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BRIEFLY

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 Baninal in Ramban district late

Tuesday evening. "Police and a team of sheep husbandry department officials rushed to the spot immediately after receiving the informa-

"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-yearold 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



"Our High Commis-

have seen such inci-

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 weeklong anti-militancy operation in the dense forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district has concluded, the Army said on Wednes-

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 #IndianArmv 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 Chinar Corps posted on X.

"#ChinarCorps 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,

SRINAGAR, Sep 20

(Agencies): In a grave

administrative error, a

man acting as a doctor

tended to patients in

the labour room of Sri-

nagar's Lal Ded mater-

nity hospital for three

This incident has

raised pressing con-

cerns regarding the

hospital's security pro-

cedures and the well-

Hospital authorities

have launched an inqui-

ry to ascertain how this

imposter managed to

gain unauthorised entry

being of its patients.

consecutive days.



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

Fake doctor treats patients in LD

police on Tuesday.

Dr Muzaffer Sherwani,

the Medical Superinten-

dent of Lal Ded Maternity

Hospital, while speaking

to The Kashmir Observ-

er stated, "We are prob-

ing this matter and have

requested an explana-

tion from the security

personnel." Dr Sher-

wani revealed that the

imposter was present

in the hospital's labour

room, where he was dis-

covered making rounds

and examining patients

by the Chief Medical

Officer and other con-

cerned officials.

Labour Room for three days

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,

of Jammu and Kashmir stated, "I have

credentials. He identi-

fied himself as Dr. Aabid

from South Kashmir's

Dialgam and claimed to

be a cardiologist." How-

ever, subsequent verifi-

cation 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.

According to witnesses

among the hospital staff,

as per The Kashmir

Observer, the individual

examined seriously ill

Sherwani.

the former Chief Minister

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 ing rankings chart.

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

Siraj finished the tour-

The Afghan spin duo

Outside that space,

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

Asia Cup final bundled out Sri Lanka on 50 and helped him top the bowl-

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

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.

South Africa's Keshav Maharaj showed tremendous rise after returning from his injury. Maharaj helped the Proteas become just the

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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 chargesheeted 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 influen-

tial person. Page The 104 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 Tramboo son of Ali Mohd Tramboo 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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Dr Sherwani explained, into the facility. The indipatients and issued previdual in question has "Upon growing suspiscriptions. Dr Sherwani fifth side to win a fivebeen apprehended by cious, we questioned expressed his match ODI series the Jammu and Kashmir the individual about his Turn to page 9

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

"My doors are open for every one either he is from Hurriyat, Jamaate-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

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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CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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OBITUARY/ TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow,we regre to inform the sad demise of our beloved

Mata Ji Smt. Soomawati (Drupati) W/o

Late Sh. Soom Nath Pandit of Sagar

Anantnag (Kmr) (Daughter of Late Sm

Shobhawati and Keshew Nath Koul of Mir

Danter Anantnag) presently at H.No.16, Vinayak Vihar behind Power Receiving

Station Toph Sherkhania Jammu on 12-09

The Tenth Day will be performed on 21

09-2023 (Thursday) 9.00 AM at Muthi Gha (Near Director of School Education Office)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughters-in-laws & Sons Girja & Maharaj Krishan - 9419166223

Kundan & Piaray Lal - 9419183316

Mohini & Suresh Ji - 7006892569 Asha & Kuldeep Ji - 7006590638

Grand Son-in-law & Daughter

Great Grand Child: Vidant

bode on 09/09/2023.

Grief stricken :-

Smt Sandhya Anand (Wife) Mr. Vishisht Anand (Son)

Smt. Rimpu & Jitender Anand

Sh M.L. Puri & Smt Kanta Puri

Rohit Ji & Sandha, Suraj Ji & Priya

, Nanak Nagar, Jammu at 12.00 pm.

10th DAY/13th DAY 'KRIYA'

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Vasudev Kumar Anand S/o

Late Sh Jagdish Chander Anand who left for heavenly

abode on 09/09/2023.
Tenth Day will be performed on Monday 18/09/2023
at Gorkha Mandir, Sector 4, near Shivaji Chowk,
Nanak Nagar, Jammu at 11.00 am.
Thirteenth Day 'KRIYA' will be performed on
Thursday 21/09/2023 at our residence 60-B, Sector

Mrs Rythem & Mr. Ravi verma (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Smt. Sushma & Ashok Anand (Bhabhi & Brother)

(Bhabhi & Brother

Smt. Sukeshi & Mahinder Anand (Bhabhi & Brother Smt. Madhvi & Rajinder Anand (Bhabhi & Brother

Grand Children: Rachna & Harish, Kirti, Rohit, Ankush & Reshiwar

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad, shocking and untimely demise of our beloved Usha Kumari Raina W/o Santosh Kumar erstwhile resident of Darai, Sangrama Sopore at present Lane No. 11, Gurha Keran, Barnai, Bantalab on 12th September, 2023 at Ludhiana. Her mortal remains were consigned to flames on 13th September, 2023 at Shanti Ghat Bantalab, Jammu.

10th Day Kriya will be held on 21st September, 2023 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Usha Kumari Raina Education Jammu and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat on 21/9/2023 at 9.00 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Santosh Kumar - Husband # 9796222648, 9906022264

Miss Sushita - Daughter

Sunita & Satish Kumar - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law # 9876193188 Sahil - Son

Miss Surbhi - Daughter

Anjali & Shiban Ji Pandita - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law Miss Alka - Daughter

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Somawati (Bhabi) W/o Late Shri Arjan Nath Pandit of Gasran, Kulgam A/P Qtr No. 14 & 15, Block No. 123, Lane No. 21, Jagti Colony, Jammu on 12-09-2023(Tuesday). Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 21-09-2023(Tuesday) at 08:30 am at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education. **GRIEF STRICKEN BY:-**

Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt Nirmala Khar & Pran Nath Khar

Smt Pinki Koul & Shadi Lal Koul Smt Rajni Bhan & Ashok Kumar Bhan **Grand Children**

Anju Koul W/O Ajay Koul Pooja Pandita W/O Umang Pandita

Diksha Bhat W/O Rakesh Bhat Sanjay Bhan

Shivani Koul & Sakshi Koul

Deeply Missed by: Khar's /Koul's/Bhan's/Bhat's Cell No. 7006868045, 9622174836



Smt Somawati (Bhabi)

Dwarka Nath Raina

TENTH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Dwarka Nath Raina S/o Late Sh. Ram Saran Raina (Sunjwan Wale) H.No. - 3, Talli Morh Doordarshan Lane, Jammu expired on 11-09-2023. Tenth Day will be performed on 20-09-2023 (Wednesday) at 10:30 AM at Shiv Mandir, Arorian Wali Chappari, New Plot, Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on 21-09-2023 (Thursday) at 12 noon at our residence H -No.-3, Talli Morh Doordarshan Lane, Jammu.

Uthala/Rasam Pagri will take place on 23-09-2023 (Saturday) at 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Trikuta Yatri

Bhawan near Ved Mandir, Amphalla Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Sh. Sunil Sharma & Smt. Neelam Raina (Son-In-Law & Daughter)

Varinder Raina (Son)

Pooja Raina (Daughter) Amit Raina (Son)

Mobile- 94193-57077, 9070491606, 9858210316, 94191-71725

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT SHEELA DEVI W/O LATE SH AMAR NATH BHAT R/O KOIL PULWAMA, KASHMIR, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 14TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY I.E 23RD OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT VILLAGE KOIL, PULWAMA AT 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN:

SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SH SHUBAN KRISHAN BHAT & SMT DOLLY BHAT **DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAWS**

SMT. TOSHA KOUL & SH. NATH JI KOUL

LT. SARLA PANDITA

LT. VIJAY SAPROO & SH. RAMESH SAPROO

SMT. BABY RAINA & SH. RATTAN LAL RAINA

GRAND CHILDREN'S: DEEPU, SUNITA, SHEETU, SANDEEP, VICKEY, MEGA, VIJAY, VARSHA, ASHWANI, ROZY, VINNY, NEHA, MONIKA, BHAVISH, ANU, BINNY, KAJAL & RANJAN CONTACT NO. 7889588921, 6006073967, 9906603710, 7889536984

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Manohar Lal Gupta S/o Late Kaka Ram Gupta R/o H No. 294 Str No. 11 Shakti Nagar.

Tenth Day will be performed on 19-9-2023 (Tuesday) Timing 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM at our residence Uthala will be performed at Mahajan Hall Shalamar road 4 PM to 5 PM on 22-9-2023 (Friday). Grief Stricken:

Smt Shashi Prabha Gupta (Wife)

Smt Bimla Devi W/o Late Sh Kasturi Lal Gupta (Brother)

Smt Kamlesh & Sh Rakesh Gupta Smt Aarti & Sh Pankai Gupta

Smt Sheetal & Sh Vishal Gupta (Son)

Smt Kanchan & Sh Amit Gupta (Son)

Daughter & Son in law

Smt Ritu Mahajan & Sh Ashwani Abrol

Kids: Sharun, Simran, Gautam, Lavanya, Surbhi, Mrityunjay



SMT SHEELA DEVI

Sh Manohar Lal Gupta

Contact No: 7006462941, 9906063825

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. ROSHAN LAL BHAT (Bhaijan) S/o Lt. Sh. Niranjan Nath Bhat R/o Karan Nagar, Srinagar, Presently was residing at L.I.G 92, PHASE 1. Housing Colony, Udhampur (J&K) left for heavenly abode on 15/09/2023 (Friday). May the departed soul attain Moksha.

10TH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 24-09-2023 (Sunday) at 11.00 AM at DEVIKA GHAT Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Makhan Lal Bhat

Bimla Bhat W/o Lt. Soom Nath Bhat Smt. Sunita Bhat W/o Lt. Kaka Ji Bhat

Rajni Bhat W/o Lt. Shuban Krishan Bhat SAMAST BHAT, PANDIT & KOUL PARIVAR



(Bhaijan)

10TH DAY/UTHALA/KIRYA

OBITUARIES

With profound grief and pain we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved Varun Sharma s/o Late Sh. Anil Sharma, R/o 63 Padha Street Purani Mandi Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 12th of September 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed on Thursday 21-09-2023 at Rani Park at 10.30 AM. KIRYA will be performed on 22-09-2023 at our residence at 12.30 PM.

Uthala well be held at Brahamin Sabha, Parade Chowk Jammu on Friday 22.09.2023 from 5 PM to 6 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Mala Sharma (Mother) Arjun Sharma (Brother) Smt. Payal Sharma (Wife) Atharav Sharma (Son)

Varun Sharma

All Padha Family (7006697316)

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Vinod Kumar (ration dealer) S/o Late Sh. Satpal Gupta H.No. 260, Bharat Nagar, Rehari Colony who expired on 11-09-2023.

12 noon at our residence.

Uthala/Rasam Pagri will take place on 23-09-2023

GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt. Kailash Rani (Wife) Narinder & Renuka (Bhaiya & Bhabhi) Sisters and Brother-in-laws

Sureshtha Sahni & Kamal Sahni Sudesh Gupta & Rajinder Gupta Rajni Gupta & Pawan Gupta

M/S MYSHOP AIRPORT JAMMU

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

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GRIEF STRICKEN Santosh Kumar - Husband # 9796222648, 9906022264 Miss Sushita - Daughter

Sunita & Satish Kumar - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law # 9876193188 Sahil - Son

Miss Surbhi - Daughter

Anjali & Shiban Ji Pandita - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law Miss Alka - Daughter

SHADMOSE AND MASVAAR

Today marks the six months of your absence, dear Daddy ji. Yet, time hasn't dulled the sharpness of this loss. Your teachings are our shield, your memories are our to live not without you, but with the richness of your legacy etched in our soul. Your guidance, strength, and love continue to light our path, despite your physical absence. Eternally thankful for our shared times, eter-

nally yearning for your presence. You are forever held within our heart. We pray for your soul to rest in peace in Vykunth

Shadmose and Masvaar of our beloved Daddy ji, **Sh. Raj Nath Kuchai**, will be performed at Ghats of Ganga Haridwar simultaneously on 21st and 22nd of September

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY

Smt. Roopa Wati **(Mother)** Smt. Jai Kuchai **(Wife)** Dr. Jyoti Goja and Ms. Meenakshi Khashu **(Daughters)** Dr. Sanjay Goja and Mr. Kapil Khashu (Son-in-laws) Simoni, Arihant and Syon (Grandchildren) Contact: 9654288718

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Papa Ji Shri Sri Kanth Pandit on 19th September 2023. originally from village Lajoura/ Tral, District Pulwama, presently at H. No. 487A, Sector 2, Muthi Vinayak Nagar, Jammu.

10th Day Kriya shall be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education, Jammu on 28th September 2023 at 9:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Girja Pandit & Sh. Ramesh Kumar Pandit. Smt. Shakti Pandit & Sh. Vinod Kumar Pandit

Smt. Jyoti Bhat & Sh. J L Bhat

Smt. Babli Pandit and Ashok Kumar Pandit. Contact No. 7006123703, 9599182958, 9419611426

MASVAR/VAHARVAR (20th/21st September 2023)

"The pain of your death is shattering" One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode. A very painful moment, too bitter to forget. Your death has left a void in our lives that can never

You had held our family together with your everlasting love and care. We deeply miss you and feel your presence around us. May Almighty grant eternal peace to your noble soul.

Deeply Remembered By: Smt Sheela Waza (Choti) -Mother

Smt Kusum and Shri R.L Waza -Sister-in-law & Brother Smt Mili and Shri R.L Bhan -Sister & Brother-in-law Miss Sweety Waza -Sister

Mobile No. 9810798656



TENTH DAY will be performed on 20-09-2023 (Wednesday) at 10:00 AM at Hari Mandir, Rehari Chowk Kriya will be performed on 23-09-2023 (Saturday) at

(Saturday) at 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Hari Mandir, Rehari Chowk

Mehak & Vipul (Daughter & Son-in-law) Veena Mahajan & Jai Pal Mahajan

PH NO.- 9419133300, 9596734333, 9419145322

VINOD KUMAR

Sh. Raj Nath Kuchai

Shri Sri Kanth Pandit

Smt Soni Lata Kotru

(Pinky Waza)







(1960-2023)

SMT. SOOMAWATI

(DRUPATI)

MOURNING FROM MALIUN SIDE With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the

of Zewan Srinagar and W/o Sh. Chaman Lal Peshi Presently H. No. 348, Street 11, Talab Tilloo, Jammu Tawi She attained nirvana on 17-09-2023 Peacefully at Jammu

In Grief
Sisters in Law and Brothers and their children
(Malium Side)
Smt. Veena Jee Bhat W/o Late Sh. Girdhari Lal Bhat
Smt. Usha Bhat and Sh. Janki Nath Bhat

Smt. Ratna Bhat W/o Late Sh. Triloki Nath Bhat Smt. Guddi Bhat and Sh. Moti Lal Bhat Smt. Khema Bhat and Sh. Tej Krishan Bhat Smt Saba and Sh Virender Kaul Smt Rajni And Sh Vijay Kaul Smt Rameshwari and Sh Sunil Kaul

Mrs. Punam and Mr. Ajay Raina. Mob: 9419211114, 9796614220, 9910119052

Sister and Brother in Law

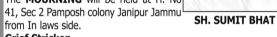
from In laws side.

SMT SHEELA PESHIN

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the untimely demise of our dearest Son in law Sh. Sumit Bhat H/o Praiksha Bhat (Nishu) S/o Sh. J.L Bhat R/o Trikuta Nagar Jammu and Son in Law of Sh Ashok Koul and Smt Sarojni Koul (Jatta) on 17-09-2023 in California (US)

The **MOURNING** will be held at H. No



TENTH DAY KRIYA

Mobile No: 9419132936, 9419133057

Samast Jatta (Koul) Parivar

Vith profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sac demise of our beloved Mata Ji Smt. Soomawati (Drupati) W/o Lt. Sh. Soom Nath Pandit of Sagam Anantnag (Kmr) (D/o Lt. Sh Keshav Nath Koul of Danter Anantnag) presently H.No 16 Vinavak Vihar behind Govt. Qtr. Block "Y" Toph Sherkhania Subash Nagar Jammu on 12/09/2023. The TENTH DAY will be performed on 21-09-2023 (Thursda

9:00 AM at Muthi Ghat (Near Director of School Education Office **GRIEF STRICKEN** Daughters-in-law and Sons Girja & M K Pandit -9419166223

Grand Children: Rachna & Harish, Kirti, Rohit, Ankush & Reshiwa

Grand Son-in-Law & Daughters: Rohit Ji & Sandhya, Surai Ji & Priya

Kundan & P L Pandit- 9419183316 Mohini & Suresh Pandit-7006892569

Asha & Kuldeep Pandit- 7006590638

eat Grand Child: Vedant Pandit



BARKHI

First death Anniversary of our belove Sh. Harish Gupta S/O Lt Sh. Nanal Chand R/O House No. 140, Sector No. 2, Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu. BARKHI will be performed at Aar Shambhu Mandir, Upper Roop Nagar Jammu on Thursday, 21" September 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Smt. Shama Gupta (Wife)
Daughter-In-Law & Son
Mrs. Ayesha & Mr. Anurag Gupta
Daughter-In-Law & Son
Dr. Soumya & Mr. Akhil Gupta
Bhabhi & Brother

Mrs. Radha & Mr. Romesh Vaid



Contact No 8803007127 6006238591 9622137575

10TH DAY KRIYA Krishen Bakshi S/o Late Sii, Naiayaii Bakshi resident of Nazuk Mohalla, Anantnag Kashmir at present Lane No: A-2, H.No: 20-21 Upper Shiv Nagar, Near Navyug Public hool, Subash Nagar, Jammu. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Mu

near DEO on 27th Sep 2023 at 9.00 Af

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Phoola Bakshi (Wife) Smt. Shyama Bakshi Smt. Santosh & Sh. R.C. Bakshi Smt. Soni & Sh. P.L. Bakshi (Mob: 9149713195) Ashish and Preeti Bakshi (Mob: 9149713195)

Smt. Kishan Pyaree Raina Smt. Santosh Zutshi Smt. Ratna & Sh. Ashok Ji Jad IN GRIEF:

Samast Bakshi Parivar of Anantnag,
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Oppn should have alliance on seats where BJP hopes to win: Omar

TOP NEWS REPORT

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

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.

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 Majlise-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... Owasi can have his single-party alliance also" he said

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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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 Lakhanpur 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

by Feb-2024".

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

likely to be completed

/ehicles(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

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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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

TOP NEWS REPORT

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.

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.



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PW(R&B) DIVISION RAJOURI E-mail: pwddivisionrajouri@gmail.com

NIT No: 57 of 2023-24 Dated: 15-09-2023 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, etenders are invited on <u>percentage rate basis</u> 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	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
	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 1st RD 0-1000.		600/-	47120/-	01 Month	District Plan	B&C
	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 1st RD 0-500.		600/-	27700/-	01 Month	ARD	B,C&D
	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.Kalai to Jamola road.		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 Naweni.		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 1st RD 0-300 Length 300 Mtr		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
	Construction of underground water storage Tank at Bathuni Nursery during 2023-24		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
	Construction of kacha pond at VWL Kalali, Manjakote of Social Forestry Division Rajouri		600/-	1600/-	01 Month	UT Capex	D
	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	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		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 Technica 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 out rightly. The cost of Tender Document is non-refundable.
 NOTE: In case of consecutive calls for same work due to poor response/ any reason thereof, the Treasury challan (TC) used by bidder in preceding E-NIT invited for same work shall be accepted provided there is mention of Preceding calls in the TC.
- 3. Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security: At the time 15.

 Money/Bid Security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost (Requisite amount only not above or below, strictly as tabulated above against work) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG(dated between bid submission start date and bid submission end date) pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Rajouri mentioning therein the name of work/ e-NIT No. Any deviation in the specified amount. The bid shall be rejected out rightly

(Er. Sardar Khan) Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division

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EDITORIAL

GROWING ECONOMY

n 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

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, shipbuilding 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

¬he 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

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 Centrallydesigned 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 "INDI 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. Chandrashekhar 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

anguage 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 VOCABU-LARY

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 CONVER-SATION

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

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 languagelearning 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.

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 Sharnarthi 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 Affair's 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 legendry 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 proper-

ties, de-freezing of their constitutional share of 8 assembly seats and reservation/employment package for their wards besides other compo-He further said that many commissions and committees were con-

stituted by govt. in this regard which after onspot 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, defreezing 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 (Marheen), 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), Santrosh Sharma (Vice-

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

TOP NEWS REPORT

KULGAM, Sep 20: While the reconstruction work on Hazrati Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) Shrine at Waltangoo 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 up on 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 in 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 & prosperity 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.

President).

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.

Sushil Singh Charak meet former **CM Farooq Abdullah**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 20: Nations Development Association (NDA) Chairman Sushil Singh Charak, on Wednesday met former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Farooq Abdullah here on Friday and discussed various issues concerning the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. During the meeting, Sushil Singh Charak shared insights with Former CM of J&K Farooq Abdullah about the current state affairs in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the transformative initiatives undertaken by the



He underlined that

these efforts have ushered in an era of unprecedented development in the region. Former CM of J&K Faroog 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.

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.

Biggest ever Jumla in last 9 years; Women Reservation Bill can't be implemented in more than 10 years: AAP or sect or religion but **TOP NEWS REPORT** The AAP leaders have

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 Pardesh, Karnataka and Delhi MCD the BJP which is infamous over throwing Jumlas 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 implementation, the Sr. AAP leaders, Major General Retd, R.S. Jamwal, Farooq Ahmed Banday, 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 vears.

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.

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

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.

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

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 Satur-

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 Meitis

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 northeast. 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

After delivering hits like Grahan and Jubilee, Wamiqa

Gabbi is back as Charlie Chopra to solve the mystery

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 pro-

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-yearold 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 bigname artistes 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

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

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 adaption 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

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, Wamiga is happy to star in one, "It's not just another whodunit. It's a

the idyllic settings of Himachal

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 Ranian Chandel, only amazing thing 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

Wamiga 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 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 Khufiya, 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 exparte 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

"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 Janu-

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.

Women's reservation bill most transformative revolution in our times for gender justice: President Murmu

The women's reservation bill was the first bill to be introduced in the new Parliament building on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): A day after the government introduced a bill to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said it will be the most "transformative revolution in our times" for gender justice.

Murmu was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the biennial conference of the national human rights institutions (NHRIs) of Asia Pacific held at the Vigyan Bhawan here

The women's reservation bill was the first bill to be introduced in the new Parliament building on Tuesday.

"We have ensured a minimum of 33 per cent reservation for women in local bodies' election.



In a more pleasant coincidence, a proposal to provide a similar reservation for women in state assemblies and national Parliament is taking shape now. It will be the most transformative revolution in our times for gender justice," the President said.

The event is being organised

by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) from September

Amina Bouayach, secretary of Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), and Doo-Hwan

Song, chairperson, APF, and NHRC chairperson justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra were also present on the occasion.

The APF will also hold its 28th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday to discuss the issues of common interest to member countries.

In the conference, more than 1,300 delegates from India and abroad are likely to participate, the NHRC earlier said.

The conference is being attended by heads, members and senior officials of the NHRIs of various countries, along with representatives from the Union and state governments, state human rights commissions, special rapporteurs, monitors and various institutions involved in the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Foreign Minister S Jaishankar **Meets PM Modi Amid Diplomatic Row With Canada**



NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): Amid the ongoing diplomatic row with Canada over the killing of a Khalistani terrorist on Canadian soil, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the House of Commons on Monday that his government had "credible allegations" that linked Indian government agents to the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil in June.

The meeting between PM Modi and Mr Jaishankar took place in the new Parliament House to discuss India-Canada relations.

Following Mr Trudeau's remarks, India

and Canada have expelled a senior diplomat each. Centre has rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated."

Nijjar, 45, was an Indian terrorist and chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), and was assassinated outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18. He was one of India's most wanted terrorists who carried a cash reward of 10 lakh.

Amid the rising tensions between the two countries, Mr Trudeau on Tuesday assured that his in not looking to "provoke" India but wants the Indian government to take Nijjar's killing with "utmost seriousness".

"We are not looking to provoke or escalate. We want to work with the government of India to lay everything clear and to ensure there are proper processes," Mr Trudeau said.

The diplomatic row comes shortly after the issue was raised between Mr Trudeau and PM Modi on the sidelines of the recently concluded G20 summit in New Delhi.

Bring women's reservation bill immediately, count castes, ensure OBC pie: Sonia Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): The opposition Congress on Wednesday supported the bill for 33 per cent political reservation to women with top leader Sonia Gandhi leading the charge as the debate on the key draft legislation commenced in the new Lok Sabha.

"I stand to support Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam," said Sonia speaking in Hindi and noting that with the passage of this bill her late husband Rajiv Gandhi's dream of one-third quota for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies would be realised.

Sonia, while backing the Bill, sought to corner the BJP government asking them to immediately implement the quota and conduct a caste census to ensure OBC reservation within the women quota

"We are happy for the Bill. Women have waited 13 years for their rights. Now they are being told to wait for more time, how many years? Two, four, eight? What? Is this conduct appropriate? The bill should be immediately implemented. Caste census should be commissioned and OBC reservation granted to women," said Sonia.



She also took credit for the bill saying Rajiv Gandhi had first brought the bill for one-third reservation to women in local bodies.

"Today is an emotional moment for me. My life partner Rajiv ji brought the bill for one-third reservation to women in local bodies because of which we have 15 lakh elected women leaders at local bodies level," the congress parliamentary party chief said.

She earlier spoke of the resilience of women, their contribution to freedom struggle, their Himalaya-like steadfastness and river-like flexibility.

"It is impossible to gauge the depth of resilience of Indian women," Sonia said.

Pakistani baby girl with rare osteopetrosis finds cure at Bengaluru hospital

4 months post-transplantation, the baby is free of the rare disease and is undergoing recovery

BENGALURU, Sep 20 (Agencies): A five-month-old girl from Pakistan, who was diagnosed with the rare and life-threatening condition infantile osteopetrosis, is going back home with a new lease of life after doctors here at a private hospital treated her with an innovative bone marrow transplant technique.

Infantile osteoporosis, often referred to as "marble bone disease", poses severe challenges, including bone stiffness, progressive loss of vision and hearing, and bone marrow complications, ultimately leading to a shortened life expectancy.

Baby Samawiyah was born to a Karachi-based couple after a decade of waiting. She was just two months old when her parents took her to a hospital in Pakistan due to feeding difficulties, where they discovered that she was suffering from a genetic condition.

Her condition impacted her eyes, ears, and even her brain,



necessitating a series of intricate procedures, for which her parents reached out to doctors at Narayana Health City in Bengaluru.

Upon her evaluation in March, this year, Samawiyah displayed mild visual impairment, prompting an urgent cranial decompression procedure to safeguard her eyesight. Subsequently, she underwent a meticulous pre-transplant preparation and received a half-match donor transplant using her father's stem cells on May 16.

A bone marrow transplant

offers hope for a cure, but with significant risks of rejection and complications. Thus, the doctors used the innovative TCR Alpha Beta and CD 45 RA depletion technique. The cutting-edge method, tailored for patients without full match donors, has

shown remarkable success. "Infantile osteopetrosis is a rare genetic disease leading to dense bones, vision impairment and blindness, hearing impairment, bone marrow failure, etc. It is fatal within a few years of life. Only curative option is bone marrow transplant which is

technically very challenging and hence prognosis remains grim," Sunil Bhat, Vice Chairman of Oncology and Director and Head of Paediatric Hematology Oncology and BMT at Narayana Health City, told agency.

is declared free from infantile osteoporosis, with 100 per cent donor cells in her blood," said the doctors in a statement. Her journey to recovery is

"After over four months post-

transplantation, Samawiyah

under way, and her bone remodelling is progressing positively.

"We now hope that she's going to be like any other normal child and is cured of this very rare but dreaded disease," Bhat said.

"I am profoundly thankful to the doctors for their expertise and the genuine care they extended to my daughter. They not only provided us with medical solutions but also became our extended family during these trying times," said Junaid Ali, the baby's father.

This is 'Mahila Bewakoof Banao' Bill: AAP's Sanjay Singh

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agenbrought by them...If you want to cies): The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday dubbed the Women's Reservation Bill tabled by the government in the Lok Sabha as 'Mahila Bewakoof Banao' Bill, and said this was another 'jumla' brought by the

Speaking to the media, ahead of the third day of Parliament's special session, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said, "This is definitely not a Women's Reservation Bill, this is 'Mahila Bewakoof Banao' Bill."

He said, "We have been saving this because none of the promises made by them have been fulfilled ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power. This is another 'jumla'

implement the Bill, AAP stands with you completely but implement it in 2024. Do you think the women of the country are fools?" Singh said.

"Anti-women BJP has brought one more 'jumla' in the name of the Bill. Women of the country, political parties understand these election tactics. So, we say that if their intentions are clear, implement it in 2024," the AAP leader said.

His remarks came a day after the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023, was introduced in the Lok Sabha in the supplementary list of business.

The Women's Reservation Bill has proposed that the reserva-



tion would continue for a period of 15 years and there will be a quota for SC and STs within the reserved seats for women. The legislation, however, is unlikely to be implemented in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, sources said.

It will be rolled out only after the delimitation process is over, most probably in 2029, they

The reservation will come into effect after a delimitation exercise is undertaken and will continue for 15 years. Seats reserved for women will be rotated after each delimitation exercise, according to the bill.

The government said women participate substantively in panchayats and municipal bodies, but their representation in Assemblies and Parliament is still limited.

Women bring different perspectives and enrich the quality of legislative debates and decision-making, it added.

The Congress has dubbed the Bill as a "poll jumla" and also a betrayal with women and girls of the country.

Andhra school driver dies as he suffers cardiac arrest while driving bus, saves 40 students



AMARAVATHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): As many as 40 schoolchildren had a narrow escape as the driver of the bus they were travelling in suffered a cardiac arrest.

The bus was transporting the stu-

dents in Bapatla district of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. The incident took place when the driver, 53-year-old Gurrala Edukondalu, was driving the bus through Mylavaram, Uppalapadu and Vempara villages to a

private school in Addanki town. According to police, the driver suffered a heart attack after moving from Uppalapadu. But, before he passed out, in a fraction of second, he stopped the

vehicle averting a tragedy. The locals rushed him to the hospital

where he was declared brought dead. The students were taken to the school by another driver.

CRPF jawan injured in IED blast in Chhattisgarh's Naxal-hit Sukma district



DANTEWADA, Sep 20 (Agencies): A Central Reserve Police Force jawan was on Wednesday injured when an improvised explosive device (IED), planted by Naxalites, exploded in Chhattisgarh's insurgency-hit Sukma district, a senior police official said.

The incident took place at around 7.30 am near Kamarguda police camp under the Jagargunda police station area when a squad of CRPF's 231st battalion was out on a search operation, he said.

The IED exploded around a kilometre away from the camp on Sukma-Dantewada inter-district border, resulting in minor splinter injuries on the legs of assistant sub-inspector Sagar Singh Tomar, he said.

The jawan was administered first aid at the camp and was being shifted to a local hospital in Dantewada,

the official said. The blast took place on the strategically important Aranpur (Dantewada)-Jagargunda (Sukma) road, construction of which was recently completed.

4 going to attend last rites of acquaintance killed in road accident in Gujarat

SURENDRANAGAR, Sep 20 (Agencies): Four people were killed in a head-on collision between a car and a truck on a state highway connecting Dasada to Jainabad in Gujarat's Surendranagar district on Wednesday morning, the police said.

Four men from Morbi district

were on their way to take part in the last rites of an acquaintance at Kukvav village in the neighbouring Ahmedabad district when their car was hit by a truck around 8am, a Dasada police station official said.

The impact of the collision was such that the car was flung far off into a field on the roadside, killing

all its occupants on the spot, the official said.

After being alerted by locals, the police reached the spot and sent the bodies to a hospital for postmortem.

The deceased were in the age group of 22-35 years, the police

Trader, son shot dead in market in UP's Azamgarh

AZAMGARH, Sep 20 (Agencies): A 55-yearold cloth merchant and his son were shot dead in Maharajganj area of this Uttar Pradesh district on Wednesday, police said.

Rashid Ahmed and his son were shot dead in the Sardaha Market around 8 am, they said. Superintendent of



Police Anurag said, "Rashid Ahmed and his son Shoaib (22) were cleaning their shop around 8 am when

three motorcycle-borne assailants entered the shop and shot at them." Ahmed died on the spot. His son tried to flee but was chased by the assailants and gunned down a few metres away, he said.

"We have formed a team to investigate the matter. Footage from CCTV cameras is being reviewed to identify the

attackers. It appears that the attack stemmed from an old rivalry," said Anurag.

Two women Naxalites killed in encounter with police in Chhattisgarh belonging to the Darbha

RAIPUR, Sep 20 (Agencies): Two women Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district on Wednesday, the police said.

The gunfight took place around 7 am in the forest of Aranpur police station limits when a team of District Reserve Guard (DRG), a unit of state police, was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, a senior police official told

agency. The security personnel launched the operation after receiving specific inputs about the presence of Naxalites Division of the banned outfit near Nagaram-Poro Hirma jungles along the Dantewada-Sukma interdistrict border, he said. When the patrolling

team was cordoning off

the area, an exchange of fires broke out between the two sides, he said. After guns fell silent, the bodies of two women Naxalites along

with one "Insas rifle and one 12 bore rifle" were recovered from the spot, the official said.

The search operation was underway in the area, he added.

Biden's Democratic allies intensify pressure for asylum-seekers to get work permits

ALBANY (US), Sep 20 (Agencies): As more than 100,000 migrants arrived in New York City over the past year after crossing the border from Mexico, Mayor Eric Adams and Gov. Kathy Hochul have begged President Joe Biden for one thing, above all others, to ease the crisis: "Let them work," both Democrats have said repeatedly in speeches and interviews.

Increasingly impatient leaders of Biden's party in other cities and states have hammered the same message over the last month, saying the administration must make it easier for migrants to get work authorization quickly, which would allow them to pay for food and

But expediting work permits isn't so easy, either legally or bureaucratically, experts in the process say. Politically, it may be impossible.

It would take an act of Congress to shorten a mandatory, six-month waiting period before asylum-seekers can apply for work permits. Some Democratic leaders say the Biden administration could take steps that wouldn't require congressional



approval.

But neither action seems likely. Biden already faces attacks from Republicans who say he is too soft on immigration, and his administration has pointed to Congress' inability to reach agreement on comprehensive changes to the U.S. immigration system as justification for other steps it has taken.

The Homeland Security Department has sent more than 1 million text messages urging those eligible to apply for work permits, but it has shown no inclination to speed the process. A backlog of applications

means the wait for a work permit is almost always longer than six

As frustrations have mounted, Hochul has said her office is considering whether the state could offer work permits, though such a move would almost certainly draw legal challenges. The White House has dismissed

Immigrants are frustrated as well. Gilberto Pozo Ortiz, a 45-year-old from Cuba, has been living, at taxpayer expense, in a hotel in upstate New York for the last three months. He says his work authorization is not yet in

sight as social workers navigate him through a complex asylum application system.

"I want to depend on no one,"

Ortiz said. "I want to work" In Chicago, where 13,000 migrants have settled in the last year, Mayor Brandon Johnson and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker wrote Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to ask for parole for asylum-seekers, which, they say, would allow him to get around the wait for a work permit.

Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, who declared a state of emergency over the migrant influx, wrote Mayorkas that work permits represent "an opportunity to meet employer needs, support our economy, and reduce dependency among new arrivals." And 19 Democratic state attorneys general wrote Mayorkas that work permits would reduce the strain on government to provide social services.

The federal government has done "virtually nothing" to assist cities, said Chicago Alderman Andre Vasquez, chair of the City Council's Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

Tornado in eastern China kills 10, hundreds relocated



BEIJING, Sep 20 (Agencies): A tornado in eastern China killed 10 people and seriously injured several others, state media said Wednesday, the latest in a string of extreme weather events to strike the country.

"Yesterday afternoon, a strong tornado occurred in Sugian, Jiangsu Province... causing casualties and property loss in certain areas," state broadcaster CCTV said.

5,500 More than

people were affected by the tornado, with 137 houses collapsed, according to "preliminary statistics" cited in the report.

More than 400 people have been temporarily relocated because of the twister, state media said.

Video footage shared on social media by the state-run People's Daily showed high winds whipping debris around above residential buildings, as well as a street strewn with fallen signs and other objects.

China saw recordbreaking downpours and weeks of historic heat this summer, with scientists saying such extreme weather events are being exacerbated by climate change.

Whole villages in Jiangsu were levelled and at least 98 people were killed in 2016 after the region was hit by a storm with hurricaneforce winds and the worst tornado in half a

'Trudeau needs to come clean': Canada's opposition on terrorist Nijjar's killing

OTTAWA, Sep 20 (Agencies): Conservative Party leader, Pierre Poilievre, on Wednesday said that PM Justin Trudeau needs to provide all the facts on his allegations connecting Indian government agents with the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

"I think the Prime Minister needs to come clean with all the facts, we need to know all the evidence possible so that Canadians can make judgment on that," he said while speaking to the media on Wednesday.

"The Prime Minister has not provided any facts, he provided a statement and I want to just emphasize that he didn't tell me more in private than he told Canadians in public, so we want to see more information," Poilievre

On Tuesday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged that there was a "potential



link" between Indian government agents and the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), who was killed in Surrey in June. The Canadian government also expelled a top Indian diplomat soon after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations.

However, the Indian government termed the charges by Canada as "absurd and motivated" and said that India has a strong commitment to the rule of law.

"We have seen and reject the statement of the Canadian Prime

Minister in their Parliament, as also the statement by their Foreign Minister.

Allegations of Government of India's involvement in any act of violence in Canada are absurd and motivated," a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated.

Later on Wednesday, India also expelled a top Canadian diplomat, Olivier Sylvester. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) summoned the Canadian High Commissioner, Cameron MacKay, and informed him about India's decision.

At least six Palestinians killed in latest fighting with Israel, Palestinian health officials say

TEL AVIV (ISRAEL), Sep 20 (Agencies): Israeli military operations in the occupied West Bank and unrest in the Gaza Strip have killed six Palestinians, Palestinian health officials said Wednesday, the latest spike in a wave of violence that has roiled the region for more than a year.

The death toll from the most recent flare-up stood at four late Tuesday. But on Wednesday the Palestinian Health Ministry raised it, saying an Israeli raid into the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank killed four people and wounded some 30 others, while a raid in a separate refugee camp killed another Palestinian. A sixth Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in unrest in the Gaza Strip, officials said.

The deadly violence between Israel and the Palestinians over the last year and a half has surged to levels unseen in the West Bank in some two decades. Israel has stepped up its raids on Palestinian areas and Palestinian attacks against Israelis have been mounting. Tensions also appear to be spreading to Gaza.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military about the raid in the Aqabat Jabr refugee camp near the Palestinian city of Jericho, which has



points of Israel's raids. The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces killed 19-vear-old Dhargham al-Akhras in the raid. The bloodshed in the Jenin

camp hours earlier was the latest in that stronghold of Palestinian militants where the Israeli military often carries out deadly raids. In July, Israel launched its most intense operation in the West Bank in nearly two decades, leaving widespread destruction in the camp.

The army said that forces carried out a rare strike Tuesday with a suicide drone during the operation and exchanged fire with gunmen in Jenin. While leaving the camp, the army said, an explosive detonated underneath an army truck as gunmen opened fire, damaging the vehi-

cle. No soldiers were injured. Videos posted on social media

wounded at a hospital, while in other videos, explosions and gunfire could be heard echoing in the camp. As Israeli soldiers withdrew, a crowd of young men chanted: "Oh, you who ask, who are we? We are the Jenin Bri-

After the Israeli military withdrew from the Jenin camp, dozens of gunmen and residents poured into the streets to protest against the Palestinian Authority and its failure to protect them, according to footage shared by residents.

Israel says the raids are meant to dismantle militant networks and thwart future attacks.

Some 190 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since the start of the year, according to a tally by The Associated Press. Israel says most of those killed have been militants,

but youths protesting the incursions and others not involved in the confrontations have also been killed.

At least 31 people have been killed in Palestinian attacks against Israelis since the beginning of 2023.

In the Gaza violence, health officials said the Israeli military killed a 25-year-old Palestinian along the volatile frontier with Israel as youths mounted violent protests at a separation fence.

Unrest over the past week has escalated tensions and prompted Israel to bar entry to thousands of Palestinian labourers from the impoverished enclave. Over the last week, dozens of Palestinians — burning tires and hurling explosive devices at Israeli soldiers — have streamed toward the fence separating Israel from Gaza, which has been under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade since 2007. Israel says the blockade is needed to prevent the ruling Hamas militant group from arming itself.

Hamas says youths have organized the protests in response to Israeli provocations.

Israel captured the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians seek those territories for their hoped-for independent state.

Russia, UN urge halt to fighting in Azerbaijan's Karabakh

BAKU, Sep 20 (Agencies): Russia and the United Nations called Wednesday for an end to fighting in the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, after the launch of a military operation against separatist forces

Baku has warned it will "continue until the end" in the Armenian-majority region, over which it has fought two wars with neighbouring Armenia.

The latest flare-up cames as Russia, the traditional power broker in the region, is bogged down in a conflict in Ukraine, which has left it isolated by the West.

"We urge the conflicting parties to immediately stop the bloodshed, stop hostilities and eliminate civilian casualties," Russia's foreign ministry said in a statement.

It also said its 2,000-strong peacekeeping mission in Nagorno-Karabakh was evacuating civilians and providing medical assistance.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres similarly demanded an end to hostilities.

He called in the "strongest terms for an immediate end to the fighting, de-escalation, and stricter observance of the 2020 ceasefire", said his spokesman Stephane Dujar-

The United States and France rushed a day earlier to try to halt an Azerbaijani offensive.

Paris on Tuesday called for the UN Security Council to meet urgently on the crisis, which came just as world leaders gathered in New York for the annual General Assembly.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke by phone with the leaders of both Armenia and Azerbaijan, with French President Emmanuel Macron also speaking to Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

Blinken urged Azerbaijan "to cease military actions in Nagorno-Karabakh immediately and deescalate the situation" in a call with President Ilham Aliyev, State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.

Fears of a fresh war in the volatile Caucasus region



have been growing recently, with Armenia accusing Azerbaijan of a troop build-up around the disputed territory. Separatists said Azerbaijan on Tuesday pounded the mountainous territory with

artillery, aircraft and drones. Blasts rocked the separatist stronghold Stepanakert.

More than 7,000 people were evacuated from 16 villages, the separatists said.

Azerbaijan's defence ministry said it had taken control of more than 60 military positions during "localised antiterrorist measures"

Armenian separatists said

on social media that fighting was ongoing "along the entire line of contact" and that Azerbaijani forces were "trying to advance" into the

territory. Separatists said 27 people, including civilians, were killed and more than 200 wounded. Baku said it would fight until

the separatists surrendered. "Illegal Armenian armed forces must raise the white flag," Azerbaijan's presidency said.

"Otherwise, the anti-terrorist measures will continue until the end.'

Yerevan unrest

The ex-Soviet Caucasus rivals fought two wars over the mountainous territory, in the 1990s and in 2020.

The latest offensive raised fears that the unrest could destabilise the region.

As angry protesters clashed with police in Armenia's capital Yerevan, calling on Pashinyan to resign, the country's security council warned of large-scale unrest, vowing to take "effective measures" to maintain constitutional order.

More than 30 people were injured in the clashes, the health ministry said.

Accusing Azerbaijan of

engaging in "ethnic cleansing of Karabakh Armenians", Pashinyan said in a televised address that the Armenian army was not involved in the fighting and the situation on the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan was "stable".

Armenia's foreign ministry called on Russian peacekeepers to "take clear and unequivocal steps to stop" the fighting.

Operation 'justified'

Azerbaijan justified its operation citing "systematic" shelling by Armenian-backed forces and accusing them of carrying out "reconnaissance activities" and fortifying defensive positions, accusing separatists of "a high

level of combat readiness". Russia and Turkey, which oversee a fragile peacekeeping mission in Nagorno-Karabakh, had been informed about the operation, Baku

Turkey, a historic ally of predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan that views mostly Christian Armenia as one of its main regional rivals, called the operation "justified", while urging "comprehensive negotiations". Armenian separatists

blamed international inaction for the fresh fighting. "By ignoring warnings

about Azerbaijan's criminal intentions and refusing to act accordingly, all the responsible international actors failed to prevent yet another Azerbaijani (act of) aggression" against Nagorno-Karabakh, they said in a statement. Mine blasts

The fighting erupted hours after Azerbaijan said four police officers and two civilians were killed in mine blasts in Nagorno-Karabakh, with authorities blaming separatists.

Earlier, Armenian separatists said they had reached an agreement with Azerbaijani authorities to resume aid deliveries to Karabakh.

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, ethnic Armenian separatists in Karabakh broke away from Azerbaijan.

The ensuing conflict claimed some 30,000 lives.

A six-week war in 2020 saw Armenia cede swathes of territory it had controlled since the 1990s.

Jammu, Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Jammu Bar organizes Dental Health Check-up Camp

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JAMMU, Sep 20: The J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu organised a Dental Health Check-up Camp in collaboration with the J&K State Legal Services Authority in the High Court Complex, Janipur.

The camp was inaugurated by Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman Legal Services Authority and the Companion Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh in the presence of President of JKHCBAJ Sr. Advocate Vikram Sharma.

Justice Tashi Rabstan congratulated the President and his team JKHCBAJ for organising such an event which he said would prove beneficial to the legal fraternity and everyone connected there with.

The President of the Association assured that his team is keen on organising such free medical camps on a regular basis for the benefit of Members of the association and their staff in future.

He thanked the principal government dental college Jammu and his senior facility for promptly organising the camp with necessary infrastructure



and para-medical support.

Vikram Sharma also thanked the J&K Legal Service Authority for permitting the camp within the premises of the J&K State Legal Service Authority.

The Vice President Amit Gupta and Parvesh Singh Salaria General Secretary briefed judges and the members about the services available in the camp.

The members of the Association and their staff heatedly participated in the camp to avail the benefit of Dental Health Check-ups, who were provided examination, minor treatments, medicines and medical advice for further treatment where required.

The office bearers namely Amit Gupta Vice-President, Parvesh Singh Salaria General Secretary, Chetan Misri Joint Secretary and Utkarsh Pathania Treasurer present on the occasion.

The event was attended by a large number of senior and young lawyers including V.R. Wazir (Former President & Senior Advocate), D K Khajuria (Former President JKHCBAJ), D.S. Saini (Former President), Sr. Adv Surinder Kour, Sr. Adv P.N. Goja, Sr. Adv Seema Shekher, Sr. Adv Pranav Kohli, Adv Amrit Sarin, Adv. Deepika Mahajan, Adv. Nirmal Kotwal,

Adv. M.R. Qureshi, Adv. virinder Bhat, Adv Rozina Afzal, Adv Raiesh Lalotra. Adv Mohinder Pal Singh Palli, Adv Anil Khajuria, Adv. Divyaishan, Adv. Jyoti Sharma, Adv Aprajita Sharma, Adv Maheen Shah, Adv Shalinder Thakur, Adv Atul Raina, Adv Rajinder Singh Thakur, Adv Amit Manhas, Adv Supriya Chouhan, Adv Sachin Dev Singh, Adv Karan Sat Sharma, Adv Daksheesh Maharaj, Adv Rajeev Sharma, Amongst many others.

The office bearers of the Young Lawyers Associations headed by President YLA Adv Rohit Sharma, Adv Gagan Deep Singh Lucky (Vice President) and Yaseer Khan (General Secretary) also participated in the Health Camp Organized by JKHCBAJ along with members of the Bar.

The camp was organised with the aid of the principal Govt. Dental College Rakesh Gupta, Dr Ritesh Gupta MDS Orthodontics, Registrar Jammu Kashmir Dental Council, Dr. Satvinder Singh, Dr. Bhavana Koul, Dr. Iqbal Singh, Dr. Nanika Mahajan and Dr. Manisha.

Lecture on Women Empowerment held at GDC Uri



Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Sep 20: In an endeavour to uplift and empower women residing in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Army under 'Kalapahar Women Warriors' conducted an insightful lecture on 'Women Empowerment' in Government Degree College (GDC) Uri.

A total of 250 girl students alongwith college faculties participated in the lecture. This lecture, specifically tailored to address the unique challenges faced by women in this region, aimed to inspire, educate, and facilitate positive change within the communities.

Poonam Dahiya, wife of Uri Military Station Commander, also graced the event with her presence emphasizing that women have the power to excel in any field they choose and encouraged the students to pursue their passions relentlessly.

The lecture encouraged women to break free from traditional gender roles and explore new horizons, by showcasing examples of women who have excelled in these roles, the lecture aimed to inspire the audience to pursue their dreams and ambitions.

Mehak Khurshid and Uzma Fatima quoted their personal examples to motivate the young girls. The college girls highly appreciated the event

BJP always advocated women empowerment: Sat

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 20: BJP works on the principle of taking all together and believes in fair deal to women for their sociopolitical empowerment. This was stated by former Minister Sat Sharma, while congratulating women on grant of cabinet approval to 33 per cent reservation to them in political line.

Sat Sharma was speaking in public Darbar at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sat Sharma said that BJP has always been on forefront for providing women with adequate representation in decision making bodies, the Parliament and Assemblies.

He said that the party has already granted 33 per cent reservation to women in its organizational set up at all levels.

approval for granting reservation to women in parliament and state assemblies will give them opportunities to raise problems particularly related to them and suggest remedies for the redressal", Sat said and added that Modi government is really committed to empower in the country.

Sat Sharma, alongwith J&K BJP Secretary

Anju Dogra, Maha Sampark Abhiyan Incharge Ankush Gupta and SC Morcha Seh-Prabhari Jeet Angral, was listened to the grievances of a large number of

people from Talab Tillo, Ramsoo, Chak Nand-"Union Cabinet's pur, Bari-Brahmana, Gold Gujral, Sainik Colony, Trikuta Nagar, Vasant Vihar, Rehari and other areas.

They had issues related to water supply, retirement dues, street lights repair, installation of transformer etc. Each issue was taken up with the higher officials of the concerned departments on the spot, stressing for immediate solution.

GDC Kathua organizes career awareness programme

Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 20: Career Counseling and Placement Cell of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Kathua organized a Career Awareness programme, in collaboration with Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu.

A large number of students and faculty members participated in the event.

The programme was

started with kindling of lights by Prof. Seema Mir Principal, GDC, Kathua in presence of, Prof. Ramni Gupta from Department of Physics, University of Jammu, Dr. Harleen Kour from Department of Commerce, University of Jammu (special resource persons) Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU, Prof. Rakesh Singh, Convener Career Counselling Cell, Prof. Raj Kiran, Prof. Jasvinder Singh, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Prof. Ritu Bhagat, Dr. Sumit Dubey and members of Career Counseling and Placement Cell, Dr. Anupma Arora, Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Dr. Roshan Lal, Dr. Renu,

Prof. Neha Mahajan, Dr. Verinder Singh, Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Dr. Kamaldeep Singh, Dr. Jasvinder Singh, Dr. Himani Arora, Prof. Shiv

Prof Seema Mir, in her address highlighted the importance of such programmes for the overall growth of students.

Kumar.

She appreciated the role of Career Counseling and Placement Cell of the college in organizing such career awareness programmes for the students as they are worried about the employment opportunities after graduation due to lack of awareness.

She said that Career counselling focuses on helping students to understand their own self as well as the skills and talents inside them so that they can take an informed and wise decision about their career and education.

She stressed upon students to take benefit of such activities organized by college, as such activities can shape their career.

Prof. Rakesh Singh in his welcome address gave detail of various career awareness activities organized by the Career Counselling Cell of the college for the overall growth and development of students.

He further said that choosing right career is very important in life because ultimate goal is not just to earn money but also to seek satisfaction in the long run.

It is the well-planned career, which can help you find something which gives you satisfaction. He stressed upon students to attend such programmes besides regular class room activity as such programme can shape their future.

Dr. Rewa Khajuria Counsellor, EIAB, DLL , JU highlighted the importance of Career Counselling to the students and motivated the students to join such programmes.

She made the students aware about various certificate courses available in Jammu University. She explained in detail the ways to chose right career in life based on their qualities.

Dr. Ramni Gupta in her

presentation, explained in detail to the students about various career options in Science Stream after graduation and post graduation.

Moreover, she elaborated in detail about the scholarship schemes which are available for pursuing higher education.

Dr. Harleen Kour, in her presentation, apprised the students about various self employment schemes and stressed upon students to become job providers instead of job seekers. She explained in detail with the help of powerful power point presentation about various ways to attain self employment.

Students interacted with both the resource persons and all the queries raised by the students were well answered by the resource persons.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anupma Arora. Dr. Pankaj Gupta presented vote of thanks. Among others who attended the programme were Prof. Ritu Bhagat, Dr. Surya Partap Singh, Dr. Ambica, Dr. Upasana Andotra.

Khatana nominated to PSC on Energy for second term

Top News Report

NEW DELHI / JAMMU, Sep 20: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana has been nominated to the Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) on Energy for the second term. In a letter issued by

Deputy Secretary, Govt of India, Lok Sabha, Lakshmikanta Singh, said "Departmentally

Ministry of External

Affairs asks Indians to be

cautious while travelling

to Canada Week-Long

Anti-Militancy operation

in Anantnag ends

connect with Indian citizens in Canada in

the event of any emergency or untoward

In comparison to the Indian advisory, the

new Canadian version asked its citizens to

be cautious while travelling to Manipur and

take precautions to avoid natural disaster

and Covid. Most of its advisory remained

the same: warning against travelling to

northeast, UT of J&K and border areas of

incident." it said.



Related Standing Committee on Energy (2023-24) has been constituted w.e.f. 13th September, 2023 and vou have been nominated as Member of the Committee. Jagdambika Pal, MP is Chairperson of the Committee."

of winning.'

exercising my right. I did not walk out or boycott the meeting. I simply conveyed my party's stance. I did not impose my opinion. It is my standpoint, and I am not retracting from it. Now, it is at the discretion of the alliance to accept or dismiss my perspective." He further remarked, "To counter the BJP effectively, we should field united candidates in areas where the BJP has a chance

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

Circumstantial and other Material evidence was gathered and offences of cheating against the accused for luring the complainant and other unemployed youth victims on the pretext of arranging Govt. jobs have been established.

Police attach properties of drug peddlers worth **Lakhs in South Kashmir**

under section NDPS Act of Police Station Litter and FIR No. 81/2022 under section 8/21 NDPS Act of Police Station Litter.

FROM PAGE 1 "The investigation proved that the immovable property was raised/used for Illicit Trafficking by the drug peddler. In a separate FIR of Police Station Pulwama, Police attached a vehicle (Private swift Dzire) bearing registration No. JK02AW-4505 belonging to drug peddler namely Mohd Yousuf Bhat son of Ab Rehman Bhat resident of Gusoo Pulwama," it reads.

It added that the vehicle was linked to case FIR Nos. 79/2022 under section 8/15 NDPS and 185/2022 under section 8/15, 29 of Police Station Pulwama.

"The investigation proved that the said movable property was raised from Illicit Trafficking by the drug smuggler. By targeting and freezing the illegal assets of drug peddlers/smugglers involved in the organized illegal narco trade, Police have dealt a severe blow to their criminal activities," it reads.

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

Cup after losing the first two games against the 'Baggy Greens'. The left-arm spinner's 4-33 in the fifth ODI gave him eight wickets in the series at an average of 16.87 and an economy of just 4.07 per over. He is currently at 15th, up ten places from his previous career-high.

Changes were also seen in the ICC Men's ODI Batting Rankings. Heinrich Klaasen of South Africa produced an all-time destructive ODI knock against Australia in the fourth ODI.

No one has scored more runs in an ODI innings at a higher strike-rate than Klaasen's 174 at 209.64 in Centurion.

It helped South Africa to a 164-run win and moved Klaasen 20 places in the Men's ODI Batting Rankings. He is now placed

Dawid Malan was dynamic in England's ODI series against New Zealand, being the highest run-scorer with 277 runs at an average of 92.33 and a strike-rate of

The batter, who spent 357 days at No.1 spot in the ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings earlier in his career, is placed at a career-best 13th place in the ODI Rank-

Malan's compatriot Ben Stokes, who recently reversed his retirement, celebrated his ODI comeback with a sensational knock of 182 at The Oval. With his eye-catching performances, Stokes has

reached the 36th place in the ODI batting

Fake doctor treats patients in LD Labour **Room for three days**

concern by stating, "I have demanded an explanation from the security personnel. We have issued clear directives that no one, even if they hold a medical qualification, should be allowed access to the wards without being listed on the daily roster."

An official from Rajbagh police station informed The Kashmir Observer that the individual may be suffering from mental health issues. The police have summoned the individual's family to the police station and await medical documentation to assess his mental condition. In contrast to previous reports, the police have identified him as a resident of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

My doors are open for Hurriyat, Jamat: Bukhari

"Democracy is the base of this country." Earlier addressing a gathering, Bukhari said destiney of people of Jammu and Kashmir lies with New delhi.

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

expressed my perspective during the India Alliance meeting. However, it is up to the alliance to either accept or reject my viewpoint. I have presented my viewpoint,

Markets fall in early trade on weak global trends ahead of **US Fed interest rate decision**

BSE Sensex tumbles 611.48 points to 66,985.36; Nifty declines 164.4 points to 19,968.90

MUMBAI, Sep 20 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices fell in early trade on Wednesday in tandem with weak trends in global markets ahead of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision.

Foreign fund outflows and a weak trend in index major HDFC Bank also added to the overall bearish trend.

Falling for the second day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 611.48 points to 66,985.36. The Nifty declined 164.4 points to 19,968.90.

Among the Sensex firms, HDFC Bank fell the most and quoted over 3 per cent lower. Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel, Maruti, Titan and Hindustan Unilever were the other major laggards.

NTPC, IndusInd Bank, Axis Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the gainers.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading lower.

The US markets ended in the negative territory on Tuesday.



"Markets may struggle in early Wednesday trade amid weak global cues as investors are likely to maintain caution ahead of the outcome of the US FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting on interest rates later today. Nervousness will prevail as besides the US Fed meeting, the BoE (Bank of England), the BoJ (Bank of Japan) are also scheduled to meet this week on their decision on interest rates," Prashanth Tapse. Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd,

said in his pre-opening market comment. Global oil benchmark Brent crude fell 0.99 per cent to USD 93.41

a barrel. "There are too many challenges for the market in the near-term.

Brent crude at USD 94, the dollar index above 105, the US bond yield at 5.09 per cent and the INR at record lows against the dollar are strong headwinds," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Ser-

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,236.51 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

vices.

Equity markets were closed on Tuesday on account of Ganesh Chaturthi.

Snapping its 11-day rally, the BSE benchmark fell 241.79 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 67,596.84 on Monday. The broader Nifty declined 59.05 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 20,133.30.

Indian aviation sector faces double blow with falling airfares, rising fuel costs

Besides reduced demand and high fuel costs, the airlines are also facing other drag on their performance, such as technical problems.

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): The ongoing July-September quarter is likely to be a not-so-happy one for airline companies in India due to the dual impact of falling airfares and rising fuel costs.

According to a report by JM Financial, the airfares are down nearly 10% so far this quarter compared to the preceding, Apr-Jun period.

To make things worse for the aviation sector, the recent increase in crude oil prices is likely to result in an increase of 6% in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices during the same period.

"Further, the recent rally in crude price is likely to result in higher ATF prices," noted analysts from JM Financial. Airline companies

such as InterGlobe Aviation and SpiceJet have been recovering from their COVID disruptions in recent quarters.

To address the fuel price issue, the Ministry of Civil Aviation is reported to be working with states to reduce the value-added tax (VAT) applicable on ATF; VAT rates at most major airports in India are still quite high.

However, there is little



the government can do to revive demand.

The traffic for August 2023 marginally increased by 3% monthon-month to 12.4 million.

"With an increasing number of aircraft in the air, the passenger load factor for the quarter is also expected to decline from the first quarter average of 90.3% with spot PLF's averaging nearly 85%," added the analysts

A high load factor indicates that an airline has sold most of its available seats and is preferred over a low load factor.

Indeed, the last reported domestic passenger load factor for July 2023 witnessed a month-onmonth decline across all airlines with Indigo registering 83.7% while Air India's PLF stood at

84.2%. Other Factors

Besides reduced demand and high fuel costs, the airlines are also facing other drag on their performance, such as technical problems. Go-first's revival has slowed down post Delhi High Court's order to allow aircraft leasingcompanies to access the aircraft leased to Go

First for inspections and

maintenance work.

In May this year, Go Air's budget ownersthe Wadia group filed for voluntary insolvency resolution before the National Court of Law Tribunal (NCLT) sending shockwaves in the entire airline industry.

The NCLT has now granted Go First's resolution professional a week to file a reply to applications by aircraft lessor DAE (SY22) 13 Ireland further slowing the revival process.

Go First was plagued by a peculiar problem -- the purported failure of the jet engine manufacturer, Pratt & Whitney, USA, to supply

engines/spares for its aircraft that grounded nearly 40 percent of the fleet for several months before it was compelled to totally suspend operations from the first week of May 2023. Indian airlines' engine woes continue to deepen with phased inspection of

engines by P&W. Meanwhile, Indigo which is also facing engine-related issues is set to lease 22 aircraft. The airline is looking to induct these aircraft from the secondary lease markets as it faces the grounding of several aircraft due to P&W engine

P&W will inspect 1,200 engines with 200 engines expected by mid-September.

issues

The engine manufacturer will likely recall 600-700 engines from the current year 2023-2026

As of now, Indigo's 45 aircraft are grounded.

The airline has hit further turbulence as Indigo's ex-promoter Rakesh Gangwal's recent 5% stake sale in the company via a block deal is in line with his strategy to reduce stake in the company over the coming years.

Gangwal's stake post the recent sale stands at 25%. Impending stake sale by Gangwal besides slowing earnings trajectory in the second quarter is likely to weigh on Indigo's stock price.

The recent CCI approval for the Air India - Vistara merger will ensure the airline becomes the number two airlines in the domestic space, posing a major setback to the airline.

The potential merger may not only provide economies of scale to both Vistara and Air India but also open up access to dozens of new slots globally for Singapore Airlines on the one hand and help Tata Sons consolidate its aviation business balance sheets on the other. Air India and Vistara are expected to retain their individual brand identities post-merger, though eventually, only one

brand may remain.

Crude oil falls ahead of crucial US Fed rate decision

SINGAPORE, Sep 20 (Agencies): Oil prices fell nearly \$1 on Wednesday ahead of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision, with investors uncertain when peak rates will be hit and how much of an impact it will have on energy demand.

Prices fell despite a bigger-than-expected draw in US oil stockpiles and weak US shale output that indicated tight crude supply for the rest of 2023.

Global benchmark Brent crude futures LCOc1 were last down 88 cents, or 0.9 per cent, at \$93.46 a barrel by 0650 GMT. Brent hit \$95.96 on Tuesday, its highest since November.

US West Texas Intermediate crude futures CLc1 shed 1 per cent, or 97 cents, to \$90.23 a barrel, after climbing to a 10-month high of \$93.74 a barrel the previous day. The October WTI contract expires on Wednesday and the more active November contract CLc2 was down 82 cents, or 0.9 per cent.

a little break as every trader awaits a pivotal Fed decision that might tilt the scales of whether the US economy has a soft or hard landing," said Edward Moya, senior market analyst at data and analytics firm OANDA

Moya added that the oil market is still "very tight" and will remain so over

grows nervous that the Fed will kill the economy, the crude demand outlook should (only) gradually soften, but the oil market will easily have a supply deficit throughout winter."

to \$89.66 a barrel. "The oil rally is taking

the short-term.

"Unless Wall Street

Investors are awaiting a raft of central bank interest rate decisions this week, including the Fed's at 1800 GMT on Tuesday, to assess



the outlook for economic growth and fuel demand. The Fed is widely expected to keep interest rates on hold, but the focus will be on its projected policy path, which is unclear.

U.S. crude oil stockpiles fell last week by about 5.25 million barrels, according to market sources citing American Petroleum Institute figures on Tuesday. Analysts in a Reuters poll had expected a 2.2 million-barrel decline.

"We have nudged up our 12-month ahead Brent forecast from \$93 a barrel to \$100 a barrel as we now expect modestly sharper inventory draws.

The key reason is

that significantly lower OPEC supply and higher demand more than offset significantly higher US supply," said Goldman Sachs analysts in a Wednesday note.

"Overall, we believe that OPEC will be able to sustain Brent in an \$80-\$105 range in 2024 by leveraging robust Asia-centric global demand growth and by exercising its pricing power assertively."

Additionally, Russia's government is considering imposing export duties on all types of oil products of \$250 per metric ton - much higher than current fees - from October 1 until June 2024 to tackle fuel

shortages, sources told Reuters on Tuesday.

That move comes as US oil output from its top shale-producing regions is on track to fall to 9.393 million bpd in October, the lowest since May 2023, and after Saudi Arabia and Russia extended combined supply cuts of 1.3 million bpd to the end of the year.

On the demand side, India's crude oil imports fell for a third month in a row in August, government data showed on Tuesday, as refiners in the world's third biggest importer carried out maintenance and reduced shipments from Russia.

On supply, Exxon Mobil Corp has pledged additional oil production of nearly 40,000 barrels per day in Nigeria in a new investment push in the country, a presidential spokesperson said on Tuesday, citing Exxon's president of global upstream operations.

Sugar prices may leave a bitter taste this year

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): Get ready to shell out more for your daily sweet experience, with prices of the 'sweet poison' likely to rise in the coming days.

Sugar production this year has been on the thinner side, with an expected output of around 30 million metric tonne, 9% lower year-on-year. India consumes around 28.5 million tonne of sugar per year. Earlier, the production was estimated at 31.7 million metric tons, but poor rains in August have forced most experts to temper their

According to a report by Centrum Institutional Research, it is too early to make precise predictions about sugar production at this stage because of challenges like irregular monsoons and declining yields observed in the previous season.

expectations.

The report also mentioned how the sugar industry in Maharashtra is facing a challenge due to an anticipated shortage of cane, which is expected to impact the current season's sugar production.

As such, said the broker, sugar prices are likely to remain elevated (From Rs 4,100 to 4,200) during the rest of the financial year.

"Presently, the ex-mill rates for sugar in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh

stand at Rs3,650-3,700 and Rs3,950 per quintal, respectively. These rates are at multi-year highs and are on par with the export rates observed in FY23.

Among the factors that are likely to make a bad situation worse are heightened demand during festivals and relatively low levels of sugar stocking within distribution channels. Centrum expects the upcoming season's projected sugar production could fall within a wide range, spanning from 28.5-31.0 million metric tonne.

Over the past 4 to 5 weeks, the domestic sugar market has witnessed a notable rise in prices.

This surge can be attributed to several factors, including a reduction in available inventory at mills. Other aspects are probably due to the heightened demand because of the ongoing festival seasons which witness a lot of sugary eateries (cotton candy, sugar cane juice, etc.) and finally, the anticipation of a decline in sugar production

for the upcoming season. Thus, in order to ensure sufficient availability of sugar at reasonable prices in the country, the Central Government has decided to collect data of sugar stocks sold to traders/wholesalers other than sugar mills.

Early-morning physical activity has impact on weight management, finds study

WASHINGTON, Sep 20 (Agencies): According to a study, the best time of day to increase the relationship between daily moderate to vigorous physical activity and obesity appears to be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., despite conflicting epidemiological findings regarding the best timing of physical exercise for weight management.

The study was publised in Obesity, The Obesity Society's (TOS) flagship journal.

"Our study provided a novel tool to explore the diurnal pattern of physical activity and to investigate its impact on health outcomes," said Tongyu Ma, PhD, assistant professor, Health

Sciences Department, Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, N.H.; and the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China. Ma is the corresponding author of the study. Previous study has

focused on the frequency, intensity, and duration of physical activity, according to experts. Few research have looked into the diurnal pattern of accelerometer-measured physical activity to classify the time of day when people move. It is unknown whether cumulative physical activity at various times of the day is similarly associated with obesity.

Furthermore, it is unclear if fulfilling the physical activity standards (150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous physical activity) in various patterns is equally beneficial for reducing obesity.

Researchers investigated whether the diurnal pattern of accelerometer-measured moderate to vigorous physical activity changes the association between such human movement and obesity in the current study.

Researchers used data from the 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 cycles of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

because accelerometry was implemented during that time. A total of 5,285 participants were crosssectionally analysed.

The diurnal pattern of objectively measured moderate to vigorous physical activity was classified into three categories by K-means clustering analysis: morning, mid-day and evening. K-means is an established algorithm that is commonly used to identify hidden patterns in unlabeled data sets.

Results revealed a strong linear association between moderate to vigorous physical activity and obesity in the morning group, whereas a weaker curvilinear connection was found in the midday and evening

groups. Participants who met

the physical activity guidelines in the morning cluster had a lower body mass index and waist circumference than those in the other clusters. Self-reported dietary recall indicated that participants in the morning cluster had a healthier diet and less daily energy intake per unit of body weight compared with other clusters.

The study's authors also found that participants in the morning cluster spent a significantly higher amount of time on sedentary behaviour than the participants in the other clusters. Despite the longer duration of sed-

entary time, the lower body mass index and waist circumference outcomes in the morning group persisted.

Overall, participants in the morning cluster were 10-to-13 years older than the two other groups. The morning cluster also had the highest percentage of female participants among the three groups. The majority of participants in the morning group were primarily non-Hispanic White, had a college or higher education, and had never used tobacco or alcohol.

"Our findings propose that the diurnal pattern of moderate to vigorous physical activity could be another important dimension to describe

the complexity of human movement," Ma and his colleagues stated in the study.

Rebecca Krukowski, PhD, a clinical psychologist with expertise in behavioural weight management, commented, "This is exciting new research that is consistent with a common tip for meeting exercise goals, i.e., schedule exercise in the morning before emails, phone calls or meetings that might distract you."

However, Krukowski said, since this is a crosssectional study, it is not known whether people who exercise consistently in the morning may be systematically different from those who exercise at other times,

in ways that were not measured in this study. For example, people who exercise regularly in the morning could have more predictable schedules, such as being less likely to be shift workers or less likely to have caregiving responsibilities that impede morning exercise.

Predictable schedules could have other advantageous effects on the weight that were not measured in this study, such as with sleep length/quality and stress levels. In addition, the morning larks who consistently rise early enough for morning exercise may be biologically different from their "night owl" counterparts.

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): It has been a year of mixed fortunes for the shuttlers. While the country's top-ranked men's singles shuttler HS Prannoy and world No. 2 doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty elicited a ripple of applause from the fans for their galvanic performances on the circuit, their compatriots PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth have gone through probably the toughest phase of their careers.

Nevertheless, there are high hopes from the shuttlers, especially the men, as the Asian Games begin. No Indian has ever won a gold medal at the Asiad. At the Jakarta 2018, India won just two medals - silver through Sindhu and bronze through Saina Nehwal. This time, however, they seem poised to script history.

But, the road to gold won't be an easy one. In their way stand Asian powerhouses like China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Chinese Taipei,

Overcoming them will demand a lot from the Indians as they are currently dominating the badminton world: South Korea's An Se Young is the women's world champion, while Seo Seung Jae and Chae Yoo Jung are the men's doubles champions. Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn was crowned the men's singles world champion. China's Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yifan are the women's doubles champions.

"It is one of the toughest events in badminton. It is an Asia-dominated sport. To win a medal you have to be at your best," said Srikanth, who has much to prove come September 28

Even though the continental event is a happy hunting ground



three semifinal finishes underpin

his credentials to come good.

On the other hand, reigning

national champion Manjunath

wowed the badminton world

when he defeated world No. 9

Loh Kean Yew in straight sets at

the Australian Open last month.

The two bring their explosive

attacking games to the table,

which is a valuable asset for

Sindhu and Srikanth need to

put on their game mask at the

Asiad. For, a medal could be just

what they need to shut out the

Both the shuttlers have had

their share of struggles. Sind-

hu's return after a five-month

injury layoff saw her make

seven first-round exits in the 15

BWF tournaments she contest-

ed. Consequently, her ranking

plummeted to world No. 17 in

July, a new low for her in over

a decade, while Srikanth's lean

patch has seen him drop to No.

Srikanth had to go through

the rigours of the national trials,

which he topped, to earn his

place in the 19-member squad.

It will be important for the injury-

prone Srikanth to keep up the

consistency if he gets going. It

any team.

Two of a kind

outside noise

for the Asian giants, it doesn't diminish India's chances of stepping on the top step of the podium in at least one of the five categories. There is an air of optimism surrounding them, as it has been so far in the season. If world No. 7 Prannoy's recent

World Championships run, which saw him take out world No. 1 Viktor Axelsen in his own backyard on way to a bronze finish, was a moment to savour, Satwiksairaj and Chirag caught fire much before. They stunned the world by winning three tournaments this year, including the historic Indonesia Open Super 1000 title. Prannoy is the only Indian shuttler who has maintained his place in the top-10 of the rankings since December

The men's team, which won the Thomas Cup last year with a 3-0 win over Indonesia, is headlined by a sizzling Prannoy and Satwiksairaj-Chirag pair. They will be joined by Lakshya Sen and Mithun Manjunath in a bid to end country's 37-year medal drought in the team event.

After making a comeback from a nose surgery and a sharp dip in form, Sen has blown hot and cold over the course of the year. His Canada Open triumph and will all come down to his experience as he navigates through the draw.

As for Sindhu, she would be keen to drill it in that she's not losing it. The 28-year-old has admitted that her wretched form has triggered a confidence crisis in her. Even former players, such as Vimal Kumar, believe that "not much should be expected of Sindhu at the Asian

The plunge in confidence also promoted her to hire the services of Malaysia's Hafiz Hashim, but changing a coach never guarantees a change in fortunes. It is clear from her recent defeats that she needs to add more shots to her repertoire. Her long reach makes for a great defensive play but she has to polish her game at the net and most of all, find that spark that has gone missing for a while.

INDIA'S SQUAD

Men's singles: HS Prannoy, Kidambi Srikanth.

Women's singles: PV Sindhu, Ashmita Chaliha.

Men's doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty. Dhruv Kapila/MR Arjun.

Women's doubles: Treesa Jolly/Gayatri Gopichand, Ashwini Ponnappa/Tanisha Crasto Mixed doubles: Rohan Kapoor/N Sikki Reddy, Sai

Pratheek/Tanisha Crasto. Men's team HS Prannoy, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty, Dhruv Kapila, MR Arjun, Lakshya Sen, Mithun Manjunath, Rohan Kapoor, B Sai Pratheek.

Women's team PV Sindhu, Ashmita Chaliha, Treesa Jolly, Gayatri Gopichand, Ashwini Ponnappa, Tanisha Crasto, Malvika Bansod, Anupama Upadhyaya, N Sikki Reddy.

World Wrestling: Neha goes down fighting in bronze medal round; Divya, Sarita make early exit



BELGRADE, Sep 20 (Agencies): Indian woman wrestler Neha Sharma went down fighting to Anastasia Blayvas of Germany in the bronze-medal contest at the UWW World Championships, even as four other grapplers failed to make an impact here.

Neha, competing in the non-Olympic 55 kg category, had made it to the bronze-medal round after defeating Mariia Vynnyk of Ukraine 7-4 in repechage to set up a fight against Anastasia. But after a keen contest, the 19th ranked

cal points to the world No.16 German. Compatriots Sarita Mor and Divya Kakran failed to make an impact at the Worlds, losing

Indian lost on techni-

The Indian contingent is competing here under the United World Wres-

their preliminary round

tling (UWW) flag as the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has been suspended by the international body for not holding its elections in the stipulated time.

Both Sarita (57 kg) and Divya (76 kg) lost their pre-quarterfinal bouts, while team-mates Antim Kundu (65 kg) and Neelam (50 kg) also met with similar fate.

The chances of the four grapplers making it to the bronze-medal round via the repechage route also evaporated as the opponents they had lost to failed to make it to the final.

The repechage comes into effect for wrestlers who lose in the prequarterfinals or later. It gives them another opportunity to revive their fortunes in the competition if the opponent they have lost to reaches the final

Sarita, after defeating Betzabeth Colmenarez of Venezuela 6-1 in the first round, lost to Nigeria's Odunavo Adekuoroye 4-6 in the pre-quarterfinal, while Divya, after getting the better of Turkey's Mehtap Gultekin 7-5 in the qualification round, lost the pre-quarterfinal bout to Canada's world No.4 Justina Renay after the latter scored more technical points.

However, both Adekuoroye and Justina lost in the quarterfinals, shutting the repechage door on Sarita and Divya.

In the 65 kg category Antim Kundu, ranked 17th, created quite a sensation by defeating world No.2 Iva Geric of Croatia 6-0 in the prequarterfinals. Her Chinese opponent in the quarterfinal, Lili, registered a victory by fall to end the Indian's hope of advancing in the tournament.

Neelam (50 kg) too began on a positive note registering two quick victories—against Maral Tangirbergenova of Kazakhstan (10-0) and Oksana Livach of Ukraine (6-4) -- but lost to world No.4 Feng Ziqi of China, who achieved a victory by fall in the quarterfinal.

Feng, too, went on to lose her semifinal bout, thus closing the repechage route for the Indian.

Irfan Pathan questions R Ashwin's selection in ODI series against Australia ahead of World Cup

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan is not happy and questioned the sudden inclusion of off-break spinner Ravichandran Ashwin in the Indian ODI series against Australia starting from September 22, ahead of the World Cup.

Ashwin who hasn't been part of the Indian ODI squad for a long time, played his last ODI match in January 2022 against South Africa. Talking to Star Sports, Irfan Pathan felt that there was a lack of planning and that Ashwin should have been given

"You get a better spinner than Ashwin in the entire world. But in a tournament as big as the World Cup, where there is immense pressure, you can't expect a senior player to walk in and play for the team in a format which he hasn't played for a long time and prove his worth. So you are leaving it entire-

ly to fate. There is no planning here. Had there been a plan for Ashwin, they should have given him some game time before the World Cup. Yes, he will be playing against Australia, but is that enough?

You have to bowl for 10 overs, adjust in the team as well, and give India that result. It isn't that easy. Planning should have been better," said Pathan.

The decision to bring Ashwin back into the mix comes ahead of the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, which is set to commence next month. Ashwin was not selected in the provisional ODI World Cup squad, nor was part of the Asia Cup.

However, with the Cup squad.

Earlier in the press conference skipper Rohit Sharma also expressed confidence in Ashwin's abilities and stated that he is in continuous touch with him. Players like him don't need match-time to showcase their talent.

injury of Axar Patel, Ashwin's potential return to the ODI format looks possible. Ajit Agarkar, the chairman of selection for the BCCI, made a suggestion that Patel had a good chance of recuperating in time for the World Cup. But if Patel can't recover by the International Cricket Council's deadline on September 28, Ashwin might be a last-minute addition to the World

Golden generation

Ghosal-led Indians on mission to conquer Asia

NEW DELHI, Sep 20 (Agencies): When Anahat Singh was just two years old, Saurav Ghosal was already a threetime Asian Games medallist.

As the 15-year-old prodigy prepares to make her Asian Games debut, the indefatigable Ghosal is ready for another foray into the continental event.

An eight-time medallist at the Asian Games, having finished on the podium at every edition since 2006, Ghosal is hungry for more.

At 37, Ghosal, who turned professional 20 years ago, is still India's flagbearer in squash. Last year, he won two bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games, to add to a silver from 2018, and a mixed doubles gold at the World Doubles Championships. Earlier this year, he helped the Indian team to a third-place finish in the World

In the Asian Games, Ghosal is the only Indian to reach the final in the individual section.



loss in 2014, after being up 2-0 in the five-game final, but still returned four years later to win his third individual and fifth overall bronze medal.

Despite the age factor going against him. Ghosal will look to defy the odds and win a historic gold for India. Nine years ago, Ghosal had already played his part in winning India their first

in the sport. The team could not replicate its success at the last edition, winning bronze. However, with two players from the 2014 team — Harinder Pal Singh (34 years old) and Mahesh Mangaonkar (29) by Ghosal's side, India will be banking on their vast experience to win their second gold.

Leading the women's charge

will also be a couple of highly decorated veteran players — 37-year-old Joshna Chinappa and 31-year-old Dipika Pallikal Karthik. Both are four-time medallists at the Asian Games. It is in the doubles event,

though, that the duo has found most success. Joshna and Dipika, who won the women's doubles gold in the 2014 CWG, have again found a rich vein of form. Last year, they won the women's doubles gold at the World Doubles Championships. Dipika won another gold in the mixed doubles with Ghosal. Incidentally, the Hangzhou edition will be the first time that the Asian Games will have a doubles (mixed) event.

The women's team won backto-back silver medals in the last two editions. Hopefully, the addition of the teenage sensation Anahat — the under-15 Asian champion in 2022 and the under-17 Asian champion in 2023 — can add the spark that would take the team to gold.

Southee to undergo surgery on thumb, call on World Cup availability to be taken next week

AUCKLAND, Sep 20 (Agencies): New Zealand veteran fast bowler Tim Southee is set to undergo a surgery on his injured right thumb on Thursday and a call on his availability for the World Cup in India will be taken next week.

Southee broke and dislocated his right thumb while attempting to take a catch in the fourth ODI against England last week. New Zealand head coach Gary Stead is hopeful the 34-year-old seamer will recover in time for the side's opening game in the mega event on October 5. "We've got our fingers crossed the surgery goes well for Tim," Stead said.

"He'll have some pins



or screws inserted in his right thumb and, providing the procedure is a success, it will be a matter of ensuring Tim can tolerate the pain and manage the actual wound when returning to train and play.'

Ahead of their opener against defending champions England, New Zealand are scheduled to take on Pakistan and South Africa in the

World Cup warm up matches on September 29 and October 2.

"Our opening game of the World Cup against England is not until Thursday October 5 in Ahmedabad, so that would be our logical target in terms of his availability.

"Tim's obviously a hugely experienced and important figure in our team and we want to give him every chance to be part of this World Cup campaign."

Black Caps skipper Kane Williamson is also recovering from a ruptured ACL he suffered during the IPL earlier this year and may not be available for New Zealand's opening game.

Teams can make changes to the 15-player World Cup squad until September 28, post which any changes would need approval from the ICC.

Five members of the Black Caps' World Cup-bound squad are in Bangladesh for a three-match ODI series, starting Thursday. The others are scheduled to fly out to India on Tues-

India lose 0-8 to Korea in AFC U-17 Women's **Asian Cup Qualifiers**

BURIRAM (THAILAND), Sep 20 (Agencies): A lacklustre India were hammered 0-8 by Korea in their opening match of the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers Round 2 here.

Coach Priva PV's girls found the going tough against the mighty Koreans, one of the finest teams in the competition.

Korea Republic led 2-0 at the break. While a hat-trick by skipper Won Jueun, who scored two of her goals from spot kicks, was the highlight of the day, Seo Minjeong Park Juha and substitute Han Gukhee were the other scorers.

An own goal by Shivani Toppo further widened the margin. India head coach Priya PV had

her plans firmly in place as she stressed more on defensive strategies for obvious reasons.

After defending stoutly for 13 minutes, a momentary lapse cost India dear as they conceded the first goal.

Centre back Thoibisana Chanu, who till then showed all the resoluteness to keep the attackers at bay, swung her leg in an attempted clearance that turned out to be a mis-kick. It was then easy for Park Juha to step onto the edge of the box to find the net with a low shot. Indian goalkeeper Khushi Kumari had no answer.

India displayed urgency after being left in arrears and had an opportunity to hit back in the 17th minute when captain and midfielder Menaka Devi played quickly with Sibani Devi on the right, but the resultant aerial ball was too much for Shilji Shaji to go for a proper header.

The gap between the teams widened in the 28th minute when Sonibia Devi Irom was pulled up for a foul on Won Jueun inside the dreaded area. Jueun took the shot that beat Khushi Kumari hands

The third goal, which came a couple of minutes after the change of ends, was Won Jueun's second of the day. She made most of a through pass from Beom Yeju to make it 3-0.

She completed her hat-trick in the 65th minute, almost immediately after India replaced Khusi Kumari with Khambi Chanu Sarangthem under the bar.

Eleven minutes later, substitute Han Gukhee slammed in the fifth for Korea.

India's best chance came two minutes before half time when striker Sulanjana Raul stole the ball on the left, dashed into the box and, finding the Korean custodian out of position, took a prompt shot. Woon Sumin saved her citadel at the last moment as she managed to tip the ball over.

Rajinder emphasises Media Unit Coordination for Gol **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

Chaudhary 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 for their promotion and for informing people about the programs and policies of their respec-

tive 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.

Chaudhary 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,

Jammu, Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director, DIPR Jammu, Vivek Pathak, Assistant Director DDK Jammu, Rakesh Kumar, Program Head AIR Kathua, Pawan Khajuria, PEX AIR Jammu, Shalin K Nair, PRO IIM Jammu, Daksh Communications Officer IIT Jammu, Sachin, Social Media Head, JKDIPR. The IMPCC was also

attended by the students of Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Jammu. The meeting called upon the media units to focus on better synergy, cooperation and improvement in quality content with respect to highlighting the initiatives and welfare programs of the Central Government.

During the meeting, various action points were also worked out and suggestions were put forth for assisting the various departments in formulating coverage and feedback strategies. The meeting emphasized on the strategy to achieve this objective, by designing their publicity programmes in a more attractive way so as to highlight the schemes through success stories to attract the public attention to generate greater enthusiasm

among the masses.

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

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

meet the academic

aspirations of students

and parents in different

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.

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



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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

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-

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**

Doordarshan, Jammu,

Vivek Pathak provided

the details of the activi-

ties of DD News in

Jammu Division and

Media & Communica-

tion Officer, PIB Jammu,

Sheikh Mudasir Amin

provided an overview

of the activities of PIB

The meeting was

attended by represen-

tatives of various media

units, defence and dif-

ferent departments of

Government of India

based in Jammu, includ-

ing 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, Ravi-

kanta Babu, DDG (E),

Doordarshan/AIR, Prof.

Anil Soumitra, Regional

Director, IIMC Jammu,

Pankaj Rastogi, Region-

al Director, NBWED,

Dr. Nasir-ul-Rashid,

Sr. Scientist IIIM-CSIR

in Jammu Region.

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 socioleaving 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 pros-

perous 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 ing 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 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

economic challenges,

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 Faroog 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.

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