of CRPF Vidhi Kumar Birdi to his parent cadre of AGMUT.

In an order, the Ministry of Home Affairs has ordered premature repatriation of Birdi to his parent cadre of AGMUT.

Birdi, an officer of the erstwhile J&K cadre, was presently on deputation as IG CRPF.

The Centre has asked DG CRPF to intimate the date of relieving of the officer.

40 sheep and goats perish in lightning strike in Ramban

JAMMU, Sep 20 (Agencies): At least 40 sheep and goats perished due to lightning in J&K's Ramban district, said officials on Wednesday. Officials said that lightning struck Hinjhal top meadow of Banihal in Ramban district late Tuesday evening.

"Police and a team of sheep husbandry department officials rushed to the spot immediately after receiving the information."

"So far, 40 sheep and goat are confirmed to have perished in the lightning strike", the officials said.

The owner of the livestock has, however, said that he has lost around 80 sheep and goats in this incident.

20-year-old dies by alleged suicide in north Kashmir's Pattan

SRINAGAR, Sep 20 (Agencies): A 20-year-old youth allegedly committed suicide in the Nehalpora area of Pattan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, reports said today.

They said that the boy allegedly hanged himself in his room early today.

The family members immediately moved him to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

A police official said they have taken cognizance of the incident and registered a case.

Ministry of External Affairs asks Indians to be cautious while travelling to Canada

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): Retaliating to a revised travel advisory issued by Ottawa on Tuesday, India has also issued a fresh travel advisory asking all Indian nationals in Canada and those contemplating travel there, especially Indian students, "to exercise utmost caution in view of growing anti-India activities and politically condoned hate crimes and criminal violence".

"Recently, threats have particularly targeted Indian diplomats and sections of the



Indian community who oppose the anti-India agenda. Indian nationals are, therefore, advised to avoid travelling to regions and potential venues in Canada that have seen such incidents.

"Our High Commis-

sion will continue to be in contact with the Canadian authorities to ensure the safety and well-being of the Indian community in Canada. Given the deteriorating security environment in Canada, Indian students in particular are advised

to exercise extreme caution and remain vigilant," said a travel advisory issued by the MEA on Wednesday.

It has also asked Indian nationals and students in Canada to register with the High Commission of India in Ottawa or Consulates General of India in Toronto and Vancouver through their respective websites, or the MADAD portal madad.gov.in. "Registration would enable the High Commission and the Consulates General to better

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Week-Long Anti-Militancy operation in Anantnag ends

SRINAGAR, Sep 20 (Agencies): The week-long anti-militancy operation in the dense forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district has concluded, the Army said on Wednesday.

At least six people, including an Army Colonel, a Major, a Deputy Superintendent of J&K Police, and a top Lashkar-e-Taiba commander, were killed during the week-long operation in the Gadole area of Kokernag. Two decorated Army officers and a

police officer were killed in the initial gun battle on September 13.

The Army said the joint operation by the police and Army has concluded in Anantnag.

"A joint operation was conducted from September 13-19 by #IndianArmy and @JmuKmrPolice in the area of Garol, Anantnag, based on specific intelligence inputs regarding the presence of terrorists. The first contact was established on September 13, resulting in a firefight and a prolonged

operation that continued until September 19. Two terrorists have been eliminated along with the recovery of 02xAK rifles, 01xPistol, and other warlike stores," the Army's Srinagar-based Chinarr Corps posted on X.

"#ChinarrCorps salutes the supreme valour & sacrifice of Col Manpreet Singh, SM, DySP Humayun Bhat, Maj Aashish Dhonchak, SM and Sep Pardeep Singh, who laid down their lives in service of the nation in the highest traditions

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No talks if attacks like Rajouri, Kokernag Continue: Omar Abdullah

JAMMU, Sep 20 (Agencies): Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, has stated that talks cannot proceed if incidents like those in Rajouri, Kokernag, and Srinagar persist. He emphasised that it is not solely India's responsibility to create a conducive atmosphere for negotiations; Pakistan must also take substantial steps towards peace.

"Talks cannot be conducted if incidents like those in Rajouri,



Kokernag, and Srinagar continue. Establishing a suitable atmosphere for discussions is essential, and it is not solely India's duty but primarily Pakistan's responsibility to take concrete measures

for regional peace," said Omar Abdullah, speaking with reporters during an event held in Jammu.

He urged Pakistan to step forward and fulfill its role in creating a favourable environment for bilateral discussions. However, given the current circumstances, there are no signs of Pakistan contributing to a peaceful atmosphere.

In response to a query, the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir stated, "I have

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Mohammed Siraj reclaims No 1 spot in ODI bowling rankings with dream spell in Asia Cup

DUBAI [UAE], Sep 20 (Agencies): Indian speedster Mohammed Siraj on Wednesday climbed eight places to reclaim the number one spot in the ODI bowler's rankings ahead of the ICC World Cup which begins on October 5.

Siraj's onslaught in the Asia Cup final bundled out Sri Lanka on 50 and helped him top the bowling rankings chart.

With the Asia Cup-winning spell of 6/21, Siraj has got back No 1 position which he lost in March this year to Josh Hazlewood.

Siraj finished the tournament with 10 wickets at an average of 12.2. He has overtaken bowlers like Trent Boult, Rashid Khan and Mitchell Starc in the rankings.

The Afghan spin duo of Mujeeb Ur Rahman and Rashid Khan also improved their rankings to No. 4 and No. 5 respectively. They were the only others to go up in the top 10.

Outside that space, South Africa's Keshav Maharaj showed tremendous rise after returning from his injury. Maharaj helped the Proteas become just the fifth side to win a five-match ODI series

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Jammu CB charge sheets cheat defrauding unemployed youth on pretext of Govt Job

JAMMU, Sep 20 (Agencies): The Economic Offences Wing of Jammu Crime Branch on Wednesday charge-sheeted a fraudster in the Court of law for defrauding the complainant and other unemployed youth on the pretext of arranging Govt. jobs either in MES, Railway or Bank after he induced them that he was an influential person.

The 104 Page chargesheet was produced in the Court of law for judicial determination.

The Crime Branch spokesman said that the case was registered on a written complaint lodged by Manzoor Ahmed of Nan Dhryouth, Tehsil Khara, District Doda wherein it was alleged that the complainant and other victims are residents of far flung area of Tehsil Khara

District Doda belongs

to poor families and are unemployed.

The accused Sher Ali of Dangdevpur, Tehsil Mahreen, District Kathua motivated them that he was an influential man and would get all of them employed in MES (Military Engineering Services), Railway or Bank.

On this pretext, the accused as per the complainant collected huge amounts of Rs 5.50 lakhs from the complainant and other victims and later cheated them.

On receipt of the complaint, he said that a preliminary verification was initiated and the allegations were prima-facie established and subsequently, the instant case was registered for in-depth investigation. Relevant record was seized, statement of witnesses recorded under section 161 Cr.PC and 164 Cr.PC, Scientific,

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Police attach properties of drug peddlers worth Lakhs in South Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 20 (Agencies): Police have attached a three-story residential house and a vehicle belonging to notorious drug peddlers in south Kashmir's Pulwama district under the NDPS Act 1985.

In a statement, a police spokesperson said, "The three-story residential house on land measuring 2.1 Marlas valued at approximately 18.17 lacs located in village Naina Batapora belonging to notorious drug peddlers namely Bashir Ahmad Trambooson of Ali Mohd Trambooson and his wife Shahzada Bano resident of Naina Batapora has been attached."

The statement reads that the house was linked to case FIR Nos. 79/2022 under section of 8/15 and 185/2022

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Fake doctor treats patients in LD Labour Room for three days

SRINAGAR, Sep 20 (Agencies): In a grave administrative error, a man acting as a doctor tended to patients in the labour room of Srinagar's Lal Ded maternity hospital for three consecutive days.

This incident has raised pressing concerns regarding the hospital's security procedures and the well-being of its patients.

Hospital authorities have launched an inquiry to ascertain how this imposter managed to gain unauthorised entry into the facility. The individual in question has been apprehended by the Jammu and Kashmir

police on Tuesday.

Dr Muzaffer Sherwani, the Medical Superintendent of Lal Ded Maternity Hospital, while speaking to The Kashmir Observer stated, "We are probing this matter and have requested an explanation from the security personnel." Dr Sherwani revealed that the imposter was present in the hospital's labour room, where he was discovered making rounds and examining patients by the Chief Medical Officer and other concerned officials.

Dr Sherwani explained, "Upon growing suspicious, we questioned the individual about his

credentials. He identified himself as Dr. Aabid from South Kashmir's Dialgam and claimed to be a cardiologist." However, subsequent verification from the medical college's daily roster failed to corroborate his identity. "When asked for documentation, he was unable to provide any. Subsequently, we notified the police, who detained him," added Dr. Sherwani.

According to witnesses among the hospital staff, as per The Kashmir Observer, the individual examined seriously ill patients and issued prescriptions. Dr Sherwani expressed his

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My doors are open for Hurriyat, Jamat: Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sep 20 (Agencies): Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said his doors are always open for Hurriyat, Jamaat-e-Islami and others who believe in the Constitution of India.

"My doors are open for every one either he is from Hurriyat, Jamaat-e-Islami or any other party provided they accept the constitution of India", Bukhari told media persons in Jammu Kashmir's Pulwama district.

He said, "Anybody can join his Apni Party who is not involved in



terrorism activities, not doing communal politics and not involved in drug mafia...all are welcome to my party for that my doors are always

open."

When he was asked whether he is in touch with Jamaat-e-Islami, Bukhari said, "Being a resident I am in touch with all the people of Jammu and Kashmir".

Regarding elections that are not being announced in Jammu and Kashmir, Bukhari said democracy is the biggest need of this country and it is the strength of the nation.

"Democracy comes from the people who choose an elected government", he said and added,

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Oppn should have alliance on seats where BJP hopes to win: Omar

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JAMMU, Sep 20: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Wednesday asserted that the INDIA bloc should have an alliance on seats where the BJP "hopes to win", a suggestion he made at the recent Delhi meeting of opposition parties that reportedly left the PDP miffed.

National Conference currently holds all three Lok Sabha seats of Kashmir valley, while BJP represents two seats of Jammu and one of Ladakh.

Although Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP, which along with the NC is part of the INDIA alliance from Kashmir, did not come out with any official statement on Abdullah's suggestion, PDP sources said their leadership is not happy with the National Conference leader's view.

The PDP believes that it was an attempt to sideline them and also undermine the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, a grouping



formed in 2019 for the restoration of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, the sources said.

But Abdullah on Wednesday said he will not backtrack from his suggestion.

"Should I not put forth my viewpoint? I have given the viewpoint of my party and it is my right. I have not forced my opinion on anyone. I have not walked out of or boycotted the meeting," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister told reporters on the sidelines of a party

function here.

He was responding to a question about reports suggesting PDP's unhappiness over his remarks on the seat-sharing formula at the INDIA alliance coordination committee's first meeting in Delhi last week.

"I have only said that when you are talking about seat sharing, there should be a formula...if our goal is to defeat the BJP, we should have an alliance on those seats where BJP hopes to win. I do not think the BJP is getting any seats from

Kashmir. I have only put forth my viewpoint," the NC vice president said.

He said to accept his suggestion or not is up to the alliance and "I am not backtracking from my suggestion." Omar refused to comment on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi's statement that he saw a scope for a third front.

"I will not like to speak for any third front, I will speak for the INDIA alliance... Owaisi can have his single-party alliance also," he said.

Rectification of 'Tarnah Bridge' to take more than 5 Months to Complete: RTI Reply

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JAMMU, Sep 20: In response to an application under Right to Information Act, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has informed that rectification of damaged portion of Tarnah bridge at National Highway between Jammu to Lakhnapur would take more than five months to complete.

While replying the Online RTI application of Jammu based RTI Activist, Raman Sharma regarding completion

time to be taken for repair works of damaged Tarnah bridge, Project Director, NHAI -Project Implementation Unit Jammu vide his office letter no PD/JMU/RTI/2023-24/1912 dated September 19, 2023 has stated "Tarnah Bridge Rectification for damaged portion is likely to be completed by Feb-2024".

It has also apprised in the reply that causeway has been made operational for Light Motor Vehicles(LMV) Traffic. Regarding the query

related to estimated cost for the repair work of the damaged bridge, the reply served by the NHAI reveals that no estimation cost has been prepared by it so far.

NHAI's reply could not provide a clear information regarding the total percent of repair work that has been completed on this damaged Tarnah bridge in Kathua.

"Bridge rehabilitation can be commenced only after completion of monsoon period" the NHAI reply reads.

RTI Activist Sharma had submitted this online RTI application on 21/08/2023 using online RTI portal (rtionline.gov.in) to find out the estimated completion date of repair works and estimated amount to be utilized by NHAI for repair works of Tarnah Bridge that was damaged in July 2023 due to heavy flood in river Tarnah after continuous rain.

This is a very significant bridge at National Highway between Jammu to Lakhnapur.

Hindi Pakhwada organized at CUJ

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JAMMU, Sep 20: The fifteen days Hindi Pakhwada is being organized by the Department of Hindi of Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain from 14-29 September, 2023.

During the occasion various competitions like speech, poetry recitation, essay writing and story writing were organized. Students from various government colleges of Jammu division and Central University of Jammu participated in large numbers in these competitions.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, today inaugurated the 'My



Signature in Hindi' campaign by signing the first sign. Prof. Yashwant Singh Registrar, Mohammad Iqbal Finance Officer, Prof. Bharat Bhushan HoD Hindi and Other Indian Languages, Dr. Priyanjan Assistant Director Hindi Cell, Heads and Faculty of the department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages also took the campaign forward by signing in Hindi.

Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Hindi Department, conducted these competitions. First prize in speech competition, Jagriti Gupta (Education Department, CUJ), second prize, Navratri Khajuriya (Mass Communication and New Media Department, CUJ), third prize Sukanya Kumari (Government College, Bishnah), first prize in poetry recitation competition,

Nikhil Singh (P.P. Dogra, Government College, Samba), second prize, Ankit Mishra (Education Department, CUJ), third prize Ravindra Singh (P.M. Dogra, Government College, Samba) First prize in story writing competition, Shweta (Department of Mass Communication and New Media, CUJ) Second prize, Sonam Kapoor (Education Department, CUJ) Third Prize, Keshav (Biology, CUJ) First Prize in Essay Writing, Krishika Gupta (Department of Biology, CUJ), second prize was won by Palak Kumari (Education Department, CUJ), third prize was won by Ansh Dev (Biology Department, CUJ).

Army commences Beautician Course for Women at Gandoh

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DODA, Sep 20: As a part of ongoing outreach and helping Awaam to increase employability of youth and generate self-employment undertaken by the Indian Army a Beautician Course has commenced at Gandoh in District Doda (J&K) for a duration of one month with effect from 19 Sep 2023.

A total of 26 women

from nearby villages have been registered for Beautician Course. The primary aim of this course is upliftment and empowerment of women economically disadvantaged strata of society from this area through skill development and employment generation. Indian Army encouraged the interested women to join the Beautician Course and advised them to make the best

use of facilities being provided to them by the Indian Army to help them find gainful employment and skill development. This project will help the women folk to develop their skills to help them becoming financially self-reliant.

Indian Army said that the project will be of immense help in minimizing unemployment of women and generate self-employment

thus contributing in attainment of National goals of Skill Generation and Employment Generation. Beautician Course will give them an opportunity to earn an honourable alternative livelihood and will assist them in their financial upliftment. It will also help them in improving their standard of living and generate a sense of financial security and well-being.



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

S.No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money / Bid Security (in Rs)	Time of completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of road from Thanda Pani to Darrian by way of earth work in cutting /filling, construction of R & B wall, P/L 06 Nos 1.0 mtr dia HP Culvert WBM Gr-II 75 mm thick in single layer in Km 1 st RD 0-1000.	23.56	600/-	47120/-	01 Month	District Plan	B&C
2	Construction of link road from Ghambir Khankree road to Dall Phase-I by way of earth work in cutting/filling, construction of R/wall and 03 Nos HP culvert in Km 1 st RD 0-500.	13.85	600/-	27700/-	01 Month	ARD	B,C&D
3	Restoration of different roads by way of Slip/Drain clearance, filling of ruts and bersm etc on the following roads:- 1.Manjakote to Hayatpura. 2.Road Kalali to Bhattian. 3.Suka Kass to Karmarian. 4.Manda to Koyil road. 5.Gulati to Sanjote road. 6.Kotli bridge to Leari road. 7.Dhar School to Dhar Gali road. 8.Salari to Saroola road. 9.Approach road to Dhanwan Bridge. 10.Kalali to Jamola road.	8.50	600/-	17000/-	02 Months	ARD	C&D
4.	Repair/renovation of Food Store Rajouri	7.13	600/-	14260/-	01 Month	Capex	C&D
5.	Construction of Link road from Junglan Mohallah Nawan.	4.96	600/-	9920/-	02 Months	ARD	D
6	Construction of link road from main road to Majsif John Mohd Kakora by way of earth work in cutting , construction of R/B wall in Km 1 st RD 0-300 Length 300 Mtr	4.90	600	9800/-	01 Month	ARD	D
7	Repair/renovation of Shed at PHC Building Ghambir Mughlan.	4.00	600/-	8000/-	01 Month	Health	D
8.	Upgradation of Divisional office complex by way of replacement of rotten door shutters and tiling of SF Division Rajouri.	1.49	600/-	2980/-	01 Month	UT Capex	D
9.	Construction of entry gate at City Park Dassal of SF Division Rajouri	0.85	600/-	1700/-	01 Month	UT Capex.	D
10.	Construction of underground water storage Tank at Bathuni Nursery during 2023-24..	0.81	600/-	1620/-	01 Month	UT Capex	D
11.	Construction of earth road from main road to Nursery at Bathuni Nursery of SF Division Rajouri.	0.80	600/-	1600/-	01 Month	UT Capex	D
12.	Construction of kacha pond at VWL Kalali, Manjakote of Social Forestry Division Rajouri	0.80	600/-	1600/-	01 Month	UT Capex	D
13.	Construction of Septic Tank at Mali Hut Ghambir Nursery, Social Forestry Division Rajouri	0.80	600/-	1600/-	01 Month	CAMPA	D
14.	Construction of Retaining wall at Mali Hut Ghambir Nursery, Social Forestry Division.	0.68	600/-	1360/-	01 Month	UT Capex	D
15.	Construction of Concrete Platform at Bathuni Nursery of SF Division Rajouri.	0.40	600/-	800/-	01 Month	Capex	D

Name of Project Authority	For S.no 4 -FCS&CA. For S.No 7-Health Department.. For S.No 8,9,10,11,12,13,14, & 15 -Forest Department.
Arbitration Liability	For S.No 4 -FCS&CA. For S.No 7-Health Department.. For S.No 8,9,10,11,12,13,14, & 15 -Forest Department.
Position of AAA	Accorded
Position of TS	Accorded/Under Process
Position of funds	Partially Available

1. 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 www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15.09.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 16-09-2023 ,11.00 A.M to 29-09-2023 up to 4.00 P.M
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 16-09-2023 ,11.00 A.M.
4	Bid Submission End Date	29-09-2023 up to 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	30-09-2023 on or after 14.30 Hrs Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical evaluation is completed

2. Cost of Tender Document: Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 (Revenue) mentioning therein the name of work/ e-NIT No. pledged to Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Rajouri (Tender Inviting Authority) as the cost of the tender document. Any deviation in the specified amount, the bid shall be rejected outrightly. The cost of Tender Document is non-refundable.
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EDITORIAL

GROWING ECONOMY

In India, we are getting a lot of support from the government in all areas like industrial sector, agricultural work and along with it, expansion of public service sector etc. In all these works, very important contribution is being made by the government for the economic development of the people. At present India's economy is growing at a very fast pace. Today our India is facing many challenges for the economy like other developing countries.

The industrial sector comes to the forefront to improve our economy. Ever since the Industrial Revolution took place in India, many industries have also got a boost in our country. Looking at the pace at which the industrial sector has been growing in the recent past, it seems that industries have developed on a large scale in our country.

Iron and steel industry, chemical industry, sugar industry, cement industry, ship-building industry, all these industries have made a huge contribution in the improvement of the economy. Through all these industries, people have got employment opportunities and have got freedom from unemployment.

Apart from this, many small scale industries are also being run in our country. Some of the major ones include textile industry, plastic manufacturing industry, jute and paper industry, fertilizer manufacturing industry, toy making industry, promoting all these small scale industries is helping in improving the economy of India.

The economic system of our country is most dependent on agricultural activities because even today half of India's population is engaged in agricultural work. The Government of India has also paid special attention to poultry farming, animal husbandry and fish farming by modernizing new methods of agricultural policies. Some new laws and rules have been made for all these agricultural works, through which farmers get a lot of help.

For the problems of the farmers, the government has also issued some helpline numbers to solve the problems related to agriculture by the farmers who are very expert in agriculture. The government keeps the policies made by it in front of the farmers by running new programs from time to time so that the farmers can easily solve their problems.

Apart from this, the government is also promoting domestic cottage industries and handicrafts industries. Poor and lower class people are getting employment through all these industries. From time to time, the government takes some important steps to improve the economy of India and for the benefit of the public.

The speed with which small scale industries and big industries have been promoted in India, has been a very commendable step. Our government has now understood that the economy of our country cannot be improved through agricultural work. After India's independence, many industries have been promoted here.

Today, there are such industries in our country in which along with raw materials, the work of manufacturing new goods is also done. Our economic growth has also improved a lot through industries like pharmaceutical industry, chemical, textile, automobile, timber, jute, paper making etc.

During demonetization, there was some trouble for the general public at that time, but today we all are getting a lot of benefits from it. The black money accumulated by capitalists and big industrialists, government officials and politicians all came out due to this demonetization. That black money was used for the common people in the economic development of our country. To further strengthen the economic reform of our country, new industries were promoted.

Congress must forge unity out of its internal diversity

By: Shikha Mukerjee

The Congress Party is entirely truthful when its leader Rahul Gandhi acknowledges that the party is not an organisation; his take is that it is a movement. Earlier generations described the party as a platform. The Congress is certainly an institution and the purpose of the two-day Congress Working Committee meeting in Hyderabad of some 80 leaders was to motivate the top brass into working together as an organisation: a lean, mean fighting machine that can deliver election wins instead of losses or misses. There are three challenges that this collection of leaders have identified as critical to the revival of the institution, which, if it is achieved in the next round of Assembly elections, will position the Congress to do the absolutely necessary heavy lifting for the INDIA alliance in 2024. There is no escaping the responsibility that the Congress has to confront the gigantic machinery of the Bharatiya Janata Party, with its limitless resources and the advantage that comes with being the defending champion with a superstar whose cult following exceeds by far the popular appeal of any other leader in India today.

The three challenges are -- one, to convert the "movement" into an organisation to fight the five state elections in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha battle; two, iron out wrinkles, frictions, factional fights and convince wilful, feckless, self-serving leaders to work for the party, ailments that are as endemic as they are debilitating to the 138-year-old institution; three, forge working relationships with hitherto sworn enemies to create

the foundations of the INDIA alliance. The good thing is that these are three short-term goals that are like the preliminaries before the main test, when the Congress has to be ready to engage in single combat with the BJP in about 200 seats.

Getting powerful state satraps to serve an organisational goal in the Congress is as big a challenge for the leadership as is facing off with the BJP and the cult that has grown around Prime Minister Narendra Modi, snidely described as "bhakts" by the progressive chattering classes on the social media. Even as the CWC kicked off to a big start, with the ailing Sonia Gandhi in attendance, in Chhattisgarh, a state where elections are due around November, the recently promoted deputy chief minister T.S. Singh Deo struck a discordant note by praising Narendra Modi sky high for Centrally-designed schemes that are under implementation in the state. This is just one example of the capacity of Congress leaders to inflict injury, create dissonance, light a fuse in the moment when doing so increases the vulnerability of the party to the advantage of the competition.

Making mischief in the name of doing good is a signature move within the Congress. Even as the CWC proceeded to discuss the long agenda that Mallikarjun Kharge had put together for the meeting, there were leaders like Ajay Maken and P.S. Bajwa raising questions about the dependability of the Aam Aadmi Party as a member of the INDIA alliance. By outing their doubts, Mr Maken and Mr Bajwa brought into focus the difficulties that the Congress faces vis-à-vis its hitherto sworn

enemies. By making it sound as though these were irreconcilable differences, the idea and the process of forging a united alliance against a common enemy, which is the larger picture, was undermined, even if temporarily.

Mr Kharge has been explicit about his expectations from the members of the CWC and in doing so has set himself a very tough task. That he did not ignore the problems within the party he was elected to lead is a measure of how he determined he is to make the organisation a stable and sustainable instrument for big and small political purposes. It is intriguing that the media did not swamp the public with a flood of stories about the dissensions and cross-cutting conversations that must have taken place during the two-day deliberations. By all accounts, there were no rebel groups that set themselves up as standard-bearers of the institution or guardians of the sacred tenets, whatever those may be.

With what is now characteristic of Mr Kharge, he set out his agenda and his expectations. He pointed out that the "challenges aren't just those of the Congress Party; they concern the survival of Indian democracy and the preservation of the Constitution of India". With brutal accuracy, Mr Kharge politely told off the Congress leadership and handed out a job profile: "This is not the time for us to rest".

The unvarnished truth that the Congress won in Karnataka because "organisational unity is of utmost importance... only through unity and discipline can we defeat our adversaries" -- was both a challenge to the factional warriors in the party and a caution that Mr Kharge delivered during the CWC meeting and put it out on "X" to

make sure that there was no distortions in what he said and expected. The end goal was "we must unite and overthrow this dictatorial government in order to save our democracy". He was explicit: "In the last 10 years under BJP rule, the challenges faced by ordinary people have multiplied". His prescription was equally direct: "We must work tirelessly, putting aside personal interests. We must prioritise the success of the party putting aside our personal differences."

By dodging the snares that the BJP has planted, like the Prime Minister hitting out at the "INDIA Alliance", calling it "ghamandiya" (arrogant), and claiming that the nation would be set back by a thousand years, which has to be understood as a reference to Mughal times in the RSS chronology, for it has a "hidden agenda of attacking Sanatan Dharma, which they want to destroy", the Congress has shown unexpected focus and discipline. The choice of Hyderabad for the CWC meeting is another instance of its renewal; it hopes to, at least, jostle the BJP out of the running as the principal challenger to K. Chandrashekar Rao's Bharat Rashtra Samithi, if not actually win the state.

The Congress leaders have collectively handed themselves a task list: the five state elections where their determination and winning capabilities will be tested. The state elections will be a face-off between Narendra Modi and INDIA, with the Congress going to war on behalf of the alliance. To an extent, what is won and/or lost in the state elections will contribute to building capacities within INDIA as a group and the Congress, which has the biggest stake, for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

How to Nurture your Child's Linguistic skills

By: Vijay GarG

Language development in children starts with sounds and gestures and then evolves into words and sentences. It helps shape a child's cognitive, social, and emotional growth. Language skills enable children to express thoughts and foster self-confidence.

Effective language development exercises during this critical period can lay the foundation for proficient communication skills.

1. READING TOGETHER

Parents should read to their children and engage in discussions about the stories. When parents read aloud, children are exposed to various words and language patterns, expanding their vocabulary and comprehension. This shared reading experience strengthens the parent-child bond and encourages them to express their thoughts and feelings.

2. BUILDING VOCABULARY

Parents can play a pivotal role in helping build vocabulary through simple yet effective daily interactions. First and foremost, engaging in conversations throughout the day exposes them to a wide range of words and expressions.

Describing daily activities, objects, and emotions in detail helps them grasp the meanings of new words in context.

Pointing out and labelling objects during playtime helps reinforce their vocabulary. Parents can actively support vocabulary development by creating an environment rich in language and incorporating these strategies.

3. ENGAGING CONVERSATION

The best way to encourage your child's language development is to engage in multiple conversations about things that interest your child. Encourage children to communicate by asking them open-ended questions and actively listening to their responses.

Give them ample time to express themselves, even if it means waiting patiently for their answers. Some conversation starters could be, "If you were an animal which one would you be and why?" or "If your toys could talk, what would they say?" While travelling, parents can talk to their kids and ask them questions about the new and different things they see around them.

Parents can boost children's confidence and creative thinking by acknowledging and responding positively to their attempts to communicate.

4. SONGS AND RHYMES

Music impacts a child's academic performance by developing social skills and aids in developing creativity, crucial to a child's development. Music engages various areas of the brain, enhancing

cognitive abilities. Children are naturally drawn to catchy tunes and rhymes.

Rhythmic patterns, melodies, and repetitive song lyrics create a conducive environment for children to learn new words and phonetic patterns. Parents can introduce their favourite rhymes and songs to their children to engage them throughout the day.

5. PRETEND PLAY

One of the kid's favourite activities is role-playing with toys or friends. Engaging in dramatic play, and creating fictional scenarios, encourages children to use their imagination to communicate and express themselves. As parents share stories with vivid descriptions and expressive tones, children absorb new words and phrases and grasp the art of storytelling, enhancing their communication skills.

6. ART AND CRAFT

Art is a medium of communication and enhances children's expressive abilities. Drawing, craft, and painting offer excellent opportunities for language development. As children immerse themselves in these creative tasks, parents can ask them to describe their creations, explain their choices, and discuss their emotions. This process helps children find words to express their thoughts and feelings, thus strengthening their communication skills.

7. DIGITAL MEDIA

In the era of the digital age, educational apps and games can complement traditional language development exercises. Parents can explore age-appropriate language-learning apps that introduce phonics, vocabulary, and storytelling in a fun and interactive manner.

Apps and games like crossword and word hunt teach children to make learning fun. However, it is essential to balance screen time with other hands-on activities and ensure parents actively participate and guide their children during digital learning.

8. PATIENCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Primarily, parents hold the most significant influence over the children's learning journey. Their patience and positive reinforcement are indispensable in nurturing linguistic skills in young children. Parents must understand that language development is a gradual process and that each child advances at their own pace. By establishing a supportive and encouraging environment, parents can enhance their children's confidence in using language and boost their motivation to learn.

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JKSAC to submit petition titled 'Hamari Awaaz Suno' to PM

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: Jammu Kashmir Sharn-arthi Action Committee (JKSAC) is submitting a petition under the title "Hamari Awaaz Suno" to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Amit Shah Home Minister and Manoj K. Sinha Lt. Governor and others concerned signed by over 1 lakh DPs of 1947 from POJK, demanding thereby the acceptance/implementation of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs' Report no 183, the only viable road-map to resolve the DPs grievances concerning their settlement, which is hanging due to lack of proper projection from the J&K govt. side.

This was stated by Gurdev Singh President JKSAC in a press conference, here on Monday.

Gurdev apprised the media that JKSAC had launched a signature campaign over a year back with an aim to aware the DPs about their rehabilitation issues and particularly to draw the attention of PM and other concerning authorities towards the plight of lakhs of DPs spreading in 17 assembly segments of Jammu region awaiting the resolution of their proper settlement from the last seven decades.

The campaign has culminated and the signatures collected, represents the voice of over 1.2 million DPs would be submitted to PM alongwith detailed petition, he said adding



that the copy of petition would also be submitted to J.P Nadda National President BJP, Dr. Jitendra Singh MOS PMO, Jugal Kishore Sharma (MP) and others by a high level delegation of DPs comprising across Jammu region, thereby demanding implementation of JPC Report No. 183 which has recommended some ex-gratia relief measures for the settlement of DPs till the POJK is liberated from the illegal occupation of Pakistan.

He apprised the media that JKSAC is a legendary organization and is in relentless struggle since 1967 for the resolution of their settlement. The tremendous sacrifices made by DPs to save the Indian part of J&K have not been documented and went unnoticed.

They have been discriminated, ignored and their rehabilitation issues were never highlighted and projected in the right perspective before the Central govt. The facts regarding their issues were concealed and distorted by the former government with an ulterior motive to weaken them economically, educationally and politically.

The media was apprised that the DPs

were demanding nothing undue, but were only raising their voice for legitimate rights of registration of their claims and compensation of their left-out properties, de-freezing of their constitutional share of 8 assembly seats and reservation/employment package for their wards besides other components.

He further said that many commissions and committees were constituted by govt. in this regard which after on-spot study of the problem came to the conclusion that issues are genuine and lot remains to be done and further observed that it is a pity that people who were displaced much later than the DPs of 1947 have almost been rehabilitated, whereas DPs of 1947 from POJK are still pleading their case for proper settlement.

The recently constituted JPC on Home Affairs also termed the DPs grievances as absolutely genuine and took serious view of the ex-gratia rehabilitation assistance/relief provided to them so-far as most insufficient with poor track record of implementation.

The JPC recommended that they should

immediately be given Rs 30 lakhs each family as interim relief, de-freezing of their assembly seats, reservation of their wards besides other components.

The representatives of MHA/GOI after long deliberation with JPC accepted the recommendations and assured that the same would be incorporated in the package- 2015. But it is highly regretted that the Govt. failed in keeping its words and earmarked only Rs. 2000 crore in the package for 36,384 DPS families of 1947, 1965 and 1971 at the rate Rs 5.5. lakhs each family and after further division of the amount among the increased families and each family got only Rs 60,000 share.

The prominent members who attended Press Conference are Bhushan Sharma (Kathua), Darshan Kumar (Nagri), Ashok Sharma (Marheon), Mittar Pal Singh (Samba), Bhagwan Singh (R.S.Pura), Ajit Singh (Vice-President), Capt. Puran Singh (Vice-President), Dwaraka Nath (Jammu), Amar Singh (Udhampur), Col. Kundan Khajuria, Nain Chand DFO, Master Roshan Lal, Babu Ram, Dr. Jeet Kumar (Tehsil Baripattan), Kewal Sharma (Rajouri), Mangat Ram and Capt Jaswant Singh (Poonch), Dr. Naresh Kumar (Nowshera), Santosh Sharma (Vice-President).

Re-construction work of Noor Shah Baghdadi Shrine Kund halted from last ten years: Residents

TOP NEWS REPORT

KULGAM, Sep 20: While the re-construction work on Hazrati Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) Shrine at Wailtangoo Kund has been halted from last ten years.

Residents of Kund Valley blamed the Jammu and Kashmir tourism Department for escalating the construction cost, which according to them has unduly delayed the completion of the project.

The revered shrine of Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) was gutted in a devastating fire on 2011 after which the government had ordered for its speedy reconstruction. However ten years later, the project has not been completed, leaving devotees and locals populace miffed over this lackadaisical approach.

Residents told that the Tourism Department Kashmir despite having received the funds from the government, has escalated the construction cost at the last moment the government earlier had estimated cost 8.52 Cr as the



cost for the reconstruction of the shrine which was agreed upon by the JK Tourism Department.

But they (JKTD) unnecessarily delayed the construction cost up to Rs.8.52 Cr the government has already allotted the estimated funds, he said 90 percent of the construction work has been completed but now the JK Tourism Department is not working on it.

The Urs of Noor Shah Wali Bagh-

dadi (RA) is also bearing and definitely the delay will create problems to some extent, residents added.

When contacted the Director Tourism department Kashmir said that they are working on the interior details of the shrine it has some issues regarding the interior and we are working on it. We assure you that the reconstruction work will be completed soon.

ABVP welcomes Women's Reservation Bill

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad's (ABVP) central delegation sees this resolution as historic move as it will help women's to showcase their presence in political field, thus becoming part of executive.

Women's leading role in various fields has a positive impact on Society. This historic bill will provide women's with a

ample scope of leadership by providing a reservation of 33 per cent in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha & State legislative assemblies.

ABVP wanted women to lead in different roles in different spheres of society thus ushering in an era where we talk of Gender Equality and India being mother of Democracy.

Women's representation is directly linked with the growth & pros-

perity of Nation and representation in political sphere will bring dynamic change in the society.

ABVP Jammu Kashmir State Secretary Akshi Billowria said that it was on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi that long pending demand of women's representation was met and brought into effect in New Parliament which is really a welcoming step.

ABVP has always

raised its voice regarding women's representation and during 2018 ABVP demanded a reservation of 33% by passing a historic resolution in National Executive Committee and which today was brought into effect in new building of Parliament.

This Bill will certainly help women's raise their voice and become voice of Nation by leading at forefront.

KP leaders express concern over acute shortage of water in Jagti Township

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: Many social activist and leaders of Kashmiri Pandit community have expressed grave concern over the acute water scarcity in Jagti Township a major migrant camp of Kashmiri Migrants in Jammu and have appealed Lt. Governor J&K administration to intervene into

the matter and resolve the huge water crisis concern in Jagti township on priority basis to save the poor migrants from further miseries and hardships.

In a joint Press Statement issued today, they said that the migrants of Jagti Township is facing acute water scarcity for last more than two weeks but despite approaching

and requesting the concerned authorities no serious efforts has been done so far for addressing this important issue.

These activists and leaders of the community have appealed to the Lt. Governor J&K to intervene into the matter and direct the concerned authorities to address the issue of acute water scarcity in

Jagti Township immediately by restoring the regular water supply to cater to the needs of the people in order to diffuse the crisis forthwith.

They also appealed to the administration for pressing special water tankers into service in the township in this emergent situation. Those who expressed the concern include Sunil Bhat, Vinod Pandita, Ashwani Bhat, Ravinder Raina and Ashok Kumar Koul.

Inter District Division level Cricket Tournament U-14 boys gets underway



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: The Inter District Division level Tournament U-14 years boys in Leather ball Cricket got underway at Mini Sports Ground Chadwal.

Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K UT is going to be organised in the Inter District Division level by the guidelines of Joint Director Suram Chand Sharma and Deputy Director Jatinder Kumar

Mishra under the overall supervision of DYSSO Kathua Sunil Kumar along with activities incharges.

District Poonch beat District Doda by 20 runs. After winning the toss Poonch decided to bat first and set the target of 83 runs, while chasing, Doda were all out and scored only 63 runs. Tahir Jaffar scored 21 runs in 18 runs and Adharav took two wickets and consumed 14 runs in 3 overs.

District Kathua beat District Reasi; Reasi won the toss and elected to bat first and scored 46 runs all out, while chasing the target Kathua scored 47 runs in 4.2 overs top scorer Harshit made 20 in 12 ball and Yash Karan 16 runs facing 14 balls.

Meanwhile, DYSSO Kathua visited the play ground and interacted with the official as well as players and also surprises visits the mess and finds everything is well planned.

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: Sensing fear of loss in 2024 and negative tendency of women against ruling dispensation due to sky rocketing prices of LPG & kitchen items as reflected in Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Delhi MCD the BJP which is infamous over throwing Jumlals to befool the masses & divert their attention from the burning issues, has thrown biggest ever Jumla to woo the women folk in the name of Women Reservation Bill in Lok Sabha, for 33% reservations to women in Lok Sabha, Assemblies & Municipalities etc which can't implement in more than next ten years for imple-

mentation, the Sr. AAP leaders, Major General Retd, R.S. Jamwal, Farooq Ahmed Bandy, Ram Singh Chauhan, Nirmal Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Ravinder Singh, Sarpanch, Amit Langer, Agya Kour, S.S. Jamwal, Ram Pal Khajuria, Sandeep Parihar, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Mattoo, Ranjodh Singh & Sukhdev Kumar Sangral, maintained and added that the bill first need be ratified by 50% Assemblies in the country and then outcome of next census has to be kept into consideration for delimitation of seats in various states in the country which process may take more than 10 years.

The AAP leaders further said that fresh Jumla has obviously been thrown for fear of tendency of loss in 2024 and to befool the women folk across the country feeling & taking it guaranteed that the memory of masses is weak & can be swayed easily.

The AAP leaders cautioned the masses that BJP has smelt rat of eating humble Pie in ensuring 5 state Assembly elections in Nov/Dec, 2023 in MP, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana & Mizoram etc and that is why they are turning every stone to divert the attention of women folk and make best use of their emotions for electoral gains.

The AAP leaders have cautioned the women folk across the country to see through the game and not fall into the trap of BJP which they lay at the time of elections and later call it a JUMLA.

Their sympathy with the women is well known in case of women wrestlers, Hathras episode and Manipur naked parading of girls & women, the AAP leaders asserted and appealed to teach them a lesson for times to come to save the honor and dignity of women.

The AAP leaders further said that a perpetrator is always a man of sin, whatever be his caste, political affiliation

or sect or religion but sad on the part of ruling dispensation, they have saved all such perpetrators- rapists and criminals be it Brij Bhushan Singh, Kuldeep Singh Sengar, or Ajay Teni who crushed down 8 protesting farmers or a contractor who repaired the bridge where more than 150 pedestrians lost their lives in MORBI Gujarat etc, the AAP leaders maintained and warned that enough is enough and that they will be paid in the same coin in 2024 they cautioned and added that now the women folk, the un-employed educated youth, the farmers, traders & laborers etc cannot be befooled any longer.

Biggest ever Jumla in last 9 years; Women Reservation Bill can't be implemented in more than 10 years: AAP



NDA. He underlined that these efforts have ushered in an era of

unprecedented development in the region.

Former CM of J&K Farooq Abdullah encouraged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to diversify their aspirations and not solely rely on Government jobs.

Sushil Singh Charak apprised the Former CM of J&K Farooq Abdullah about the initiatives taken by the present Nations Development Association (NDA) in providing new avenues for the youth to tap into the employment sector besides fostering entrepreneurship among the J&K youth.

Manipur actor banned for 3 years for participating in beauty pageant in Delhi

Soma Laishram had been in the forefront in voicing the concerns of Manipur since the violence broke out

An organisation in Manipur has banned actor Soma Laishram from acting in films and attending social functions for three years for making appearing as a show stopper in a "beauty pageant" in Delhi despite a general appeal made by it to her to desist from participating in such programmes when Manipur is "still burning".

The decree by the civil society group, Kangleipak Kanba Lup (KKL), sent shockwaves in the film fraternity of the strife-torn state.

The Film Forum Manipur (FFM), the umbrella body of all film bodies of the state, expressed dissatisfaction over the KKL's move and said it would act to bring a solution to it.

Soma, who has acted in over 150 Manipuri films and bagged numerous awards, clarified that there were certain misjudgments over her participation at the New Delhi event on Saturday.

She had participated as a show stopper in a concluding programme of the North East Students' Festival held at Talkatora Stadium, where she passionately spoke on the unprecedented current turmoil in Manipur and used the platform to appeal for support from all for peace and normalcy in the state.

"As a professional actor and a social influencer, it is my responsibility to communicate



and speak up about the crisis in Manipur and I chose this platform," the celebrity actor told the media on Tuesday.

"The event I participated in is a northeast festival hosted by My Home India, a non-profit organisation and the programme I took part in was a cultural programme celebrating the cultural heritage of northeast."

A resident of the Kongeng Hajari Leikai in Imphal West district, she clarified that Saturday's event was not a beauty or fashion show organised for fun.

"It was a cultural event where

each state of the northeast like Nagaland, Mizoram, Assam, Arunachal, etc, was represented by their own chosen personalities. So from Manipur, it happened to be me. They invited me. I didn't want to miss the opportunity," Soma said.

KKL, in a statement on Monday, said it had approached the FFM and the Film Actors Guild Manipur, who then requested Soma not to take part in the Delhi beauty pageant.

However, Soma "in full defiance of all such requests and in total disrespect to the Meitais

who have died so far", and thousands of people rendered homeless as many houses were burnt, participated in the event, the statement said.

However, contrary to the KKL's statement that Soma chose to ignore the "advice" of the FFM and Cine Actors' Guild Manipur (CAGM) to which she belongs, the heads of the film bodies said that when they were individually approached to discourage Soma from participating in the fashion parade, it was too late to intervene as it was on the day of the show.

FFM Chairman Laimayum Surjakanta Sharma admitted that he did speak to Soma on the issue. However he asserted that he didn't ask her to abstain from the programme after the actor informed him how she had planned to use the prestigious platform to campaign for peace in Manipur as the show-stopper.

"Generally we've a bad impression of the veracities of such beauty and fashion shows. But Soma explained that it was a cultural programme of the north-east. Soma said she was going to use this big platform to sensitise the unprecedented human crisis in Manipur to appeal for support for peace and normalcy to return to Manipur," he stated.

"FFM stands by Soma Laishram and will reason with KKL to withdraw its unilateral decree against the actor," he added.

Michael Jackson's son Prince reveals late icon's insecurity due to his 'blotchy' skin



Prince Jackson has spoken about how his late "King of Pop" father Michael Jackson "had a lot of insecurity" about his skin condition.

The late King of Pop's eldest child, 26, has dished on his father's experience of with vitiligo - a chronic disorder which causes patches of skin to lose its pigmentation - and how it caused him anxiety.

"He had a lot of insecurity around, kind of looking blotchy in his appearance. So he wanted to see if he could smooth out his appearance, to help with his security on his physical appearance," Prince said on

the 'Hotboxin' With Mike Tyson' podcast, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Prince revealed when he was younger, his father "was always explaining" his condition. Back in 1994, Michael - who died in 2009 - reflected on his vitiligo during an interview with Oprah Winfrey after his changing appearance and cosmetic surgery sparked speculation he was trying to alter his skin colour.

He said at the time: "I have a skin disorder the pigmentation of my skin. It is something I cannot help. When people make up stories that I don't want to be

who I am, it hurts me. It's a problem for me. I can't control it. But what about all the millions of people who sit in the sun to become darker, to become other than what they are? Nobody says nothing about that."

Meanwhile, Prince told Mike Tyson that as he's grown up, he's learned to "appreciate how unique and interesting" his childhood was, including growing up on the Neverland Ranch surrounded by animals including "elephants, tigers, lions, a lot of primates like monkeys, gorillas, orangutans."

He added: "(My dad) loved animals when he was a kid. As he was making more money and more music, he was able to buy more animals."

And now, almost 15 years after his father's death, he is still learning about him as a person, as he continues to do "a lot of research" about Michael's life on tour.

He said: "What impact does that have on you? To see a sea of people just singing your lyrics back to you and wanting to reach out and touch you. The impact of that has got to be very profound."

Singer Katy Perry sells rights to her music catalogue for \$225 million

Singer Katy Perry has sold the rights to her music catalogue in a deal reportedly worth \$225 million.

Rights of the 38-year-old singer's songs and albums, released from 2008 to 2020, have been bought by Litmus Music, investing firm The Carlyle Group announced on Monday.

The deal includes Katy's five albums released through Capitol Records - One of the Boys (2008), Teenage Dream (2010), Prism (2013), Witness (2017) and Smile (2020).

The I Kissed a Girl hitmaker is among the growing number of big-name artists to sell the master recordings of their music catalogue. Justin Bieber sold a share of his own music rights in January to Hipgnosis Songs Capital for a reported \$200 million. In January 2022, Bob Dylan had sold the rights to his entire



catalogue to Sony, for an undisclosed amount, though the deal was said to be worth \$183 million.

Bruce Springsteen also sold his music to Sony in late 2021 in a mammoth deal worth \$500 million.

After delivering hits like Grahan and Jubilee, Wamiqa Gabbi is back as Charlie Chopra to solve the mystery of Solang Valley in Vishal Bhardwaj's directorial. Life couldn't have been more eventful for

A huge fan of crime dramas, documentaries and thrillers, actress Wamiqa Gabbi, who hails from Chandigarh, is elated about starring in a mystery thriller next - Vishal Bhardwaj's directorial Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley, which is based on Agatha Christie's The Sittaford Mystery.

While web shows Grahan, Mai: A Mother's Rage and Modern Love (Mumbai and Chennai) were popular, it was her Nilofer act in Jubilee that got widespread acclaim.

Wamiqa had no hesitation in choosing the role of Charlie Chopra as Vishal Bhardwaj was on the director's seat, but there was more to it. "It's the title role and boasts of an amazing cast, including Naseeruddin Shah, Neena Gupta and Ratna Pathak Shah. Also, it is an adaptation of Agatha Christie's novel," says Wamiqa. Her fourth project with Bhardwaj, including Khufia, Fursat, Modern Love Mumbai, and now Charlie, Wamiqa couldn't be happier!

In the Himachal hills Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley was shot in



the idyllic settings of Himachal Pradesh. "It was surreal to be out there in snow, but difficult to shoot. The first day was especially challenging, as it was terribly cold. We were using hot water bottles to warm our faces in order to deliver dialogues."

A huge fan of thrillers and crime documentaries, Wamiqa is happy to star in one, "It's not just another whodunit. It's a

Vishal Bhardwaj project, which comes with its own quirks."

OTT gave Wamiqa's career a new spin. "Ever since Grahan, which was an amazing experience, as I shot with brilliant director Ranjan Chandel, only amazing things are happening to me." Jubilee turned out to be another hit. "I am so happy at the response Jubilee received. My life has definitely taken a

beautiful turn. The amount of attention and love that I have got after Jubilee is just crazy."

Language no bar Wamiqa has worked in different languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi and Punjabi, and also in different formats - long and short. So, how does she choose? "For me, it's very important that the character I am going to essay touches my heart. If it doesn't, even if it is a big-ticket project, I wouldn't be able to enjoy or put my heart into it." Even more important for her is the director. "I have to click with the director. It makes a lot of difference," says Wamiqa.

Back-to-back projects have kept her busy and she hasn't got a chance to visit her hometown, Chandigarh. But soon after Charlie's release, followed by that of Khufia, she plans to spend time at home. In Khufia, she shares screen space with Tabu and Ali Fazal, while in VD18 it is with Varun Dhawan and Keerthy Suresh.

Meanwhile, Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley is set to stream on Sony LIV on September 27.

Delhi High Court restrains misuse of personality attributes of actor Anil Kapoor

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday restrained the misuse of the name, image, voice and other attributes of persona, including the "jhakaas" catchphrase, of actor Anil Kapoor for commercial gain.

Justice Prathiba M Singh passed the ex parte interim order against several websites and platforms on a lawsuit by the actor, alleging unauthorised exploitation of his personality and celebrity rights for commercial use.

Advocate Pravin Anand, appearing for Kapoor, said several websites and platforms had been misusing the

personality rights of the plaintiff through various activities.

Kapoor's counsel pointed to the unauthorised sale of merchandise, collection of fees by using his photograph as a motivational speaker, morphing his image in a derogatory manner, and selling pictures with forged autographs and the "jhakaas" catchphrase, among others.

The lawsuit sought to protect Kapoor's personality rights with respect to his name, voice, image, likeness, manner of speaking and gestures, among others.

Justice Singh observed that while there can be no doubt that free



speech is protected, the same would be illegal when it "crosses the line" and results in tarnishing and jeopardising individual personality rights.

"Using the plaintiff's name, voice, dialogue, image in illegal manner, that too for commercial purposes, cannot be permitted. Court cannot turn a blind eye to such misuse of personality," Justice Singh said.

"Defendants 1 to 16 are restrained from using ... in any manner the plaintiff Anil Kapoor's name, likeness, voice or any other attributes of his personality ... for monetary gain or otherwise," the court ordered.

Singer Ariana Grande files for divorce



Popstar Ariana Grande and real estate agent Dalton Gomez have officially filed for

divorce after two years of marriage. Reports of their separation broke out in July, but Grande and Gomez were living separately since January.

Grande's lawyer Laura Wasser filed the papers first on Monday citing "irreconcilable differences" as the reason for divorce. Dalton soon followed suit.

The couple tied the knot in May 2021 and had a prenuptial agreement in place. The date of separation was February 20, 2023. Grande (30) and Gomez (28) parted ways on good terms, an insider said.

Rajinder emphasises Media Unit Coordination for GoI Policy Communication

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: Additional Director General (Region) PIB and CBC J&K and Ladakh, Rajinder Chaudhry today said, the coordination & cooperation among the Media Units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting based in J&K, J&K DIPR, DPR Defence and Central Government Departments is the need of the hour for effective communication and publicity of the Government of India initiatives, policies and programs.

Chaudhry said this while chairing a meeting of the Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC) organised by Press Information Bureau, Jammu.

In his address, Rajinder Chaudhry said, better media integration and synergy among the units is significant in achieving the better media coverage.

Chaudhry emphasized, the publicity should not be seen as an event based activity but has to be a sustained ongoing process and the ideas must be shared, to be converted into concrete stories in collaboration with media units.

Chaudhry further



emphasised that the activities of the Media Units and Central Government Departments must be shared well in advance so that a good coverage is given to the events through proper planning using the best available resources. He also stressed that the Central Government Departments can use their exhibits during the Multimedia Exhibitions organized by Central Bureau of Communication and for informing people about the programs and policies of their respective departments.

Chaudhry also said, the amplification of the events through respective social media handles is important as social media is emerging as the most powerful medium for effective communication and for promotion of the government initiatives, policies and programs.

Chaudhry also asked the participating departments to utilize social media platforms for quick, fast and accurate delivery of the information and achievements in a professional manner.

Chaudhry appreciated the efforts of the media units of MIB based in J&K and J&K DIPR for giving best coverage to G20, PM Vishwakarma, Meri Maati Mera Desh and other events of national importance.

Deputy Director, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Ayushi Puri provided an overview about main activities of CBC in J&K. She emphasized, the cooperation is inevitable between the departments in giving meaningful information so as to develop good developmental stories. Assistant Director,

Doordarshan, Jammu, Vivek Pathak provided the details of the activities of DD News in Jammu Division and Media & Communication Officer, PIB Jammu, Sheikh Mudasir Amin provided an overview of the activities of PIB in Jammu Region.

The meeting was attended by representatives of various media units, defence and different departments of Government of India based in Jammu, including Brig. A. Sridhar, BGS (IW), HQ Northern Command, Lt. Colonel Rohan Mahajan, GSO-1 (Media), HQ Northern Command, Lt. Col. Suneel Bartwal, PRO Defence Jammu, Ravikanta Babu, DDG (E), Doordarshan/AIR, Prof. Anil Soumitra, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, Pankaj Rastogi, Regional Director, NBWED, Dr. Nasir-ul-Rashid, Sr. Scientist IIM-CSIR

Northern Command Principals' Meet at APS Mathura



TOP NEWS REPORT

MATHURA, Sep 20: Army Public School, Mathura hosted the prestigious Annual Northern Command Principals Meet 2023 on 15 & 16 September 2023.

The meet was organised on theme "National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023: Reinventing Education - Nurturing Entrepreneurial Skills and Innovation in Students" provided a platform to all the participants to discuss issues of common interest and evolve strategies to refine and improve the academic performance, administration and working environment helping in furtherance of our goal of 'Quality Education at Affordable Cost'.

The meet was chaired

by Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, Chief of Staff, HQ Northern Command, who delivered the inaugural address wherein he emphasized the importance of evolving academic & management techniques to meet the academic aspirations of students and parents in different areas of education.

It was followed by academic appraisal and update by Col MS Rawat (Retd), Director AWES, HQ Northern Command and facilitation of Schools and faculty members for their performance in the Academic Year 2022-23. The Academic Excellence trophies were bagged by APS Nagrota for Class X & XII, whereas the Co-Curricular Activities

trophy has been lifted by APS Mathura.

In recognition of exceptional dedication and leadership, Mrs Ruchi Bahl, Principal APS Nagrota has been awarded with the Best Principal Award for the session 2022-23. Sinika, PGT (Physics) from APS Nagrota, Mrs Pooja Verma, TGT (Hindi) from APS Dhar Road and Ms Meenakshi Sambyal (PRT), APS Udhampur bestowed with awards of best teachers in respective categories for the session 2022-23.

A number of informative and valuable points suggested by Maj Gen RK Raina, MD AWES to enhance the academic performance in different areas of education. The event ended with the vote of thanks by Chairman APS Mathura.

CBC Udh hosts 3-day Multimedia Exhibition on Seva, Sushasan & Garib Kalyan



TOP NEWS REPORT

BASANTGARH, Sep 20: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Ms. Saloni Rai today paid a visit to the inaugural ceremony of the three day Multimedia Exhibition organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Basantgarh, district Udhampur on Seva, Sushasan & Garib Kalyan, G20, Mission LIFE & Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat on the sidelines of Block Divas. The three day Multimedia Exhibition is being organized by Central Bureau of Communication, Udhampur, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Basantgarh, Wahid Manhas who was also present during the inaugural ceremony said, almost all the welfare schemes of Government of India have been implemented in Basantgarh, a far-flung area in district Udhampur be that the PMAY, PMGSY, PMAY Grameen and Urban, JJM etc. as the government is trying its best that the benefits of the schemes must

reach the last man in the queue. He further said, it is the responsibility of every citizen of India to contribute in nation building especially the students, the future of this nation who must ensure that the vital information regarding Government of India Schemes, Policies and Programs must reach their families and the society so that the people will be able to get the benefits out of it.

With the development of highways across the length and breadth of the nation and the building of network of roads to the unconnected areas of the country, the government is spending thousands of crores on the construction of roads so that unconnected areas are connected to the mainstream, SDM informed.

Sh. Khursheed Yousuf, Field Publicity Officer, Central Bureau of Communication, Udhampur said, the government of India is steadfast to end the communication gap and organise these Multimedia Exhibitions especially in the far-flung areas to inform people about different schemes

so that they will be able to obtain benefits in real-time.

Sh. Soumit Sapolia, Branch Head, JK Bank, Pradeep Singh from Agriculture Department, Dr. Surinder Kumar of Sheep Husbandry Department, Rakesh Paba of Fisheries Department, Dr. Sunil Bhaderwaj, Animal Husbandry Department, also addressed during the event and informed about various schemes of their respective departments provided by the government.

Besides students, locals, the event was attended by Principal HSS Basantgarh, Rajinder Kumar & TA (S) CBC Udhampur, Gurnaam Singh.

During the event, on the spot quiz competition was organised on Seva Sushasan & Garib Kalyan and patriotic songs were sung by the students. Empanelled Private Registered Troupe of CBC, J&K and Ladakh presented Cultural Programmes during the day long event. Prizes were later distributed among the winners of quiz competition.

Concern over unemployment in Union Territory J&K: Altaf Dar

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 20: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Provincial Vice President Kashmir Mohammad Altaf Dar in a statement issued to press here said union territory jammu and kashmir, despite being a resource-rich region, continues to face a severe unemployment crisis that demands urgent attention from both the central government and LG administration. The high unemployment rate in Kashmir Province has led to numerous socio-economic challenges,

leaving a significant portion of the population struggling to make ends meet. The lack of job opportunities has resulted in frustration, despair, and a sense of hopelessness among the youth, who are the backbone of any prosperous society.

The absence of gainful employment not only undermines the financial stability of individuals and families but also hampers the overall development of the province. Educated Youth are unemployed in UT Jammu and Kashmir. Ultimately, limited industry in the province may be



one of the root causes of unemployment. Inadequate access to quality education and vocational training further limits the employability of individuals in kashmir province. It is crucial that the central government & LG administration take immediate action to

address this pressing issue.

Efforts should be made to attract local and other investors to set up industries in Kashmir Province, tapping into the true potential of its resources. There is a need to establish vocational training centres and promote skill development programmes that equip the youth with the necessary knowledge and expertise demanded by the job market. Tackling unemployment especially in kashmir province requires a comprehensive and collaborative effort from the

central government, LG administration and the media. Provincial Vice President Kashmir Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Mohammad Altaf Dar said by prioritising industrial development, investing in education and vocational training, encouraging entrepreneurship, and fostering partnerships with the private sector, we can hope to address the unemployment crisis and pave the way for a more prosperous and inclusive Union Territory Jammu And Kashmir.

GDC Kishtwar organizes Mehfil-e-Ghazal

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Sep 20: The Department of Urdu, Government Degree College Kishtwar, in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, successfully organized Mehfil-e-Ghazal on 18th September 2023 in the college auditorium. The event showcased the talent of four prominent Ghazal singers from Chenab Valley, namely Farooq Khokhar, Zulaikha Farid, Suhaib Kandoo, and Falak Bilal.

The Mehfil-e-Ghazal brought together distinguished individuals from various fields, including Mr. Khalil Poswal, SSP Kishtwar, Dr. Jyoti Parihar (Principal), Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Butt (Prominent Citizen), Ghulab along with college staff, and other esteemed guests. The



presence of these dignitaries added a sense of grandeur and appreciation to the event.

The mesmerizing performances by the four renowned Ghazal singers captivated the audience, creating an atmosphere infused with emotion and admiration for Urdu poetry. Their soulful renditions,

accompanied by delicate musical arrangements, symbolized the richness of the Urdu language and its contribution to the world of art and culture.

Approximately 150 students participated in the event, reflecting the growing interest and appreciation for Urdu poetry and Ghazal

among the younger generation. This gathering of students, artists, and dignitaries served as a platform to promote and preserve the Urdu language and its artistic expressions.

The collaboration between the Department of Urdu at Government Degree College Kishtwar and the J&K

Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages exemplifies the commitment to nurturing and promoting art and culture in the region. Such initiatives not only provide a platform for established artists but also encourage budding talents to showcase their skills and contribute to the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

As a token of respect and gratitude, the artists were felicitated with shawls during the event. Dr. Tariq Tamkeen, Head of the Department of Urdu and Convener of the Cultural Committee, was also felicitated to acknowledge his dedication and devotion towards the Urdu language. The entire event was carried out under the strict supervision of Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal of GDC Kishtwar.