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Army Man injured in landmine blast along LoC

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): An army man was severely injured in a landmine blast along Line of Control in Rajouri district, officials said on Wednesday.

Officials said that Naik Dheeraj Kumar Magrati, was injured after he accidentally stepped on a landmine, while on a patrolling duty in the forward area of LoC in the Nowshera sector.

The injured army man was airlifted to Northern Command hospital Udhampur for immediate treatment, they further said.

Youth found dead under car in Maloora Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): A youth was found dead mysteriously under a car in Maloora area of central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Wednesday, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the body of the youth identified as Mohd Asif Khan, son of Ashiq Ahmad Khan of Pattan, was found under a vehicle near JK Bank Maloora.

He said that upon discovering the body, locals promptly informed the police and the body was taken to hospital for medico-legal formalities.

The official said that further investigation into the matter is going on.

No incident of Drone dropping in Rajouri: Police

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday clarified that no incident of drone dropping was recorded in Rajouri district.

Police spokesperson in a statement said: News/Photos about drone dropping in District Rajouri are being shared on social media. It is clarified that no such Drone dropping as shown in the news/photos has taken place in the district today and this news has no association

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Decoding BJP's Madhya Pradesh list—combating electoral fatigue or some new template for winning election

CHANDIGARH, Sep 27 (Agencies): Packed with major surprises, the BJP's second list of 39 names for the upcoming polls to the Madhya Pradesh Assembly a couple of days back appeared to hold several nuanced messages for party leaders and cadres not just in the state but across the country ahead of key Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.

The party fielded three Union ministers, four MPs and a national general secretary in the state where it has been in power for more than two decades and is now facing a tough competition from its main rival—the Congress.



Apart from the fact that the inclusion of high-profile names raised the pitch of the Madhya Pradesh battle to the next level, observers were able to read several subtle messages for cadres and senior leaders of the party aiming for its third term under Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2024 general election.

While the first list was

not high-profile, largely concentrating on the seats it lost in the 2018 Assembly election, the second featured who's who of BJP's state politics—Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and his colleagues in the central council of ministers Prahlad Patel and Faggan Singh Kulaste. The list also included MPs Rakesh Singh

(former state BJP president), Ganesh Singh, Reeti Pathak and Uday Pratap Singh and general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, the Indore leader perceived to be close to Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Message number one—countering infighting

According to state leaders, fielding top leaders representing various caste groups and areas is the right step in the right direction for a "build up" ahead of Assembly and Lok Sabha election in the state mired in a long anti-incumbency and fatigue.

Tomar, Rakesh Singh and Uday Pratap Singh

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Crackdown on terror-gangster Network: NIA raids 51 location In 6 States, 1 detained



NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The NIA on Wednesday conducted raids at 51 locations in six states in connection with the crackdown on the terror-gangster network, officials said.

"The NIA is conducting raids at 51 locations

across 6 states in 3 cases related to associates of Lawrence, Bambiha and Arsh Dalla gangs," an official of the National Investigative Agency (NIA) said.

An associate of the Arsh Dalla gang has

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Gurez's Dawar Bags Best Tourism Village Award

JAMMU, Sep 27 (Agencies): In a major feat for the Jammu and Kashmir's Tourism department, Dawar village of Gurez in northern district of Bandipora Wednesday bagged the best tourism village award from the Union Ministry of Tourism.

The award was received by the J&K's Tourism Secretary Syed Abid Rashid on behalf of J&K government.

"Dawar village bagged the award in golden category from across all villages in the country," a top official said.

Sources in the tourism department said that

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Northern Army Commander reviews infrastructure projects in Ladakh

JAMMU, Sep 27 (Agencies): Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has reviewed infrastructure development projects, which will enhance the operational capabilities of forces in Ladakh.

The general officer commanding in chief

(GoC-In-C) visited Shyok valley in Ladakh on Tuesday, the Northern Command said on X.

He reviewed the infrastructure development projects, which will enhance the operational and logistic capabilities of the Indian Army, it said.

The Army commander

was briefed by officials of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on the ongoing Himank and Vijayak projects related to construction of critical road infrastructure in Ladakh.

The Army commander also lauded the troops for their relentless efforts.

IAS Officer, Who emptied Delhi Stadium to walk dog, compulsorily retired by Government

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): An IAS officer serving in the Arunachal Pradesh government has been compulsorily retired by the government, sources said on Wednesday.

Rinku Dugga, a 1994-batch AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre officer, was posted as Principal Secretary, Indigenous Affairs in Arunachal Pradesh.

She and her husband Sanjeev Khirwar, who is also a 1994-batch IAS officer and is currently posted in Ladakh, were transferred out of Delhi last year following a newspaper report that they emptied a stadium of athletes to walk their dog.

Dugga has been retired compulsorily under the Fundamental Rules (FR) 56(j), Rule 48 of Central Civil Services (CCS) Pension Rules, 1972 after an assessment of her service record, the sources said.

The government has the right to retire any government servant "if it is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so", they said.

ARTO Bandipora suspends 21 driving licenses for various violations under MVA

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Bandipora on Wednesday suspended 21 driving licenses for the period of 3 months for various violations under Motor Vehicle Act.

The ARTO, made

public the list, mentioning Driving Licences, through a notice.

The notice reads that the Driving Licences' holders have been found involved in different offences/violations under Motor Vehicle Act and the Rules made there under.

8 Non-locals injured in 'Vibrater' Blast in Anantnag: Police

ANANTNAG, Sep 27 (Agencies): Eight non-locals were injured after "Vibrater" of load carrier they were travelling in blasted in Anantnag district of south Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said.

"Today one Tata Mobile bearing registration JK18-4476 coming from Dooru towards Dalgam Anantnag reached at Larkipora Anantnag where a Vibrater Blasted inside the Vehicle in which 8

Non Locals who were boarding the vehicle got injured," police said in a statement. They were shifted to GMC Janglatmandi Anantnag for treatment, it said. The injured have been identified as Chato Kumar, 18; Param Jeet, 22; Bhawan Kumar, 21; Fiqan, 17; Jiten, 21; Titu Kumar, 23; Matlesh Kumar, 19 and Shan Kumar, 17, all residents of Bihar. A Police officer said that there was no militancy angle into it.

Bank Guard Killing | SIA conducts raids in South Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency on Wednesday carried out raids at multiple locations in the valley in connection with the killing of a bank guard earlier this year, officials said.

The raids are being conducted in the south Kashmir districts of Anantnag, Pulwama and Shopian, they said.

According to the officials, the raids are a part of the central agency's investigations into the killing of bank ATM guard Sanjay Sharma.

Sharma was gunned down by terrorists in Achan area of Pulwama in February this year.

BJP delaying local bodies polls in J&K as it realised it will be wiped out: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): The BJP is "delaying" the panchayat and local bodies polls in Jammu and Kashmir as it has "sensed defeat", PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said on Wednesday, and charged that the ruling party at the Centre might end the election system in the entire country if it comes back to power.

"The BJP has realised that they will be wiped out in Jammu and the parties and system which they tried to put up in Kashmir are not working as people are not ready to accept them, so they are deferring the election," she told reporters here.

The former J-K chief minister said the BJP used to "indulge in a drama" and show to the entire world that they conducted the panchayat and local bodies



elections in J-K.

"Now, I think they have stopped that pretence. On one hand, these people say in the Supreme Court that the situation has improved in J-K after abrogation of Article 370, and that the people are happy. But, on the other, the same government now says that the security (situation) is not right in J-K and the elections cannot be conducted," she said.

"You can yourself see how much contradiction is there, she added.

I think the real reason, Mehbooba said, is that all "experiments" by BJP

in J-K, especially in the valley, have failed.

"They tried to create a new crop, a hybrid political system, it has failed. The people in Jammu have gone against them, they are out on roads, they have realised that the BJP has befooled them by provoking them against Kashmir, by making them suffer losses, by making people in J-K fight with each other, creating Hindu-Muslim divide," the PDP president said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister charged that the BJP does not accept the Constitution and wants to end the democratic system of the country, and they want to start it from J-K.

"If the BJP comes back to power in the Lok Sabha elections, then they will end the

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PSAJK expresses concern over relocation of NTA Centres from Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) raised apprehensions regarding the reported relocation of all National Testing Agency (NTA) examination centers from Kashmir, suspecting a hidden agenda aimed at generating a

crisis during the 2024 exams.

In a statement issued by PSAJK, the association expressed dismay at the mysterious move by NTA to transfer all examination centers out of Kashmir, viewing it as a worrisome development for the prospects of Kashmiri students.

The spokesperson of PSAJK while recalling the significant crisis faced when Kashmiri students were assigned examination centers outside of Jammu and Kashmir for their CUET exams. "This forced many underprivileged students to abstain from participating in these

exams, leading to a severe predicament. After appeals from members of civil society, political leaders, and other representatives the government established examination centers within Kashmir, thus avoiding a full blown crisis."

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Ravindra led SBI delegation meets Divisional Commissioner Jammu



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JAMMU, Sep 27: Deputy General Manager SBI, Ravindra Kumar Gupta J&K Zone Head, KJ Raina RM Jammu Region and Devinder Seth on Wednesday met Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar. Giving details of the meeting in a handout issued here, Deputy General Manager SBI, Ravindra Kumar Gupta said country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) is committed

to welfare of its account holders with an objective to engage with customers to further enhance their experience and provide better service delivery. Gupta said SBI has played an important role in informing customers about the benefits and convenience of using digital payment modes and safe digital banking practices to be followed while undertaking transactions. Through this initiative, the bank successfully

engaged with customers through 517 locations from 17 Local head offices (LHOs) of SBI across the country, added Gupta. We have a very dedicated and sincere staff with whom customers can interact easily and properly to discuss their concerns and share feedback & suggestions on the banks' products and services. Customer feedback and suggestions help the bank to improvise on existing products and

services, added Gupta. Gupta further said that customer engagement is an on-going process which is SBI's utmost priority. Their valued feedback and suggestions help the bank to offer quality banking experience. The bank is always committed to providing hassle-free banking services to its customers." Social Responsibility is deeply ingrained in the culture of our Bank. Our Bank has been undertaking social welfare initiatives

much before the formal CSR concept became common practice or an industry norm. Our Bank believes that it owes a solemn duty to the less fortunate and underprivileged members of the society to make sustainable social change in their lives. Bank has always placed the interest of the common man, especially the most marginalized, at its core, added Gupta.

Gupta claimed that SBI has been a caring and enabling organisation and sustainable business practices are at the heart of our business operations. Bank continued to champion "Sustainability" through a multifold approach, which included, inter alia, management of social and environmental risks in strategic decision-making, lending, and developing innovative products and services. He thanked all their shareholders for their continued faith in our strength and capabilities, customers for their valuable trust and our employees for their tireless efforts towards achieving our goals.

Baba Kailak Nath Dangal to be held on Oct 29



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JAMMU, Sep 27: Dangal Committee of Baba Kailak Nath Ji from Bantlab also organized a Dangal on the holy name of Baba Kailak Nath ji from last 29 years. In the chain Dangal drive, Baba Kailak Nath Dangal Committee took the blessing of Baba Ji and raise the flag on the holy place of Baba Ji at Thather in the Chairmanship of Surinder Singh Gilli and announced the date of Dangal on 29 October 2023.

While taking the blessing of Baba Ji, Gilli announced that this Dangal is a symbol of Humanity and it's a drive to aware our youth towards our traditional game Dangal. Meanwhile Gilli also said that this Game is very necessary of our youth and it helps our community to prevent against drugs and especially youth is motivated towards their health and having interest in body building. Committee members are also present in which the president Askar Ali, Vice presi-

dent Sahbil Singh, General Secretary Sarpanch Dharminder Singh, cashier Vikram Singh Vicky, Committee members Farooq Ahmed, Komal Singh and Bantlab Market association President Kuldeep Singh Soni also took blessing and announced that this Dangal was held on 29th of October at opposite Baba Kailak Nath ji temple. They appealed everyone to take part in this and Dangal Committee also invited wrestlers from J&K and other state also and took the blessing of Baba.

DFSS asks JMC to improve sanitation services in Jammu

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JAMMU Sep 27: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta held a rally demanding improvements in the sanitation services as dengue cases are on the rise.

Gupta said 146 cases were reported from Kathua, and 150 cases from Samba district.

In other districts, there are dengue 31 cases in Rajouri, 16 in Reasi, 68 in Udhampur, 14 in Poonch, 17 in Doda, 2 in Kishtwar, 13 in Kashmir, and 13 in other regions.

The majority of cases are reported from three districts of the Jammu region -Jammu, Samba, and Kathua, they said. This is a viral infection, we have to understand how it happens.

The increase in dengue cases can be attributed to various factors, including favourable weather conditions for mosquito breeding, a



higher mosquito population, and increased human exposure to mosquito bites. Every year, as the monsoon begins to wane, it stirs up an old scourge: dengue fever. But what has started the country and public health experts this time is the timing when cases of dengue fever began to appear and the rate at which the illness swept the country.

This monsoon season has presented an imminent threat to public health. It is crucial that we

don't solely rely on individual efforts to combat this crisis. A comprehensive approach is vital, which includes intensifying city-wide fogging to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds and conducting meticulous dengue testing among individuals." He called upon the authorities, particularly the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), to escalate ward-wise fogging operations to control mosquito proliferation and halt further dengue transmission. The party president

further underlined the necessity for extensive dengue testing and provision of appropriate medical care for those affected. Health authorities should closely monitor the situation and ensure essential medical attention. He also urged authorities to identify and eliminate mosquito breeding sites in critical areas of the city. Foci of stagnant water and dumping sites, including the one at Manda supervised by JMC, demand urgent and thorough cleansing.

He appealed to the authorities of JMC to sustain and intensify public awareness campaigns, enlightening citizens about dengue prevention measures and the significance of maintaining hygienic surroundings. The loss of a life due to dengue is a tragic reminder of the urgency of this situation. We cannot afford to wait! Every ward must be meticulously sanitized, and mosquito breeding sites eradicated to safeguard public health.

He urged the government to act promptly and decisively in this public health emergency. He stated that the people of Jammu & Kashmir are relying on the authorities to take swift and effective measures to contain the dengue outbreak and prevent further loss of life.

The party people present at the protest were Narinder Tangri, Ashish, Rahul, Akshay, Kunal, Prem, Bimla and Sunil.



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DODA, Sep 27: Under the direction of Executive Officer Yousuf-UI Umar, a dedicated team of sanitation staff mobilized their efforts today for a significant cleanliness drive.

This initiative took place in the CPO

Quarter and Passenger Shed located at Akramabad, forming an integral component of ISL 2.0, as part of the overarching Swachhta Hi Seva campaign. The diligent workers engaged in various tasks, ensuring the thorough cleaning and

upkeep of the specified areas. Their commitment to promoting hygiene and cleanliness in the community reflects a collective effort towards creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all residents and visitors alike.

Resolve genuine problems of Kashmiri Pandits: PDP

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JAMMU, Sep 27: Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party Migrant Wing held a meeting at PDP Office 2-A Gandhi Nagar Jammu under the chairmanship of President Sunil Bhat and State Secretary R.K.Pardesi has expressed grave concern over the genuine basic problems being faced by the Kashmiri Migrants living in exile for last more than 33 years especially the recent move made by the concerned authorities in stopping the monthly supply of flour to the migrants which is a grave injustice with the poor and helpless migrant community and the present scenario prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir. In the meeting today Sunil Bhat said that



the SRO 43 should be implemented also on PM package employees at par with other government employee in J&K. Also the recently accommodation made by the administration is single room accommodation in which the families is not satisfied with. The old policy adopted by late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's period should be implemented that is at least two room sets

which was constructed at Vassu and Sheikhpura should be implemented for PM package employees. Bhat also raised the other issues of the community like creation and advertisement of more new one thousand posts in Central Government department in J&K (for example in Railway, LIC, Central Belt Forces etc) Jobs for educated unemployment youth of

community. State Secretary R.K Pardesi demanded enhancement of Relief assistance from meager amount of Rs. 130000/ to Rs 200000/ per month a long pending and genuine demand of Kashmiri migrants, formation of concrete rehabilitation Policy for Kashmiri Pandits for Valley with time bound duration, internal repair and renovation of Quarters at Jagti, TRT

Nagrota, Buta Nagar and Purkho, subsidized loan schemes for over aged unemployed youth of the community, regular supply of pure drinking water in all migrant camps etc.

They appealed Lt. Governor Union Territory of Jammu to address the above listed genuine problems of migrants on priority basis.

Bhat also appealed Relief Commissioner Migrant J&K to come forward and discharge the assigned role of this in facilitating and getting resolved the problems of the Kashmiri Migrants on war footing.

The others who spoke in the meeting are Veer Ji Raina, Bansil Lal Koul, Satish Pajnoo, Pran Nath Pandita, S.K. Bhat, Vijay Pandita, Suraj Tak, Amit Dhar and Sanjay Kumar Jala.

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1	Repair to 4000 GPH x 285 meter head HC pump unit no.2 Installed at pumping station Urian Garnai.	01 job	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	Rs. 200.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	(Rs. 1505.00) 2% (in case of non-registered firms)/Or (Rs.753.00) 1% (in case of firms registered with DIC / SSI / MSME)	90 days

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- After opening tender only successful bidder shall be asked for submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and tender fee
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The technical bid will be opened on line on 03-10-2023 at 11.00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur.
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 - Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost
 - Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimate cost
 - One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost.
 Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
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Education is very important for the development of any country. Without this no social system can be strengthened. Therefore education is necessary for everyone. But in today's time there have been many changes in education. Due to this advanced level of change, along with the improvement in education, many challenges have also arisen. Which every student and person associated with education faces.

According to UNESCO's State of Education Report 2021 for India, there are 11.16 lakh teacher posts vacant in schools. This clearly shows that there is a shortage of teachers in schools. According to a study conducted by the National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA), teachers devote about 19% of their time to teaching while the rest of their time is spent in non-teaching administrative work.

Funds for schools are provided by the Central Government to the State Government. Due to this lack of funds the school needs such as libraries, laboratories and other infrastructure facilities cannot be managed properly by the schools.

According to an ASSOCHAM survey, inflation in primary and secondary education has increased by 169% from 2005 to 2011. For some courses, higher education is beyond the reach of the common man.

Poor sanitation, lack of toilets, lack of basic facilities like drinking water facilities, electricity, playground etc. is one of the major shortcomings of the education sector.

The old education system in India was mainly based on bookish education but nowadays a lot has changed with the use of internet and experiential learning methods.

Till now there were three education policies in India. The first in the year 1968, the second in the year 1986 and the third in the year 2020. The main objective of the National Education Policy 1986 was to include the disadvantaged groups by providing equal opportunities in the field of education. But the National Education Policy 2020 is more holistic in nature. Its objective is to provide skill based education and employment to students. All the shortcomings of the previous educational policies are being removed by the new educational policy 2020.

To face the challenges in education, more importance should be given to the primary and secondary education of the child. The Indian government should spend more on building infrastructure in schools and training teachers. Appropriate measures need to be taken by the government to provide affordable quality education to all

Like under the National Education Policy 2022, students are free to choose the language as per their interest. Education expenditure as a percentage of total GDP increased from 0.64 to 4.13 from 1952 to 2014. In this way, efforts are being made to gradually overcome the challenges by making some changes in the field of education.

Thus, with increasing time, many major changes have started taking place in the field of education. Under which, along with many facilities in the field of education, many challenges will also arise. It is extremely important to find a solution. Since only education brings out a civilized form of society and through this it strengthens the path of becoming a successful citizen of a country, it is necessary to improve the level of education.

Along with this, solutions to the challenges of this sector should also be found at the government level.

Political parties facing anxiety as election season gets closer in US

By: Krishnan Srinivasan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited US President Joe Biden as the chief guest for the coming Republic Day celebrations next year, which will be an election year in both the United States and India. In that country, the oldest continuous two-party democracy, the front-running candidates for President in November 2024 are former President Donald Trump, a Republican, who is facing 91 federal and state-level criminal charges, and the incumbent Democrat Joe Biden, who is suffering evidence of senility at the age of 80.

In this situation, with just over one year to go, both parties face an acute dilemma. For the Democrats, Mr Biden in late August, according to FiveThirtyEight, had an approval rating of 42 per cent, while 53 per cent disapproved of the way he was running America. An AP poll at the end of August showed that 77 per cent of Americans think he is too old to serve. In Hanoi, on September 10, the signs of Mr Biden's cognitive decline were alarming; the President was cut off at a press conference by his aides after his often-incoherent remarks.

Mr Biden is helped by the fact that since 1973, American psychiatrists and clinicians do not diagnose, or offer public opinions on, those they have not personally evaluated. Donald Trump, who is 77, talks nonsense in public appearances but he does so with vigour and energy, and voters seem less concerned by Mr Trump's advancing years

than Mr Biden's.

To Mr Biden's supporters, the President's record is creditable. The economy is sound, unemployment and inflation are down, real wages for the low-income cohort are rising, and urban homicide rates are falling. The President's Ukraine policy is holding and he has recorded formidable bipartisan legislation. But he is vulnerable on account of his age, unsafe schools, the size of the government and national debt, and border security policies with migrants taking social services and jobs. The difference between the traditional Republican Wall Street and the Democrat Main Street has shrunk, Mr Biden's position with working-class voters has deteriorated and his son Hunter Biden, indicted on firearms charges and under investigation for failure to pay tax and using the family name to promote his business, has clouded the President's reputation for integrity. Though most Democrats are privately unhappy that Mr Biden is again running for the White House, the credibility of alternative Democratic candidates is weak. Vice-President Kamala Harris has an even lower approval rating than the President and other options in governor Gavin Newsom of California and governor Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan are likely to be weaker challengers to Mr Trump.

On the judicial process against Mr Trump and Hunter Biden, both parties believe that the justice department, responsible for enforcing the law, is politicised and has been captured by the other party, adding another

dimension to the acute political polarisation in the country. Attacks on the judicial system distract the parties from the real problems the nation faces.

A major issue for both parties is abortion and the right to life. A Gallup poll suggests that 55 per cent of the public and 52 per cent women want a ban after three months, and 37 per cent are for full legality. Democrats deviate from public opinion on this whereas the logical compromise would be abortion being legal within three months and dependent after that on the mother's health.

The Democrats seem to be banking on Mr Trump's greater unpopularity. Though easily the front-runner for the Republican ticket, Mr Trump is under indictment in four separate criminal cases, and a presidential challenger, Nikki Haley, described him publicly as the most disliked American politician. Republicans are aware that the party's latest win in the popular vote was in 2004 and in the November 2022 mid-term elections, and that Trump-endorsed candidates for Congress found it hard to win. Mr Trump lost the House of Representatives in 2018 and against all media expectations, there was no Republican wave in 2022.

Centrist Republicans acknowledge Mr Trump's "Make America Great Again" symbolism has strong emotional appeal for "the forgotten man", the Christian hard-right and mainly rural voter, who feel neglected by the system and deeply resent the perceived establishment élites. At the same time Mr Trump seems to accept racism

and encouraged extremists like the Proud Boys, whose leader was sentenced to 22 years in prison. Moderate Republicans wish the party to be more inclusive, especially among black and Hispanic communities.

Most centrist Republicans yearn for an alternate candidate to Mr Trump. Among the party's presidential aspirants, Vivek Ramaswamy echoes Mr Trump's disdain for the Washington establishment by pledging to eliminate 75 per cent of the federal workforce. Former vice-president Mike Pence does not seem the right messenger, while former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley might attract donor support and should not to be underestimated.

The Republicans in Congress are also not in fine fettle. Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell is 81. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy heads a party with a slender 10-seat majority, and won his position only after 15 rounds of balloting. This leaves him hostage to the party's right wing which presses for initiating impeachment proceedings against President Biden and threatens a government shutdown over federal spending. Republican analysts consider such moves would be disapproved of by the electorate when the emphasis should be on governance and less government intervention. So, both parties view the coming months with great unease. With his invitation to President Biden, Prime Minister Narendra Modi seems to be taking an early bet on the result.

Identify the best Scientific Talent

By: Vijay GarG

The rationalisation of awards providing equal opportunities to people working in every sphere of science will help identify the best scientific talent

The government of India has decided to rebrand the science awards delivered by various ministries into a single new avatar. As per the new decision, there is a rationalisation of awards. Previously, the Department of Science and Technology presented a total of 207 awards, including four with national significance. Additionally, there were 97 private endowments and 56 internal awards. The Department of Biotechnology granted six fellowships as part of its awards program.

The Department of Atomic Energy distributed 25 performance-based honours and 13 awards in non-core domains. Except for the one internal award given by the Department of Atomic Energy in the name of Homi Jehangir Bhaba, all other internal awards have been stopped. The new avatar 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar'

shall be limited to 56 prizes under 4 categories, viz., Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, and Vigyan Team. The Vigyan Ratna Award will honour the lifetime accomplishments of scientists, while the Vigyan Shri Award will acknowledge notable contributions to a specific field. The Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award aims to inspire young scientists who have demonstrated outstanding contributions in their respective fields.

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar will be conferred across 13 disciplines, encompassing Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science, Earth Science, Medicine, Engineering Sciences, Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Technology and Innovation, Atomic Energy, Space Science and Technology, among others. The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is open to every Indian citizen and also to people of Indian origin working in other countries. However, there is a limit to the number of people of Indian origin to be considered for

these awards. Out of the total number of 3 awards in the Vigyan Ratna, a maximum of only 1 can be considered from people of Indian origin, while in Vigyan Sri and Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar it is 3 out of 25, while the Vigyan Team award is exclusively for people working in India. Similarly except for

Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (VY-SSB) there is no upper age limit for applying. In VY-SSB the upper age limit is fixed at 45.

In the earlier version of the award that has been followed for many years only people working in government sectors were considered. The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is open to all researchers, irrespective of the organization. Even people working outside the gamut of any organization can also apply for these awards. This will help thousands of outstanding researchers working under various NGOs in the country to showcase their scientific talents and come to the limelight.

A panel headed by the Principal Scientific Adviser will

be responsible for choosing the recipients. The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar Committee will comprise secretaries from all six science departments, four presidents chosen from science and engineering academies, and six eminent scientists and technologists representing various realms of science. Each year, nominations for these awards will be open from January 14 to February 28, coinciding with National Science Day. One landmark decision in the new award is the clause for self-nominations, which was not possible in the earlier version. Often the malpractice and unethical practices happening in science are because of this nomination culture. The rationalisation of awards providing equal opportunities to people working in every sphere of science will help identify the best scientific talent from the country.

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SKJAVS Trust urges establishment of Sanskrit University in J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Sep 27: The Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan (SKJAVS) Trust held a meeting at Taj Hotel in Srinagar, expressing their gratitude to the Madhya Pradesh Government for their decision to establish the Ramanujacharya Sanskrit University in Madhya Pradesh. The Trust, led by Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Trust, emphasized the urgent need for a Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir, known as a stronghold of Devvani Sanskrit scholars, currently lacks a dedicated Sanskrit University. It is worth noting that India has a total of fourteen Sanskrit Universities and three Central Sanskrit Universities, totaling seventeen. The absence of a Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir hampers the advancement and preservation of this ancient language, which has been utilized for both instruction and communication in the region for centuries.

During the meeting, RK Chibber, Trustee



of the Trust, highlighted the historical significance of Sanskrit in Jammu and Kashmir. Buddhism, which arrived in the region between 300 to 200 BC, witnessed the importance of Sanskrit as the language of instruction and communication. While Buddhist teachings were traditionally recorded in Pali throughout India, Jammu and Kashmir became the first region to record them in Sanskrit. Scholars from all over India and other Asian countries flocked to the region during that period for Sanskrit studies.

To revive this rich history and preserve the cultural and linguistic heritage of Jammu and Kashmir, the Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust is demanding the establishment of a San-

skrit University in the region. This university will provide a platform for Sanskrit scholars and students to flourish, contributing to the overall development and promotion of Sanskrit as a language of importance and historical significance.

The Trust acknowledges and appreciates Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's announcement to establish the Ramanujacharya Sanskrit University in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. They now urge the government to extend their support to Jammu and Kashmir by establishing a similar institution for Sanskrit education and research.

The establishment of a Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir will not only fulfill the educational needs of students interested

in Sanskrit studies but also provide a platform for scholars to explore and contribute to the field. It will unlock new opportunities, promote cultural exchange, and strengthen the region's position as a hub for Sanskrit scholars.

The Trust believed that the establishment of a Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir will not only fulfill the educational needs of students interested in Sanskrit studies but also provide a platform for scholars to explore and contribute to the field. It will unlock new opportunities, promote cultural exchange, and strengthen the region's position as a hub for Sanskrit scholars.

The Trust urged the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to give due consideration to their demands and take necessary steps to establish a Sanskrit University in the region. This significant initiative will not only preserve and promote the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir but also contribute to the overall development and growth of the region, he added.

New devotional song 'Goura Tera Ladla' released

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Renowned artists Sunil, Rajesh, and Sahil have joined forces to release a new devotional song titled "Goura Tera Ladla." The much-anticipated song aims to promote and showcase the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir through soulful melodies and meaningful lyrics.

The program, which witnessed a grand launch, was graced by esteemed chief guests DSP City Sunil Kesar (JKP) and Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji, Chairman of Religious Tourism. Sahil Mahajan, BJP JK Uttarakhand Co-Convenor and Sanskriti, Art & Culture Cell, also honored the event with his presence.

"Goura Tera Ladla" exquisitely combines the talents of various artists, including singer Master Shashi, lyricist Rajan, music composer Chandan Jassu, video director K. K. Malhotra, and assistant director Prerna Sharma. The project owes a special debt of gratitude to Mahant Shri



Bitta Ji (Bahu Fort) for his invaluable direction. The song is released under the label of YouTube channel Maa Bawe Wali Records.

During the event, Sunil Kesar Ji emphasized the importance of devotional songs in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that they hold significant cultural and religious value. He encouraged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support and uplift local artists, enabling them to thrive and excel in their respective industries, ultimately bringing pride to the entire region.

Rajesh Bittu Ji added that participation in religious activities and rituals can guide the youth

of Jammu and Kashmir towards a brighter future, deterring them from engaging in illegal activities such as drug abuse. He emphasized the role of devotional songs in fostering spiritual growth and steering individuals away from the wrong path.

Sahil Mahajan assured all artists of Jammu and Kashmir that the Sanskriti, Art & Culture Cell of BJP JK Uttarakhand is committed to supporting and assisting them in their artistic endeavors. He urged artists to approach the party for any help they require, ensuring that they are provided with the necessary resources and opportunities to show-

case their talent. With the release of "Goura Tera Ladla," Sunil, Rajesh, and Sahil aim to bring audiences closer to their cultural roots and ignite a sense of pride in the local talent of Jammu and Kashmir. The song is a testimony to the artistic brilliance found within the region and serves as a reminder to support and promote local artists.

The release of "Goura Tera Ladla" is a significant milestone in the devotional music scene of Jammu and Kashmir. It exemplifies the unity and collaboration of talented individuals who have come together to create a masterpiece.

AAP urges for completion of small projects in Sub-Division Thathri

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Senior AAP leader, Kuldeep Kumar Rao urged the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Manoj Sinha and Dr. Jitendra Singh, concerned MP and MOS in Prime Minister's office to prioritize the completion of small projects in the Sub-Division Thathri, which consists of Tehsils Kahara, Thathri, Phaqsoo, Bhella & Chirrala. The completion of these projects will benefit the population in the area and also promote tourism.

In a statement issued here today, Rao emphasized the importance of completing certain road projects for the development of tourism and

employment opportunities in the region. He highlighted the need to complete the Kahara Jai road from Jaura Kalan to Jai, as it is an important link in the circuit network and will provide employment opportunities. The Thathri-Chirra road project, which is already mostly complete, requires the construction of the remaining 5 km from Chirra to Gallu Top. Additionally, linking Gallu Top to Jaura Khurd and Jaura Khurd to Chirala-Panshaee road will further enhance tourism and create employment opportunities.

Rao urged the Lt. Governor and Dr. Jitendra Singh, concerned MP, to prioritize the comple-

tion of the Jaura Kalan to Jai and Chirra to Gallu Top road projects. He emphasized that the Kahara-Jai road project is the longest pending project in the erstwhile Doda District and should be given due consideration.

He also pointed out that a stretch of the Suranga Morh-Jai link road from revenue village Jaura Kalan to revenue village Lower-Shamdlain, which falls in a forest area, can be executed without any loss to the forest and legal hindrance. He requested forest clearance for this stretch and urged for immediate execution of the work to bring relief to the inhabitants of Lower

Shamdlain and ST village Kunthla.

Furthermore, Rao appealed to the Chief Engineer R&B, Jammu Division, to personally intervene and direct the concerned agency (R&B Division Gandoh) to repair the damaged road of the main Suranga Morh to Jai road in Panchyat Jaura Kalan. The damaged road has caused blockage and hindered the supply of essential commodities to the area, leading to hardships for the inhabitants. He requested prompt repair of the damaged road to restore the flow of essential commodities in Panchyat Jaura Kalan on a priority basis.

NSS volunteers organize cleanliness drive under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign



TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Sep 27: Under the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign, NSS Volunteers of GDC Kathua took part in a cleanliness drive at the statues located at Shahidi Chowk and Captain Sunil Chowk Kathua. Over a hundred volunteers participated in the

drive, where they collected plastic and polythene waste from the area and disposed of it properly. Additionally, the volunteers washed both Shaeedi Smarks and paid floral tribute to them.

During the event, the volunteers also emphasized the importance of avoiding single-use plastic and polythene

to the shopkeepers and other individuals present. The shopkeepers expressed their appreciation for the volunteers and thanked them for organizing the campaign in the market as well. This annual campaign, which takes place from September 15th to October 2nd, focuses on generating a jan andolan through

community participation. This year, the campaign's theme is "Garbage Free India," with an emphasis on visual cleanliness and the welfare of Safai Mitras.

The activities under Swachh Hi Seva are being organized under the patronage of Principal Prof Seema Mir and the supervision of NSS Program Officers Prof Manmohan Singh, Prof Neha Bandal, and Dr. Suresh Sharma. The spirit of voluntarism drives the focus of these cleanliness activities, with an emphasis on high footfall public places such as bus stands, railway stations, cantonment boards, beaches, tourist places, zoos, national parks & sanctuaries, historical monuments, heritage sites, river fronts, ghats, drains, and nallahs in both rural and urban areas of the state/ UT.

Congress plays BJP, Municipality over poor cleanliness in Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Congress leaders today staged a protest against the ruling BJP and the Municipality. Led by Gurmeet Singh, President of Beopar Mandal and District General Secretary of Congress, the leaders visited different wards in Jammu East to address the grievances of the public.

Residents expressed their concerns about the lack of cleanliness in the area, which has led to the spread of Dengue. While it is the responsibility of the Municipality to maintain cleanliness, no action has been taken by the municipal officers



or the concerned supervisor. The protestors demand a fine of Rs. 25,000 for the supervisor's negligence in performing their duties.

Dengue cases are increasing in the city due to the poor cleanliness conditions. Despite the Municipality's announcements, there has been no physical action taken to

address the issue. The protestors urge the Lieutenant Governor to issue strict instructions to the concerned departments to prevent further loss of lives and avoid unnecessary expenses.

Additionally, it has come to notice that Rs. 30,000 crore was sanctioned for the Pardhan Mantri Swachh Bharat

Abhiyan. However, there is no evidence of this amount being spent on cleanliness measures in Jammu. The protestors demand an inquiry by the Central Government's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to reveal the details of the funds allotted by the State Government for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Gurmeet Singh was accompanied by several prominent leaders, including Hardavinder Singh, President of Ward No. 3, Manohar Joshi, Mohalla President, and Ashok Kumar, Ashwani Sharma, Amarpreet Singh, Sham, Ram Lal, Ramesh Kumar, among others.

MSME conducts induction program on start-ups at MBSCET Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: MSME, in collaboration with Technisch Kaizen Services Pvt Ltd & NGO SUPPORT, conducted a one-day workshop cum awareness camp on the importance and awareness of start-ups and incubations for young students/professionals. The fifth day of the Induction Program for entrants featured a captivating workshop held at MBSCET. The workshop offered valuable insights on social work, entrepreneurship, and the MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) scheme.

Esteemed resource persons, including Dr. Navneet Kour, Director Technisch Kaizen Services Pvt Ltd & Founder Chairperson of NGO SUPPORT, Mr. Annil Suri, Entrepreneur, and Mr. Gurmeet Singh, a Consultant in MSME, graced the event as key speakers. Dr. Navneet Kour emphasized the importance of social work and being a good human being, highlighting its significance



alongside an engineering career. She shared her experiences and insights, inspiring the new entrants to incorporate social responsibility into their lives and make a positive impact on society.

Annil Suri, an esteemed entrepreneur, delivered a motivating keynote speech, sharing challenges and successes he encountered on his entrepreneurial journey. His inspiring anecdotes served to ignite the entrepreneurial spirit within the new entrants, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and embrace the risks associated with starting their own ventures.

Gurmeet Singh, a consultant specializing in MSME, provided insights on various aspects of the

MSME scheme, including financial support, government initiatives, and market trends.

Gurmeet Singh also raised awareness about the financial schemes of MSME, SIDBI, and other Ministries for start-ups and incubators, believing that this workshop would provide valuable insight about various schemes that can support their ideation.

The event was coordinated by Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur and was attended by 120 professionals and young engineers. Certificates and mementos were presented to the participants and professionals of MBSCET. Faculty members present in the workshop included Principal Prof Dr. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Ms. Sarabjit

Kaur HOD APSh, Deen Academics Prof Parveen Singh, Vice Principal Dr. Amreek Singh, Dr. Sanjeev Singh HOD ENC, Prof Ripu Daman NSS Convener, and Sh. Ravinder Bhardwaj TPO. The event was supported by MSME Assistant Director Mr. Devinder Tyagi and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Assistant Director MSME, as well as Ashaq Wani, Director Technisch Kaizen (Skills and Training Projects).

MBSCET Principal, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Gupta acknowledging that the seminar played a vital role in providing new entrants with an invaluable platform to acquire a profound comprehension of social work, entrepreneurship, and the dynamic landscape of MSME.

Amitabh Bachchan professes fandom for Dilip Kumar, says, 'I'm nothing compared to him'

Says, 'When the history of Indian cinema will be written, it will be Before Dilip Kumar and After Dilip Kumar'

In a display of admiration towards 'Abhinay Samrat' Dilip Kumar, megastar Amitabh Bachchan shared how the former was offered three screen names, calling him an extraordinary artist and human being.

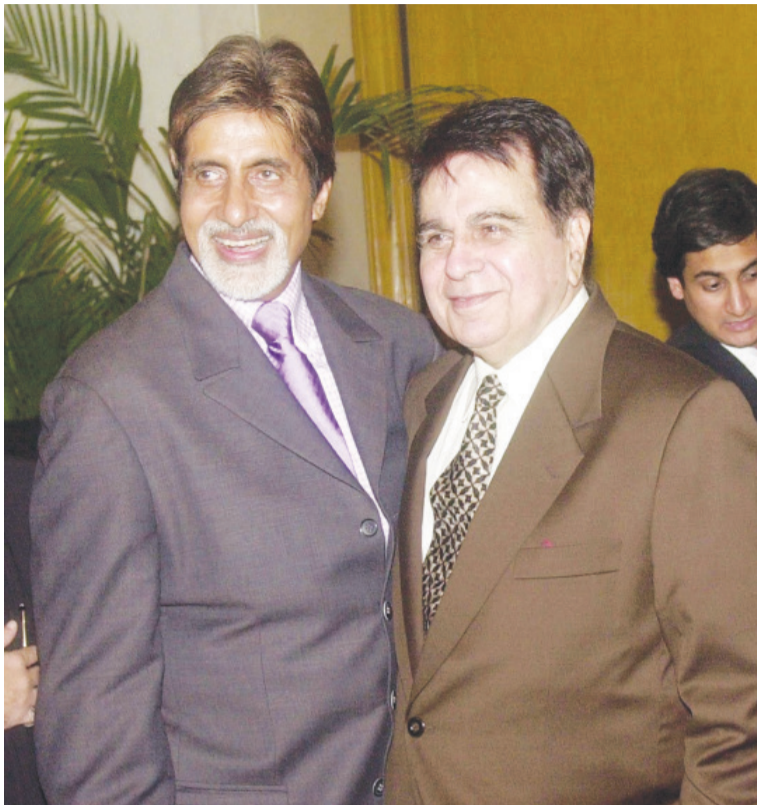
Born as Mohammed Yusuf Khan, Dilip Kumar was credited with pioneering method acting in cinema. With a career spanning over five decades, he holds the most dominant box-office record for a star in Hindi cinema.

In the episode 32 of the quiz-based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' season 15, host Amitabh Bachchan welcomed Pinki, a homemaker from Hisar, Haryana, to the hot seat.

For the 12th question for the amount of Rs 12,50,000, she was asked: Which of these names was one of the options suggested to Yusuf Khan as his screen name before he took up the name Dilip Kumar?

The options given were - Akbar, Shah Jahan, Babur and Jahangir.

Big B said: "I'm the biggest fan



of Dilip Kumar. But even I don't know, about this."

The contestant decided to quit as she was not sure of the answer. The correct answer

was Jahangir.

Amitabh said: "Dilip Kumar's real name is Yusuf Khan as we just mentioned. When he was signed for a film, he was told

that he would, need a screen name."

"Devika Rani, a distinguished actress and Bhagwati Charan Verma, he was a distinguished writer and poet and is known to date, they gave him three options - Vasudev, Dilip Kumar, and Jahangir. Dilip Sahab didn't choose Jahangir. However, after many years, in a film called 'Mughal-e-Azam', he played the role of Jahangir," said Big B.

The actor went on to say: "I'm a big fan of Dilip Kumar I've always believed that when the history of Indian cinema will be written, it will be Before Dilip Kumar and After Dilip Kumar."

The contestant then said: "Also, another thing will be mentioned, sir. Something more will be written. Before Amitabh Bachchan and After Amitabh Bachchan."

To this Big B replied: "I'm nothing compared to him. He was an extraordinary artist and human being. What do I say? To praise him, I'll have to take up an entire show."

'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' airs on Sony.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas on WGA agreement



Priyanka Chopra Jonas applauded everyone's efforts in bringing about a tentative but

essential agreement between the Writers Guild Association (WGA) and the studios

and streamers. The SAG AFTRA strike, which has been ongoing since July of this year, might come to an end as a result of this outcome.

She took to Instagram and wrote, "Bravo! This is the result of a committed, unified stance. Hope that this positive momentum can drive closure on the SAG AFTRA discussions too. After several long consecutive days of negotiations, the #WGA and the #AMPTP have reached a tentative deal on a new contract in a major development that could precipitate the end of a historic, 146-day #WritersStrike." A tentative deal has been struck to end the impasse between writers and studios that has impacted the television and movie industry. The WGA on Sunday signed a tentative deal with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, a labour group representing studios and streaming services.

Kate Moss loves 'moonbathing' to absorb lunar energy

Model Kate Moss has revealed that part of her new lifestyle involves 'moonbathing', in which she lies under the night sky to absorb lunar energy. Kate has also experimented with waking at 4 am, and growing her own vegetables after moving out of London to west Oxfordshire. Her day starts with transcendental meditation.

She said about being in "denial" about her upcoming 50th birthday on January 16. "I'm not turning 50. No. I'm not thinking about it. I do not feel 50." Kate also said "no comment" when asked whether she has undergone any "tweakments" such as filler or botox to prevent the appearance of aging.



Bobby Deol portrays ferocious antagonist, the enemy to 'Animal', here's first look poster

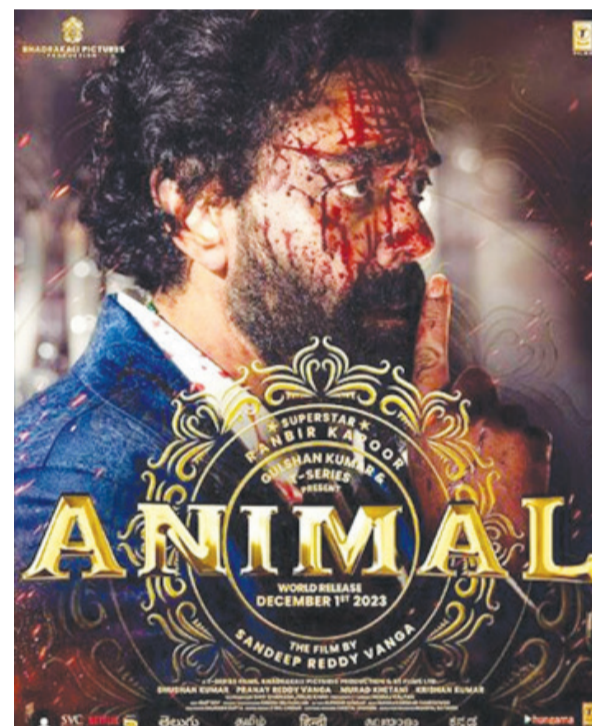
Makers of the upcoming action thriller film 'Animal' on Tuesday unveiled the first look poster of actor Bobby Deol.

Taking to Instagram, actor Anil Kapoor shared the poster which he captioned, "Jaanwar ke har dushman ke andar bhi, Ek Jaanwar chipa hota hai... Yeh Yaad Rakhna Beta!!!"

In the first-look poster, Bobby can be seen with a heavy beard and blood on his face.

Helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, the film also stars Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna in the lead roles.

In the film, Bobby portrays the antagonist, the enemy to Animal.



He embodies a character who is both fire and

calm, a juxtaposition that adds depth to his

portrayal.

Bobby Deol's fierce personality radiates through the new poster making him a formidable adversary for the film's protagonist. Soon after the makers shared the poster, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

Makers of the movie will be unveiling the teaser of the film on September 28 i.e. on actor Ranbir Kapoor's birthday.

Recently they unveiled the first look poster of Ranbir and Anil Kapoor.

Earlier, the makers unveiled the pre-teaser of the movie.

The video begins with

several people who can be seen wearing skull masks, white shirts, black waistcoats, and ties. They wield axes as well. Ranbir Kapoor, the lead actor in the movie, walks in with an axe to fight them.

He kills several people, while many manage to flee.

Ranbir can be seen wearing a white dhoti and kurta. He kept his beard and hair long. The teaser only showed a portion of the actor's face but some scars on his face were visible.

'Animal' is set to hit the theatres on December 1 in five languages - Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam.

Television has many big stars but few good actors, says Sumbul Touqeer Khan



Sumbul Touqeer Khan, who became a household name with her stint in reality show

Bigg Boss, is coming back as a lead in Sony TV's show Kavya — Ek Jazbaa, Ek Junoon, and

she feels that the television industry has many big stars but few good actors.

The show went on air on Monday in which she can be seen playing the role of an IAS officer. In an exclusive conversation, she spoke about the show, similarities between her and Kavya, and her working experience with Mishkat.

She said, "When you get a supportive co-star, your work gets better as an actor. Mishkat has been very supportive till now. I often feel our industry has many big stars but very few good actors and he is among one of the best actors I have worked with."

About the similarity between her and Kavya, she said, "Kavya is different from me. She is way more intelligent and mature than I am. But we do have something in common too and that is our passion for our work. Kavya is very ambitious and I have also been very ambitious about my work and career."

Sony Entertainment Television's show Kavya features Sumbul and Mishkat Varma in titular roles.

Geetanjali's recommendations — UP's choora matar, kachori



On World Tourism Day, Geetanjali Mishra, who plays Rajesh in the sitcom Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shared how Uttar Pradesh's diverse cuisine and street food offerings delight her taste buds.

Geetanjali said, "UP boasts a wealth of historical sites like the Taj Mahal, Rumi Darwaza, Panch Mahal, and Chunar Fort, making it a haven for history and architecture enthusiasts."

"It's undeniably one of India's most beautiful states, with several must-visit cities attracting tourists from around the globe. Among these, my favourite includes Varanasi, my hometown, renowned as the city of Lord Shiva," she said.

Geetanjali shared, "UP's diverse cuisine and street food offerings delight my taste buds. Litti chokha, choora matar, tamatar chaat, kachori, and samosa, paired with kulhad wali chai, are culinary experiences to savour," she added.

Seerat Kapoor debuts as singer with Aao Na

Actress Seerat Kapoor, who is known for her work in Telugu cinema, has made her singing debut with the song Aao Na, which was launched on Tuesday. The song also features Aman Preet Singh, who is the brother of actress Rakul Preet Singh.

The romantic title track is a heart-warming melody and features a palpable chemistry between Seerat Kapoor and Aman Preet.

Aman Preet plays an established photographer and Seerat Kapoor is a supermodel in the music video of the song. Aman gets mesmerised with the beauty and charm of Seerat and falls in love and has a gala time with her imagining her as his girlfriend, but later realises that it's just a dream.

Talking about her debut as a singer, Seerat says, "Debating as a singer and as an actor in one project itself, has always been my dream and I'm thrilled that the universe has conspired it with Aao Na."

This song is incredibly special to me. I hope this song resonates with the audience and leaves a lasting impression".



“UPA Government Was Indifferent...”: PM Modi’s Jab Over Development In Gujarat

The PM also said that Vibrant Gujarat became a success at such a time when the central government (previous UPA dispensation) was “indifferent” to the industrial progress of the state.

AHMEDABAD, Sep 27 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said their aim is to make India a global growth engine and that the country will soon emerge as an economic powerhouse of the world.

Speaking at an event to mark the completion of 20 years of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit, PM Modi said they sowed small seeds of a “Vibrant Gujarat” 20 years ago, and today it has developed into a big tree.

“We organised Vibrant Gujarat to make the state a growth engine of India. After 2014, our aim has been to make India a global growth engine,” he said addressing a gathering of



industrialists and businessmen. “We are standing at such a phase that India will soon emerge as a global economic powerhouse,” he said. “It is my guarantee to you that

in a few years from now, in front of your eyes, India will be among the top three economies of the world,” the prime minister said. PM Modi highlighted how from a humble beginning, the Vibrant

Gujarat events have turned into an institution and many states later followed it by organising their own investment summits.

“Swami Vivekananda said every work passes through three stages - first it is mocked, later it faces opposition and finally it is accepted, especially when the idea is ahead of time,” PM Modi said, comparing the success of Vibrant Gujarat and how it passed through different stages.

The PM also said that Vibrant Gujarat became a success at such a time when the central government (previous UPA dispensation) was “indifferent” to the industrial progress of the state.

4 Killed After Speeding Truck Collides With SUV In Madhya Pradesh: Cops



MANDLA, Sep 27 (Agencies): Four persons were killed and two others injured after a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) they were travelling in collided with a truck in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh in the early hours of

Wednesday, police said. The incident occurred on the National Highway-30 near Barkheda village, some 40 kilometres from the district headquarters, around 1 am, an official said. “An SUV collided with a speeding truck,

which was carrying iron rods and coming from the opposite direction,” Bichhiya police station in-charge Dharmendra Singh Dhurve said.

Six persons were travelling in the SUV, of whom four were killed on the spot while two others suffered injuries, he said.

Three women and the driver of the SUV died in the incident, Dhurve said, adding that the injured are being treated at the district hospital in Mandla.

Due to the impact of the collision, the truck also overturned. Its driver fled from the spot and efforts are on to trace him, he said.

26-year-old Delhi man tied to pole, beaten to death on suspicion of theft

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): A 26-year-old man died after he was allegedly tied to a pole and thrashed by some people who suspected him of being a thief in northeast Delhi’s Sunder Nagri, police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on Tuesday morning at G4 block of the locality, they said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said fruit vendor Abdul Wajid (60), a resident of Sunder Nagri, lodged a complaint claiming that his son Isar died after being assaulted by some people on suspicion of theft. According to Wajid, when he reached his house on Tuesday evening, he saw his son lying outside, writhing in pain. There were injury marks all over his body, the DCP said.

Isar told his father that around 5am, some youngsters caught him near G4 block and accused him of stealing. They then tied him to a pole and thrashed him



with sticks. He said the assailants lived near the G4 block, Tirkey said.

Isar’s neighbour Aamir brought him home in a rickshaw and at around 7pm, he succumbed to his injuries, he said.

Wajid informed the police and the body was shifted to GTB Hospital where an autopsy would be conducted, the DCP said.

A case of murder has been registered, police said, adding efforts are being made to identify the people who assaulted Isar, police said.

Girl found bleeding on street in Ujjain, medical examination confirms rape

UJJAIN, Sep 27 (Agencies): A girl, around 12 years of age, was found bleeding on a street in Ujjain city of Madhya Pradesh, and her medical examination confirmed that she had been raped, police said on Wednesday.

The girl, found here on September 25, probably hails from neighbouring Uttar Pradesh, but her identity is yet to be established as she is not able to tell her name and address to the police properly, an official said.

“A girl, aged around 12 years, was found bleeding on a street located under the Mahakal



police station area in Ujjain on Monday. She was taken to a hospital, where her initial medical examination confirmed that she had been raped,” SP Sachin Sharma said.

“The girl is possi-

bly a resident of Uttar Pradesh. She neither possesses any identity card, nor is she able to tell her name and address to the police properly,” he said.

As the minor’s condition was serious, she

was taken to Indore on Tuesday for further medical treatment, the SP said.

A case was registered at the Mahakal police station and investigation into the incident is under way, he added.

“A special investigation team (SIT) has been constituted to investigate the matter and to check the CCTV footage so that the accused can be arrested at the earliest,” he said.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath demanded that the victim be given a financial assistance of Rs 1 crore and that the accused in the case be

given the strictest possible punishment.

“It is heart-wrenching to see the case of extremely cruel rape of a little girl in Ujjain. The kind of heinous crime committed against the 12-year-old daughter and the way she ran around in many areas of the city in a semi-nude condition and before falling unconscious on the road, puts humanity to shame,” Nath said on his official X account on Wednesday.

The Congress leader said the rule of law has ended in Madhya Pradesh and criminals are roaming free while the people are in trouble.

Man Rescued By Mumbai Cops After Suicide Search On Google Alerts Interpol

MUMBAI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Mumbai police traced a 28-year-old man here and saved him from ending his life following an alert from the Interpol that he was searching about the ‘best way to commit suicide’ on Google, an officer said today.

The man, who hails from Rajasthan, was rescued on Tuesday from suburban Malvani after the police traced his location on the basis of his mobile number shared by the Interpol, he said.

The International Criminal Police Organization, commonly known as Interpol, is an interna-

tional organisation that facilitates worldwide police cooperation and crime control.

“The rescue operation was conducted by the Unit-11 of the Mumbai police’s crime branch based on the information given by the Interpol on Tuesday afternoon,” the police officer said.

“The man, a resident of Malvani in Malad west is a native of Rajasthan. During the probe, the police found that he was under pressure as he was not able to secure the release of his mother from jail in Mumbai since her arrest in a criminal case two years ago,” he said.



The man earlier stayed in Mira Road locality (in neighbouring Thane district) with his relatives before shifting to Malvani, a western suburb, he said.

“He has been jobless since the last six months. Since he was not able to secure the

release of his mother from a jail, he was under depression. As the thoughts of ending life came to his mind, he started an online search to find ways to commit suicide,” the official said.

He searched ‘Suicide best way’ on Google several times, which

caught the attention of Interpol officials, who sent an email about it to the Mumbai police along with his mobile phone number, he said.

On the basis of that information, the crime branch found that the user of the mobile phone was in Malvani, he added.

“Accordingly, the police rushed to the place. The victim was then taken into custody and counselled,” he said.

He was asked to go to his relatives’ place in the city after being counselled by professional counsellors, the police officer said.

LJP leader shot dead by unknown assailants in Bihar’s Gaya



GAYA, Sep 27 (Agencies): A Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader, Anwar Khan, was shot dead in broad daylight by unknown assailants on a bike in Bihar’s Gaya. Anwar Khan is a leader of the Pashupati

Kumar Paras faction. The incident happened on Wednesday when Anwar Khan, state president of the LJP’s labour cell, was at a salon and three unknown assailants on a bike opened fire, kill-

ing him on the spot.

The incident caused panic in the area, with people trying to escape and others shutting their shops.

Following the incident, enraged locals and family members of Khan blocked National Highway 82 to stage a protest.

“Police forces have been deployed at the scene and a forensic team has been sent to gather evidence. An investigation is underway,” a senior police official said.

Massive fire at chemical factory in Punjab’s Mohali, explosions heard



MOHALI, Sep 27 (Agencies): Several people sustained severe burn injuries after a massive fire broke out at a chemical factory in Punjab’s Mohali on Wednesday.

The incident was reported from the Kurali area of the city, where several explosions could also be heard from inside the chemical factory.

Those with burn injuries were taken to a nearby hospital. Video shows massive fire at chemical factory in Mohali More than 24 fire tenders were present at the spot as the efforts to douse the flames continued.

A team of doctors and several ambulances also reached the spot. Another video shows chaos on the street nearby the chemical factory which engulfed in flames The reason for the fire could not be ascertained.

‘Sack incompetent Chief Minister,’ Kharge tells PM Modi over Manipur situation

A clash occurred in the Singjamei area of Imphal on Tuesday night between RAF personnel and locals protesting the killing of two students, who had been missing since July 6.

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the situation in Manipur and demanded that he sack BJP’s “incompetent” chief minister as a first step to control the turmoil.

He also alleged that the violence against women and children has been weaponised and accused the BJP of turning Manipur into a battlefield.

A clash occurred in the Singjamei area of Imphal on Tuesday night between RAF personnel and locals protesting the killing of two students, who had been missing since July 6, prompting the law enforcers to lob tear gas shells and fire rubber bullets at the agitators and baton-charge them, leaving 45 of the protesters, mostly students, injured.

“For 147 days, people of Manipur are suffering, but PM Modi does not have time to visit the state. The horrific



images of students being targeted in this violence has once again shocked the entire nation,” he said on X.

“It is now apparent that violence against women and children was weaponised in this strife. The beautiful state

of Manipur has been turned into a battlefield, all because of the BJP,” he said.

“High time, PM Modi sacks BJP’s incompetent Manipur Chief Minister. This would be the first step to control any further turmoil,” the Congress

leader said.

The Congress has been targeting the government on the issue of Manipur violence and has been questioning why the prime minister has not visited the violence-hit state.

The situation remained calm but tense in Imphal on Wednesday morning after the clash between students and Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel the previous night.

Manipur Police, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and RAF personnel were seen deployed in strength throughout Imphal Valley in anticipation of possible protests and violence.

Although the state government has declared a holiday for schools on Wednesday, students of some Imphal-based institutions vowed to congregate at their schools, sparking speculations of more protests later in the day.

RGCN Jammu organizes awareness programme on 'Rabies Disease'

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU Sep 27: Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing (RGCN) Jammu organizes Awareness Programme on Rabies Disease & its First-aid Management

World Rabies Day is celebrated on September 28 each year. On this day, the world concentrates its efforts on creating awareness of disease.

Rabies Disease is a deadly virus spread to people from the saliva of infected animals. Dogs are the main source of human rabies deaths, contributing up to 99% of all rabies transmissions to humans.

Rabies can be prevented through vaccination of dogs and prevention of dog bites. By raising awareness, and encouraging well-informed action for this purpose Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing, Chak Bhalwal Jammu conducted Awareness Programme on Rabies disease with the col-



laboration Sub-district Hospital, Kot Bhalwal. This is 17th world Rabies day and The Theme of this year "All for 1, One health for all". All the students of college were present along with Sub district hospital staff members, Nursing faculty, Community population and student of Govt. higher secondary school Bhalwal also invited for the occasion.

The Programme was started with warm welcome to all dignitaries by student of B.Sc N 2nd Yr Shaista. Theme and significant of the

day explore by Nekha, Clinical Instructor, RGCN. Dog-bite & its first aid management explained by Ishfaq, M.Sc (N) 1st yr Student RGCN, Diksha Sharma, Lecturer highlighted the topic Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), which consists of immediate, thorough wound washing with soap and water for 15 minutes, a series of rabies vaccinations and, if indicated, administration of rabies immunoglobulin or monoclonal antibodies, which can be life-saving.

At the end Students

also presents role-play on Awareness of Rabies Disease & its first - Aid management by B.Sc (N) 2nd yr & Post Basic B.Sc (N) 2nd yr & create hope through action in front of audience. Dr. Ira, SDH Kot Bhalwal also enlighten the path of treatment of rabies.

MS Katoch Chairman RGCN encouraged the staff and students for organising such events benefit to students and Community people. He further said that the day is celebrated and observed to raise awareness.

Anjana Bavouria, Director RGCN, explained Rabies is one of the neglected tropical diseases that predominantly affects already marginalized, poor and vulnerable populations. Although effective human vaccines and immunoglobulins exist for rabies, these are often not readily available or accessible to those in need and we can also create hope through action and be the light.

Principal RGCN, Rafiq Bashir praised the faculty of RGCN, Department of Community Health Nursing for organising for this events. She further said these days are also used as an opportunity to spread awareness about the overall health and well-being of people. Sumia, student of Post Basic B.Sc (N) 2nd yr, RGCN ended up the session with vote of thanks. The Programme was informative and educative to all participants.

Mandir Committee Banisingh constituted

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHENANI Sep 27: Mandir Committee Banisingh constituted by the people of eleven Panchayats namely Tandhar, Nagulta, Gharian Kalan, Kullassar, Gharian, Khurd, Matlowa, Kharwa, Bain. Mandir Dussala, Bashat and Chullyar, Tehsil Chenani by passing a unanimous resolution under supervision of Executive Magistrate Sudmahadev on Wednesday.

As per resolution, PJ Sharma has been nominated as Chairman, Vijay Kumar Sharma as president; Sham Singh, Madan Lal, Rakesh Sharma, Balwant Chand and Surinder Singh as vice presidents; Prem Chand, Jagdish Chand, Rattan Gir as General Secretaries; Bansilal, Baldev, Man Parkash, Rattan Singh Mistri, Shamsheer Singh Raja, Jeevan Mistri and Sanjeevan as secretaries; Mohan Chand and Mohan Magotra as cashiers; Thakur Mahasha, Mohan Lal Bhagat, Subash Bhagat, Madan Goswami, Subash



Magotra, Hem Raj, Rattan Lal Gaddi, Both Raj, Subash Chander and Kulbir Singh as Members; Both Raj as organizer and Gopal Magotra as Administrator.

Authorities poorly implementing Govt schemes in J&K: Abhay Bakaya

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Apni Party Spokesperson and Youth Wing, State General Secretary, Abhay Bakaya has expressed concern over poor implementation of Govt schemes that are meant for upgradation of living standard and economic welfare of people particularly women.

Abhay was addressing a public meeting near Peer Baba at ward number 71, Sidhra. In this meeting, dozens of people joined the Apni Party expressing faith in the leadership of Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari, and Party's policy and agenda of development.

The meeting was organized by Provincial President Jammu, Apni Trade Union, Raj Sharma.

In his address, Abhay said that the Govt of India has launched many welfare schemes in favour of the marginalized section of society especially women for their social and economic upgradation.

"These schemes however were not being implemented on the ground. As a result, the people who deserved benefits of such schemes were deprived of their constitutional rights," he said, citing examples of Govt schemes like Ladli Beti, and entrepreneurship etc. "It is this failure of the administration that the youth continue to strive for employment without knowing better options in self employment," he said, and advised the authorities to establish better connectivity with the unemployed youth and the people in Jammu and Kashmir to end the feeling of alienation.

Those who attended the meeting included Mangotra Ji, Sushma Devi, Suraj Kumar, Soma Devi, Sohan Lal Ji, Muskan, Sanjay, Yasar and others.

India's safe borders, world-class infrastructure boosted its global esteem: Rekha

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan claimed that under the stewardship of PM Modi, India is "leading the global superpower". To mark the "Sewa Pakhwada" in Jammu South, distributes clothes, medicines, and food items among the needy public and plants the saplings under the fortnight program at Rehan Basera (Shelter home for urban homeless) in Bahu Constituency an important part of Jammu South.

Rekha Mahajan along with Vice President BJP and Prabhari Mahila Morcha Anuradha Charak, Mahila Morcha District President Divya Jain, Morcha Prabhari Amit Sharma, Karuna Chetri, Vaishnodevi, Poonam Sharma, Meetu Sharma, Kam-

lesh Magotra, Veena Bakshi, Trishula Gupta and team. The program was organized by BJP Mahila Morcha District President Jammu South Divya Jain along with team members.

Rekha Mahajan said in the last nine years, the Modi government has worked relentlessly for the betterment and upliftment of every person and sector in the nation. She confiscated that under the stewardship of PM Modi, India is "leading the global Super Power". Rekha counted that 'Seva Karya' in Jammu South, with the help of dedicated BJP workers to help people in need can be seen from the prime minister to booth-level activists. She exhorted that today, the whole nation is supporting the PM for his sincere efforts to tackle any situation in the interest of the general populace and at

the same time marching ahead with the focus on Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self Reliant India). The same spirit is being seen even in the rural areas of Jammu South, where BJP activists are serving the needy with selfless efforts, Rekha said. She had asked the BJP unit Jammu South to celebrate the event like a festival and observe the event with "grace, humility, and dedication to serve the needy in their respective areas. Furthermore, Rekha highlights in a statement that the country has witnessed "unprecedented" development in every sector with the mantra of "nation first" guiding PM Modi's policies. She hails Modi government's nine years have brought India safe borders and world-class infrastructure and increased its global esteem.

Truecaller unveils new brand identity, upgraded AI identity features for fraud prevention

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Truecaller today announced a corporate rebranding and launch of a brand new app icon that will be instantly recognisable on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The timing of the new brand identity aligns with a significant transformation taking place in the digital space. At the heart of this rebranding is Truecaller's renewed sense of purpose, energy and enthusiasm.

Commenting on the announcement, Alan Mamedi, Co-founder and CEO, Truecaller said, "We are excited to unveil our new brand identity and logo. It signifies our continued commitment to our users and our focus to constantly evolve and improve, every day."

"Our mission, to protect communication for all, is what guides us to develop new anti-fraud solutions like Search Context and engineer improvements to improve user privacy," he added.

As part of this refreshed identity, Truecaller users also get a powerful new anti-fraud feature called Search Context, as a part of the Truecaller AI Identity engine. While looking at

the search results for any number, Truecaller users will be instantly notified if the name for the number has been recently changed or is being changed frequently. The app also classifies this contextual message into three colour categories: blue, for a neutral change, yellow, which indicates a potentially suspicious name change and finally red, indicating multiple and frequent name changes which are highly indicative of fraudulent and scammer activity. This message will be shown to all Truecaller users on all search results across Android, iPhone and Truecaller web. The new branding identity is orchestrated by leading global brand consultancy, Interbrand and it will be rolled out across the globe over the coming weeks. To see the new app icon and changes, users need to update to app version 13.34 or newer on Android and version 12.58 or newer on iOS. Read more on our blog here and download press assets here. Over the past 14 years, Truecaller has cemented its status as the market leader in call identification solutions. There is a global community of trust that enriches communication for a staggering 356 million users across the globe.

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Decoding BJP's Madhya Pradesh list—combating electoral fatigue or some new template for winning election

are Rajputs, Patel (Lodhi) and Ganesh Singh (Kurmi) are OBCs, Kulaste tribal and Pathak Brahmin.

MP is seen as the 'garh' of the RSS and the decision is said to be aimed at settling factionalism and internal fighting for tickets and the top post. The fielding of Prahlad Patel is said to be aimed at cancelling the 'Lodhi' benefit of former CM Uma Bharti who has been making noises regarding OBC reservation in the Women Reservation Bill which PM Modi is showcasing as BJP's major achievement ahead of the upcoming elections.

Two—all hands on the deck BJP pitching senior central ministers also shows the fight with Kamal Nath-led Congress may be a tough one. In power in the state that has deep-rooted connection with the Sangh, the BJP seems worried about fatigue proving the nemesis of Chief Minister Shivraj Chouhan, once seen as an equal, rather competitor, of PM Modi.

Chouhan has not been directly named the CM face while Kamal Nath is giving BJP a fight in its core areas (Hindustva, welfare schemes, etc) signals a lot about the future of the senior BJP leader.

Meanwhile, fielding Tomar is said to be

a measure to test the sentiments in the farming community.

Three—senior leaders need to prove themselves

Observers see the naming of senior leaders as a direct signal of what may be going on in the minds of PM Modi and Union Home Minister Shah, the two main strategists of the party. There have been reports that they want all ministers, including those from the Rajya Sabha quota, to contest the Lok Sabha election to test and prove their popularity and merit.

"The fact is everyone needs to work hard for the party in elections and prove their worth electorally. Going to the people is the only way to prove that," they add.

Four—field is always wide open Senior leaders in the fray is also a message to cadres and leaders that the field is wide open for the chief minister's choice.

And this is a message not just for Chouhan who has been chief minister for 20 years except for the two-year period after the 2018 results when the Congress finished ahead of the BJP.

"It may be one way of putting those aspiring for the post in other states, for example Vasundhara Raje in Rajasthan, in their place," say observers, predicting major surprises from neighbouring desert state as well.

BJP generally contests under the incumbent CM but now the field is wide open. According to some reports, the seven MPs whose names were announced were informed in advance but Chouhan was not. Though there was speculation that Vijay-

vargiya may contest, the names of others are said to have taken the Chouhan camp by surprise.

Five—No one is indispensable Whether former Congress leader and also a claimant for the top post Jyotiraditya Scindia will also contest remains to be seen but the fielding of many experienced leaders is aimed at underlining the merits of collective leadership.

It also showcases another political point, that in the Modi-Shah regime no one is indispensable.

Incidentally, many of the 39 seats for which candidates were announced were also those which the BJP lost last time. If a Lok Sabha MP is not able to win an Assembly seat, what good can he or she do for the party, says a senior BJP leader, adding that all decisions were made on the basis of internal surveys.

After the announcement, Nath claimed the BJP has "accepted defeat in MP" and played its "last bet of false hope".

Whether he proves correct or the BJP has formulated a new winning template for contesting and winning elections remains to be seen.

Crackdown on terror-gangster Network: NIA raids 51 location In 6 States, 1 detained

been detained during the raids, the official said.

While Lawrence Bishnoi is in jail, gangster-turned-terrorist Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dalla is based in Canada and Davinder Bambiha was killed in an encounter with Punjab Police in 2016.

Gurez's Dawar Bags Best Tourism Village Award

the move will help the border tourism further as government has already explored 75 off beat destinations to increase the number of foreign and domestic tourists to J&K.

Pertinently, this year so far, 1.55 Cr tourists including 40,000 foreign guests have visited the UT while the government is eyeing 2.25 Crore tourists this year.

BJP delaying local bodies polls in J&K as it realised it will be wiped out: Mehbooba

election system not only in J-K, but, perhaps in the entire country in the coming time," she said.

PSAJK expresses concern over relocation of NTA Centres from Kashmir

The Association said that it was expect-

ed government would establish permanent centres in Kashmir after the CUET incident, however, on the contrary, even temporary centres are being taken away creating uneasiness among students and their parents.

The spokesperson said that if there are no permanent exam centres in Kashmir by next year, NTA may claim once again that they have no centers in Kashmir. "If any crisis is created next year, these officials will be fully responsible," he said.

PSAJK called upon Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to take cognizance of the situation and prevent the relocation of NTA centers from Kashmir. "The LG is urged to issue directives for the establishment of permanent examination centers in Kashmir to spare students from further distress."

A permanent solution to this issue is urgently needed, as nobody wishes to contend for their rights on an annual basis. The students of Kashmir have every right to participate in exams within their own region, emphasized a PSAJK representative.

No incident of Drone dropping in Rajouri: Police

with Rajouri district," it reads. Police statement further reads that the photos that are being shared are from some earlier incident.

Rumour mongering of associating this news with Rajouri district will be dealt strictly, it added.

India should move to ethanol or hydrogen cars instead of electric cars: Maruti Chairman

He made the remarks while addressing the 50th National Management Convention organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA).

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The carbon footprint of electric cars in India would be much bigger than that of hybrid cars because, in the country, 75 per cent of the electricity is made from coal, according to R.C. Bhargava, the Chairman of Maruti Suzuki Ltd.

He made the remarks while addressing the 50th National Management Convention organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA).

Bhargava said that electric cars will not be clean until India gets at least 50 per cent of its electricity from renewable sources.

Until then, the hybrid cars will be cleaner, he said, adding that even shifting to CNG cars is a better option, as CNG is a cleaner fuel than petrol.

"Maybe India should move to ethanol, hydrogen and fuel cell options instead of going for electric cars," he said.

Talking about coming slightly late to the electric car market, Bhargava said that Maruti had built an electric version of the Wagon R but its cost was too high, and now Maruti would come to the market with larger electric models which could be more viable.

However, he said that even with six electric models, the share of electric cars in Maruti's sales would be only 15 per cent to 20 per cent.

He pointed out that today, the share of electric cars in the Indian car market is only 2 per cent.



On Maruti's decision to stop diesel car production, Bhargava said that while the government is not preventing anyone from making diesel cars, compliance with CAFE standards will make their costs exorbitant.

On the subject of the shift of the mass market from small hatchbacks to SUVs, Bhargava said that though the whole market is not shifting, the small car market is not growing anymore. He said that it is because of that the growth of the Indian car market is only about 5 per cent a year instead of 8 per cent.

Talking about automotive supply chain issues, Mr Bhargava said that currently there are no production constraints because of semiconductor shortage. However, he regretted that all electronics for Indian cars have to be imported.

"India needs to get more component makers to make in India for India and for global supply chains," he said while also highlighting the lack of local electronics suppliers as the only weakness in India's auto com-

ponents supply chain.

Bhargava expressed confidence about the growth of India's car market. He said that there is no other market in the world with the same growth potential, as other major markets such as the US, Japan and China have become saturated and rely on replacement sales.

Talking about competition in the Indian car market, Mr Bhargava said that the Indian market has been very competitive for the past 15-20 years and now it is set to get even more competitive as global car makers can see an opportunity in the changing car technology and regulations.

He said that Maruti will try to keep a large part of the Indian car market under its control by offering the best technology, reliability, and after-sales service.

On the issue of stagnant growth of the Indian manufacturing sector despite the increased ease of business and production-linked investment scheme, Bhargava said that the state government bureaucracies are

still stuck in the licence and control mindset and even the entrepreneurs are more focused on accumulating personal wealth instead of growing their companies.

"Time is not valued by state bureaucracies... and entrepreneurs cannot lay the blame only on labour laws," he said. Manufacturing sector growth is only 5 per cent while India needs a 12 per cent annual growth, he said.

Talking about India's limited success in benefiting from the China plus one strategy of global companies, Bhargava said that India is not the only option for them, and many of them are moving to Vietnam.

Regarding the new safety regulations such as Bharat NCAP, Bhargava said that so long as it is easy to get a driving licence without tests, it will be difficult to bring down the accidents and deaths on Indian roads.

He said that India has no system of mandatory vehicle fitness certification for cars and scooters. He pointed out that most of the road deaths involve two-wheeler riders and pedestrians.

Bhargava is confident about the future of the Indian car industry though the expensive transition to new technology and regulations is likely to keep its growth at about 5 per cent for the next decade, provided there are no unexpected shocks to the economy.

The session was also live-streamed on AIMA's social media channels.

Indonesia bans goods transactions on social media platforms

JAKARTA, Sep 27 (Agencies): Indonesia has banned goods transactions on social media platforms in a new regulation, its trade minister said Wednesday, as Jakarta aims to rein in direct sales on major platforms it says are harming millions of small businesses.

Calls have grown in recent months for a regulation governing social media and e-commerce, with offline sellers seeing their livelihoods threatened by the sale of cheaper products on TikTok Shop and other platforms.

"This trade regulation has been in force (since yesterday)," Trade Minister Zulkifli Hasan told a news conference in the capital Jakarta.

He said social commerce platforms would have a week to comply with the new rule.

"Any government would protect local small businesses," he said, saying the regulation was passed to ensure "equality in business competition".

The regulation means social media firms will not be able to conduct direct transactions but only promote products on their platforms.

"Social commerce can place ads like TV, but it mustn't be transactional. (They) can't open shop, can't directly sell," he said, without mentioning TikTok by name. Laws in the archipelago nation did not cover direct transactions through social media platforms such as TikTok, Facebook or Instagram before the new regulation.

The new regulation is yet another setback for TikTok, which has faced intense scrutiny in the United States and other nations in recent months over users' data security and the company's alleged ties to Beijing. "Other countries are banning, we don't, (we're) regulating," Hasan said.

Indonesia is one of the world's biggest markets for TikTok Shop and was the first to pilot the app's e-commerce arm.

But Indonesia is now the first country in the region to act against the platform's growing popularity in social media commerce.

The ministerial-level regulation -- an amendment to a trade regulation issued

in 2020 -- did not need approval by lawmakers.

Chinese technology giant and TikTok owner ByteDance and TikTok Indonesia did not respond immediately to a request for comment Wednesday.

But a TikTok Indonesia spokesperson told AFP on Monday the ban would harm as many as six million local sellers who market their products on the platform.

Meta -- which owns Facebook and Instagram -- did not respond to a request for comment.

"Markets are quiet" How the ban will work exactly remains unclear but experts said it could mean social media firms would have to obtain a separate approval for their e-commerce arms.

"It could be that their license will be rearranged," said Tauhid Ahmad, executive director of the Jakarta-based Institute for Development of Economics and Finance. Offline sellers at Tanah Abang market in Jakarta applauded the government's decision.

"The government should... dare to innovate given the current situation, where markets are quiet like this," said Stevanie Ahua, a 60-year-old wholesale denim jeans seller. She said her revenue had dropped by 60 per cent in recent months as buyers turned to online shops. Others like 29-year-old cookie baker Panji Made Agung in Bali said he was disappointed by the ban.

"For sellers like me, TikTok can be used for soft selling. We can become influencers and sellers at the same time," he said.

Indonesia's e-commerce market is dominated by platforms such as Tokopedia, Shopee and Lazada but TikTok Shop gained a significant market share since launching in 2021.

Indonesia, with 125 million users, is TikTok's second-largest global market after the United States, according to company figures.

TikTok's chief executive Shou Zi Chew visited Jakarta in June, pledging to pour billions of dollars into Southeast Asia in the coming years.

SAT reserves order on Zee promoter Punit Goenka's plea against Sebi ban

MUMBAI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Wednesday reserved its order on Zee Entertainment promoter Punit Goenka's plea against Sebi's interim order restraining him from holding any key managerial position in listed entities due to alleged fund diversion.



four months indicated siphoning of funds and further investigations were already underway.

SAT, reserving the order, directed the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and Goenka to file any written submissions, if any, within a week.

Sebi's confirmatory order passed on August 14, bars ZEEL promoters - Goenka and Subhash Chandra - from holding any directorship or other key managerial positions in the company and other organisations.

The market regulator's counsel Darius Khambata in his argument had said the material gathered by the market regulator in the last

This was challenged by Goenka, who moved SAT challenging Sebi's confirmatory order, whereby the regulator restrained the duo from holding the post of director or KMP in at least four Zee group companies as well as in the merged entity of ZEEL and Sony Pictures Networks India, until further directions.

Counsels Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Navroz Seervai representing ZEEL promoters, said that Sebi passed the confirmatory order without concluding the investigation and is based on mere specu-

lation. The market regulator had no evidence beyond the bank statements to prove the allegations of round-tripping of funds, they added.

On September 14, SAT questioned if the market regulator could complete its investigation within a stipulated time in the Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) matter.

Sebi's counsel Khambata also informed the tribunal that the market regulator will conclude its investigation on the five transactions by November 30, and the rest will take time, given all parties cooperate.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on August 10 gave its approval to the merger of Zee Entertainment Enterprises and Culver Max Entertainment (earlier known as Sony Pictures Networks India) creating a USD 10 billion media house, the biggest in the country.

Sustainable utilisation of coal mine water resources by PSUs benefits 17.7 lakh people of nine states

Numerous steps have been undertaken to provide access to safe and clean water for communities throughout the year.

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The government on Wednesday said the sustainable utilisation of mine water resources by public sector companies under the coal ministry has benefitted 17.7 lakh people across 981 villages of nine states.

In the course of coal mining operations, a substantial volume of mine water accumulates in mine sumps.

This stored mine water serves a range of community purposes, including domestic and drinking water supply, irrigation of agricultural fields, groundwater replenishment, and various industrial applications like dust suppression and heavy machinery washing.

"During the fiscal 2022-23, CPSEs (Central Public Sector Enterprises) discharged approximately 8,130 Lakh m3 of mine



water, with 46 per cent allocated for community uses such as domestic and irrigation purposes, 49 per cent for internal domestic and industrial needs, and six per cent reserved for groundwater recharge initiatives," the coal ministry said in a statement.

To ensure the suitability of mine water for drinking and irrigation purposes, several treatment methods have been

implemented. Numerous steps have been undertaken to provide access to safe and clean water for communities throughout the year.

Located within the premises of Ningah Colliery of Coal India arm, Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL), in Paschim Bardhaman district of West Bengal, a state-of-the-art reverse osmosis filter plant with a capacity of 5,000 litres per hour has been set up.

This plant treats pumped-out mine water, providing safe drinking water and water for domestic use to nearby villages and colonies.

In the Shahdol and Anuppur districts of Madhya Pradesh, underground seepage water from Damini, Khairaha, Rajendra, and Navgaon underground mines is channelled into the Sarafa River.

Prior to release, this water undergoes purification through step-by-step filtration processes at the Sarafa Dam.

The treated water is then used for agricultural purposes in the areas surrounding the mines.

Additionally, two filtration plants with a combined gross capacity of nine lakh litres have been established, benefiting over 5,000 residents in the neighbouring villages of Khanath and Chirhiti.

Blood cancer symptoms that shouldn't be ignored: Early warning signs and diagnosis

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): Blood cancers, collectively known as haematologic malignancies, encompass a group of diseases that originate in the bone marrow and affect the blood cells. These conditions, which include leukaemia, lymphoma, and myeloma, can often present with subtle and vague symptoms in their early stages, making them challenging to diagnose. All you need to know from Dr. Divyesh Patel, Hematology, HCG Cancer Centre, Vadodara.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNISING EARLY SYMPTOMS Early detection of blood cancers can significantly improve the prognosis and enhance the effectiveness of treatment. Recognising the subtle symptoms that these diseases can present is crucial, as it allows for timely intervention and a better chance of successful outcomes.

1. Unexplained Fatigue and Weakness: While fatigue is a common complaint, persistent and unexplained fatigue accompanied by weakness could be a sign of blood cancer. These symptoms arise due to the body's decreased ability to produce healthy blood cells, leading to anaemia.

2. Unexplained Weight Loss: Sudden and un-

explained weight loss without any apparent reason might be an early sign of blood cancer. Cancer cells can alter the body's metabolism and cause weight loss.

3. Frequent Infections: Blood cancers can compromise the immune system, making the body more susceptible to infections. If you find yourself falling ill more often than usual, especially with infections that take longer to recover from, it's time to consult a healthcare professional.

4. Easy Bruising and Bleeding: Unexplained bruising, bleeding gums, or prolonged bleeding after minor injuries can indicate a problem

with the blood's clotting ability, which might be linked to certain blood cancers.



5. Enlarged Lymph Nodes: Lymph nodes are a vital part of the immune system, and their enlargement could

be a sign of lymphoma. These swollen nodes are usually painless and may be felt in the neck, armpits, or groin.

6. Bone Pain: Blood cancers can affect the bones, leading to pain or discomfort. Persistent

bone pain, especially in the back or ribs, should never be ignored.

7. Night Sweats: Profuse night sweats unrelated to room temperature or activity are concerning. While they can have various causes, they are also seen in some blood cancers.

DIAGNOSIS AND NEXT STEPS If you notice any of these symptoms, it's important not to panic but to consult a medical professional promptly. Diagnosing blood cancers requires a comprehensive approach involving various tests and evaluations.

1. Blood Tests: A complete blood count (CBC) can reveal abnormalities

in the blood cell counts, providing important clues about the presence of blood cancer.

2. Biopsy: A biopsy involves the removal of a small sample of tissue for examination under a microscope. Bone marrow biopsies are particularly useful in diagnosing blood cancers.

3. Imaging: CT scans, MRIs, and PET scans help determine the extent of disease spread and aid in accurate diagnosis.

4. Flow Cytometry: This technique identifies and quantifies specific cell populations, aiding in the diagnosis of different types of blood cancers.

5. Genetic Testing: Identifying specific genetic mutations or abnormalities can help determine the type of blood cancer and guide treatment decisions.

Early diagnosis can lead to more effective treatment and a better quality of life. In case anyone experiences these symptoms, seeking medical advice promptly could make all the difference. I encourage you to prioritise your health, listen to your body, and consult a healthcare professional if any concerns arise. Remember, knowledge and action are powerful tools in the fight against blood cancers.

Asian Games 2023, Shooting: India win gold medal in women's 25m Pistol team event

HANGZHOU, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Indian trio of Manu Bhaker, S Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan won the gold medal in the women's 25m Pistol team event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, on Wednesday.

India secured a total score of 1759, narrowly edging out China, which earned the silver medal with a score of 1756. The Republic of Korea claimed the bronze medal with a score of 1742.

During the qualification round, Manu delivered an outstanding performance, topping the charts



with a score of 590. Esha also performed admirably, finishing in fifth place with a

score of 586. Rhythm, despite her solid score of 583, missed out on the finals due to the rule

allowing only two shooters per country. Manu qualified first, Esha qualified fifth and Rhythm Sangwan qualified seventh. The women's 25m pistol team individual final will begin at 12:00 PM IST.

Earlier in the day, Ashi Chouksey, Manini Kaushik and Sift Kaur Samra secured a silver medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions women's team event. India's remarkable performance at the ongoing Asiad has been noteworthy, accumulating a total of 16 medals, consisting of four gold, five silver, and seven bronze medals.

Asian Games 2023: Sift Kaur Samra, Ashi Chouksey, Manini Kaushik win silver in women's 50m Rifle 3P

HANGZHOU, Sep 27 (Agencies): India won their 15th medal and their fifth silver in the Asian Games 2023 after Sift Kaur Samra, Ashi Chouksey, Manini Kaushik guided their nation to a second-place finish in the women's 50m Rifle 3P event in Hangzhou.

The shooting team has now won their sixth medal and got closer to their tally of nine medals that they won in Jakarta back in 2018.

India finished with 1764 points, nine points behind top-placed China.

The Indian trio racked up 292 and 290 points in kneeling, 297 and 300 points in prone and 292 and 293 points in standing.

The Republic of Korea, com-

prising Kyerim Lee, Sanghee Lee and Eunseo Lee, won the bronze medal after finishing with 1756 points.

India's Samra had more reasons to cheer after she finished second in the individual qualification round of the women's 50m Rifle 3P event. She also set a national record of 594. She was locked on equal points with China's Xia Siyu, but the latter finished on top on account of having more inner 10s.

Chouksey also made her way through to the individual final after finishing sixth with a total of 590 points. Kaushik had a rough day in the individual round after she ended with 580 points and finished 18th.

In the women's 25m rapid-fire



pistol, India won the gold medal. India's Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker and Rhythm Sangwan finished with 1759 points, three more than China.

Bhaker also topped the qualification round with 590 points. Esha and Sangwan will also also be a part of the final with 586 and 583 points respectively.

Nepal batter makes fastest T20I fifty in 9 balls; breaks Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record



CHANDIGARH, Sep 27 (Agencies): Nepal took on Mongolia in the inaugural match of the Asian Games Men's T20I on Wednesday, with Nepal setting numerous new records. Batting first, Nepal struck a mammoth 314/3 in 20 overs, becoming the first team to cross the 300 run mark in a T20I. Prior to this, Afghanistan's 278/3 against Ireland

was the highest in this format.

The humongous score was possible by record-breaking batting by Dipendra Singh Airee and Kushal Malla.

Dipendra hit an unbeaten 52 off just 10 deliveries, breaking Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record of the fastest 50 in 12 deliveries in 2007 against England. Hitting eight sixes off the 10 balls he played, his

strike rate stood at an unbelievable 520.

On the other hand, Kushal Malla broke the record of the fastest century by hitting a ton in just 34 deliveries. The earlier record of the fastest ton was shared by India's Rohit Sharma and South Africa's David Miller at 35 bowls.

Malla's century was not only the fastest but also the first by a cricketer from his country in T20 cricket. Malla hit 12 sixes and 8 fours, finishing at 137* off 50 deliveries.

The debuting Mongolia were completely manhandled by Nepalese bowlers. Chasing the highest ever target in the format, Mongolia were wound up at just 41 in 13.1 overs.

Asian Games 2023: Indian squash teams continue impressive run with wins over Kuwait and Nepal

HANGZHOU, Sep 27 (Agencies): Indian squash players registered commanding victories at the Asian Games, overpowering their opponents in both men's and women's team competitions on Wednesday. Both teams defeated their respective opponents by identical 3-0 margins.

In the women's team competition, the Indian team dominated Nepal, with 15-year-old Anahat Singh beating Krishna Thapa 11-7, 11-1, 11-2. Joshna Chinappa then defeated Bipana Bhlon 11-4, 11-2, 11-2. The contest wrapped up with Dipika Pallikal scoring an effortless victory over Swasthani Shrestha 11-1, 11-3, 11-2.

The women's team had earlier achieved a 3-0 victory against Pakistan in its opening pool tie on Tuesday. The team, seeded third, is paired in Pool B along-



side Malaysia, Macau, China, Pakistan and Nepal. The Indian men's team also achieved a convincing win, blanking Kuwait in Pool A.

Abhay Singh triumphed over Ali Aramezi 11-7, 11-6, 11-6 in the opening match. In a match marked by an unfortunate injury, veteran player Saurav Ghosal was trailing Abdullah Almezayen by two games when Almezayen had to retire due to an injury.

This handed India a 2-0 lead. Mahesh Mangaonkar sealed the contest by defeating Falah Mohammad 11-7, 11-1, 11-2. The men's team,

led by Ghosal, will face tougher competition against arch-rivals Pakistan. The Indian women are due to play against Macau.

Qualification for the semifinals will be decided based on the top two teams in Pool A and Pool B.

In the men's event, top-seeded India outperformed Singapore and Qatar, winning 3-0 in their opening ties on Tuesday.

They are joined by Nepal in Pool A. The team, which had won a bronze in the previous edition, is eyeing the gold this year. They had last won gold in 2014.

Shubhman Gill rested, Hardik Pandya, Shami, Shardul Thakur returned home, says Rohit ahead of 3rd ODI against Australia

RAJKOT, Sep 27 (Agencies): Indian captain Rohit Sharma said that five players, including in-form Shubman Gill, will not be available for selection for the third ODI against Australia, as the squad has been hit by a viral sickness and some players have opted to return home.

India, who are leading the three-match series 2-0, will have only 13 players to choose from for the final ODI.

While Gill is rested, Axar Patel is recuperating at NCA from the left quadriceps injury that he

suffered during the Asia Cup.

Pacers Mohammed Shami and Shardul Thakur, who played the first two ODIs against the Aussies, and Hardik Pandya, who is yet to play in this series, have opted to go back to their respective homes.

"We have got a lot of players who are sick and not available, a lot of players have personal problems so they have gone home and a few of the guys have been rested as well.

"We have got 13 players at this point in time,"



said Rohit during the pre-match press meet. "Obviously, Gill has been rested, Shami, Hardik and Shardul have all gone home... again, personal things. Axar, obviously, is not available for this game," Rohit said.

Rohit said the viral sickness going around the group too has added to the uncertainty.

"There is a bit of viral going around in the team as well. So, there is a lot of uncertainty in the team at this point in time which we cannot

help," he added.

Rohit, who enjoyed a short break as he missed the first two ODIs against Australia at Mohali and Indore, hoped that the trip back home will rejuvenate the players. "Looking at the next few weeks it is quite important for us to look after the players and their well-being.

"So, it is okay for them to be at home at this point — the reason being we want everybody to be fresh during the World Cup and hopefully they can come back fresh," he said.

Asian Games 2023: Vishnu Saravanan wins bronze in ILCA 7 event in sailing

HANGZHOU, Sep 27 (Agencies): Vishnu Saravanan, a prominent Indian sailor, has added another feather to his cap by securing a bronze medal in the ILCA 7 event at the Asian Games 2023. He finished with net score of 34. Singapore's Lo Jun Han Ryan won the gold medal with 26. Ha Jeemin of Korea, won the gold and silver medal respectively.

The games took place in Hangzhou, China, from September 23 to October 8, with Indian athletes competing across 39 sports.

Saravanan, who was born on February 24, 1999, in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India, has been making waves in the sailing world since his youth. He began his journey by winning multiple medals at junior national events and became a youth national champion in 2016.

His success continued as he won silver at a Hong Kong series in the same year. In recognition of his talent and potential, he was



enrolled in the Indian Army as a Naib Subedar in 2017.

The ILCA 7 event, formerly known as Laser Standard, is a popular one-design class of single-handed sailing dinghy. It is particularly suited to sailors above about 143lb / 65kg and is more suitable for heavier sailors in windy conditions where weight, strength, and fitness are critical. The ILCA 7 has been used at the Olympic Games since 1996, highlighting the significance of Saravanan's achievement.

Saravanan's victory in the Asian Games 2023 comes as no surprise given his track record. In 2019, he won a Bronze medal at the Under-21

World Championships in Croatia, marking his first notable achievement. His recent win at the Asian Games further cements his position as one of India's top sailors.

With a strong following of 24K on Instagram, Saravanan continues to inspire young sailors in India and around the world. His journey from a youth national champion to an international medallist serves as a testament to his dedication, skill, and passion for the sport.

As we look forward to the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, Saravanan's recent victory at the Asian Games 2023 sets a promising precedent for his future performances.

Asian Games 2023, Shooting: India bags men's shotgun skeet team bronze

HANGZHOU, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Indian team of Angad Vir Singh Bajwa, Gurjoat Khangura, and Anant Jeet Singh Naruka won the bronze medal in the men's skeet event at the Asian Games.

The trio shot a total of 355 to finish third as India maintained their dominance at the range. China won the gold medal, while Qatar took silver.

The Indian women's team, on the other



hand, finished fourth in the shotgun skeet event, trailing Kazakhstan, China, and Thailand.

The 25-year-old Anant Jeet Singh Naruka also

made the men's individual skeet final after qualifying fourth.

The women's skeet events, on the other hand, did not see Indi-

Virat Kohli Takes On Rohit Sharma In Race For Sachin Tendulkar's Grand Record

RAJKOT, Sep 27 (Agencies): India's talismanic duo of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are expected to return to the playing XI for the 3rd and final ODI between India and Australia. Having been rested for the first two matches, both of which India won, their return will boost the team's chances against the Aussies in the 3rd ODI. While it is a dead rubber, the match does offer the team management a brilliant opportunity to play the exact combination they plan to deploy in the World Cup team next month. In

the match at Chepauk, Rohit, and Kohli would also have their eyes set on Sachin Tendulkar's grand record.

The two Indian superstars have traditionally dominated against Australia in ODIs. Both Rohit and Virat have an average of 50+ while scoring 2000+ runs against Australia in ODIs.

While Rohit has scored 2251 runs at an average of 59.2, Virat has scored 2172 runs at an average of 53.0 in the 50-over format. Also, Rohit scored his first-ever double hundred against Australia

in ODIs in 2013. The Hitman has the 2nd best average (59.2) while Virat has the 4th best average (53.0) among batters to score 1000+ runs against Australia in ODIs.

Both Rohit and Kohli have scored 8 centuries against Australia in ODIs. They need 1 century each to equal the record for most centuries by a player against Australia in ODIs. The record is presently held by the great Sachin Tendulkar, who has 9 tons against the Aussies in ODIs.

That isn't all, the India

skipper is also nearing an incredible record of most sixes in international cricket. He has 545 sixes in International Cricket and is now 9 sixes from becoming the player with most sixes in international cricket (all formats). Rohit, who has the reputation of clearing boundary ropes with effortless hits, has hit the most sixes (78) against Australia in ODIs and 2nd most by a player against any opposition in one-day cricket.

Kohli loves to play against Australia, and it isn't a hidden fact. The

talismanic batter has scored over 5,000 runs in international cricket against the men from Down Under. He is only one of three players to 5000+ runs against a single opposition.

Kohli has a total of 47 centuries in ODI and he could break the record for most centuries in ODI by the end of the ODI World Cup 2023. The record is presently held by Tendulkar who took 451 innings to score 49 centuries. Virat, on the other hand, has scored 47 centuries in 267 innings.

Horticulture Deptt conducts Farmers' Awareness & Training Programme on canning, processing of fruits

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: The Department of Horticulture Jammu conducted a one-day Farmers' Awareness cum Training Programme on Canning and Processing of Fruits at Panchayat Bhagwana Chack of block Khour, under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu, Sh. Ram Savak, JKAS. Also present at the programme were Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Sh. Ashwani Sharma, Tehsildar Khour Smt. Monica Sharma, JKAS, MCC Jammu Sh. Uttam Chand, DL Subject Matter Specialist Sh. Sandeep Gupta, HDO Sh. Amit Saraf, along with PRI members, women entrepreneurs, and farmers.

Ram Savak addressed the gathering, which included more than 100 farmers, and briefed them about the various centrally and UT sponsored schemes



of the department. He encouraged them to take advantage of the incentives under these schemes and emphasized the importance of associating with the Horticulture department and forming Self Help Groups (SHGs) for setting up small fruit and vegetable processing units. He assured the farmers that the department will assist them in setting up Micro Food Processing units under

the PMFME scheme, a landmark initiative of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, which aims to add value to fruit products, provide employment opportunities, and enhance family income. Additionally, under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu, Sh. Ram Savak, the department organized a Training Programme on Layering, Budding, and Grafting of fruit plants at Govt. Fruit Plant Nursery

Garhi-Bishnah of block Khour. This program aimed to provide practical skills to unemployed youth, including female trainees, in hybrid fruit plant propagation. The program was attended by Vice Chairman DDC Suraj Singh, DDC member Bushan Bral, Chairman Municipal Committee Jorian, and other PRI members. Director Horticulture highlighted the department's commitment to

empowering individuals, especially those facing unemployment, with practical skills that promote self-reliance and economic growth in the horticulture sector. He emphasized the benefits of such training programs in advancing horticultural practices and local industries. The distribution of free tool kits further supported the trainees' journey towards establishing private nurseries with the department's assistance.

The efforts of the horticulture department were appreciated by Vice Chairman DDC and DDC member for their potential to help unemployed youth become self-reliant. The encouragement of entrepreneurship in hybrid fruit plant propagation and private nursery setup opens doors to employment opportunities and strengthens the horticultural community.

NSF celebrates birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programme in Jammu University, and on the Birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh who laid his life for the country.

On the occasion, NSF activists raised slogans "Bhagat Singh Amar Raha "Inqilaab Zindabad" 'Bharat Mata ki jai', and they paid tributes to shaheed Bhagat Singh and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil.

Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while Dr. Sukhdev Singh State president NSF presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Vikas Sharma

appreciated the initiative taken by the NSF member to remember the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country.

Dr. Vikas Sharma also said that the right tribute to Bhagat Singh would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State. On this occasion, he said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavour to regain Jammu and Kashmir State.

Referring to the unemployment problem, Dr. Vikas said that youth is very disturbed due to wrong policies of the Govt with a graph of unemployment growing fast. Mixture of religion with politics is destroying the country and hoodwinking the common masses to achieve their vicious agenda. Cautioning the public, Dr. Vikas said

we have to make all out efforts to expose such black sheeps in the system in the overall interest of the public.

Dr. Sukhdev Singh recalled the planning capability, boldness and feeling of nationalism in martyr Bhagat Singh and stressed upon the youth to follow his ideas.

He appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

He also stressed upon the youth to shun their self centered outlook and contribute in the development of the nation.

Roshan Sharma University President delivered the welcome address and Abhishek Uppal University Unit Chairman delivered the vote of thanks.

Among others who spoke were Narinder Singh, Aditya Khajuria, Punnet Bakshi and Aditya Sharma.

SDM Kanwarjit Singh releases Vijay Garg's career book

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Kanwarjit Singh Mann (PCS) and SDM Malout today released a book named 'Make a Right Choice for Your Career (Vol. 1 and 2)' written by Vijay Garg, which is about job opportunities after 10th, 12th, and after graduation, regarding commonly popular courses that are good to keep in mind for job prospects.

Garg said that today, choosing a career is one of the most daunting tasks a student has to face. In a world where we are constantly surrounded by so much information about careers, jobs and courses, Career Counsellors, need to be on 'top of their game'. The internet provides us with a lot of good information, but also a lot of informa-



tion that's not-so-helpful. Thus, when working with students it is important to have a structured process to guide them towards an ideal career path.

Garg further said that if one chooses a career that matches their interest they are more likely to enjoy the work they do. When guiding students with their career it is thus important to identify these interests.

Today, there are several interest assess-

ments that career guidance professionals can administer to their students to identify their interest. Students must invest time in understanding what makes them happy and motivated.

If they do not, they could jeopardise their career path and be dissatisfied with their career choice, added Garg.

Garg claimed that as career counsellors, it is important to help our students identify what

their values are before they tread on their career path. However, it would be unwise to choose a career solely on the basis of values. Ultimately, if one has to be successful and happy in their career, they must have the interest, skill and aptitude required to perform a job. Choosing anything is hard, especially when your decision might have long-term consequences for your life. The ways in which young people think about jobs and careers are highly shaped by parental influence, social background and sense of identity.

That connection can help ensure that the decisions that teenagers make about their future are well-informed and based on information from reliable sources, added Garg.

BKS organises colourful cultural event

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Bhartiya Kala Sangam on Wednesday organised a music and dance programme at Raipur Satwari in which artists drawn from different parts of Jammu showcased their talented performance, which kept the audience spellbound for nearly two hours.

In this function, Vaishno Rani, President of

Bhartiya Kala Sangam was particularly present besides other dignitaries and music lovers.

While welcoming the audience, Romesh Singh Chib, Director Bhartiya Kala Sangam expressed his deep gratitude to the prominent people of the area for their support to manage and organize a show which enthralled the audience. Throwing

light on the functioning of Bhartiya Kala Sangam, he said that from the inception of its cultural activities since 1980, numerous events have been held in the field of music, dance, literary activities besides honoring the prominent persons of Jammu and Kashmir. He reiterated the resolve of Bhartiya Kala Sangam that doors of BKS are open for all

those interested in the line and especially budding artists from far off areas are being provided our platform to display their talent on the stage.

On this occasion, besides other artists, Rita Rani and the party participated and presented their items. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by T. R. Tagotra.

Rich Harvest celebrates Eid



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Sep 27: Eid-Milad-Nabi is celebrated as the birthday of Prophet Muhammad by Muslims

all over the world. To consolidate the spirit of secularism alive, staff and students of RHS celebrated the occasion with mirth and gaiety

in a special assembly.

The festive spirit was enhanced by the beautiful decorations. Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua Ban Ke.... prayer lifted the atmosphere to a higher plane. Students sang a medley of songs in praise of the enlightened soul.

Through speeches students were made aware about the life times and teachings of the Prophet.

The head of the Institute, Anita Bhatia, congratulated the Students and motivated all assembled to imbibe the great soul's teachings of peace, harmony and brotherhood.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 campaign held at NMDC

TOP NEWS REPORT

HYDERABAD, Sep 26: NMDC, a prominent public sector company in India, conducted a training program as part of its Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 campaign.

The program was led by the company's Chief Vigilance Officer, B. Vishwanath (IRSS), who highlighted the role of the Central Vigilance Commission's guidelines in achieving fair, ethical, and sustainable development.

Speaking to the participants, B Vishwanath said, "VAW 2023 urges public officials to take advantage of new technologies in enhancing accountability and efficiency."

He then encouraged the NMDC employees to be early adopters of these developments to meet the current and



future requirements as the domestic iron and steel industry matures.

The training program started on Monday with an interactive session with Dr Upendra Vennam, CVO, BDL and MIDHANI on "Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer".

He explained the process of disciplinary proceedings in detail, describing the responsibilities of the inquiry officer and presenting officer while emphasizing on the relevant provisions of the Constitution and DoPT Rules.

Anita Barik, Deputy CVO, South Central Railway conducted the following session of the day. She explained the need for preventive vigilance and recommended a practical approach towards building vigilant and efficient work cultures through real-world examples and the application of these rules in action.

On Tuesday, Kanwalpreet, Director (Procurement Policy Division), DoE, Ministry of Finance addressed the participants on the essential principles of public

procurement. He then elaborated on the significance of documenting communications and keeping records as he described the 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme of the Government of India.

During the next session, Sushil Daga, an Amicus Legal and visiting faculty of various reputed institutes, facilitated a discussion on 'Arbitration and Conciliation Act'. He spoke on the rationale behind its modifications and explained pertinent clauses of the Contract Act and other related statutes.

Through a video message, Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge), NMDC appreciated the efforts of the company's Vigilance Department in curating these Capacity Building Programmes for the employees.

Student of GDC Darhal secured third position in District Level Inter College Declamation Contest

TOP NEWS REPORT

DARHAL, Sep 27: In continuation of Gandhi Jayanti Celebration, students of GDC Darhal participated in 'Inter College Declamation Contest' organized by Government PG College Rajouri on to bring forward the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi and his views on truth and non-violence based on the topic "Truth and Non-Violence: Gandhian Approach to Life".

Participants from various colleges of District Rajouri participated in the Declamation contest with great zeal, enthusiasm and fervor. In the said contest a student namely Shariq Ali Bin Ghulam, of B.A semester 5th secured 3rd position which is a matter of pride for the



college faculty and students as well.

On his achievement the college administration encouraged the student and advised him to take part in such activities in future.

While speaking on this occasion, Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of the College, said that there is an earnest need

of Gandhi's ideology of truth and non-violence in the present era. He lauded the efforts of faculty who encouraged the students for participating in such events.

He further said that it is the need of the hour to adopt the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi especially in promoting and propagating the ideas of

Truth and Non-violence. He appreciated the efforts of participants and organizers of the event in promulgating the Gandhian Ideology, which is required to lead a peaceful life, considering the extent of alienation and hatred which has cropped up among the people and nations across the world.