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BRIEFLY

Mason falls from rooftop of house in Bijbehara, dies

BIJBEHERA, Sep 23 (Agencies): A mason died after he fell down from a rooftop of a house in Zirpora area of Bijbehara in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Saturday, officials said.

An official said that Nazir Ahmad Ganai son of Abdul Salam Ganai of Zirpora was doing some work on the roof of the house when he slipped and fell down.

He said that he was immediately rushed to SDH Bijbehara, where he succumbed to injuries.

Two doctors suspended for unauthorised absence from duties in J&K

SRINAGAR, Sep 23 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir government has suspended two doctors for "unauthorized absence from their duties."

Dr. Asim Shameem Zaz and Dr. Kawaldeep Kour, both medical officers, had taken leave but failed to return to their duties after the leave period elapsed, officials said.

Dr. Zaz, who had been serving as a Medical Officer, had submitted a leave application to the CMO, Budgam for 89 days to attend a marriage function in Canada. However, after the leave period elapsed, he failed to return to his duties, leading to his termination.

In another case, Dr. Kour, also a Medical Officer, had applied for study leave lasting one year at GMC, Baramulla. She too did not rejoin her duties after the leave period ended, resulting in her termination.

The termination orders were issued by the Health & Medical Education Department of the Jammu and Kashmir Government, citing violation of rules and regulations regarding unauthorized absence. The department found that both doctors had left their positions without obtaining prior approval.

As per the department, Dr. Kawaldeep Kour had been given a final opportunity to explain her continued absence but failed to

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India slams Pakistan for raking up Kashmir at UNGA; calls for vacating occupied areas, action against terrorism

NEW YORK, Sep 23 (Agencies): India has hit out at Pakistan after the country's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar predictably raised the Kashmir bogey in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly.

In its right of reply, the First Secretary at United Nations for the Second Committee of UNGA, Petal Gahlot said that Pakistan should vacate occupied areas of India and stop cross-border terrorism. She asked Pakistan to stop human rights violations against minorities in Pakistan.

Petal Gahlot said, "In order for there to be peace in South Asia, the actions that Pakistan needs to take are threefold first stop cross-border terrorism and shut down its infrastructure of terrorism immediately. Second,



vacate Indian territories under its illegal and forcible occupation. And third stop the grave and persistent human rights violations against the minorities in Pakistan."

Indian diplomat reiterated that union territories of Jammu

and Kashmir as well as Ladakh are integral parts of India and Pakistan has no "locus standi" to make statements regarding India's domestic matters.

"We reiterate that the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are an integral part

of India. Matters pertaining to the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are purely internal to India," Petal Gahlot said.

"Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on our domestic matters. As a country with one of the world's worst human rights records, particularly when it comes to minority and women's rights, Pakistan would do well to put its own house in order before venturing to point a finger at the world's largest democracy," she added.

Indian diplomat slammed Pakistan for making "baseless and malicious propaganda" against India at the United Nations General Assembly.

In her remarks, Gahlot said, "Pakistan has become a habitual offender when it comes to misusing this august forum to

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J&K HC disposes petition of Ex-IPS officer who sought security cover

SRINAGAR, Sep 23 (Agencies): Jammu & Kashmir High Court disposed of a petition wherein a former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Basant Kumar had sought security cover.

Last month, Basant Rath, was subjected to premature retirement by the Ministry of Home Affairs in "public interest."

High Court Judge Rajnesh Oswal in an order on September 11, allowed the petitioner Basant Rath to approach the concerned agencies for redressal of his grievances.

In the instant Writ peti-

tion, the petitioner had shown himself to be the resident of District Samba and filed the petition before Srinagar Wing of High Court, seeking security cover along with accommodation and vehicle in his favour from the respondents.

"Nothing has been placed on record which would reflect that the petitioner had at any point of time approached the respondents for redressal of his grievance(s). Be that as it may, the present Writ petition is disposed of by permitting the petitioner to approach the concerned agencies

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Govt clears 3278 Kanal Gair Mumkin Khad Land in Samba district

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JAMMU, Sep 23: Jammu and Kashmir Government has cleared approximately 3278 Kanal Gair Mumkin Khad Land in Birpur, Bari Brahmna and Samba belt of Samba district.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 of Jammu and Kashmir Land Revenue Act, Svt. 1996, the Government orders for necessary corrections to be made in the record of rights of village Birpur, Tehsil Bari-Brahmna,

District Samba," reads an order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, Revenue Department, J&K.

"The correction in the kind of soil shall not be construed as change in land use. Further, nothing in this order shall be construed to debar any competent authority from taking legal action in case of any violation on the field relating to usage of land," it added.

As per record Khasra No 3023/1845/1734 and Khasra No 3024/1845/1734 are

recommended to remain as Gair Mumkin Khad, Choi, etc, with a total area of 871 Kanal and 19 Marla. Meanwhile, Khasra No 3025/1845/1734, Khasra No 3026/1845/1734, Khasra No 3027/1845/1734, and Khasra No 3028/1845/1734 are designated for a different use outside of Gair Mumkin Khad, Choi, etc, with a total area of 3278 Kanal and 5 Marla. The kind of soil in these areas is specified as Banjar Qadeem.

Kashmir doctors' body recommends three vaccines this fall to prevent triple virus threat

SRINAGAR, Sep 23: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday urged people to get vaccinated against Covid, flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

"The triple vaccine could ward off this winter's tripledemic of respiratory illnesses," said Influenza expert and DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"We could be facing a triple virus whammy of Covid, Flu and RSV this winter. The trio of vaccines could help reduce hospitalizations and deaths due to these

viruses," he said.

Dr Hassan said most of us are familiar with annual flu shots. We have an updated Covid-19 vaccine this fall. New to the menu this year is a vaccine for RSV which is often associated with young kids but sends elderly to hospitals.

He said RSV vaccine is recommended for people aged 60 years and older.

"RSV season generally starts in the fall and peaks in the winter, but last year RSV peaked several weeks early and circulated for longer. So

people eligible for vaccine should get it as soon as possible," he said.

The DAK President said everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine before the start of flu season which begins in October. Since it takes 2 weeks for the flu vaccine to become fully effective, it is best to get the vaccine now.

"While flu vaccine is recommended for all, it is especially needed in young children, elderly, pregnant women and

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10 held for trying to vitiate peaceful atmosphere outside Jama Masjid: Police



SRINAGAR, Sep 23

(Agencies): Srinagar

police on Saturday said

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Gujarat Court acquits two north Kashmir residents in 2006 terrorism case

SRINAGAR, Sep 23 (Agencies): A court in western India's Gujarat has acquitted two clerics from Baramulla district in north Kashmir in a 2006 terrorism case.

The duo was accused of spreading terrorism by receiving training under the Lashkar-e-Toiba to carry out terrorist attacks in Gujarat.

Ahmedabad City Additional Sessions Court Judge Prashant Sheth ordered the acquittal of the two clerics after considering that witness statements did not support the prosecution's case.

There was no evidence that the two, in conspiracy with other accused, were planning or involved in any jihadi terror attacks or were planning any proxy war on behalf of the banned outfits LeT and SIMI, he said, reported The Indian Express.

The two clerics — Bilal Ahmed, also known as Bilal Kashmiri, arrested in 2021, and Saiyed Zabiuddin, arrested in 2012 from Baramulla — were charged with offenses under IPC sections 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy), 121A

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NIA confiscates property of SFJ's Gurpatwant Pannu in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, Sep 23 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency Saturday confiscated the property of banned outfit Sikhs for Justice's chief Gurpatwant Singh Pannu here, said official sources.

A 'property confiscation notice' was put up

outside the residence of pro-Khalistan Pannu in Chandigarh, they said.

The action was taken under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act.

"1/4th share of house no 2033, sector 15-C, Chandigarh, owned by Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, a proclaimed

offender in NIA case stands confiscated to the state under section 33 (5) of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967 by the orders of the NIA special court, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. This is for information of general public," read

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JK Bank defreezes Yateem Foundation Bank accounts

SRINAGAR, Sep 23 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Bank defreezed accounts of Yateem Foundation after a local Court allowed it to operate the bank accounts at different branches of the Bank.

The Chairman of the Foundation Mohammad Rafiq Lone has thanked the officials of the Bank Corporate Headquarters for defreezing their account.

The 4th Additional Dis-

trict Judge Srinagar presided by Gowhar Majid Dalal has allowed the J&K Yateem Foundation, Srinagar to operate the bank accounts opened at different branches of the J&K Bank.

Court further directed that in order to safeguard the interest of the bank, self attested with photograph duly identified and declaration from each signatory of the account holder be obtained by the bank

from the Yateem Foundation.

Presiding Officer directed the account holders to submit individual undertaking before the court that they will not violate any rule and regulation of banking and maintain proper account and quarterly submit the statement before the court. "They will also submit another undertaking before this court that if at any

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BARKHI

Barkhi of **Mrs. Kiran Malhotra** W/o Late Shri Mohinder Singh Ji will be performed at our residence E- 665/2 Lane No 8, Sainik Colony, near SG Farm Jammu. Programme is as follows **AKHAND PAATH AARAMBH** on 22nd Sept, **Bhog** on 24th Sept 11 am onwards followed by Kirtan and Langer. **GRIEF STRICKEN (Daughter in law and son)** Mrs. Taruna & CA Gurvinder Singh Ekant Singh (**Grandson**) **Ms G.S. & ASSOCIATES**



Mrs. Kiran Malhotra

TENTH DAY KRIYA

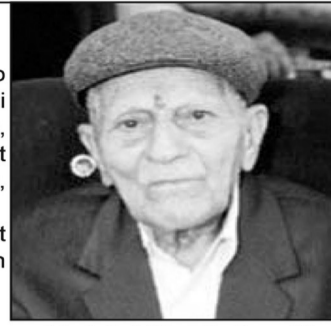
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. ROSHAN LAL BHAT (Bhaijan)** S/o Lt. Sh. Niranjan Nath Bhat R/o Karan Nagar, Srinagar, Presently was residing at L.I.G 92, PHASE 1, Housing Colony, Udhampur (J&K) left for heavenly abode on 15/09/2023 (Friday). May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



Sh. ROSHAN LAL BHAT (Bhaijan)

OBITUARY

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**



Shri Sri Kanth Pandit

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Retd. DSP Sh Rajeshwar Singh S/o Late Sh. Gandharv Singh Sambyal R/o Kehli Mandi Samba Ward No. 14 Samba.** **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 22-09-2023 at 9:00 AM and the **13TH DAY** will be performed on 25-09-2023 at our residence Ward No. 14 Kehli Mandi Samba. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** Smt Urmila Devi (Wife) Mr. Pushvinder Singh (Son) Mrs. Preeti Jasrotia (Daughter in Law) Master Daiwik Singh Sambyal (Grand Son) **All Near And Dears.**



SH RAJESHWAR SINGH (RETD. DSP)

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Narinder Singh Jamwal S/o Late Sh. Sansar Singh Jamwal R/o 29-D, Extension Karan Nagar Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 15-09-2023.** **Tenth day** will be performed at **Ved Mandir, Amphalla on 24-09-2023 (Sunday) at 10:00 am.** **KRIYA** will be performed at our residence on **27-09-2023 (Wednesday) at 12:00 noon.** **Grief stricken :-** Smt. Rakesh Jamwal (wife) **Daughters-in-law & Sons** Sonu and Kannav Jamwal Kailash and Vijender Singh Ekta Jamwal (Daughter) **Brothers & Bhabhis** Renu Jamwal & Lt. Kuldeep Singh Jamwal Sharda and Dr. Surinder Singh Jamwal Chinta and Ashok Singh Jamwal Nisha and Jagjit Singh Jamwal **JAMWAL FAMILY** **Mob No: 9873978418, 9419792346, 9419104406**



Late Sh. Narinder Singh Jamwal

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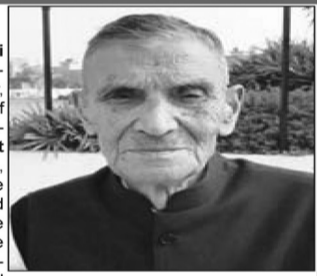
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SMT. JYOTI PANDITA

SHADMOS & MASVAAR

With heavy hearts, we remember and honour the life of **Pt. Shiv Ji Bhat** on the solemn occasion of his 6-month death semi-anniversary (**Shadmoo**) **Pt Shiv Ji Bhat**, a cherished patriarch, mentor, and friend, left our lives on 31-03-2023. Today marks a moment of deep reflection and remembrance of the life and legacy of an exceptional individual whose absence is profoundly felt. **Pt Shiv Ji Bhat** was a man of profound wisdom and compassion. His teachings, guidance, and love have shaped us into the individuals we are today. We carry his legacy forward in our thoughts, actions, and aspirations, endeavouring to spread the wisdom and kindness he embodied. Honesty was the cornerstone of his character and he lived his life with unwavering integrity and truthfulness, both in personal and professional domains, leaving a lasting impression on all who knew him. May your soul find eternal peace, dearest father. You will forever be loved and missed, and your spirit will continue to guide us throughout our journey in life. **Shadmoo and Masvaar** of our beloved father **Pt Shiv Ji Bhat** is being performed at our residence, 9-C, Om Nagar, Udeywalla, Jammu on 23rd & 24th September 2023. **FONDLY REMEMBERED BY** Smt. Govri Shori Bhat- Sister **Daughter-in-law & Son** Prof. (Dr.) Romilla Malla Bhat & Manesh Bhat- 9419197408, 9419129108 **Daughter & Son-in-law** Dr. Surekha Bhat Dhar & Dr Rakesh Dhar- 7006312023, 7006850845 Dr. Shreyana Bhat, Tejasve Bhat, Avneesh Dhar & Prekshaa Dhar- **Grand Children & All Bhat Parivar**



Pt. Shiv Ji Bhat (Former Asstt Commissioner)

ADH BARKHI

"A Pious soul, whose acts of kindness, courage, grit & Generosity knew no bounds". Six months have passed since you left for your heavenly abode. There is not even a single day when we haven't missed your presence and warmth. Your memories and blessings are always with us. The **ADH BARKHI** of our beloved **Sh. Kewal Krishan Gupta (Retd. X-EN PDD)** S/o Late Sh. Bodh Raj Gupta, R/o 20, Rama Lane, Talab Tillo, Jammu on 24th September 2023 (Sunday) at 12:00 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Shashi Gupta - (Wife) Smt. Aarushi Mahajan & Sh. Ashish Gupta - (Daughter-in-Law & Son) Smt. Parul Gupta & Sh. Sidharath Mahajan - (Daughter & Son-in-law) Smt. Usha Gupta & Sh. Ashok Gupta - (Sister-in-Law & Brother) **Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law** Smt. Kailash Gupta & Sh. Lalit Kumar Gupta Smt. Sushma Gupta & Sh. Ravi Gupta Smt. Urmil Gupta & Sh. Satya Dev Gupta Lt. Smt. Kamini Gupta & Sh. Subhash Gupta Smt. Indu Gupta & Sh. Dushyant Gupta **Grand Children:** Saivi & Syna **MOBILE: 9845313769, 9419823673**



Sh. Kewal Krishan Gupta (Retd. X-EN PDD)

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **S. Sub. Gurcharan Singh** S/o Late S Kaka Singh on 15th Sept. 2023. **BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB** on 24th Sept (Sunday) at 9 AM at our residence. **ANTIM ARDAS** will be performed on 24th Sept 2023 (Sunday) from 10 AM to 12 PM at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Sahib Tekri Simbal Camp Ward No. 1. (Followed by GURU KA LANGAR) **Grief Stricken :** **Sons & Daughters-in-law** S. Gurvinder Singh & Sdn Navneet Kour (Edu.Deptt) S. Dapinder Singh & Sdn Jasmeet Kour **Daughter & Sons-in-law** S. Paramjit Singh & Sdn Surinder Kour **Brothers & Bhabhis** S. Kulbir Singh & Sdn Murat Kour (Edu Deptt) S. Ajab Singh & Sdn. Summitter Kour **Mobile : 7889756052, 8899188336, 9419369339, 9419797002**



S. Sub. Gurcharan Singh

BARKHI

It broke our heart to lose you, but you did not go alone, A part of us went with you, the day God took you home. But your sweet memories & smiling face will always remain with us. **Barkhi** of our beloved **Ms Mrigu Bali** D/o Sh Subash Bali will be performed on 24th of September, 2023 (Sunday) at our residence H No. 811-F, Bharat Nagar, Rehari Colony, Jammu at 12.00 Noon. **Deeply Remembered by :** **All Family Members & Relatives** **Bali Fruit Shop, Rehari Chowk, Jammu** **Mob No. 9419126364, 7006351737**



Ms Mrigu Bali

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Ravinder Pandita** S/o Late Sh Mohan Lal Pandita originally resident of village Achhan (Pulwama) at present 378, Shanti Nagar below Govt Quarters behind Krishna Mandir Tophsherkhania Jammu on 20/09/2023. **TENTH DAY** shall be performed on 29/09/2023. (Friday) at 9 AM at Muthi ghat near Directorate of School Education Muthi. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Mrs. Bandana Pandita - Wife (9149833816) Smt. Veena ji- Mother (8492981584) Master Manik (Son) Master Saras (Son) Mrs Anjali and Suneel Razdhan - Sister & Brother in law. **All Near and Dears**



Ravinder Pandita

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Tirath Ram Bucha** S/o Lt. Sh. Amarnath Bucha R/o W.No. 5, Opp. D.C. Office, Udhampur, who left for heavenly abode on 14/09/2023 Thursday. **10th Day** will be performed on 23/09/2023 Saturday at 11:30 AM at Purshotam Hall, Dhar Road, Udhampur. **Kriya** will be performed on 25/09/2023 at Devika Ghat. **GRIEF STRICKEN** **Son & Daughter-in-law** Vikas Gupta & Naveeta Gupta **Daughters & Sons-in-law** Mansha Gupta & Narinder Mahindru Sanjay Gupta & Kanu Priya **Brothers & Sisters-in-law** Nirmal Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Madan Gopal Gupta Mohan Lal & Usha Rani Sham Lal & Seema Devi Smt. Rukmani Devi - Sister **Grand Children:** Etika, Aditya, Kritiya, Kriti, Bhavya & Kartik **SHOE HOUSE, Gole Market SEEMA MEDICOS, Dhar Road ANKUSH SHOES, Barrian** **9419611575, 9419990975, 9419900430, 9797289975**



Sh. Tirath Ram Bucha

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we informed that a noble soul and our revered mother **Smt Parmeshwari Bakshi** W/o Lt. Sh. O.N Bakshi originally resident of Batapora Sopore Distt. Baramulla presently residing at H.No. 147 Preetam Nagar Paloura, Dhoke. **10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on Dated. 28-9-2023 at 8:30 am. **Mourners:-** **Sons & Daughter-in-laws** Bushan Lal Bakshi & Gurja Mohan Lal Bakshi & Sunita Raj Nath Bakshi & Beauty **Daughters & Son-in-laws** Girja & Late Sh. T.N Pandita Rajni & Sh Satish Pandita **Grand Kids**



Smt Parmeshwari Bakshi

OBITUARY/ TENTH DAY

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SH. SUBASH CHANDER GANJOO

SATSANG

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved brother **S. Narinder Pal Singh** S/o Late S. Ajit Singh R/o Bemina Srinagar who left us for heavenly abode on 14 Sep 2023. **Satsang** will be held on 24 Sep 2023 at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-** S. Gurmeet Singh-Salaj (Brother) Smt. Ravinder Kour (Sister) Smt. Manmohan Kour (Sister)



S. NARINDER PAL SINGH

10TH DAY KRIYA

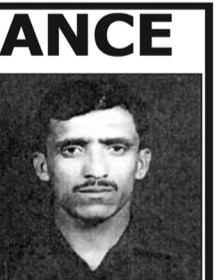
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Smt Parmeshwari Bakshi

REMEMBRANCE

In the everlasting memory of Rifleman **Mohd Ajaz, Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous)**, a cheerful, motivated & dedicated soldier, who in the true tradition of our Regimental motto "**Balidanam Veer Lakshnam**" & highest traditions of Indian Army made the supreme sacrifice of his life for the nation on 23rd September 2000. We "**The Fighting Fifth - Ashok Chakra Battalion**" pay rich tribute to the departed soul & pray to the Almighty for its eternal peace. **CO & All Ranks 5 JAK LI**



Rifleman Mohd Ajaz, SC (Posthumous)

DHAN NIRANKAR JI IN LOVING MEMORY OF

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Kamla Devi** (W/o Late Shri Shankar Das) who left for heavenly abode on Friday, 15th September 2023. **Tenth Day & Prayer Meeting** will take place on Sunday, 24th September 2023 from 12:30 PM to 2 PM at Rama Palace, Sungal Morh Akhnour. **In Grief** **Bereaved Family** Ramesh Kumar, Monica, Rakesh Kumar, Nishu Bala **Mobile No: 7006512091, 7889396939**



SMT. KAMLA DEVI

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Maharaja Hari Singh's Birth Anniversary Celebrated across Jammu



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: The 128th birth anniversary of last Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh was celebrated with enthusiasm across Jammu on Saturday with various political and social groups holding public events to pay rich tributes to the "great social reformer" of his times.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration had last year declared the last Dogra ruler's birth anniversary as a public holiday in response to a long agitation headed by

the Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS). Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid his tributes to the maharaja and expressed hope that his "legacy continue to guide us towards a brighter future".

"Humble tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh Ji on his Janm-Jayanti. He was a towering man of ideas & ideals, a harbinger of change, who dedicated his life to welfare of people & made remarkable reforms to uplift society. May his legacy continue to guide us towards a brighter

future," Office of LG J&K wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Ranjvijay Singh, the trustee of Dharmarth Trust, founded by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1846, visited the life-size statue of Hari Singh near the main Tawi bridge in the heart of the city and celebrated the birth anniversary of his great grandfather with 128 kg laddu. "I am praying to god to help us tread the path shown by the Maharaja and keep Jammu and Kashmir prosperous," he said. The YRS activists,

attired in their traditional dress with some carrying swords, took out a huge motor rally from Bantlab to Tawi bridge, covering a distance of over 10 km and garlanded the maharaja's statue amid chants of "Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Amar Rahe" (Long live Maharaja) and "Jai Duggar Jai Dogra".

Besides social organisations, the leaders and workers of different political parties, including the BJP, Congress and Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) visited the venue separately

and paid floral tributes to the maharaja. They also organised cake-cutting ceremonies amid drum beats.

"Maharaja is a torch-bearer for us and we will continue to follow his path," Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina said. Jammu and Kashmir Congress president Vikar Rasool Wani accompanied by other party leaders also paid rich tributes to the maharaja at Tawi bridge and recalled his contributions to the region as a ruler. Wani said that Jammu and Kashmir became an "integral part of India" under the maharaja's signature.

"Unfortunately, the historical state that he ruled has been disbanded, divided and downgraded, and all rights and protection to the permanent residents of his state have been removed arbitrarily and unilaterally by the BJP government at the Centre," he said.

Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession with India on October 26, 1947, to repulse an attack by Pakistan army-backed tribals on Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K PCC Chief writes to LG to conduct ULB elections under SEC

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23 : JK PCC Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani has written to the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha demanding holding of Municipal Corporations and other ULBs elections under the State Election Commission (SEC) like those of Panchayats, as mandated by 74th amendment of the constitution.

In a letter to the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, the President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has taken exceptions to the exercise for the conduct of ULB elections being undertaken without the superintendence and control of the commission (SEC), which is clear violation of the constitutional amendment 74th and is vitiated. Seeking holding of ULB elections, on time, under the SEC like that of rural Panchayats, as per the provisions of the constitution, in terms of 74th amendment read with Article 243ZA and Article 243K, without which the exercise is unconstitutional, since the constitutional provisions have to be implemented and enforced in letter and spirit. Surprisingly the elections to the rural Panchayats are being conducted under the State Election Commission (SEC), while the election exercise to the Urban Local Bodies is being conducted by the Chief Electoral Officer, without any jurisdiction of SEC, which is illegal and against the spirit of the Constitution while questioning the two norms being

followed in the same UT, for the same set of the institutions of Panchayat Raj System, one for rural areas and other for the urban areas in J&K, he added.

JKPCC Chief referred to the contributions and struggle of the congress party in bringing 73rd and 74th amendments and their implementation in the J&K like other part of the country which guaranteed 33% representation to the women in all the three tiers of rural Panchayats and ULBs in J&K also, apart from proportional representation to the SCs and STs. Besides this, there is another important component of these amendments which mandated the holding of elections to these basic institutions of democracy under the superintendence and control of an independent State Election Commission (SEC), which though has been duly constituted but having powers and jurisdiction over the Panchayats elections only but not the urban local bodies so far. The congress party raised this issue repeatedly in the recent days but the Govt. is maintaining studied silence in the matter.

Urging the Lt. Governor, to immediately set right the constitutional wrong being committed, The JK Congress has demanded the holding of the elections to the Municipal Corporations and other Urban Local Bodies under the superintendence and control of an independent State Election Commission (SEC), on time, without any delay.

Nat Manch organizes free medical camp

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: On Maharaja Hari Singh Birth Anniversary, Nat Manch organized a free medical/registered and generated ABHA Health Card Camp at Ward 29 of Jammu. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Tarun Sharma President Nat Manch.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tarun highlighted the justice-oriented approach of Maharaja Hari Singh during his rule. He urged the intelligentsia to conduct more research on Maharaja's life and contributions and make this information available to the public. Sharma encouraged the people of J&K to celebrate Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday as 'Diwali' and pay their deepest respects to him.

Dr. Tarun Sharma also said that ABHA or Health ID or ABHA Card is a unique identity or health locker to receive, store & share medical records from health service providers for reference with the user's consent. A medical team of experts, including Dr. Perkin Lahori (Medical Officer), Dr. Roszni (Medical Officer), Rajni (FMPHW), Neeru Bhagat (FMPHW) and Sugandha Bakshi (FMPHW).

Congress pays rich tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on Tawi Bridge

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani along with working President Raman Bhalla, Senior Congress leaders Th Balwan Singh, Yogesh Sawhney, Ravinder Sharma, Th Manmohan Singh, Shabir Ahmed Khan, Th Hari Singh Chib, Bhupinder Singh Jamwal, T.S Tony, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Neeraj Gupta, Dwarka Choudhary and others today paid floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on his statue site at Tawi bridge today amidst large number of people from all walks.

The senior congress leaders assembled at Party Hq Shaheedi Chowk Jammu and moved towards the Maharaja's statue at Tawi bridge in a cavalcade of vehicles.

A large number of



Congress leaders and workers accompanied the congress team.

Paying rich tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani recalled his immense contributions as a ruler, who declared that as a ruler he has no religion, his religion is justice to all.

It was under his signatures, entire Jammu and Kashmir became

integral part of India. He said that unfortunately the historical state he ruled, has been disbanded, divided and downgraded and all right and protections to the permanent residents of his state, have been removed arbitrarily and unilaterally by the BJP Govt. at the Centre.

He demanded that the historical state be

given full statehood and rights as well as democracy should be restored to the residents of Jammu and Kashmir without further delay.

Working President Raman Bhalla also paid rich tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh and demanded that the historical Dogra state of Maharaja should be restored immediately.

He said that the BJP did great disservice to the Maharaja and the people of Jammu and Kashmir by downgrading the Dogra state into a UT and not holding elections for the last five years.

Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma while paying rich tributes questioned the BJP as to when the historical state ruled by Maharaja Hari Singh will be restored as it is already more than four years when it was undemocratically disbanded, divided and downgraded into a UT.

Others who paid tributes include Ritu Choudhary, Pawan Dev Singh, Vijay Malhotra, Annirudh Sawhney, Ram Magotra, Kewal Jogi, Rakesh Sharma, Surinder Dogra, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Ravi Panotra, Deepu Singh and others.

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DIO implant conducts seminar in Jammu



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: DIO implant has conducted a one day seminar on the topic implantology and clinical challenges. Dr. Mandeep Sharma, maxillofacial surgeon and Implantologist was the resource person on this event. Dio implant is regularly organising the events in UT of J&K.

Among those present on the occasion included Dr. Gautam Sharma, dental surgeon, University of Jammu and former President of Indian Dental Association Jammu, Dr. Bhupinder Singh, President of J&K Dental Council, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Deputy Director (Dentistry), Directorate of Health Services,

Jammu, Dr. Nipun Gupta senior private practitioner from Jammu. Tony Park from Korea, Managing Director of DIO Implants, was present at this occasion along with Saumya Bose, sales director, Sushain Mahajan business development manager Jammu, and other senior members of DIO implants team. More than 50 participants attended the lecture and 21 dentists participated in the hands-on training session. Dio implant has recently launched a newly engineered product "UF III" which has a greater stability and ease in drilling. With proper care, DIO implants can last for a lifetime.

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02.	Providing of heavy duty winter clothing Essentials and other allied material for operation and supervisory staff engaged for Snow Clearance operation on NathatopSanasar Road. (Tender ID_2023_PWDJK_230565_1)	e-NIT No. 42 of 2023-24 Dt. 20.09.2023 Due on 30.09.2023	3% of the contract value shall be submitted by the lowest Bidder before the allotment of work order in the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR/BG/	Rs. 200/- (Fixed Amount) in the shape of challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to MH-0059(PWD) Misc. Revenue and uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt on e-tendering portal OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in shape of e-challan through Account No. 0028010200000009, J&K Bank, Udhampur, of Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Udhampur	10 days	Accorded	Executiv Engineer Mechanical Hospital Div Udhampi
03.	Providing of 03Nos .vegetarian Meals along with 02 Nos. Tea and Snacks to the Staff of Snow Clearance operation at NathatopSanasar Road along with providing of accommodation and basis amenities on per day per person (Tender ID_2023_PWDJK_230580_1)	e-NIT No. 43 of 2023-24 Dt. 20.09.2023 Due on 30.09.2023	3% of the contract value shall be submitted by the lowest Bidder before the allotment of work order in the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR/BG/	Rs. 200/- (Fixed Amount) in the shape of challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to MH-0059(PWD) Misc. Revenue and uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt on e-tendering portal OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in shape of e-challan through Account No. 0028010200000009, J&K Bank, Udhampur, of Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Udhampur	Till ending Snow Clearance Operation	Accorded	Executiv Engineer Mechanical Hospital Div Udhampi

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EDITORIAL

DRUGS AMONG YOUTH

The young generation plays an important role in the development of the country. If the young generation goes on the dangerous path like drug addiction, then how will the country progress? Even if they get pleasure and enjoyment from drugs for a moment, it fills their whole life with sorrow. A person who has become addicted to drugs forgets the importance of life. Instead of spending time with his family and living life happily, he sinks into the mire of drugs.

Addiction has adverse effects on mental, social and family level. If a person in the house takes drugs, it affects his children, who in future also take drugs as their support. Not only this, a person who takes drugs has to suffer a lot physically. Many types of diseases occur. But sadly, despite knowing so much, he is unable to keep himself away from drugs.

Today's young generation has started considering drugs as fashion. They think that there is great pride in drinking. They start taking drugs even in front of others. They think that those who are taking drugs are living a modern life.

In this way, while trying to modernize themselves, they also get trapped in the clutches of addiction. Seeing drug related videos on social media, they also start following the path of addiction. In this way, social media is also responsible for today's young generation going on the path of addiction.

The problem of today's youth is that their tolerance has reduced a lot. They lose their morale very quickly. If they do not get success in anything, they feel that their life is over. The result is that they go into depression and then fall into drug addiction. Only their parents can save them from this.

It is the responsibility of their parents to teach their children to fight such situations and make them strong. Instead of scolding them for their failure, encourage them to try again. There are many paths in life. If you don't get success on one path, you may get success on another path, but don't stop walking.

Most of the young generation gets trapped in the clutches of drug addiction due to being in wrong company. People who are already addicted, instead of advising others not to take drugs, they try to drag them into the quagmire of drug addiction. In this, the youth can save themselves from getting trapped in wrong company.

If any problem arises then first tell it to the parents because in this life there is no better friend than the parents. No one else will understand your problem as well as they do.

The upbringing of parents has a great influence on children. Due to some rich parents their children go on the path of drugs. Even their parents do not pay attention to what their child is doing?

They think that if there is money, the child can do anything, there is no problem. Due to one young generation getting addicted to drugs, other youth also become addicted to it after watching it.

Today, out of greed for money, big celebrities promote drugs. Seeing this, the young generation gets influenced by them and they start taking drugs. In this way, TV ads and films are also responsible for pushing today's youth into the quagmire of drugs, in which intoxicants are propagated.

Addiction destroyed a person's life. Life does not run on cigarette smoke but on good thoughts and education. To free the young generation of the country from drugs, many de-addiction centers have been established by the Government of India, which spread awareness among the people to stop drug addiction.

The young generation who have made drugs their addiction. Helps them get rid of their addiction. Additionally, they prosecute people who smuggle drugs or sell drugs illegally. There are many counseling centers which make people who are addicted to drugs aware of the beauty of life.

Is 'trial by media' of sexual predator Russell Brand in Britain justified?

By: Farrukh Dhondy

Yes, there are floods in Libya, earthquakes... trouble all over the world... but the British newspapers are obsessed with stories and reports about a sexual predator called Russell Brand.

And you know what, gentle reader? I think there is a case to be made for their decision to be thus obsessed. Because... because the story is not about this sexual predator -- we have had those before. This Russell Brand has been a TV presenter, stage comedian and has had several national shows on the BBC, Channel 4, with millions of followers on the social media. He has had columns in national newspapers; with reflected fame for being the onetime partner of Jemima Khan....

No, this story is about a notch in the pistol of human rights -- specifically the rights and ability of women victims of sexual abuse to come forward and be represented by the public institutions of Britain who have made it their business to collect evidence against the sexual predator and present it, even before any police investigation takes place.

Let's put this claim (or my ramblings) in context.

The statistics for 2022 show that there were 67,169 cases of rape reported to the police. Of these only 1,276 (2%) were brought to court. The statistics also

demonstrate that most rape victims and rapists knew each other.

This familiarity goes for all the cases that Russell Brand is accused of. Two national newspapers and Channel 4 have, over the last three years, pursued these allegations by women of rape and "sexual overkill" -- by which I mean being forced to do things they don't want to do even though they are voluntarily in Russell Brand's presence or even in his bed.

I watched a part of the Channel 4 documentary outlining the cases, with the darkened victims speaking about their experiences of being forced into sexual activity with Brand who, in each case, was an elevated member of the programme team while his victims were juniors. For instance, he was the linchpin and presenter of Channel 4's programme Big Brother, which the company Endomol produced. His alleged victim was a junior on the production team.

So also, the victims of Brand's sexual assaults who are now treated as serious complainants by Channel 4 and the newspapers -- though not yet the courts -- all alleging that they were juniors in the programmes and stage and TV productions in which he was the star and were in some way fascinated by him. They say he took undue advantage of that subservient fascination and sexually vio-

lated them in one way or another, forcing himself on them or demanding activity from a presumed height of power which they absolutely didn't want. I won't, gentle reader, describe in graphic detail the stuff the documentary and other reports did.

Yes, it's national news and Russell Brand's current tours, stage shows and TV appearances have been suspended.

Frankly, I've never understood Russell Brand's attraction, to TV commissioners, the viewing public or his social media followers. Though I'm perhaps missing something, he always seemed to me a classic manic idiot with staring, glaring, frightening eyes, an unkempt haircut and beard (do look up the Internet and find his images to ascertain what I'm talking about) who talked the most awful gibberish disguised as philosophical musings or even guidance.

But then, as I read and watch this British obsession unfolding, I wonder whether this is a trial by media. Brand, of course, has hired, alleging libel, very famous right-wing lawyers, known to represent the "global elite" which, as a notorious and pathetic conspiracy theorist his blogs and tweets constantly denounced.

In Britain, one is innocent until proved guilty by a court. It now seems that Brand is guilty until a court

proves him innocent. So, is this a trial by media? Or is it justified as an investigation into the "public interest" which is now, laudably, the national cause of female victims of abuse?

Years ago, I had been commissioned to write a TV drama about two British national footballers, Lee Bowyer and Jonathan Woodgate, who had assaulted and hospitalised some Asian students whom they believed had shown them some degree of contempt as meatheads in a Leeds pub. My title for the projected drama was "I Could Murder an Indian", which

is the phrase a certain class of British lads use when they want to eat a curry after ten pints of lager on a Friday evening.

I attended court each day to follow their prosecution, until one day a right-wing newspaper beguiled the father of the Asian victim to give them an interview about the entire assault incident. The paper published it prominently and immediately the defence lawyers pleaded that the evidence in the case had been exposed and would prejudice the jury. The trial was aborted and Bowyer and Woodgate were released. No TV play to write.

Will the publicity around Brand cause the dismissal of any case that the police launch? I doubt it.

The judge will think the prejudice justified.

Increasing significance of including practical courses in academia

By: Vijay GarG

There are different styles of learning that can vary from student to student, but the practical approach to learning is unarguably the best approach known to benefit students largely. Introducing practical courses in the education system has a unique ability to enhance a learner's skills in a non-classroom environment. This makes it crucial for institutes to create and inculcate practical courses in mainstream academics that will help students apply theoretical knowledge in practical and real-life situations and build on skills such as problem-solving and creativity. The idea is to learn through a systematic, practical approach that allows students to think critically, analyse a problem, and develop

appropriate solutions.

There has been a rising urge among new-age learners to adapt to learning patterns that foster the development of multidisciplinary knowledge through practical training programmes. The new breed of learners understands the colossal importance of a hands-on learning curriculum and is proactively seeking to acquire non-theoretical skills to upgrade their skill sets. The old-school system of rote learning is slowly losing its roots, with practical learning gaining dominion and influencing different facets of the education system.

The successful implementation of practical learning programmes requires well-formulated training modules that assist students in expanding their knowledge by enabling them to progress. The goal for students is to take

up challenging and competitive industry roles that require autonomous decision-making and innovative thought processes. This is only possible by advancing learning opportunities through exposure to real-world situations.

Catalyst for evolving learners

Experiential learning is one of the most powerful approaches to learning and allows learners to engage in the 'art of self-experimentation'. The methodology is reflective, enables critical analysis, and is a synthesis of learning processes that enables the creation of future leaders. Institutes are imbibing learning programmes that help students acquire leadership and analytical skills that are of mounting importance in an ever-evolving and dynamic career landscape.

The liberal approach to edu-

cation

A cornerstone of liberal arts education is the interdisciplinary method of learning. This method integrates several disciplines of study and exposes students to a variety of subjects and perspectives. An interdisciplinary liberal approach promotes a blend of academic and experiential learning for a cohesive outcome. It incorporates vital skills such as creative thinking, quantitative literacy, teamwork, problem-solving, ethical reasoning, and intercultural knowledge in mainstream academia. Furthermore, it provides a framework for cumulative progress to ensure that students are well-equipped to address global challenges.

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People of Chammb constituency, Khour celebrate Maharaja Hari Singh's 128 birth anniversary



TOP NEWS REPORT

KHOUR, Sep 23: After 76 years, Jammu and Kashmir observed the second anniversary holiday on the birth anniversary of Dogra monarch Maharaja Hari Singh on Saturday which was marked by cake-cutting and street celebrations in parts of the Jammu region.

The Lieutenant Governor's (L-G) administration last year announced a holiday on the birth anniversary of the Maharaja, who signed the Instrument of Accession with India in 1947 and later shifted outside J&K in 1949 after the popular government saw a rise of Sheikh Muham-

mad Abdullah.

Several groups like All India Rajput Sabhas, Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, All Biradria, Civil Societies from Jammu & Senior leaders of Jammu Region and activists of Jammu-based Yuva Rajput Sabha had been demanding holidays to acknowledge the work of the Maharaja for many years. (YRS) and BJP held street celebrations on Friday night. Leaders of different organisations & parties cut cakes in front of the statue installed in Jammu City. Sweets were distributed by the BJP in the Jammu city at mid-night: Narinder Singh said

"The holiday is a befitting tribute to the Maha-

raja. This is a day of joy for the Duggar society. All should celebrate it like Diwali," BJP leader Narinder Singh said.

He also distributed Halwa and fittles as prashaad on the occasion. BJP activists raised slogans like "Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Amar Rahe" (Long live Maharaja) and "Jai Duggar Jai Dogra" (Victory to Duggar society).

"This is Maharaja's 128th birth anniversary. Entire J&K has participated in the celebrations," BJP State Executive Member & All India Bahu Rajput Sabha President Narinder Singh interacted with the media on the occasion.

Last year there was a

Muted response from J&K regional parties The L-G's move to declare a holiday in J&K last year has neither been opposed nor welcomed by regional parties like the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Meanwhile, the People of Chammb Constituency, Khour paid tributes to the Maharaja on the occasion at their home turfs. All Panches, Sarpanches, Corporators & Municipality Chairman along with Regional leaders & State leaders were presented there.

The place where this function was organised was renamed this park as Maharaja Hari Singh Park, Khour.

Farooq, Omar anguished over loss of lives from Doda in NH mishap near Qazigund

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Party President and MP from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah on Saturday expressed anguish over the death of four people from Kotli, Kastigarh area of Doda district in a fatal road mishap near Qazigund.

Expressing grief over the accident, the NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah said, "I am deeply saddened by the loss of lives in the

fatal road accident. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims' families."

While expressing grief over the incident, Omar said, "I am shocked to learn about the tragic road mishap in Qazigund yesterday. Recurrence of casualties in the region is a matter of great concern, which merits immediate attention from the concerned authorities. I pray for peace to the deceased, speedy recovery to all injured and much needed fortitude to those who lost their loved ones in the

accident. I am sure that the district administration will ensure all possible medical aid to the injured."

Meanwhile General Secretary Haji Ali Mohd Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta, Nasir Aslam Wani Provincial President Kashmir, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Khalid Najeef Suharwardy former minister and Provincial Vice President, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo

former minister and Zone President Chenab Valley, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Dr. Shamshad Shan DDC Chairperson Ramban, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Bashir Ahmed Ronyal DDC, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda Urban, Abdul Qayoom Baghwan District President Doda Rural (Bhad-erwah), Mehboob Iqbal, Abid Magrey District Vice President Ramban, Arif Mir District Secretary Ramban have also expressed shock and grief over the tragic road accident.

JKCA For Blind organises match at Bhadarwah

TOP NEWS REPORT

BHADARWAH, Sep 23: Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association For Blind sponsored by "Saksham Bharat" an NGO district in association with Tamara Resort Nalthi of additional district Bhadarwah organised two days Cricket Match at the College Ground here today.

The sport activity is of its first kind in the entire Chenab Valley region so far as it is meant for the specially abled persons.

Under "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan" Tehsil Social Welfare Department(SWD) Bhadarwah district Doda presented T-Shirts among the participants and refreshments were also distributed among them on this occasion.

During the session, Tehsil Social Welfare



Officer (TSWO Bhadarwah/Thathri) Subash Chander Kotwal provided information and guidance to the participants regarding their health care and well being.

"Social Welfare Department has been frequently organizing such programs and our department has often

organized sports activities so that the youth can stay away from bad habits of drugs and stay healthy," Subash Chander Kotwal said. "This program is of its first kind in Chenab Valley region and is to bring mass awareness and shall conclude on 24th of September 2023," he

further added. The collaborative program was conducted under the supervision of Tehsil Social Welfare Officer (TSWO Bhadarwah/Thathri) Subash Chander Kotwal in the overall guidance of District Social Welfare Officer(DSWO) Doda Tariq Qazi.

KCCI strongly refutes DGFT's contents of notice

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 23: The President, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), Javid Ahmad Tenga expressed shock over Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Public Notice No 31/2023 dated September 20, 2023 by virtue of which The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce has been de-listed from list of agencies authorized to issue certificates of Origin (Non - preferential).

The above referred Public Notice astonishingly states that a trade Notice No

22/2023 dated August 16, 2023 was given to those agencies enlisted under Appendix 2 E of FTB 2023 who have still not On-Boarded on the e-CoO platform for issuance of Certificate of Origin (Non-Preferential) to complete their On-Boarding by 31st of August.

The notice further states that 32 agencies (KCCI included) failed to respond to the DGFT or initiate any action for On-Boarding on the e-CoO platform despite follow ups and reminders.

The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce strongly

refutes DGFT's contents of the notice. Wherein it states that it issued notices and reminders to the agencies mentioned in the Delisted Notice. Why such an important organisation resorts to reasons for de-listing is quite baffling. In fact KCCI never received any communication/ notification for on-boarding on DGFT Platform. Notably the first notification, as KCCI has now learnt, had been issued on 19-02-2021 vide notice no 42/2022-2021 followed by a couple of other extension notices. But the 99 year and one of the oldest Chambers

of India neither received nor had any knowledge about. In fact The KCCI learnt about it only after the delisting notice.

The KCCI is lead to believe that its delisting was pre-determined given the contents of the notice which is all but facts which the Chamber will strongly fight at all levels. It has already raised the matter with DGFT and other authorities. In the meantime, KCCI is facilitating exporters in obtaining Certificate of Origin, any exporter desirous of obtaining Certificate of Origin can visit KCCI for the purpose.

Lack of doctors, basic facilities, ambulance at PHC Waltangoo irk local populace; Admin silent

TOP NEWS REPORT

KULGAM, Sep 23: The residents of Waltangoo and adjoining villages of Kund area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Saturday complained about inadequate healthcare and lack of basic diagnostic facilities at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Waltangoo Kund.

The residents said that the health centre was inadequately staffed due to which patient care had been badly hit.

They blamed the concerned authorities for their "insensitive attitude" towards the centre and alleged that the health centre lacks basic infrastructure required for its smooth functioning.

The residents said that only a few paramedics and a few doctors were posted here which was telling upon the smooth functioning of the Primary health centre (PHC) Waltangoo established in 1961.

A local resident

Showkat Ahmad said that the PHC centre was of no use because of lack of facilities and dearth of staff which leaves residents to suffer. He also said that a handful of doctors and staff members were not sufficient for over 15 villages of Waltangoo kund. "I am unable to figure out how several paramedics and a doctor are drawing salary from this centre despite managing to attach themselves to different health centers," Showkat alleged. "The authorities are doing nothing to make them accountable."

Residents of Waltangoo alleged that in absence of X-ray and diagnostic testing facilities here, patients prefer to visit the District Hospital Kulgam or Qazigund.

"Due to non-availability of a gynecologist, pregnancy care is also hit badly and women of the area face severe hardships," said another local Mohd Yousuf of

Waltangoo. The residents also complained about non-availability of a dental surgeon and paramedical staff.

The dental surgeon posted here but he was attached in other place, for last many years and his replacement had not been sent.

Primarily, the PHC was allotted with an ambulance but later after a couple of years that also was taken away, another PHC hospital "locals said that the residents are facing immense hardships due to lack of basic facilities in the PHC Waltangoo.

"Deputing a sole doctor in the PHC is not enough to tackle the rush of villages. Thus more doctors should be deputed here so that the residents here could heave a sigh of relief," another resident said.

The residents said that that people in the area are aware that the PHC doesn't have proper facilities and therefore

the patients avoid visiting the PHC.

Residents also said that number of posts is lying vacant in PHC including pharmacist, lab technician, paramedical staff, x-ray technician and others.

They requested Lieutenant Governor J&K Shri Manoj Sinha led district administration to look into the matter and redress their grievances so that people may heave a sigh of relief.

Despite repeated attempts Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kulgam, Mohammad Rafiq could not be contacted for the comments as he didn't respond to the repeated phone calls of this reporter.

Meanwhile, When Contacted to Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam Vikar Ahmad Giri, said that "he would take up the issue with the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kulgam and the issue will be sorted out as soon as possible", he said.

APSCC to carry out mass contact programme across valley

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 23: The Sikh leadership under the banner of All Party Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) has decided to carry out a mass contact programme across the Kashmir valley.

In this regard from next week the members of the community would visit each and every village of Kashmir valley for mass contact with the Sikh community, APSCC Chairman, Jagmohan Singh Raina said.

Neither the successive governments of Jammu & Kashmir nor the people at the centre have resolved the issues of the Sikh community despite the fact that the community is a minority community. Over the last many decades we have been meeting the people at helm with legitimate demands of the Sikh community.

Chief Ministers of the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir state and governors were contacted with the hope that there would be light at the end which was not to be. Every time our issues were given a cold shoulder with the people at the helm being so arrogant and they were not ready to listen to our genuine demands leave alone finding a solution to the problems being confronted by the community members.

As the elections are round the corner we at APSCC have decided to change the strategy and we will no longer support candidate of any party whatsoever.

Since the mass contact programme would be carried out across the length and breadth of the state we will find out probable candidates with the first preference being the local body elections that can be announced at any point of time. Instead of beating around the bush we will come up with candidates among the community. This will ensure that the power lies with the community itself and it would not be used as a vote bank fur-

thermore.

However, in this whole scenario we will seek the support of the majority community as we have shared happiness and sorrow with the members of the majority community during turmoil and crises. We have been with them through thick and thin and we will seek their support for the candidate where we feel that our candidate has a fair chance of winning. I am sure the people will support us and as such the strong bond of Kashmiriyat will be there forever.

Sikhs suffered huge economical losses after leaving villages and having to settle down in city, district headquarters and towns for safety in turmoil. Although, Sikhs were entitled to the packages, the other community which has been declared as a minority exploited the situation and got successive packages. It is extremely unfortunate that packages meant for minorities that did not migrate were manipulated and these were changed for the benefit of the favourite minority.

The Delimitation Commission that was set up to ensure that justice is meted out to the various groups and communities lost its relevance after the LG administration of Jammu & Kashmir recommended reservation of two seats for a particular community. The same has not been liked by anybody in Kashmir. Members of the Delimitation Commission after meeting us assured that our genuine demand of reservation in Jammu & Kashmir assembly would be looked into with all the seriousness but the same turned out to be a hoax at the end of the day.

Year after year over the past couple of decades we have been virtually pleading for the extension of National Commission for Minorities to Jammu & Kashmir but here too we have been ditched. This is despite the fact that following the abrogation of Article 370 many central laws have been intro-

duced in Jammu & Kashmir but the National Minority Act has not been implemented for the reasons best known to the people at helm.

The re-introduction of Punjabi language in the schools, colleges and universities has not been taken up seriously by the concerned department. Adding insult to the injury the posts of teachers and lecturers have been converted and abolished. There are many schools both government as private where hundreds of Sikhs are studying but still then they are being denied to study Punjabi even though as an optional subject.

The central government and union territory administration is serious towards establishment and reshaping of Waqf Board, Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine Board, Amarnath Yatra but no seriousness is being shown in the implementation of Gurdwara Endowment Act. Despite the intervention of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha the election of Jammu & Kashmir Gurdwara Parbandhak Board could not be conducted.

For last so many years the APSCC had been supporting different political parties from time to time with the hope that the Sikh minority will get its due share and its demands would be fulfilled. However, this never happened and the APSCC has now decided to boycott the political parties and their leaders. Instead we will come up with young and energetic people from within the community so that some difference is made with respect to the fortunes of the community members.

Besides APSCC Chairman, Jagmohan Singh Raina others including Principal Niranjan Singh, Ex President GPC Pulwama, Sant Singh, Indumet Singh, Devinder Singh, and Gurudwara committee members from Kashmir valley including Navtej Singh, Engg. Jetinder Singh, Jasbir Singh, Sukhbir Singh, Harpal Singh, Nishant Singh.

Haven't seen 'The Kashmir Files', 'The Kerala Story': Filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj

The directed filmmaker says didn't watch these films consciously, wanted to stay out of such sensitive subjects

National award-winning filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj says he didn't watch movies like "The Kashmir Files" and "The Kerala Story" as he wanted to stay out of such sensitive subjects.

Both "The Kashmir Files" (2022) and "The Kerala Story" (2023) were huge commercial hits but kicked up a political storm with many in the Opposition calling them propaganda films.

"I didn't see 'The Kashmir Files', 'The Kerala Story' and I didn't see them consciously. The kind of things I was hearing about these films, I didn't want to get impacted by it. I was hearing that they are propaganda films from my friends and people I know..."

"So, I just wanted to stay out of it because, for me, it is a very sensitive subject. If there's so much negativity I want to remain out of this negativity, I love my peace. So, I didn't want to see them," the filmmaker, who won critical acclaim for depict-



ing the Kashmir conflict in his Shahid Kapoor and Abu-Starrer "Haider", told agency in an interview.

"The Kashmir Files", starring Anupam Kher, Darshan Kumar, Mithun Chakraborty, and Pallavi Joshi in major roles, revolved around the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley in the 1990s. It was directed by Vivek Agnihotri.

"The Kerala Story", helmed by Sudipto Sen, depicted how

women from Kerala were forced to convert and recruited by the terror group Islamic State (IS).

Bhardwaj urged his fellow filmmakers to deal "sensitively" with stories that are inspired from real-life tragic incidents.

"I want my community of filmmakers to treat such stories sensitively and not use it as propaganda," he added.

Asked whether the objective of filmmaking has changed over the years in Hindi cinema, the

58-year-old writer-director said it is bound to as society is also changing.

"Cinema is such a thing that you can use it the way you want. If people are accepting it and seeing it, then we should accept that people are changing. We are changing as a society," he added.

Citing numerous tragic lynching incidents that have occurred in the country, Bhardwaj said people now don't seem as affected by them as they would earlier.

"Did we ever think that we will get used to the news of lynching? Earlier, when it happened, we were like, 'How can this mobocracy happen? How can some people gather and kill someone? Where is law enforcement? Where is the law?' Now, we are used to this. Now, it is like, 'Lynching has happened here or there'. It doesn't affect us because we are accepting it. We are not reacting to it anymore," he said.

Family venture: Shruti Haasan says she is collaborating with father Kamal Haasan for a 'musical project'



Shruti Haasan, who is known for films such as Veera Simha Reddy, Waltair Veerayya, Gabbar is Back, Puli and is awaiting the

release of her upcoming film Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire, is all set to collaborate with her father, the legendary Kamal Haasan for a

project. The actress recently hosted an Ask Me Question session where one of her fan questioned her about any update on the project with her father.

Shruti said, "It's a musical project and we are going to announce it very soon on what it is! I am really excited."

Previously, the legendary actor gave the audience a hint about this project during an award function in Dubai and mentioned that Raaj Kamal Film International and Shruti Haasan were working on a new musical project. Shruti had previously released two independent singles, Edge and She Is A Hero, which received appreciation from the audience. The actress is planning to release her third single soon.

Shruti will be seen playing a lead role in the much awaited Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire alongside Prabhas.

Sonam Kapoor to attend Milan Fashion Week for Hugo Boss

Actor Sonam Kapoor is all set to attend Milan Fashion Week 2023.

She has been invited by Hugo Boss.

Recently, celebrities like Scarlett Johansson, Sofia Richie and Emma Watson marked their presence at the ongoing Milan Fashion Week.

It opened on Wednesday, kicking off six days of shows by the top names in Italian fashion with expectations high for the debut by Gucci's new creative director.

Meanwhile, on the film front, Sonam was recently seen in the film 'Blind' directed by Shome Makhija and also starring Purab Kohli, Vinay Pathak, and Lillete Dubey in prominent roles.

The film marked Sonam's return to acting after a maternity break.

Sonam has signed two new projects.

The actor said recently, "I took two years off as I was pregnant and then wanted to take some time off with my



son. Two years are not done yet and I have signed onto two projects - one show and one film that I will start working on. It will release in another year, because

that is how films work. Then my idea is to do two pieces of content every year, that's it, not more because I want to spend time with my family as well."

Gippy Grewal invites Salman Khan at 'Maujaan Hi Maujaan' trailer launch for a reason

Bollywood's superstar, Salman Khan, received a special invitation that set the stage for an unforgettable cinematic moment. He was invited to unveil the trailer of the highly anticipated Punjabi film 'Maujaan Hi Maujaan,' adding a touch of star power to the grand event. The trailer launch event, held in the bustling city of Mumbai, was an electrifying affair.

When Gippy Grewal, a celebrated name in Punjabi film industry, extended a special invitation to Bollywood's megastar Salman Khan for this trailer launch, it wasn't just a gesture of star power. There was a clear and deliberate purpose behind this collaboration, aiming to bridge the worlds of Punjabi and Bollywood cinema.

Amidst the glittering lights and enthusiastic fans, Gippy Grewal, the leading face of 'Maujaan Hi Maujaan,' expressed his reason for inviting influential Bollywood stars like Aamir Khan and Salman Khan to launch the trailers of his films. For Grewal, this strategic collaboration aimed not only to boost the reach of his movie trailers, but also to elevate the stature of Punjabi cinema on a broader stage.

Gippy Grewal shared his



perspective, stating, "The Bollywood industry has shown immense support for Punjabi cinema. I firmly believe that for any industry to thrive, concerted efforts are vital. It's essential to venture into new territories, reaching out to audiences who may not yet be familiar with our work. During the trailer launch of 'Carry On Jatta 3', Aamir Khan's endorsement drew substantial attention to our film. Now, with Salman Khan gracing us with his presence for 'Maujaan Hi Maujaan,' we anticipate an even wider audience. When the content is exceptional, promoting it through influential figures

significantly enhances the film's reach."

Salman Khan, who made a grand entrance at the trailer launch, was welcomed with the rhythmic beats of traditional 'dhol.' Dressed in a striking olive green shirt paired with golden jeans, the 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' actor added an extra layer of glamour to the occasion.

However, beyond the glitz and glamour, Salman Khan shared his profound perspective on the changing dynamics of the film industry. He remarked, "Everything is going to be Rs 400-600 crore plus now for the Punjabi industry, Hindi industry,

every industry. Even Marathi films are doing those numbers right now. Even Marathi films are achieving these significant numbers right now. Essentially, people are returning to theaters to watch movies. I believe that Rs 100 crore will no longer be a major milestone; the benchmark should be Rs 1,000 crore for a film in today's scenario."

Salman Khan's words echoed the evolving aspirations of the film industry, where reaching the coveted Rs 1,000 crore mark has become the new frontier of success.

As the curtain rises on 'Maujaan Hi Maujaan,' a slice-of-life family entertainer directed by Smeep Kang and produced by Amardeep Grewal, audiences can anticipate a blend of laughter, entertainment, and a fresh cinematic experience.

The film is all set to hit theaters on October 20, with Gippy Grewal's promise that this one is his best so far.

The movie boasts of a stellar cast featuring Binu Dhillon, Karamjit Anmol, Jimmy Sharma, Tanu Grewal and Hashneen Chauhan in prominent roles, all set to deliver an extraordinary cinematic experience as they said at the trailer launch.

Noble aims: Get set for Kavya – Ek Jazbaa, Ek Junoon



Sony Entertainment Television is coming up with a new show titled

Kavya – Ek Jazbaa, Ek Junoon. It is a compelling narrative of an

inspirational character, Kavya, an IAS Officer whose ambition is to serve the nation and stand by the common man.

Television star Sumbul Touqeer Khan portrays the titular role, embodying the essence of a resolute and passionate woman who fearlessly makes difficult choices to stay true to her goals. She is joined by Mishkat Varma, who plays the role of Adiraj Pradhan, a genuine advocate of feminism, who crosses paths with Kavya at the Civil Service Academy. Anuj Sullere skillfully takes on the role of Shubham, Kavya's fiancé. Despite his deep affection for Kavya and her aspiration to become an IAS officer, he asks her to choose between their relationship and career. When confronted with this challenge, Kavya is steadfast in her resolve to be an IAS officer and goes to the extent of breaking her engagement.

Emotionally challenging: Aastha Sharma talks about her role in Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan



Colors' show Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan is a compelling social drama that has captivated the attention of viewers since its launch. Aastha Sharma, who is playing Neerja in the show, says, "As an actor, portraying Neerja has been the most rewarding yet emotionally challenging experience for me. I don't know what I would have done if I was in her place. The ground beneath her feet is crumbling now that she learns the truth about how her mother earned a livelihood. Even if she did it all for Neerja's sake that doesn't make the betrayal any less haunting and devastating. Depicting these different stages of emotional turmoil has helped me grow as an actor. I'm more empathetic now. I thank the viewers for showering so much love on Neerja and the show."

Custody battle: Urvashi Dholakia returns to Pushpa Impossible

Urvashi Dholakia's powerful return as Devi Singh Shekhawat, the brilliant lawyer in Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible, is driven by a new-found purpose.

Initially hesitant to take up the custody case, Devi witnesses the trouble Mahendra and Pushpa are in and agrees to take on their case.

Urvashi Dholakia, who plays the character of Devi Singh, said, "Pushpa Impossible is an impactful show that beautifully portrays the strength of family bonds, where individuals always stand by each other in difficult times.

The excitement of returning to the show is very high, as the viewers expressed a strong desire to see me back in this role.

It's heartwarming to be part of a show that resonates deeply with its audience and emphasises the significance of support within a community."



PM Modi lays foundation stone of international cricket stadium in Varanasi

Rs 121 crore spent by UP government to acquire the land; Rs 330 crore to be spent by BCCI on its construction

VARANASI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of an international cricket stadium in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi on Saturday.

Former India cricketers, Sachin Tendulkar and Ravi Shastri, BCCI President Roger Binny, its vice-president Rajiv Shukla and secretary Jay Shah were present on the occasion. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also attended the function.

The Uttar Pradesh govern-



ment said that it has spent Rs 121 crore to acquire the land for the stadium while the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will spend Rs 330 crore on its construction.

To be built near the Ring Road in Rajatalab area, the stadium is likely to be ready by December 2025.

The spectators' gallery of the stadium would resemble the steps of the ghats of Varanasi.

This will be Uttar Pradesh's third international cricket stadium after Kanpur and Lucknow.

PM to flag off 9 Vande Bharat Express trains on Sunday



NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Sunday flag off nine Vande Bharat trains connecting religious and tourist destinations across 11 states.

The nine trains will provide faster connectivity across 11 states -- Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand and Gujarat.

The PM will flag off the trains through video conferencing.

The new Vande Bharat trains will run between: Udaipur -- Jaipur;

Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai; Hyderabad -- Bengaluru; Vijayawada -- Chennai (via Renigunta); Patna -- Howrah;

Kasaragod -- Thiruvananthapuram; Rourkela - Bhubaneswar -- Puri;

Ranchi -- Howrah; and Jamnagar-Ahmedabad. These trains are a step

towards realising Prime Minister's vision of improving connectivity across the country and providing world class facilities to rail passengers, an official statement said.

"The Vande Bharat trains will be the fastest train along the routes of their operation and will help save considerable time of the passengers," it said.

As compared to the current fastest train along the route, Rourkela - Bhubaneswar -- Puri and Kasaragod - Thiruvananthapuram, the Vande Bharat trains will cut travel time between respective destinations by about three hours;

Hyderabad -- Bengaluru by more than 2.5 hours;

Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai by more than 2 hours.

The travel time between Ranchi -- Howrah and Patna -- Howrah and Jamnagar-

Ahmedabad will be reduced by about one hour when compared with the fastest trains currently available between these destinations.

The travel time between Udaipur - Jaipur will be reduced by about half an hour.

The Rourkela - Bhubaneswar -- Puri and Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai trains will connect important religious towns of Puri and Madurai.

Also, the Vijayawada -- Chennai Vande Bharat Express will operate via the Renigunta route and will provide connectivity to Tirupati pilgrimage centre.

The introduction of these Vande Bharat trains will herald a new standard of rail service in the country, the statement said.

These trains, equipped with world class amenities and advanced safety features, including Kavach technology, will be a key step towards providing modern, speedy and comfortable means of travel to common people, professionals, businessmen, student community and tourists, it added.

Language of laws and judicial proceedings key to ensuring access to justice: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Noting that language plays an important role in ensuring access to justice, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said laws should be in the language understood by the common man.

"If a doctor talks to the patient in the patient's language, half of his problems are gone even before his treatment begins," the Prime Minister said, inaugurating the Bar Council of India's two-day International Lawyers Conference on 'Emerging Challenges in Justice Delivery System' here. "There are two ways in which laws can be presented -- one, in the language

you're used to; and second, the language which is understood by the common man of the country...The common man should feel that the law is his own. We are trying to find a solution to that. The language in which laws are written and the language in which judicial proceedings are conducted...it plays a huge role in ensuring access to justice," Modi said.

"I congratulate CJI DY Chandrachud for making available operative parts of judgments in litigants' languages...It took us 75 years for this small task," he said, terming it a big change in the justice delivery.

Talking about the problems

faced by the international community, the PM said various countries should come together to find solutions. "We're fighting against many forces that don't care for borders and jurisdictions. Whether it's cyber terrorism, money-laundering, artificial intelligence or its misuse, we need a global framework to deal with these issues...When the dangers are global, the solutions also should be global," Modi said.

"It's not one government which can tackle them. Legal systems of different countries need to work together...Just like we work together for air traffic control we must also have global

frameworks in different areas," the PM said.

Organised in association with the Bar Council of England and Wales, the Law Society of England and Wales, and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, the two-day conference will end on September 24.

The inaugural event was also graced by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, BCI Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra and a large number of Indian and foreign delegates, including judges and lawyers.

If we imagine 'Ram Rajya', it should have good and free education, healthcare for all: Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): If one imagines 'Ram Rajya', it should have good and free education and healthcare for all, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Saturday.

Addressing a gathering at an event here, he also said that everybody should have access to good education and healthcare and the AAP-led Delhi government is trying to work in that direction.

He inaugurated a new OPD building of the Delhi Government-run Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital on Saturday and also interacted with the



patients there.

Healthcare and education are the focus areas of the Delhi Government and expansion is going on in a major way, he said, adding that there are currently around 10,000 beds at all city government-run hospitals put together.

Eleven new hospitals are being built and the infrastructure of old facilities is being upgraded, he said, adding 16,000 new beds will be added.

Referring to the upcoming Dusshera and Diwali festivals, the Delhi chief minister said, "We worship Lord Ram."

"'Ram Rajya' is being spoken of. I cannot say that we can reach near 'Ram Rajya'.

But if we imagine 'Ram Rajya', it should have good and free education and good and free healthcare for all," Kejriwal said.

Good education and healthcare should be there for all, whether rich or poor and "our government is trying to work in that direction", he added.

Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj and senior officials of the Health Department were also present on the occasion.

After renaming Nehru Memorial Museum, Centre makes a case to reclaim Indira Gandhi Memorial



NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): After renaming the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Soci-

ety as Prime Minister Museum and Library Society on the 77th Independence Day, the Central Government is making a case to reclaim 1, Safdarjung Road that houses the Indira Gandhi Memorial.

Union Minister for Rural Development Giriraj Singh on Saturday demanded that since the National Capital now housed a memorial to all past fifteen prime ministers 1, Safdarjung Road should be returned to the government.

"I demand that the #DynasticDens all over India need to be assessed and rationalised. For starters, the 1, Safdarjung Road complex be immediately transferred back to the Government of

India considering all Prime Ministers have their space at the PM Museum now," Singh said on X indicating a possible move to take back Indira Gandhi Memorial now.

The Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum was the residence of the former Prime Minister of India. It was later converted into a museum. One can see the collection of rare photographs of the Nationalist movement, the personal moments of the Nehru-Gandhi family and her childhood.

She was assassinated there on 31 October 1984, by two of her bodyguards, while going towards the neighbouring 1, Akbar Road Congress office for an interview.

Gujarat gov announces relief package for farmers in districts affected by Narmada river flooding

Several areas in Gujarat were inundated due to heavy rains in the upper reaches of Narmada and the release of a massive amount of water from the Sardar Sarovar dam last week.

AHMEDABAD, Sep 23 (Agencies): The Gujarat government Saturday announced a special relief package for farmers hit by an overflowing Narmada river in Bharuch, Narmada and Vadodara districts between September 16 and September 18.

Based on a report on the estimated damages caused to standing crops in the three districts due to flooding caused by the river, the government has decided to provide a special relief package from the state budget in addition to the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to help farmers against their losses, it said.

The government said that the benefit of the package will be given to farmers who have incurred 33 per cent or more loss of agricultural and horticultural crops for the kharif season



2023-24 in the villages declared as affected by the district administration, subject to a cap of two hectares.

For non-irrigated agricultural crops, affected farmers will get a relief package of Rs 8,500 per hectare as per the SDRF norms.

For irrigated agriculture and rainfed horticulture crops, they will get Rs 8,000 in addition to Rs 17,000 per hectare as per SDRF norms, it said.

For perennial crops, the assistance will be Rs 15,000 per hectare in addition to Rs 22,500 paid as per the SDRF

norms. Similarly, for 33 per cent or more of perennial horticultural crops uprooted or fallen per hectare, the farmers will be eligible for an assistance of Rs 1,02,500 in addition to Rs 22,500 paid as per SDRF norms, it said.

Those affected farmers who want to avail of the assistance package have to apply online on the 'Digital Gujarat Portal' by October 31, 2023, the government said.

Assistance under this special relief package and other ancillary

payments will be made through direct benefit transfer (DBT) into the bank account of the beneficiaries, it said.

Several areas in Gujarat were inundated due to heavy rains in the upper reaches of Narmada and the release of a massive amount of water from the Sardar Sarovar dam last week.

Congress has called it a "man-made disaster" and demanded an investigation by a special investigation team (SIT) into the management of the dam apart from assistance to affected people.

A K Antony's wife's video justifying son's BJP entry goes viral

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Sep 23 (Agencies): A purported video in which veteran Congress leader A K Antony's wife Elizabeth is seen justifying their elder son's recent entry into the BJP has gone viral on social media platforms, putting the Congress party in a fix in Kerala.

In the video, released on the YouTube channel of a Christian meditation centre, an emotional Elizabeth could be seen admitting that she knew about the invitation Anil Antony received from the saffron party much earlier.

Claiming that her son got the new opportunity in politics because of the intercessory prayers, she said it had also helped resolve the issues that cropped up in the family due to his unexpected entry into the BJP.

She said though both her sons wanted to join politics, the resolution passed by the Congress party in its recent Chintan Shivir against dynasty politics was a setback.



She said she prayed intensely for the good future of her son and then she received a call from Anil.

"My son turned 39... He called me and said he got a call from the Prime Minister's Office, and they asked him to join the BJP," Antony's wife said in the video.

She said she and her family lived and believed in the Congress Party, but her son told her that he would get good opportunities if he joins the BJP.

She said though she had contempt for the BJP, it was later changed

through prayers, and she didn't reveal Anil's decision to join the BJP to anyone in the family.

However, Elizabeth admitted that Anil's BJP entry became a shock to A K Antony when he came to know about it through TV channels four days later.

She said Antony admitted his son's decision later and asked him to come home whenever he wanted, on the condition that politics should not be discussed in the house.

In the video, she was also seen saying that Antony became

a member in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) due to her prayers.

Various news channels telecast Elizabeth's video, which went viral on social media platforms as well.

The Congress leadership, A K Antony or Anil Antony were yet to react to the matter.

Anil Antony, son of former Defence Minister A K Antony, had joined the BJP in April this year.

After joining the saffron party, he slammed a section of the Congress leadership for "serving the interests of a single family" instead of working for the country.

Anil, who headed the Kerala Congress' digital media cell before quitting the party earlier this year, was welcomed into the BJP by Union ministers Piyush Goyal and V Muraleedharan, as the ruling party seeks to increase its foothold in the southern state.

A K Antony, a close confidant of former Congress president Sonia Gandhi, had termed his son's action "wrong" and "very painful" for him.

Taiwan factory fire leaves at least five dead, more than 100 injured

The fire began on Friday night at the factory in Pingtung County and raged overnight. Three firefighters were among the dead, authorities said.

TAIPEI, Sep 23 (Agencies): A fire and subsequent explosions at a golf ball factory in southern Taiwan killed at least five people and injured more than 100 others, and five people are still missing.

The fire began on Friday night at the factory in Pingtung County and raged overnight. Three firefighters were among the dead, authorities said.

Rescuers were still looking for four factory workers and one firefighter who remained unaccounted for, officials said. More than 100 people were taken to the hospital with injuries.

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen



in a speech in Taipei on Saturday expressed her condolences to the families of the victims and said she would travel to Pingtung to visit those affected by the disaster, according to

Taiwanese news outlet Focus Taiwan.

Tsai said the Pingtung County government had set up an emergency operation centre to offer assistance to those impacted by

the fire.

Chou Chun-mi, magistrate of Pingtung County, said in a Facebook post that the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

"Facing the grief of the family members, I could not say anything except to bow deeply, apologize, and express my deepest condolences," she said in the post, after visiting the funeral home and meeting with victims' families.

Authorities said that natural gas may have contributed to the explosions, which occurred as firefighters were attempting to put out the fire.

China an existential threat to US: Nikki Haley



WASHINGTON, Sep 23 (Agencies): Describing China as an "existential threat" to the US and the world, Indian-American Republican presidential aspirant Nikki Haley has claimed Beijing is "preparing for war".

China has spent half a century plotting to defeat America and in some respects, the Chinese military is already at par with the US armed forces, Haley said in a major policy speech on the economy in the key early primary State of New Hampshire.

Her speech comes two days after her India - American Republican rival Vivek Ramaswamy delivered a foreign policy speech on China in Ohio. Both Haley and Ramaswamy have emerged as popular GOP candidates after former US president Donald Trump.

"Strength and pride are essential to our national survival, especially in the face of Communist China. China is an existential threat. It has spent half a century plotting to defeat us," Haley said.

She alleged that China has taken America's manufacturing jobs.

"It's taken our trade secrets. Now it's taking control of critical industries, from medicines to advanced technology. In record time, China has gone from an economically backward country to the second

biggest economy on earth," she said.

"It has every intention of being the first. And the Communist Party's motives are clear. They're building a massive, cutting-edge military, capable of threatening America and dominating Asia and beyond," the former two-term South Carolina governor said.

"In some respects, China's military is already equal to the US armed forces. In other areas, they're beating us. China's leaders are so confident, they're sending spy balloons into our skies and building a spy base just off our shores in Cuba.

"Make no mistake: The Communist Party is preparing for war. And China's leaders intend to win," she claimed.

Sharing her economic plan, Haley said it includes giving real relief and financial freedom to middle-class Americans. Every middle-class family will get thousands of dollars in tax relief, she said.

"No one knows how to use your money better than you, no one. When you make your own choices, you make our economy even stronger," she said.

"For starters, we'll completely eliminate the federal gas and diesel tax. That is 18 cents per gallon in savings on gas and 24 cents on diesel. That will help families struggling with record-high

gas prices.

"And we don't need a federal gas tax to fund our roads. We'll keep building our roads with the trillions Washington still has and we'll stop diverting money to green giveaways. Road money should build roads, not bike paths and hiking trails," she added.

If elected president of the country, Haley said, she would also cut income taxes for working families.

She said her administration would also eliminate President Joe Biden's USD 500 billion in green energy subsidies. "No more cash windfalls for China," she said.

The former US ambassador to the UN said she would veto any spending bill that doesn't take the US back to pre-Covid spending levels.

"We're not talking about 1950s spending levels, we're talking about just four years ago. We had a massive - and in many ways a foolish - explosion in spending during the pandemic. But the pandemic is over. It's absurd to keep spending at those same crazy levels," she said.

"Under my plan, we won't just have term limits for politicians, we will limit bureaucrats too. No bureaucrat should hold the same position for more than five years.

"This will make them better public servants and avoid the politics and power fiefdoms that corrupt our government. And we should be able to fire those who are not performing. Public service is a privilege, not a right. And no one has a right to roll back your freedom," Haley said.

Taiwan flags concerns over China's drills, says situation 'getting out of hand'

Taiwan expressed concerns about China's rising military drills around the island and said the situation was "getting out of hand". China claims democratically governed Taiwan as its territory.

TAIPEI, Sep 23 (Agencies): The increased frequency of China's military activities around Taiwan recently has raised the risk of events "getting out of hand" and sparking an accidental clash, the island's defence minister said on Saturday.

Taiwan has said the past two weeks has seen dozens of fighters, drones, bombers and other aircraft, as well as warships and the Chinese carrier, the Shandong, operating nearby.

China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, has in recent years carried out many such drills around the island, seeking to assert its sovereignty claims and pressure Taipei.

Asked by reporters on the sidelines of Parliament whether there was a risk of an accidental incident sparking a broader conflict given the frequency of the Chinese activities, Taiwan Defence Minister Chiu Kuo-cheng said, "This is something

we are very worried about."

Warships from China's southern and eastern theatre commands have been operating together off Taiwan's east coast, he added.

"The risks of activities involving aircraft, ships, and weapons will increase, and both sides must pay attention," Chiu said.

China has not commented about the drills around Taiwan, and its defence ministry has not responded to requests for comment.

Chiu said that when the Shandong was out at sea, which Taiwan first reported on September 11, it was operating as the "opposing force" in the drills. Ministry spokesman Sun Li-fang added that China's Eastern Theatre Command forces were the "attacking force", simulating a battle scenario.

Taiwan's traditional military planning for a potential conflict has been to use its mountainous east coast, especially the



two major airbases there, as a place to regroup and preserve its forces, given it does not directly face China, unlike the island's west coast.

But China has increasingly been flexing its muscles off Taiwan's east coast, and generally displaying its ability to operate much further away from China's own coastline.

China normally performs large-scale exercises from July to September, Taiwan's defence ministry has said.

On Saturday, the ministry said China had largely dialled back its drills, reporting that it had only spotted two Chinese aircraft operating in its air defence zone over the previous 24 hour period.

Taiwan has frequently said that it would remain calm and not escalate the situation, but that it won't allow "repeated provocations" from China, whose forces have so far not entered Taiwan's territorial seas or airspace.

US delegation in Armenia to show support for Karabakh

YEREVAN, Sep 23 (Agencies): A US congressional delegation was meeting Armenia's leaders on Saturday to express support in the wake of protests rocking the small Caucasus nation after Azerbaijan reclaimed control over disputed Nagorno-Karabakh.

The US embassy said the group will meet Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and a handful of other officials "to discuss US-Armenian relations and the impact of Azerbaijan's recent military actions on the Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh".

The United States has a large Armenian community that fervently supports Yerevan in its decades-long standoff with Baku over the ethnically Armenian enclave.

The visit comes as Pashinyan tries to survive the latest wave of protests against his tumultuous rule.

Pashinyan led Armenia when Azerbaijan first seized back large swathes of Nagorno-Karabakh in a six-week war three years ago.

That defeat sparked violent demonstrations in Yerevan that saw protesters ransack Pashinyan's office.



declared dead at 10pm, and suspected to have died of heart attack, French news outlet 'The Connexion' reported.

The woman had died mid-air but the passenger realised it after the flight landed.

Confirming the death, British Airways told Daily Mail: "Sadly, a customer passed away on a flight from London Heathrow to Nice. Our thoughts are with the customer's family at this difficult time."

London woman thought to be sleeping on flight was dead

LONDON, Sep 23 (Agencies): A 73-year old woman on board a British Airways flight from London to Nice, who was thought to be asleep, was dead, the media reported.

Fellow passengers got concerned when they were unable to wake up the elderly woman after which they alerted the crew.

The crew in turn informed the paramedics who tried to revive her but in vain.

The woman was

If US Has To Pick India Or Canada, It Will Choose...: Ex Pentagon Official

WASHINGTON, Sep 23 (Agencies): Stating that Justin Trudeau's allegations have led to "greater danger" for Canada than India, former Pentagon official Michael Rubin said that if the United States has to choose between Ottawa and New Delhi, it will surely choose the latter as the relationship is "too important".

He said that India is far more important strategically than Canada is and Ottawa picking up a fight with India is like "an ant picking up a fight against an elephant".

While referring to the poor approval ratings of Justin Trudeau, Mr Rubin added that he is not long for the premiership, and the US can rebuild the relationship after he is gone.

"Prime Minister Trudeau I think has made a huge mistake. He has made allegations in a manner which he hasn't been able to back. Either he was shooting from the hip and he doesn't have the evidence to support the accusations he made against the government. There is something there, in which case he needs to explain why this government was sheltering a terrorist," the former Pentagon official said.

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist in India, was gunned down outside a Gurdwara, in a parking area in Canada's Surrey, British Columbia on June 18.

"I suspect that the United States doesn't want to be painted a corner to choose between two friends. But if we have to choose between two friends, increasingly we're going to choose India on this matter, simply because Nijjar was a ter-



rorist, and India is too important. Our relationship is too important," Michael Rubin said while speaking to news agency.

"Justin Trudeau probably isn't long for the Canadian premiership, and then we can rebuild the relationship after he's gone," he added.

Michael Rubin who is also a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he specializes in Iran, Turkey, and South Asia, said: "As a former consumer of intelligence, I can say that oftentimes the intelligence we see whether it's a telephone intercept or something else, isn't as black and white, isn't as cut and dry. I mean, certainly, that was the case with regard to the Iraq War."

He further added: "So when you have a situation like this, perhaps Prime Minister Trudeau raised the issue, but there wasn't necessarily consensus on what he meant. And regardless, let's not fool ourselves, Nijjar was not simply a plumber, any more than Osama bin Laden was a construction engineer. He had blood on his hands from multiple attacks."

Responding to the possibility of whether the US will publicly

intervene in the matter, Mr Rubin said, "Frankly, there's a much greater danger for Canada than India. If Canada wants to pick a fight, frankly, at this point, it's like an ant picking a fight against an elephant and the fact that matter is India is the world's largest democracy. It's far more important strategically, arguably than Canada is, especially as concern grows with regard to China and other matters in the Indian Ocean basin, and in the Pacific."

The India-Canada ties soured further after Canadian PM Justin Trudeau alleged India's role behind the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. This was followed by both countries expelling a senior diplomat in a tit-for-tat move.

However, India has outrightly denied such allegations calling them 'absurd' and 'motivated'.

Notably, the Canadian PM has failed to present any evidence to back his claims. Trudeau was repeatedly quizzed on the nature of the allegations but stuck to reiterating that there were "credible reasons" to believe that India was linked to the death of Nijjar.

The former Pentagon official further slammed Trudeau and

said that Hardeep Singh Nijjar - A khalistani terrorist allegedly killed by his erstwhile comrades - is not a model to use for "human rights" and he was a terrorist involved in multiple attacks.

"Justin Trudeau might want to make this a case of human rights. The fact of that matter is, that Nijjar isn't a model one wants to use for human rights. Nijjar may have been involved in the assassination of a rival Sikh leader, just a year ago. At the same time, he has blood on his hands through multiple attacks. He entered Canada with a fraudulent passport. And the fact of the matter is this is no Mother Teresa, we are talking about."

Mr Rubin added that many of the US security community and even from Canadian security understand that Trudeau has gone "too far".

On being asked if Trudeau converted a domestic political obstacle into a foreign policy issue, the former Pentagon official said that Trudeau was very "short-sighted" and was acting only as a "politician".

"Yes, I absolutely do think that that is the case. Justin Trudeau was playing domestic Canadian politics because as he struggles in his re-election campaign, many Sikh activists are in crucial swing districts. But again, this isn't something unique to Canada...I think Justin Trudeau was acting as a politician. He was very short-sighted, and no one should trade their short-term political convenience for the long-term relationship with the world's largest democracy," he added.

RPF confers 'Police Medals' to Parveen Singh & Vijay Kumar for Meritorious Service

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 23: Railway Protection Force (RPF) confers 'Police Medals' to sons of the soil IPF Parveen Singh (hailing from Village Akalpur) and Inspector Protection Force Vijay Kumar (hailing from Village Rangpur Moulanian) in recognition of their dedication, hard work and sincerity towards duty, in an Investiture Ceremony held during the RPF Raising Day Parade at Zonal RPF Training Centre Moula Ali, Hyderabad, today.

It was mentioned that earlier in 2019, they were honoured with



the 'Utkrist Medals'. The enthusiastic people of Tehsil Ranbir Singh Pura extended their warm greetings and felicitations to both Inspectors Parveen Singh and Vijay Kumar. The Inspectors told the people

that Investiture Ceremony is an occasion to recognise and honour the meritorious, distinguished and gallant members of the Force for their deeds in the service of the Nation and in enhancing the image of the Force.

The giving away of these honours on behalf of the President of India evokes a sense of pride and dignity to the recipients and the Force personnel.

They further told that the Railway Protection Force has been working round the clock for providing safe, secure and comfortable travel experience to Railway passengers.

Indian Army Conducted "Rfn Aurangzeb Memorial Volleyball Tournament" in Poonch



Top News Report

POONCH, Sep 23: Amidst enthusiastic cheers, the final match of 'Rifleman Aurangzeb Memorial Volleyball Tournament' was organ-

ised by Indian Army at Salani Village, Poonch District in memory of the brave son of the soil. The competition featured eight teams from local villages competing for the coveted trophy.

Final match played between Shaheed DSP Manjit Singh Club & Star Club Chattral, was won by the former. A large gathering of spectators came to Salani to cheer for their teams. Finals were also graced by Hay Mohd Hanief (Retd) father of the fallen braveheart.

The tournament motivated the youth to pursue their dreams in sports and also to join the Indian Army.

Indian Army commences Information Technology Cadre at Mahore

Top News Report

REASI, Sep 23: The Indian Army in its continued all out efforts to enhance skill of youth of remote village has undertaken Information Technology Cadre at Mahore, Reasi District with effect from 22 Sep 2023 to 06 Oct 23. The capsule aims at imparting fundamental of computer skills to the enthusiastic youths so that it can bring economic independence and a



channelized step by the Indian Army to empower the youths and reunite them with mainstream so that they contribute positively to the society. This project has benefited nearly 14 enthusiastic youths residing in and around Mahore.

come as a great boon for them to acquire fundamental knowledge of computers". Post the successful completion of capsule arrangements have been done by the Indian Army for providing, guidance and encouragement to the participants to begin their own venture.

The Sarpanches appreciated the Indian Army's effort to empower youth and requested for more skill development capsules in future.

Northern Command Hospital organises awareness program on "Suicide Prevention among Health Care Workers"



Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Sep 23: Since the time of inception, Military Nursing Service has supported the soldiers both in times of war and peace. MNS Officers are playing pivotal role in the care of sick and injured soldiers and their families across the length and breadth of the country where they are serving alongside troops including the difficult zone of our country like Kargil Leh Ladakh & Andaman.

As cutting edge with fast moving medical science, MNS officers have always kept pace with these advances and adopts best practices for delivery of quality nursing care to the Armed Forces clientele. Military Nursing officers across the country is celebrating 98th raising day on 01 Oct 2023. In view of the raising day celebrations Brig Sheela S Principal Matron of Command Hospital Northern Command has conducted a series

of academic activities for the nursing officers, which commenced on 23 Sep 2023. An awareness program for the health care workers on the topic "Suicide Prevention awareness" among health care workers was conducted on 23 Sep 2023 under the able guidance of Brig Sheela S Principal Matron. World Suicidal Prevention day is celebrated on 10 Sep 23 every year as suicide among health care workers are very common as they

are under stress. The Health education session was attended by all the health care workers of the hospital. Maj Gen Avinash Das addressed all the participants and urged them to do timely intervention of suicidal thoughts and ideas which is very important and one need to identify that and seek medical help. Interactive sessions were conducted and all myths and facts were addressed by experts from field of Mental Health Nursing. Lecture was taken how to prevent Suicide and the delegates participated in the same. Brig Sharad Sreevastava Brig IC & Administrative Troops assured to the unit members that everyone will be extended with good support and be guided with good coping mechanisms to avoid stress and suicidal thoughts. The awareness program was conducted with lots of zeal and enthusiasm.

MSSC Trust celebrates Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 23: Mahajan Sewa Sangh Charitable (MSSC) Trust celebrated Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday. Neeraj Dewan, President MSS while addressing the senior members of the MSS, congratulated Maharaja Hari Singh for his superb national outlook. It was Maharaja Hari Singh who in 1931 while addressing Roundtable Conference in London which was presided by the Queen of England, Maharaja had raised the issue of J&K declaring that, "I am

Indian first and then a Maharaja of J&K". This was in reply when the presiding Queen questioned Maharaja that he should not speak for freedom of India since he was a Maharaja of J&K. This sentence of Maharaja brought him in the target list by the British Empire which continues till this day. It was England lately supported by the USA in the United Nations against India vis-à-vis J&K Accession to the Union. R K Gupta and Several other members of Trust, intellectuals and noted persons addressed



Maharaja Hari Singh's birth celebration.

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India slams Pakistan for raking up Kashmir at UNGA; calls for vacating occupied areas, action against terrorism

peddle baseless and malicious propaganda against India. Member States of the United Nations and other multilateral organizations are well aware that Pakistan does so to deflect the international community's attention away from its own abysmal record on human rights."

Calling Pakistan home to the largest number of internationally proscribed terrorist entities, Gahlot urged Pakistan to take "credible and verifiable action" against perpetrators of the 2011 Mumbai terror attack. "Pakistan has been the home and patron to the largest number of internationally proscribed terrorist entities and individuals in the world. Instead of engaging in technical sophistry, we call upon Pakistan to take credible and verifiable action against the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks whose victims await justice even after 15 years," Petal Gahlot said.

Highlighting the systemic violence against minorities in Pakistan, Petal Gahlot spoke about the conditions of Christians and Ahmadiyya communities. She spoke about the Jarawal incident where Churches and Christian houses were burnt down. "A glaring example of the systemic violence against minorities in Pakistan was the large-scale brutality perpetrated against the minority Christian community in Jarawal in Pakistan's Faisalabad district in August 2023 where a total of 19 churches were gutted and 89 Christian houses were burnt down," the Indian diplomat said.

She further said, "Similar treatment has been meted out to the Ahmadiyya whose places of worship have been demolished. The condition of women belonging to minority communities in Pakistan notably Hindus, Sikhs and Christians, remains deplorable."

She made reference to a report published by Pakistan's Human Rights Commission which revealed that 1000 women from minority communities were subjected to

abduction and forced conversion and marriage.

"According to a recent report published by Pakistan's own Human Rights Commission, an estimated 1,000 women from minority communities are subjected to abduction and forced conversion and marriage in Pakistan every year," Petal Gahlot said.

Pakistan caretaker PM Kakar's remarks came during his address to the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York today. He said, "Pakistan desires peaceful and productive relations with all our neighbours including India," and added that "Kashmir is the key to peace between Pakistan and India."

India has repeatedly raised its concern over Pakistan's support of cross-border terrorism and has asserted that terror and talks cannot go together. India has also provided evidence at various international forums of Pakistan's support for Terrorist groups. Pakistan's caretaker PM however harped on what he called the illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K HC disposes petition of Ex-IPS officer who sought security cover

for redressal of his grievance(s), if any," the order read while disposing off the petition.

NIA confiscates property of SFJ's Gurpatwant Pannu in Chandigarh

the notice put up outside Pannu's house.

JK Bank defreezes Yateem Foundation Bank accounts

point of time there will be any tax related issue, they will resolve the same of their own at their own expenses", reads the order.

The factual matrix of the case is that the bank has issued a KYC against the NGO on failure of furnishing the renewed registration of the NGO as the earlier registration was valid upto March 2018 as such under the banking norms and as per RBI guidelines the bank had no option but to freeze the accounts.

Aggrieved of the said decision of the bank, challenge was thrown before the court, the email issued for KYC to the extent to declare the same as non-est in the eyes of law and the NGO be allowed to operate the bank accounts without any impediment.

Court said that although there is no specific order for freezing of accounts but the circumstances speaks like that and as per the counsel representing bank, that the bank is not sure as to who will be allowed to operate the accounts as the Society is not registered.

"It is worth to note that the account holder is a registered society, so their registration cannot be ignored, but their registration has expired, cannot be on the same footing without registration. The concerned have not renewed their registration and they are aggrieved by the action of concerned not to renew the same, have filed the writ petition before high court", Court said.

Court said the Society has prima facie case in their favour at this stage which appears from face of the record and if relief prayed for is not granted the plaintiff will suffer an irreparable loss which cannot be compensated by any means later.

Court said that during the period of service, Society has created many assets in different shapes and institutions and if the accounts will not be allowed, these institutions will get closed and the functioning of institutions cannot be kept at the mercy of the bank.

"Court is under duty to see the functioning of these should not get affected by the pendency of the litigation. They cannot be put to loss or to be closed for want of money as it is not the amount of individual-plaintiffs but the amount of public in general and due to conflict between the employees of society they cannot take the bank as shield", Court said.

Gujarat Court acquits

two north Kashmir residents in 2006 terrorism case

(conspiring to commit offenses against the state), 124 (assault on the president, governor, etc., with intent to compel or restrain the exercise of any lawful power), and under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in an FIR based on a complaint by Bharat Patel, the then sub-inspector of Ahmedabad Detection of Crime Branch (DCB), in 2006.

The court questioned Bharat Patel's claim that he had received prior information about the alleged plan by the accused, as it was not noted down in the station diary, as per the laid judicial precedents.

The Ahmedabad court also pointed out procedural lapses, such as not recording a panch witness and not bringing any other witnesses on board for the trial when arresting Zabiuddin, who was in judicial custody in New Delhi at the time in relation to another offense.

The Ahmedabad court examined 30 prosecution witnesses, including the then ACP of Ahmedabad city police, GL Singhal, who had also investigated the case following the lodging of the FIR.

The DCB had filed two charge sheets, one in 2013 and another in 2021. There were 23 accused in the case, and the allegations against the accused included affiliation with the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and LeT, with plans to wreak havoc and "kill national dignitaries in Gujarat."

Two accused were acquitted by a sessions court in March 2021, while another was acquitted in April 2022.

The FIR filed at the DCB police station cites information received through "intelligence sourcing," as recorded in the court order, stating that "Muslim youths from Kashmir and other states were involved in terror activities, and their contacts and allies were active in Ahmedabad and elsewhere in Gujarat. Two LeT youth operatives named Imran Kashmiri and Bashir Kashmiri were sent to Kashmir, Pakistan, and Bangladesh to prepare Muslim youths in terror activities. They were making rounds in Ahmedabad to establish a network of a

terror organization."

According to the FIR, it was also alleged that Ilyas Memon, a resident of Shah Alam area in Ahmedabad, was in touch with Imran Kashmiri and was receiving terror training in Kashmir and Bangladesh.

Kashmir doctors' body recommends three vaccines this fall to prevent triple virus threat

people with medical conditions," he said. "Updated Covid vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older," said Dr Nisar Updated vaccine has been reformulated to target newer XBB variants of the virus. He said people can get Covid, flu and RSV vaccines at the same time.

"This means people don't have to make multiple trips to a clinic or pharmacy as they can get all three vaccines on same day," he added.

10 held for trying to vitiate peaceful atmosphere outside Jama Masjid: Police

"10 Hooligans arrested for trying to vitiate peaceful atmosphere outside Jamia Masjid Yesterday after Friday prayers. They shall be booked under relevant section of law. Public is requested not to indulge in such acts failing which law will take its own course," police said on X.

Two doctors suspended for unauthorised absence from duties in J&K

respond within the stipulated time frame, leading to the termination of her services.

In Dr. Asim Shameem Zaz's case, he left the country without proper permission and did not return to his duties after his leave request. He later requested premature or voluntary retirement, which has been permitted under the applicable rules.

Gamechanger: Sodium ion batteries may make EVs far more affordable, says report

The materials, which will be used in such Sodium-ion batteries, can be fabricated in-house. Hence, the batteries would be a live example of 'Make in India' and 'Make for India'.

NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Sodium-ion batteries are slowly finding their way into the Electric Vehicle (EV) market as lithium-ion batteries have turned out to be too costly for lower-priced EVs due to the difficulty in mining the metal.

With an energy density profile similar to that of lithium iron phosphate or LFP batteries, several companies have started looking at this emerging technology as a cost effective and eco-friendly way of meeting the electrification needs of India.

This could add to the momentum that the Indian auto market has already seen in terms of electrification. India seeing a proliferation of EV models launched by both major automakers as well as start-ups and new entrants.

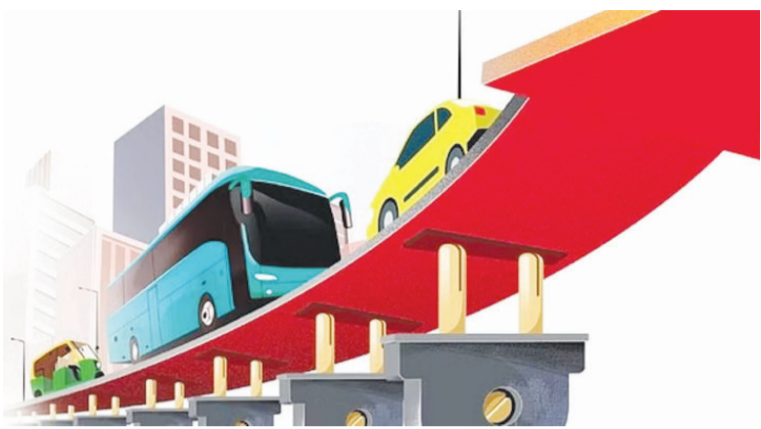
However, while government subsidies have helped make EVs successful in the scooter segment, in other segments, the high cost of batteries — which account for around 40% of the cost of an electric car — have proven to be a drag in other segments.

Limitations of lithium batteries Currently, automakers prefer lithium EV batteries due to their high energy density — basically, more stored-up power per kilogram. However, its adverse effect on the environment has always been a limitation.

Other than these two factors, lithium batteries can also be somewhat volatile.

There are two chemistries in lithium-ion batteries - Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC) and Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) - based on the other materials used in the battery.

"NMC has higher energy density but is more volatile and hence, unsafe. A needle test



is used to check battery safety. In this test, a long needle is inserted into the battery, shorting it. This simulates an electric vehicle or EV getting into an accident," said the analysts from Incred Equities.

"When this test is performed on NMC batteries, they explode. When the same test is applied to LFP batteries, they discharge a noxious gas but don't explode," it added.

Also, although the impacts of extracting lithium are considerably lower than for oil and gas, mining lithium does have environmental costs.

Another limitation with the increased need for lithium-ion batteries is the fact that the demand is outstripping supply.

"In 2020, 37% of lithium demand was from EV batteries. It is estimated that by FY2030, 80% of lithium demand will be from EV batteries," said the analysts.

"Global supply of mined lithium will be inadequate to service demand just from batteries alone. In the absence of mined lithium, lithium-ion batteries would witness an increase in prices. This would make low-end EVs unaffordable for customers and end up stifling the electrification of the transpor-

tion sector. Thus, adequate sodium-ion battery production is effectively a prerequisite for the EV boom to continue," it added.

Battery of the future? The solution to this shortage could be identifying cheap and abundant chemicals that could serve as replacements for lithium in rechargeable batteries.

Two possible elements that fit the bill are sodium and potassium. Yet significant challenges remain for these alternatives.

Moreover, sodium-ion batteries address the concerns of geopolitical and supply-chain issues that are associated with Lithium-ion batteries.

The materials, which will be used in such Sodium-ion batteries, can be fabricated in-house. Hence, the batteries would be a live example of 'Make in India' and 'Make for India'.

On the downside, sodium-ion batteries can't provide the type of range for electric vehicles offered by lithium-ion batteries, but they do present some unique advantages.

In a sodium-ion battery, lithium ions are replaced with sodium ions in the battery's cathode, and lithium salts swapped for sodium salts in the electrolyte.

Sodium-ion batteries are finding their niche in smaller, low-

range EVs and stationary applications such as home energy storage systems. With their lower energy density, sodium-ion batteries are better suited for vehicles that don't require a long driving range, such as city cars or mini vehicles.

"Na-ion EVs [Sodium-ion] would be cheaper and have a shorter range than their LFP counterparts. This makes them more suitable for the lower end of the EV market, which would have more EVs for fleet applications," noted the report.

Also, these batteries offer a major advantage in cold temperature storage, since they perform really well even at such low temperatures as -10°C or -20°C.

"Adequate sodium-ion battery production is effectively a prerequisite for the EV boom to continue," noted the report.

Sodium-ion batteries promise to be a viable alternative to lithium-ion batteries in a big way. Despite having made significant progress, sodium-ion batteries are yet to be easily available commercially.

Despite a lot of excitement in the media about sodium-ion batteries as a game-changer, there are certain vital drawbacks that should be considered.

In sodium-ion batteries, the energy densities are in the range of 100 wh/kg to 160 wh/kg and match the Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) performance at present.

The technology, however, is less mature compared to lithium-based technologies, and is undergoing heavy development.

However, it promises to provide a cost-effective solution to the electrification needs of a massive market as such as India.

Laptop, PC import licencing may go

Govt hints at 1-yr grace period, cos may need to register on a portal to import these items



NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): The government may scrap its directive asking for a mandatory licence to import laptops, all-in-one personal computers, and tablets. According to industry sources, during a meeting with industry stakeholders, the government said companies will only need to register on a portal to import these items. The government has also hinted at providing a one-year grace period for importing these items.

Industry players have been informed that the "import management system" portal, which will be managed by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), will go live by the end of this month. "We raised concerns about the sudden import ban on these items. However, the government indicated that it may extend the deadline by another year. Now, we don't need to seek any licences but only need to register. During this period, companies can import as much quantity as they want," said a source.

On August 4, the government suddenly announced the ban on laptops, all-in-one personal computers, and tablets. Later in the day, it clarified that there was no ban, but electronic manufacturing companies needed a licence to import these items starting from November 1, 2023. Subsequently, the Minister of State, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, clarified that it was not licencing but an import management system, with the purpose of ensuring that equipment, servers, and laptops entering the digital India ecosystem originate from trusted sources.

Today, while announcing the groundbreaking ceremony for Micron Technology's semiconductor testing and assembly plant in Gujarat's Sanand, the minister acknowledged the communication gap.

"I accept that there was a communication gap; it was never meant to be a licencing requirement. Today, we are meeting with industry representatives and sharing a draft of the import management system. Its

aim is to address the high dependency on sources that are not verified and trusted," said Rajeev Chandrasekhar. He further emphasised that currently, 80% of our devices come from imports, and the goal is to ensure that these sources are trusted.

"As we expand the internet and develop the Indian cloud, as we establish more data centers, and as the servers that go into them and the laptops that operate on the cloud should be sourced from trusted providers," said the minister.

What on card
1. As per sources, companies will only need to register on a portal to import laptops, personal computers and tablets.

2. Govt has hinted at providing one-year grace period to Industry players for importing these items.

3. Import management system portal, to be managed by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), will go live by the end of this month, as per industry players.

4. On August 4, the govt announced ban on laptops, personal computers, and tablets

5. It later clarified that there was no ban, but electronic manufacturing companies needed a licence to import these items starting Nov 1.

Mahindra's Canada-based associate firm Resson Aerospace shuts down

NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) recently said its associate company, Resson Aerospace Corporation, based in Canada, has officially ceased operations.

M&M held an 11.18 per cent stake in Resson, which had initiated voluntary winding-up procedures.

"With reference to the captioned subject, we would like to inform you that Resson Aerospace Corporation, Canada, which is an Associate of the Company ('Resson') wherein the Company

holds 11.18 per cent stake (on a fully diluted basis) through Class C preferred Shares, had filed for a voluntary winding-up," M&M said in a regulatory filing.

"Resson has received a Certificate of Dissolution from Corporations Canada dated September 20, 2023, which was informed to the company," it added.

As a result, Resson has ceased to exist and is no longer considered an associate of M&M, effective September 20, 2023.

Furthermore, M&M stated, "Upon the liqui-



idation of Resson, the company is entitled to receive approximately 4.7 million Canadian Dollars (equivalent to Rs 28.7 crore) as a distribution of proceeds towards Class C Preferred Shares held by the company."

While M&M had stated in its exchange filing that its associate firm Resson Aerospace had filed for voluntary winding-up, the development comes at a time when diplomatic relations have soured between India and Canada.

SBI raises Rs 10,000 crore at 7.49 per cent coupon rate

NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): State Bank of India, country's largest lender, announced on Friday it has raised Rs 10,000 crore via its fourth infrastructure bond issuance. The bonds, issued at a 7.49% coupon rate, received overwhelming response from investors, with bids totaling Rs 21,045.10 crore, oversubscribed the issue size of Rs 4,000 crore by over five times.

The bond received 134 bids, showcasing a diverse range of investors including provident funds, pension funds,

insurance companies, mutual funds, and corporate, the bank said. SBI plans to utilise the proceeds from these bonds to enhance long-term resources for funding infrastructure projects and the affordable housing segment.

The bank expressed satisfaction with the response and decided to accept Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.49% payable annually. This rate represents a spread of 12 basis points (bps) over the corresponding Financial Benchmarks India

(FBIL) G-Sec par curve, as stated in the bank's official statement.

"Based on the response, SBI has decided to accept Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.49% payable annually. This represents spread of 12 bps over the corresponding FBIL G-Sec par curve," the statement said. Earlier, on August 1, 2023, the bank had raised long-term bonds of Rs 10,000 crore at a spread of 13 bps over the corresponding FBIL G-Sec par curve.

The bank holds AAA

credit rating with a stable outlook from all domestic credit rating agencies for these instruments. With the latest issuance, the bank's total outstanding long-term bonds now stand at Rs 39,718 crore. "This issuance is very significant as the bank has been successful in raising long-duration bonds successively at a finer spread. We believe that this issuance may help in developing a long-term bond curve and encourage other banks to issue bonds of longer tenor," it said.

Indian-origin girl receives UK's first kidney transplant without need for lifelong drugs

Received a stem cell transplant using bone marrow taken from her mother, who also donated her kidney

LONDON, Sep 23 (Agencies): An eight-year-old Indian-origin girl was on Friday declared the first person in the UK's National Health Service (NHS) history to have a transplant without the need for lifelong drugs after medics reprogrammed her immune system.

Aditi Shankar, suffering from a rare genetic condition, received a stem cell transplant using bone marrow taken from her mother, Divya, who also donated her kidney.

The pioneering treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) in London means that Aditi's new kidney works without the continued

need of immunosuppressant drugs to stop her body from rejecting it.

"This is the first time I have cared for someone in 25 years who has not required immunosuppression after kidney transplantation," said Professor Stephen Marks, Clinical Lead for Renal Transplantation at GOSH and Professor of Paediatric Nephrology and Transplantation at University College London Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health.

"We hope that our research will provide the option for more children, like Aditi, for whom kidney transplant was not previously an option,

to have the opportunity to have a life-changing kidney transplant," he said.

According to the medics, this became possible because Aditi had an immune condition for which she received her mother's bone marrow six months before receiving a kidney transplant for severe irreversible kidney failure.

This reprogrammed her immune system to be the same as her donor kidney, so her transplanted organ would not attack Aditi's body.

"The past three years Aditi's energy had been lost to dialysis. After her kidney transplant,



almost instantly, we saw a big change in her energy levels. We take our organs for granted, but we all have such a

gift in us," said Uday Shankar, Aditi's father. "The past three years she has been restricted with a Hickman line

[a tube which delivers treatments and takes blood samples directly from a vein] and all she wanted to do was for her line to go away so she could go and splash in the water. She is now starting swimming lessons," he shared.

Usually, organ transplant recipients are on immunosuppressant medications for the life of their kidney transplant. Using the same donor for the bone marrow and kidney transplant means that the immune system is reprogrammed so that it becomes a match for the new kidney — reducing the problems associated with rejection as much as possible.

As the first in the UK,

it is hoped that Aditi's treatment success will lead to further investigations into how a bone marrow transplant followed by a kidney transplant from the same living donor could be used to treat more seriously ill children and adults with kidney failure and other conditions.

However, the experts said that this will only be for seriously ill patients who have no other alternative, as the risks associated with a double transplant are greater than that of a regular kidney transplant.

"The teams had to use all their expertise and some out-of-the-box thinking to sort the scientific, ethical and

practical challenges that the case presented. We are absolutely delighted to see how well she is doing and are incredibly proud to share this success with Aditi and her family.

We are already working to see how this breakthrough can underpin further research to help more families," said Dr Giovanna Lucchini, the bone marrow transplant consultant, and Dr Austen Worth, immunology consultant.

Great Ormond Street Hospital is the UK's largest centre for paediatric kidney transplantation and stem cell transplantation and also leads on research projects in the field.

Asian Games 2023, Table Tennis: India men's team thrashes Tajikistan 3-0 to progress to Round of 16

HANGZHOU, Sep 23 (Agencies): The Indian men's table tennis team continued their fine start to the Asian Games 2023 campaign as they thrashed Tajikistan 3-0 on Saturday, September 23 to progress to the Round of 16 stages.

Manav Thakkar, Manush Shah and Harmeet Desai won their matches with relative ease as G Sathyan and Sharath Kamal weren't needed on the day. Manav started the proceedings for India on the day against Afzalkhon Mahmudov.

The first game saw a see-saw battle between both men till it was 8-7 in favour of Manav. He was able to finally seal the win in the first game at 11-8 and in eight minutes. The second game saw Manav race off to a 6-1 lead and he finished the game 11-5 within four minutes.

Game 3 saw Manav trailing in the beginning, but he was able to claw his way back into the contest and level things up



at 7-7. From that moment, he looked unstoppable and sealed the match with a score of 11-8, 11-5, 11-8 to give India the lead.

Manush was next in action against Ubaydullo Sultonov and the first game was an even battle and extended for close to

11 minutes. The Indian was trailing his opponent and it seemed like Sultonov would win the first game. Manush was able to level things up at 9-9 in the first game before Sultonov got to game point first.

Manush would then end up win

the game 13-11. Game 2 would once again see Sultonov start strong and take a lead before Manush fought back to level things up. The Indian made it 7-5 in his favour and ultimately take the game 11-8.

The third game was all Manush as he didn't give Sultonov any chance of making it a tight contest and gave India a 2-0 lead in the contest by winning the match, 13-11, 11-8 and 11-5.

Harmeet was the next one in action against the young Ibrokhim Ismoilzoda and it was a one-sided contest from the get-go. The Indian dominated his opponent in the first game and won it 11-1 and followed up with a 11-3 score in the second one.

Harmeet looked to be in full control over his opponent and sealed India's passage to the next round by claiming the win in the third game and rounding off a perfect day for India in table tennis with a 11-1, 11-3, 11-5 scoreline.

India rises to No 1 in ODIs, becomes top-ranked team in all formats

Following their five-wicket win over Australia on Friday, India (116 rating points) displace arch-rivals Pakistan (115) at the top of the rankings.



DUBAI, Sep 23 (Agencies): India became the top-ranked side in all three formats of the game following their win against Australia in the series opener that elevated them to the

number one spot in the ODI rankings.

Following their five-wicket win over Australia on Friday, India (116 rating points) displaced arch-rivals Pakistan (115) at the top of the

rankings. Already leading the Test and T20 chart, India now reign supreme across all formats.

This is only the second time in men's cricketing history that a side has achieved the No.1 ranking across the formats. Prior to this, only South Africa had achieved the feat back in August 2012.

Australia (111) remain third in the ODI list despite dropping two points.

India and Australia play the second of the three ODIs on Sunday.

Suryakumar Yadav will be an X-factor for India in World Cup, says Virender Sehwag

NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Former India cricketer Virender Sehwag believes Suryakumar Yadav will be an X-factor for the 'Men in Blue' as they continue to prepare for the upcoming ODI World Cup.

Surya looked rejuvenated and gave a glimpse of returning to his usual style of play as he ended a 21-match drought with an ODI fifty.

In the opening match at Mohali against Australia on Friday, Surya struck a flawless 49 ball 50 which included five fours and a six.

After witnessing Surya's knock, Sehwag took to X and wrote, "Happy for @surya_14kumar. He is surely an ex-factor. Not many players have the ability to play in the gear that he can and he surely has the game to create fear in the minds of opposition. Great that we have persisted with him and he will



be an asset. Congratulations Bharat."

Surya's knock was crucial in India's success along with a century partnership between openers Shubman Gill and Ruturaj Gaikwad, and Mohammed Shami's five-wicket haul.

Asian Games 2023: India women's table tennis team defeats Nepal 3-0 to advance to next round

HANGZHOU, Sep 23 (Agencies): India women's table tennis team defeated Nepal in straight games in Group-F to advance to the next round of Asian Games 2023. Diya Parag Chitale, Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee put in a dominant display to beat Nepal 3-0 in Group-F.

Diya Parag Chitale gave India the perfect start by brushing aside Sikka Shrestha 11-1 in the first game. She then went on to beat her Nepalese opponent 11-6 to win the second game as well. In the final game, Chitale defeated Shrestha 11-8 in 13 minutes to give India a 1-0 lead over Nepal.

Ayhika Mukherjee then took on Nabita Shrestha in the second match of the contest. Mukherjee picked up where Chitale



left off, racing through the first game with a 11-3 win over Nabita. Mukherjee continued her onslaught and downed her opponent 11-7 in the second match. She went on to beat Nabita 11-2 to give India a 2-0 lead in the contest.

Sutirtha Mukherjee then took on Evana Thapa Magar in the third round with a dominant 11-1 win in the first game. She then went on to down Magar 11-5 to win the second game with ease. Sutirtha wrapped up the match with a comfortable 11-2 win to

send India into the next round with a 3-0 win.

Earlier, the women's team, led by star shuttler Manika Batra, had to work hard for their win against Singapore. It was not a perfect start for the Indian women as Ayhika Mukherjee lost 11-7 2-11 7-11 10-12 to Jian Zeng. But Manika Batra drew the scores level for India, defeating Jingyi Zhou 11-9 9-11 11-7 11-3 and then Sreeja Akula gave India the lead with a fighting 12-14 11-9 8-11 11-9 11-7 win over Xin Ru Wong.

Singapore took the tie into the decider when Batra lost 3-11 11-3 10-12 12-10 10-12 to Zeng. But Mukherjee ensured a positive start for the Indian women by a registering 11-7 11-8 9-11 11-5 over Zhou.

Pressure mounts on Shreyas Iyer, Ravichandran Ashwin for performances that count

Rain in the city has brought the temperature down which will be welcomed by the players from either side

INDORE, Sep 23 (Agencies): Shreyas Iyer will be desperate for some runs after missing out on a flat track while the skilful R Ashwin will be searching for wickets in the middle overs when India take on Australia in the second ODI here on Sunday.

Despite missing four first-XI players, including skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, India were able to win the first ODI rather comfortably and look on course to secure the series at the Holkar Stadium which usually produces high-scoring games.

Rain in the city has brought the temperature down which will be welcomed by the players from either side after experiencing unusual heat and humidity in Mohali.

The game on Friday had enough positives for India, mainly the performance of Mohammad Shami and Suryakumar Yadav, but a few questions still need to be answered ahead of the World Cup, beginning October 5.

India's designated number 4 Iyer, whose fitness came under the scanner in the Asia Cup even though he was coming back from a long injury-lay off, has not been able to get time in the middle due to different reasons.

While a back spasm ruled him out of the business end of Asia Cup,



an avoidable run-out on Friday ended his nervy 8-ball stay in the centre.

The right-hander will be hoping for a bagful of runs in the coming two games which would make him and his team feel much better going into the global event.

Ashwin, on the other hand, came up with a tidy bowling effort in his comeback game but was not able to put the Australian batters in much discomfort on a flat track. He was not able to generate much turn and his flatter deliveries were easily negotiated by the opposition.

The champion spinner could still make a last-minute entry into India's World Cup if Axar Patel doesn't get fit in time but the team management expects more from the 37-year-old than what he managed on Friday. It also remains to be seen if another off-spin-

ner Washington Sundar gets a game. If that happens on Sunday, Ashwin might have to warm the bench.

Shardul Thakur too would be looking for an improvement from the first game, having conceded 78 runs in 10 overs while all the other bowlers returned frugal figures.

He does have a knack of picking wickets and coming up with a useful cameo with the bat but he has not been able to do that consistently in the ODI format.

Thakur will only be used sporadically in the World Cup and, therefore, he would be keen to make the most of the chances he gets in the ongoing series.

In the batting department, world's best T20 batter Suryakumar Yadav seems to have cracked the ODI code after a prolonged lean

patch.

The management has told him to consume 45-50 balls every game, which is enough for someone like him to make a telling impact on the match. He just did that on Friday with a well-paced half-century.

Like India, Australia, too, were missing some of their key players in the opener, including Mitchell Starc, Glenn Maxwell and Josh Hazlewood. Skipper Pat Cummins hinted after the game in Mohali that they might only be ready by the third game in Rajkot on September 27.

Australia won the series in India earlier this year and find themselves in a must-win situation on Sunday. Josh Inglis showed promise with a run-a-ball 45 but the middle-order needs to be more consistent.

Veteran opener David Warner has carried his

good form from South Africa to India and would be looking to maintain it over the next couple of months.

Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne were guilty of throwing their starts in Mohali and a big hundred will be needed from either of them if Australia are to come back in the series.

The last ODI was played here in January when India amassed 385 against New Zealand with Rohit and Shubman Gill smashing hundreds.

Rohit will not be around but trust Gill to do an encore in front of a vibrant Indore crowd.

Squads

India: KL Rahul (captain), Ravindra Jadeja, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan, Shardul Thakur, Washington Sundar, R Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd Shami, Mohd Siraj, Prasidh Krishna.

Australia: Pat Cummins (captain), Alex Carey, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Adam Zampa, Marcus Stoinis, Mitchell Starc, Steve Smith, David Warner, Josh Hazlewood, Spencer Johnson, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Tanvir Sangha, Matt Short.

Match starts 1.30 PM IST.

Shami was always threatening with the half-volley length: Mark Waugh



NEW DELHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): Former Australia cricketer Mark Waugh weighed in on Mohammed Shami's performance (5/51) in the 1st ODI against Australia in Mohali, saying the Indian seamer was "always threatening with the half-volley length".

"He hit the perfect length and that's where he got the batsmen caught at the crease. So not too short or not too full. Just the perfect length where you get a little bit of movement. You're going to hit the stumps still, but the batsmen can't get a four. Shami was always threatening with that half-volley length. It's a

fine margin, but on this type of track, you need to be spot on," Waugh told JioCinema.

Meanwhile, former India cricketer Abhishek Nayar spoke about the decision that the Indian think-tank has to make regarding the playing XI and whether it'll be possible to accommodate both Shami and Mohammed Siraj together.

"It's going to be an interesting match-up between the two. There's going to be this thought process of picking wickets. You got to know the importance of picking wickets in today's game because India managed to bowl out a strong Australian batting line-up where you've got a Sean Abbott batting at No 10.

"So, it just tells you that when you have bowlers capable of picking up wickets, there may very well be a toss-up between a Shardul Thakur where you are thinking whether or not you are thinking of going with that all-rounder's slot or going with an out-and-out bowler who can pick up wickets in every phase of the game," he said.

No India Visa, No Dubai Trip. Hiccups For Pakistan Ahead Of World Cup: Report

KARACHI, Sep 23 (Agencies): The Pakistan cricket team's plans to travel to Dubai before arriving in Hyderabad for the ODI World Cup in India have been cancelled over visa issues. As per a report, Babar Azam and his men had planned to travel to Dubai for a pre-World Cup team bonding trip but it couldn't be materialised. The plan had to be cancelled as the Pakistan team is still waiting to get visas for their travel to India. Of the 9 teams that are participating in the tournament, alongside India, the Pakistan team is reportedly the only one to have not received their visa yet.

Pakistan were supposed to fly to the UAE next week and stay there for a couple of days before heading to Hyderabad for their first warm-up game against New Zealand on September 29.

But now those plans have been ruled out as the Pakistan team will head to Karachi and fly to Hyderabad next week, as per a report in ESPNCricinfo. Pakistan will be travelling to India for the first time since 2012-13.

It also has to be noted that neither team has travelled to the other's country for a bilateral series since 2012-13 when Pakistan had come to India for a white-ball series. In fact, only two players from the current Pakistan squad have travelled to India before for cricketing assignments.

Pakistan will open their World Cup campaign against The Netherlands on October 6 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

Pakistan named a 15-player squad for the World Cup with Babar Azam leading the squad. But they will be missing the presence of their star pacer Naseem Shah who picked up niggle injury during their Super Four clash against India at the Asia Cup. He was off the field during the middle of his over and later ruled out of the competition.

Hasan Ali has been named in the squad as Naseem's replacement. Pakistan's renowned pace attack will be led by Shaheen Shah Afridi. Backing him will be Haris Rauf, Mohammed Waseem, and Hasan Ali.

Hari Singh felicitates winners of two-day 3rd District Silambam Championship

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: Hari Singh Chib, President District Congress Committee, Jammu Rural urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to take adequate measures in raising sports infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior Congress leader was speaking after felicitating the winners of two days 3rd District Silambam Championship, Jammu, in Mini Sub Junior, Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Categories which was concluded here successfully at Jammu North Assembly segment.

The championship was organised by the Silambam Association of

Jammu which is affiliated to the All India Silambam Federation. More than 300 students participants from different schools were participated.

On the occasion, Hari Singh Chib was the Chief Guest and Somnath Sharma was the Guest of Honor of the closing ceremony. Birinder Singh, President of Silambam Association of J&K, Kaka Ram General Secretary of SAJK, Jai Gupta, Ankush Sharma, Nehal Laletra, Tashvi Hans, Naresh Kumar, Naman Thakur, Rajneesh Gupta, Pooja, Laxmi and Rashmi Gupta were the officials of the tournament.

The Winner Trophy was bagged by S.D. Memorial School while 1st



Runner Up was secured by BHMP School, and 3rd Runner Up trophy by Shangrilla Public School and the Discipline Trophy

was bagged by Trikula Public School.

Hari Singh Chib, in his address, said that a lot of enthusiasm was

witnessed among the children belonging to different schools who have come to participate in

the two-day championship. He said that there is dire need to promote sports activities not only

for a healthy citizenry but more than that to divert the youth from the path of indulging in drug related activities.

Hari Singh said adequate sports infrastructure needs to be made available across the length and breadth of the Jammu and Kashmir by the administration in order to ensure that youth overwhelmingly participate in sports activities thus leaving less scope for their indulgence in drug abuse that has become a big menace for the society as of today.

He said that today youth excelling in the field of sports can also adopt Silambam as a

lucrative career. He said that there is dire need to divert the attention of youth towards the sports. He said presently there are several youth who brought laurels to Jammu and Kashmir by bringing medal from outside states in the discipline of Silambam.

Hari Singh Chib appealed to the youth as well as their parents to come forward to join Silambam as a sports career. There is a bright future in sports in the near future.

Others who were present include Som Nath Sharma, Jung Bahadur Singh, Tarun Vaid, Virender Mehta and Bittu Chib.

The Pathseekers International School celebrates 128th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Sep 23: The Pathseekers International School today organised a special session on the 128th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, and paid heartfelt tributes to His Royal Highness the last Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir. The management, staff, and students of the school came together to honour and remember the illustrious Maharaja with floral offerings as a mark of profound respect and appreciation.

The special session was organised by the Faith house, in which various activities were conducted under the leadership of Sujata Chib, Shivani Choudhary, Alka Khara, Komal and Renu Devi.

Stage committee was headed by Indu Mankotia and Kamaljeet Kour along with other team



members.

Maharaja Hari Singh's legacy lives on through his significant contributions to various facets of society. He is remembered for his unwavering commitment to the upliftment of the girl child, the promotion of education among children, his efforts in the agriculture sector, and his dedication to alleviating the plight of the marginalized low-caste communities. Beautiful act was

played by students namely Aryaveer Singh, Harshpreet, Tamana Ch., Palvi Ch., Parmakshi Verma, Arush, Sudha Kumari and Vanshika Ch. along with many others.

While speaking on the occasion, the Head of the Institute, Mrs. Manpreet Kaur, commended the hard work put in by the staff & students to make this event meaningful. The celebration

not only serves as a reminder of the remarkable contributions of Maharaja Hari Singh but also highlights the importance of continuing his legacy by actively engaging in initiatives that promote education, upliftment, and social equity. It is a reflection of the school's dedication to nurturing not only academic excellence but also values that make a positive difference in the community.

Panthers pay tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on his birth anniversary

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party on Saturday celebrated the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh with great enthusiasm and fervour.

Floral tributes were paid to Maharaja Hari Singh at his statue at Tawi Bridge near Jewel by Panther leaders under the leadership of Vilakshan Singh, President of JKNPP.

While paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, JKNPP President Vilakshan Singh threw light on the reforms taken by the Maharaja during his regime. He said that Maharaja Hari Singh was the first Maharaja in the country to establish a High Court.

He recalled that the Maharaja ensured free and compulsory girl education, widow remarriage, flood control channel, irrigation canal,



environment and forest protection laws, local handicraft promotion, sericulture etc. Singh highlighted the Justice oriented approach of the Maharaja during his dispensation.

Maharaja Hari Singh was a social reformer who opened gates of temples for dalits, made girl education free and introduced Widow Remarriage and Property Act, he added.

He said in order to abolish untouchability, Maharaja Hari Singh allowed the entry of Scheduled Castes in the temples. Maharaja Hari Singh stopped the rampant practice of child marriage and promoted widow remarriage.

Vilakshan said that there are many challenges that Dogra community is going to face in the changing scenario. He said that the Dogras shall have to remain prepared to face those challenges.

He urged the Dogras to get united as unity among the Dogras is the need of hour to restore their lost glory.

Others who were present on occasion were Naresh Chib, Rajesh Gandhi, State General Secretaries, Ravinder Jammu State Secretary, Rakesh Gupta District President Jammu Sanjeev Verma District Vice President Jammu and others.

Shiv Sena pays tributes to great Dogra and social reformer Maharaja Hari Singh



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir Unit today paid glorious tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, on his 128th birth anniversary during a program held at Party's Regional Office in Jammu.

On the occasion, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena, J&K, along with other party leaders and workers, paid homage to Maharaja Hari Singh.

In his address, Sahni mentioned that Maharaja Hari Singh had played an integral role in making Jammu and Kashmir an inseparable part of India. Maharaja Hari Singh remembered as a great Dogra ruler and social reformer. Under Maharaja Hari's reign, primary education was made mandatory and free for all.

During Maharaja Hari Singh's rule, doors of temples were opened for the Dalits for the first time. He enacted strict laws against social

evils like child marriage, remarriage of Hindu widows, dowry, female foeticide, untouchability, and bonded labor, along with implementing the land revenue system.

Sahni stated that Maharaja Hari Singh's era can be seen as a social reformer and as someone who worked towards eliminating social evils.

Among those who were present included Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, secretary youth Rajesh Handa.

AJBRCEAK celebrates 128th Birth Anniversary of Maharaj Hari Singh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 23: All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK) celebrated 128th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh with great enthusiasm.

On the behalf of association, Chairman Vipin Kumar said that Maharaja Hari Singh's reign was characterized by a commitment to progressive reforms that uplifted society and advanced the region. His visionary initiatives have left a lasting legacy that continues to shape our lives.

Kumar retreated that "As Dogras, we take immense pride in our visionary ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, who signed the Instrument of Accession on October 26, 1947, aligning Jammu and Kashmir with the dominion of India as per the Indian Independence Act of 1947. It is a widely held sentiment in Jammu that despite his instrumental role in securing the J&K's accession to India,



Maharaja Hari Singh has not go received due recognition from successive governments, both at the Centre and in Jammu and Kashmir Kumar said.

"We feel a sense of pride in celebrating his enduring legacy", Chairman added.

Kumar on this occasion requested all the people of Jammu and Kashmir to follow the ideals of this great personality who remained the linchpin of development, prosperity and progress of erstwhile J&K.

Kumar said Maharaja Hari Singh's Contribu-

tion in Education is unparalleled and no one can match him in that era while he made Education compulsory for every section of society. "His approach in holistic development of society is one of the corner stone of his rule, like giving equal access to every community in Temples in Jammu and Kashmir, Chairman AJBRCEAK stressed.

"The Dogras while ruling this state has set up the highest standard of communal harmony, brotherhood and legacy that guided and upheld the true quality of people friendly rule, Kumar fur-

ther emphasized that we need to go through the rich cultural and historical background of Maharaja Hari Singh who even today has its own place in the history of Jammu Kashmir.

Chairman AJBRCEAK said last year the Day celebrated in Ambedkar Chowk when we are in different situation, but this time around we have high expectations as well as circumstances are quite different, we hope in coming days govt may come out with some good news for employees, As entire Dogra community stands with

the genuine demands of These Jammu Based Employees, including Comprehensive Transfer policy He expressed a strong hope that definitely LG Administration is Serious about resolving genuine issues of Jammu based employees and recent developments and decisions of govt is testament to that.

Kuldeep Kumar Vice Chairman, Mohan Lal Chief Advisor, Deepak Kumar Advisor, Shashi Goutam Advisor, Navneet Kundal Vice President, Sukhdev Vice President, Lalit Kumar Legal Advisor, Suresh Kumar Conve-nor, Yashpal Bhagat General Secretary, Vijay Dutt Secretary, Bharat Bushan Joint Secretary, Ashok Kumar Public Secretary, Virender Mohan Organizing Secretary, Naresh Kumar Bhagat Media Secretary, Hemraj Lakhotra Drafting Secretary, Jarnail Singh Joint Secretary, Deepak Kaith Cashier, Naveen Bhagat Cashier and others were also present there in the celebration.