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### BRIEFLY

**J&K wins** first prize for **Tele Manas** at Mental Health Conclave



SRINAGAR, Oct 10 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir has won first prize for its Tele Manas initiative at the Mental Health Conclave on Mental Health Day, 2023, in New Delhi.

The award was received by Bhupinder Kumar (IAS), Secretary Health & Medical Education J&K, and the Programme manager Mental Health NHM JK.Dr Arshid, Nodal Officer IMHANS and his Tele Manas Team were also specially mentioned for their outstanding work on the program.

The Tele Mental Health Assistance and **Networking Across** States (Tele-MANAS) cell at Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences Sri-

#### SRINAGAR, Oct 10 (Agencies): Security has been beefed up in Srinagar and adjoining areas ahead of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Kashmir on Wednesday during which she will attend the convocation ceremony of Kashmir University, officials said here. Security forces, includ-

ing police and paramilitary CRPF, have been deployed in adequate numbers around Kashmir University a day ahead of Murmu's arrival in the valley, the officials said.



**President Murmu to attend convocation ceremony of** 

Kashmir University, security bolstered in Srinagar

They said the security agencies were carrying out area domination exercises in the city, including random checking of vehicles and patrolling of residential

areas, around the venue of the function. Latest gadgetry like drones and CCTV cameras were being used to maintain a vigil in the city, the officials added.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police Dilbag Singh chaired separate meetings to review the security ahead of the President's visit to Kashmir. Singh held the meeting

at PCR Kashmir where security arrangements put in place for the President's visit, including detailed deployment en route, in and around the venues, were deliberated upon.

Deployment of manpower from different forces and intelligence Turn to page 9

(Agencies): Shopian Senior Superintendent of Police Tanushree said on Tuesday that the killing of two terrorists in the latest encounter here is a big win for the security forces as the terrorists were planning attacks in the area. She said that the security forces received the information about the presence of the terrorists in the area Monday night and that the operation continued

SHOPIAN, Oct 10

the entire night. "At around 7 am (on Tuesday), the two terrorists were neutralised... This is a big win for the



Sanjay Sharma killers eliminated in

Shopian encounter: J&K Police

security forces as they were planning attacks and recruiting people," SSP Tanushree said. "Security forces got information at night that two terrorists have been seen...On receiving this information, Jammu and Kashmir Police, 44 RR and 178 CRPF joint forces cordoned off the

training activities near

Mount Kun (Ladakh).

Unfortunately, during

their training ascent,

the group faced an

unexpected avalanche.

"Four of our dedicated

personnel were trapped

underneath. The mortal

remains of one person

struck by the avalanche

have been recovered,"

Despite inclement

weather and heavy

snow pile-up, search

they added.

area," the officer added. The Jammu and Kashmir Police said that the two terrorists killed were belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). They were identified as Morifat Maqbool and Jazim Faroog alias Abrar by the Kashmir Zone Police officials

The encounter broke out after security forces launched a counterterrorism operation in the Alshipora area after receiving information about the presence of terrorists there. Jazim Farooq alias Abrar was involved in the killing of **Turn to page 9** 

### Jammu Central Cooperative Bank's bad loan falls to Rs 72 Crore in 2023



JAMMU, Oct 10 (Agencies): Jammu Central Cooperative Bank (JCCB) turned profitable after a gap of three decades, registering a

23, and reduced its bad loan to Rs 72 crore in 2023 from Rs 110 crore in 2021

"The bank's net profit has also shown upward trends as it was making a loss of Rs 12.40 crore till March 2021. However, at the end of financial year 2022-23, the bank registered a profit of Rs 0.28 crore after a gap of three decades," Reetu Sharma, a senior official of JCCB, said.

She said that in the last two years, the investment figures have also increased from Rs 856.20 crore in March 2021 to Rs 1.015.61 crore in September 2023

According to officials, the recovery of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs)

### IT raids continue for 2nd day at several locations in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Oct 10 (Agencies): The income tax raids related to some business groups continue for the second day at several locations across the Kashmir Valley on Tuesday day, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the raids were being

### Army soldier killed, 3 missing after avalanche hits Mount Kun in Ladakh; search op underway

SRINAGAR, Oct 10 (Agencies): One soldier died and three are missing after a group of Indian Army mountaineers was caught in an avalanche on Mount Kun in Ladakh, officials said on Monday.

As per Indian Army officials, on October 8, a contingent of about 40 army personnel from the High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) and the Army Adventure

Traffic movement suspended on Srinagar-Leh highway after fresh snowfall

GANDERBAL, Oct 10 (Agencies): The traffic movement was temporarily suspended on Srinagar-Leh Highway following fresh snowfall in higher reaches along the mountainous pass on Tuesday, officials said.

"Zojila Pass received snowfall and around 1

nagar (IMHANS) has received over 25000 distress calls from across Jammu and Kashmir since its launch on November 4. 2022.

As per the official records, the cell has received a total of 25140 calls till date, with the majority of calls being user-initiated (22338).

#### Woman pillion rider dies, biker injured in **Bijbehara** accident

**BIJBEHARA**, Oct 10 (Agencies): A woman pillion rider died while biker was injured after scooty collided with a truck in Padshahibagh Bijbehara area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Thursday, officials said.

An official said that the accident took place today morning, resulting in injuries to biker and the pillion rider.

He said that soon after the incident, they were shifted to SDH Bijbehara, where pillion rider succumbed to injuries.

She has been identified as Misbah Gulzar daughter of Gulzar Ahmad Mantoo of Jablipora.

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profit of Rs 0.28 crore in the financial year 2022-

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Wing of the Indian Army were involved in routine and rescue operations Turn to page 9

inch of snow has Turn to page 9

#### **Rescind order on tourist guides in Bloodshed in any part of the World is** enemy of people: Ravinder Raina **Gulmarg: Mehbooba to LG Sinha** SRINAGAR. Oct 10

SRINAGAR, Oct 10 (Agencies): PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday asked Lt Governor Manoi Sinha to rescind a Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation order directing tourist guides and service providers be charged as normal passengers on the second phase of the Gulmarg Gondola Project.

"Fail to understand why local

JAMMU, Oct 10 (Agen-

cies): The main oppo-

the National Confer-

dharna for restoration of

democratic and constitu-

tional rights in the Union

major protest here since

and Kashmir in 2019.

Abdullah, but he could

not make it to the heavily

This was the first

Territory.



admin continues issuing orders

**Opposition parties stage protest for** 

restoration of democratic rights

that only hurt interests of people of Jammu and Kashmir. Latest diktat of authorities in Gulmarg making it mandatory for tourist guides and other service providers to pay for second phase of gondola cable car is ill thought out and absurd," she said in a post on X.

Mehbooba was responding to a Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car

(Agencies): BJP Jammu and Kashmir President Ravinder Raina on Tuesday said that bloodshed in any part of the world is the enemy of the people. Raina was talking to media persons in south

Kashmir's Anantnag district. Turn to page 9

"There should not



bombs and guns have already seen destruction in Jammu and Kashmir during which lakhs of innocent people lost their lives," he said while reacting to the Israel and Palestine conflict.

The BJP president said bloodshed, bombs and guns were the Turn to page 9

any part of the world. Terrorism, bloodshed,



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The protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Park in the heart of Jammu was supposed to be led by National Conference president Farooq

Likewise, PDP president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti



guarded venue due to "ill health."

However, senior party leaders led by provincial president Rattan Lal Gupta participated in the protest.

also did not participate in the protest but almost all senior leaders of the party in Jammu, including vice president Abdul Hameed Choudhary and former MLC Firdous Tak, were part of the protest. elected government. National Conference vice president Omar

Abdullah on Monday said the election commission not announcing the poll schedule for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly can push people to take to streets for their right to have an

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Grief Stricken

Grier Stricken Son & Daughter-in-Law Dr Sachan & Dr Archana Bhat Dr Pawan & Dr Sunaina Bhat Dr Akash & Dr Sunaina Bhat

Brothers & Sister-in-Law Sh Raj Nath & Smt Ratni Bhat

Dr Swati & Dr Akshay Sarode

Dr Shikha Bhat Sisters and Brother-in- law

Sh Kundan Lal & Smt Suman Bhai

Daughters & Son-in-Law Dr Meenakshi & Dr Virender Trisal

# **OBITUARIES**

CREMATION/ 10TH DAY KRIYA

Nith profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform

you that our beloved father Karmayogi Shri.

Rattan Lal Koul, S/o Late Shri Shyamlal Koul originally R/o Kachwa Muqam Baramullah presently Lower Gadigarh near Raghunath Temple left for

Cremation will be performed at Indira nagar Mira wahan cremation ground on 06/10/2023 at 11.30

10th day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on

Shri. Mukesh Khajuria and Archana Koul Khajuria

Grand Children - Pavani, Ved, Navya, Savni

Ram Gupta R/o Durang, Billawar.

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA** 

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform

the sad demise of our beloved Sh. OM

PARKASH GUPTA S/o Late Sh. Sant

10th Day will be performed on Monday

9th October 2023 at our residence

13TH DAY/KRIYA will be performed on

Thursday 12th October 2023 at our resi-

Contact No:- 8860533048, 9619933029, 9906908726, 7006105440

his heavenly abode on 05/10/2023.

14/10/2023 at 08:30 am. GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Krishana Koul (Wife) Sons and Daughters-in-law

Rohit Koul and Purva Koul

Daughter and Son-in-law

Brothers and Bhabhis

P.K. Koul

Rahul Koul and Kratika Koul

Moti Lal Koul and Nirmala Koul

Durang at 11:00 AM.

Manoj Koul and Pooja Bhat Koul

#### **OBITUARY** (25TH OCTOBER 1930 - 05TH OCTOBER 2023)

# WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR REVERED FATHER SH. KANYA LAL WARIKOO SIO LATE JAGER NATH-WARIKOO ON 05TH OCTOBER, 2023, ORIGINALLY RIO DRABIYAR HABBAKADAJ PRESENTLY RESIDING IN FARIDABAD. CONDOLENCES IS BEING HELD AT 1302/TOWER-5, SPR IMPERIAL ESTATE GEFCTOB RE BADIVARD.

SECTOR 82, FARIDABAD. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2023 (SATURDAY AT CHOTA HARIDWAR, MURADNAGAR, GANG NEHAR, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD A' 800 AM.

 800 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT. RAINI KAUL & SH. M.K.KAUL -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SUDESH RAINA & SH. SURINDER RAINA -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SUNL BURAT & SH. SATISH BHAT -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SUNL BURAT & SH. SUPREET RAINA -GRAND DAUGHTER & GON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHAB WARA & SH. SUPREET RAINA -GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHAB WARAUL & SH. SUNIL BUHAN -GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. SUNIL BUHAN -GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. SUNIL BUHAN -GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. SANCHIT RESHI-GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. SANCHIT RESHI-GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. JAVISH BHAT -GRAND SON
DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. JAVISH BHAT -GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
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SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. JAVISH BHAT -GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
SMT. SHEFALI RAINA & SH. JAVISH BHAT -GRAND SON Sh. Kanya Lal Warikoo

DR. GEETGYA BHAN -GRAND DAUGHTER

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Mother / Nani Ji. With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our Mother / Nani Ji Smt. Dulari Kaul (Pyari) W/o Lt. Sh. Dawarika Nath Kaul of Pandit Mohalla Budgam Town,

Kashmir. Mourning is being observed at H. No. 16 Aman Vihar, Phase-I, Gobind Nagar, Sec-2, Camp Road, Talab Tillo, Jammu. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 12th of October, 2023 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate

Smt. Dulari Kaul of School Education at 09:00 AM. Om Shanti Om

Om Shanti Om Deeply Missed & Mourned by:-(Daughter & Son-In-law) Smt. Girja Bhat & Sh. Neit Raj Bhat Smt. Pinky Bhat & Sh. Surinder Bhat Smt. Sunita Safaya & Sh. Kuldeep Safaya Grand Children:- Ishan, Arti, Sundeep, Vicky, Supriya, Deepika & Dhyay



One year has passed since you left us to be at better place with God, But your precious memories are always with us. We feel you around us everytime and miss you

eeply Barkhi of our beloved Father Sh. Bishambe Dass Gupta (Retd. Prof. G.G.M. Science College, Jammu) will be performed on 11-10-2023 (Wednesday) at 1.00 pm at our residence 55/6 Channi Himmat, Jammu

Deeply Missed and Remembered By: Smt, Kusum Gupta (Retd, Headmaster) - WIFE SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW



(Pyari)

Er. Sachin Gupta & Mrs. Sugandha Sharma SON-IN-LAW & DAUGHTER Sh. Sanjay Kannotra (Legal Tax Consultant) & Mrs. Ronika Gupta Miss Sarika Gupta (Daughter)

(Brothers & Sisters-in-law) Dr. C S Gupta (Prof. Forensic Science, Batra Hospital & Medical College, Jammu) & Smt. Rita Gupta Dr. J C Gupta (Retd. Director Animal Husbandry) & Smt. Meena Gupta

Grand Children: Meeshita Mahajan Contact No. 6005602728, 9419210682, 9419140361, 9419317002, 9541722817

#### **KRIYA/UTHALA**

Vith profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad emise of our beloved **Sh. Rameshwar Singh** Gandral (Retd. CEO) S/o Late Sh. Vidya Saga Gandral of Rehmbal on 30th Sept, 2023. Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 11th Oct 2023 at our residence Garhi. **Uthala** will be performed on Wednesday, 11th Oc 023 at Laxmi Narayan Temple, Garhi from 4.0 PM-5 PM MI- 3 PMI. SRIEF STRICKEN mt. Anju Gandral - Wife Son & Daughter-in-law Mr. Rahul & Mrs. Ishika Gandral



Sh. Rameshwar Singh

Gandral (Retd. CEO)

Mr. Rahul & Mrs. Ishika Gandral Ms. Parul Gandral - Daughter Brothers & Sisters-in-law Late Sh. Bhagat Singh Gandral & Smt. Nirmal Gandral Sisters & Brothers-in-law Late Smt. Shashi Anand & Sh. Ashok Anand Smt. Shanit Verma & Late Sh. Lajpat Verma Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law Sh. Ashok & Smt. Meenakshi Gandotra Sh. Ashwani & Smt. Sheetal Gandotra Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law Smt. Anita & Dr. Chander Mohan Verma



TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESI-

UTHALA WILL BE ON 16-10-2023(MONDAY) AT

**PRAYER MEETING &** 

**10TH DAY KRIYA** 

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sac demise of our beloved "Dr. PREM LAL" Proprietor

Prem ISM Store Prem Nagar (Doda) who left for heavenly abode on 05th October, 2023.

The void left in our hearts and lives will remain

unfilled. He lit and blessed our lives and will b

10th Day Kriya will be held on Saturday, 14th

October,2023 at our residence: Bhella (Doda).

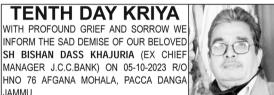
ANIL KHAJURIA & POOJA KHAJURIA (SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW)

SUBASH KHAJURIA & ANJU BALA (BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW)

BRAHMIN SABHA PARADE JAMMU AT 2 PM.

13-10-2023(FRIDAY) AT RANI PARK 10 AM

DENCE ON 14-10-2023(SATURDAY)



SH BISHAN DASS

KHAJURIA

(EX CHIEF MANAGER

J.C.C.BANK)

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Dwarika Nath Bhat** S/o Late Sh Shamboo Nath Bhat on 2/10/23 (Monday) originally resident of Lar - Ganderbal Kashmir Presently residing at H.No. 69, Indira Theatre Lane, New Mohinder Nagar, THE TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 11/10/23 (Wednesday) at Muthi Ghat near (Directorate of School education) At 10:00 AM.

Smt Usha & Sh O N Bazaz Smt Krishni & Sh H L Bakshi Smt Phoola & Sh S K Raina

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the ly abode on 5 October 2023. Shalamar Road from 4 to 5 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** Santosh Nanda (Wife) Brothers and Sisters in law Lt. Sh Madan Lal and Asha Nanda Sh. Ramesh Chander and Rama Nanda Sons and Daughters in law Deepak and Pooja Nanda Rajan and Visheta Nanda Daughter and Son in law Shivali and Rajesh Anand (JKP) Ph. No: 9419193712, 9469000721

### **10TH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Aniket Kumar S/o Sh. Ajay Kumar R/O W.No 6, Karan Nagar Near Durga Mata Mandir left for his heavenly abode on 01 Oct 2023. TENTH DAY will be performed on 10-10-2023 (Tuesday) from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at Pine Villa Guest House, Karan Nagar, Railway Road, Udhampur. KRIYA will be performed on 13-10-2023 (Friday) at Devika Ghat at 11:00 AM **GRIEF-STRICKEN:-**

Smt. Lalita Devi [Grand Mother]

Smt. Sapna and Sh. Ajay Kumar (Rinku) [Mother and Father] Smt. Suresh Arora and Sh. Hari Krishan Arora (Batote wale) [Naani and Naanu ji] Smt. Jyoti Devi and Sh. Sanjay (Chachi and Chachu) Smt. Monika Abrol and Sh. Narinder Abrol [Bua and Fuffad ji] Smt.Ankita and Sh. Rohit Sani [Chachi and Chachu] Miss Archi [Sister] SK Studio, Bus Stand Udhampur All Family members

CONTACT NUMBERS :- 7006951427, 9419903232, 7006841025

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT MANJU SHARMA W/O LT. SH RAVINDER SHARMA OF 271 PACCI DAKKI, JAMMU ON 1ST OCT 2023. TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD ON 10TH OCT 2023 AT RANI MANDIR NEAR RANI PARK FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11TH OCT 2023 / OUR RESIDENCE PACCI DAKKI, JAMMU, UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11TH OCT 2023 FROM 4PM TO 5 PM AT TRIKUTA YATRI BHAWAN AMPHALLA NEAR PETROL PUMP OPP. SBI. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**SH RAJINDER TRIKHA (JETH) (DEVAR & DEVARANI) SH SURINDER AND SMT KAMLESH TRIKHA MR VIKRAM SHARMA (SON) DAUGHTERS AND SON -IN-LAWS POOJA AND RAKESH GUPTA ARCHANA AND NITIN GUPTA **DEEPLY REMBERED BY:-**



Sh Dwarika Nath Bhat

Smt Prana W/o Late Sh R K Vuthoo Vibuthi, Kriday, Luv, Annapurna, Vihaas Mob no 9469543090, 8803545756 Grand Children: Shivansh, Bhat, Bazaz, Bakshi, Raina, Vuthoo, Trisal, Pandita, Tickoo

### **TENTH DAY/ UTHALA**

**OBITUARY/ TENTH DAY KRIYA** 

sad demise of our beloved Nand Saroop Nanda S/o Lt Sh Des Raj Nanda, R/o H. No. 92, Kali Jani, Pacca Danga, Jammu who left for heaven-TENTH DAY will be performed on 13.10.23 (Friday) at Rani Park at 10.30 AM and UTHALA will be on 16.10.23 (Monday) at Mahajan Sabha,

ANIKET KUMAR

# FIFTH DAY

Community Hall Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN

Shanti Devi - Wife

Susheel Pandita - Son

of School Education at 9.00 AM.

Nancy W/o Lt Sh Jager Nath - Sister

Grand Children: Sadhvi, Pranay

Rushika Pandita & Lavanya Raina

11-10-2023 (Wednesday) WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF THE OF OUR BELOVED SH HARI KRISHAN ABROL S/O LT SH DINA NATH ABROL R/O 225, JAWA-HAR NAGAR TALAB TILLO JAMMU, WHO LEFT TO HEAVENLY ABODE ON 7-10-2023 (SATURDAY).

5TH DAY WILL TAKE PLACE AT SHER-E-DUGGAR LALA HANS RAJ MAHAJAN SABHA, OPP. POLICE POST. GALI NO.7. TALAB TILLO JAMMU ON WEDNESDAY 11-10-2023 AT 10 AM

TO 11 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

SH HARI KRISHAN ABROL

JAMMU

GRIEF STRICKEN

oved with eternity.

GRIEVED FAMILY

SUSHEEL KHAJURIA (SON)

LOKESH KHAJURIA (NEPHEW)

NIMESH KHAJURIA (NEPHEW)

SH. OM PARKASH

**GUPTA** 

Shri Rattan Lal Koul

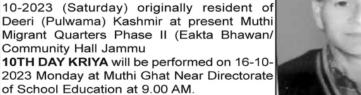


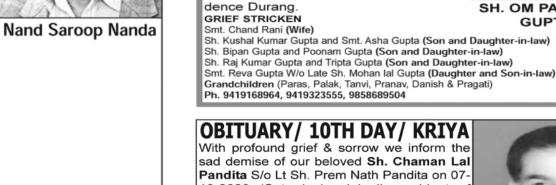
King Ji & Shakti - Son & Daughter in Law Rohit & Pooja - Son & Daughter in Law Pooja & Sunny - Daughter & Son in Law



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SMT MANJU SHARMA

ALL TRIKHA FAMILY CONTACT:- 9086152565, 9906191834

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

DAY WILL PASS AND TURN INTO YEARS BUT WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU WITH SILENT TEARS WE STILL MISS YOU EVERYDAY WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SAR ROW

WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DESIME OF OUR BELOVED SMT SUDESH SAWHNEY, W/O LATE SH JOGINDER SAWHNEY R/O WARD NO 5 HOUSE NO 110 REASI, WHO LEFT FOR HER HEAVENLY ABODE ON 30 SEPT 2023. 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY, 9TH OCT 2023 AT 11 AM 13TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY, 12TH OCT 2023 AT HOME. UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON (FRIDAY 13TH OCT 2023 AT 10 AM AT HOME

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW SMT MANJU AND RAJEEV CHADHA SONS AND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW SANJAY AND SONIA SANJEEV AND JYOTI SUMEET AND RITU SHOURYA, SMAKASH, BIDHYANSH, VINAYAK, PARTYANSH, MAHDAV, PRANSHUL, AKSHIMA] ALL RELATIVE AND FRIENDS

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# **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our mother Smt. Raj Lakshmi Bhat W/o Sh. Brij Lal Bhat R/o Ramhall, Mattan Anantnag at present Sector No.2 Anuradhapuram. Matkewali Gali Upper Barnai Near Roop Bhawani Mandir and Shiva Shakti Mandir.

The 10th Day Kriya shall be performed at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate School Education on 11th Oct, Wednesday at 9.00

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Sh. Brij Lal Bhat - Husband **Devars & Devranis** Sh. K.L. Bhat & Prana Kantroo Late Sh. P.L. Bhat & Smt. Rajni Bhat Sanjay Bhat & Reena Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law **Daughters & Sons-in-law** Nancy Koul & Vijay Koul

Nita Pandita & Late Sunil Pandita Neeru Bhat & Susheel Bhat Grand Children: Monika & Sunny Ji, Sakshi, Sahil, Deepshikha, Niyati & Parth Great Grand Children: Panchul



SMT SUDESH

SAWHNEY

SMT. RAJ LAKSHMI BHAT

NIRMAL ABROL (WIFE) SHOBHA & AJAY GUPTA (NOWSHERA) BHAWANA & ARUN GUPTA (JAMMU) DIKSHA & NAVDEEP GUPTA (REHARI) SEEMA & AMIT SARAF (AKHNOOR)

KHANNA STUDIO (TALAB TILLO JAMMU) SACHIDANAND ORNAMENTS (PHALLAIN MANDAL) PHONE: 9419146272, 9419229298, 9797629070, 7889953225, 9596880253

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we have to inform the Sad demise of our Beloved Sh. Bansi Lal Bhat S/o Lt Sh Damodhar Bhat R/o Wachi Shopian A/P Jagti town ship who passed away on 4th October 2023 Wednesday 10th DAY KRIYA Will be Performed on 13th October 2023 Friday at 9:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate o School Education

The Assembly Will be held at 10:30 AM in community Hall behind lane No.11 Jagti township.

#### Grief Stricken:-

Usha Kumari Bhat- Wife Arvin Bhat & Meenakshi (Avni) Bhat- Son & Daughter-in-Law Renu Raina & Kuldeep Raina- Daughter & Son-in-Law Meenakshi Bhat & Vikas Bakshi- Daughter & Son-in-Law Vickey Bhat & Pummy Bhat- Son & Daughter-in-Law Neha Saraf & Rahul Saraf- Daughter & Son-in-Law

Shubham Bhat- Son

Maharaj Krishan Bhat & Pupli Bhat- Brother & Bhabhi Satish Kumar Bhat & Kundana Bhat- Brother & Bhabhi Phoola Koul- Sister

Kundan Bhat & Roshan Lal Bhat- Sister & Brother-in-Law

Usha Koul & Vinod Kumar Koul- Sister & Brother-in-Law

Grand Sons and Daughter: Dakshu Raina, Dhairya Bhat, Vansh Bhat, Pari, Krishana, Dimmu Mob.No.:- 7006723418, 9469997913, 7006122258

#### **KRIYA/UTHALA**

Although heaven and earth divide us but you are forever in our hearts

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to announce the sad demise of our beloved Father, Sh Satish Chander S/o Late Mangat Ram R/o Parliwand Kathua who left for his heavenly abode on 05-10-2023 (THU).

KRIYA and UTHALA will be perfomed at our resi dence House No.10, Ward No.12, Kathua at 10 am

and SATSANG at Shri Guru Ravi Dass Mandir, near Sh Satish Chander Old Bus Stand, Kathua from 12 to 1pm on 15-10-2023

(Sunday).

**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-**

Smt Parkash Devi (Wife)

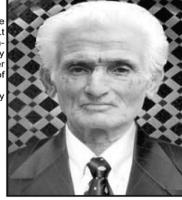
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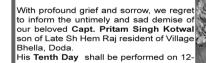
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#### TENTH DAY



Capt. Pritam Singh

10-2023 (Thursday) at our residence H No. 93, Ward No. 19, Ekta Vihar, M H Road Udhampur at 8:00 A.M. GRIEF STRICKEN :-Smt Gita Devi **(Wife)** 

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# LOCAL/ ADVT

# **MP Khatana asks NHAI to ensure employment** to J&K youth

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana directed National Highway Authority of India officials to ensure employment to skilled and unskilled unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir. He also asked the NHAI officials to resolve Sarore toll plaza issue as per the wishes of the people of Jammu region.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana in a meeting with the officials of NHAI led by its regional Director P Siva Sankar and attended by Project Directors Yashpal Singh Jadoan, Er. Purshotam Kumar Phonsa stressed the need for quality works and job opportunities to the local youth. He said



that during past 70 years of Cong, NC, PDP rule people have suffered due to bad governance and trust deficit. The PM Narendra Modi led government has taken various steps to restore the faith of the people in democratic process, initiated path breaking developmental proj-

ects so that youth of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are involved in gainful employment. MP Khatana further said that NHAI has been executing various projects which have a vast potential of creating employment opportuni-

ties with the companies

executing these projects besides compensation for acquiring their lands etc. He further directed that NHAI officials must look into the complaints of corrupt practices by officials of these companies executing the projects who are indulging in corrupt practices and promoting mafia.

#### He said that some complaints of sub-standard work are also being made by the local representatives, PRIs, DDC members etc.

Earlier, P Siva Sankar. Regional Director, NHAI, Jammu informed about various projects undertaken by the NHAI including Circular road, Jammu-Udhampur, Udhampur-Ramban and Ramban-Banihal and NH44. He further said that work on Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Highway is more than 20 per cent complete and progressing fast. He said that NHAI would ensure employment to local unskilled and skilled youth in the ongoing projects besides looking into the complaints against them.

### **Govt SPMR College of Commerce** organises awareness programme on commodity derivatives



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU. Oct 10: Manodarpan Career Counseling Cell of Government SPMR College of Commerce, in collaboration with Sharekhan Jammu under World Investor Week 2023, organized Awareness Programme on Commodity Derivatives to mark SEBI being celebrated from 9th to 15th October 2023,

to take benefit of such sessions to enhance their knowledge base. He also appreciated the efforts of organizing Committee for taking such initiative for the benefit of the students. Earlier, Prof. Reeta Menia Co-convenor Manodarpan Career Counseling Cell formally welcomed the resource person, faculty members and all participants. Jai Gonal Goel, Senior

modity futures including objectives, regulatory framework, ecosystem, hedging mechanisms, instruments and career opportunities available for students. Over 50 students participated in the interac-

tive session. Prof Savita Jamwal, Dr Monika Malhotra, Dr Sandhya Bhardwaj and Dr Roomi Rani were also present. The proceedings of the

#### **KDPW of DPAP seeks permanent** rehabilitation policy for Kashmiri **Displaced people TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: The Kashmiri Displaced People's Welfare (KDPW) of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has appealed to the Government of India and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir govern-

ment to prepare and finalize a permanent rehabilitation policy for Kashmiri displaced people in consultation with stakeholders.

The KDPW leaders have demanded that such a long exiled period of 33 years is beyond their tolerance, and the Government of India must feel what a miserable life is lived by a human creature when uprooted from their birth place due to unwarranted failure of the government.

The leaders have also appealed to the government to merge the Prime Minister's Package employees with UT government employees, who are already rendering their services to the Valley people. They said this will become a first step towards their resettlement policy, as was the creative aim of introducing the special PM Package during 2008.

The leaders have also demanded that the mere Rs 108/- per soul per day as cash assistance has worsened the daily exiled living of displaced people, and requires enhancement to Rs.250/- per soul per day. as this assistance was enhanced during 2018 and since then the rates of essential commodities have touched the sky.

The leaders have also appealed to the government to direct the Consumer Food and Supplies Department for releasing quota of Atta (Flour) in the displaced Camps, abandoned from last five months without assigning any reason, thereby creating a problem for

# **People eagerly waiting** for polls to teach BJP a lesson: Narinder



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, OCT 10: Social Activist and PDP District Jammu Media Coordinator Narinder Sharma today said that J&K people are waiting eagerly to teach a lesson to the BJP for allegedly failing to fulfill the promises made before coming to power at the Centre and in J&K.This was stated by Sharma after attending all party Dharna at Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu. He said that people should elect those who will ensure that their voice is heard. "People of J&K want a credible voice to represent their aspirations and PDP has proved credible voice of all the regions of J&K," he added.

Sharma said people of J&K remember BJP for unleashing countless miseries on the State and its people. People still recount the numerous

instances of BJP and its the public would teach leaders committed from a lesson to the BJP in J&K Assembly elections time to time. The treacherous role played by the whenever they are held. BJP and its leadership is He said farmers, labouran open secret," he said, ers, poor, employees, traders all are fed up . adding, now the respon-All sections are fed up sibility rests on people to choose between during the BJP regime, forces inimical to State's Sharma hit out at BJP integrity and those who leadership and likened have lent immense sacthem to conjurer who rifices for the protec-"talks big, but fails to tion of the State's comdeliver". munal harmony and Sharma slammed brotherhood."Now, it is up to people to discern

BJP Govt for acting as a mute spectator to the sufferings of the people from Jammu and Kashmir. BJP's tall claims of creating job and employment for the youths has turned mere hoax. He said that women folk are bearing maximum brunt of the anti-people policies being propagated by the NDA Government headed by Narendra Modi. He said except tall promises, nothing concrete has been done on the ground.

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI MECH. G.W.D. DIVISION JAMMU SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING & TENDER E -NIT NO GWD/140 OF 2023-24 DATED: 07.10.2023

between the ones who

stand for their rights

and who trampled them.

However, people have

made it a point to show

such forces as are inimi-

cal to State they're the

right to place. In the end,

it is the people whose

resolve will prevail," he

Claiming that people

were "disturbed over the

change in BJP's attitude

after getting a clear man-

date," Sharma said that

said.

On behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu invites tenders by e-tendering mode from reputed and registered firms with PHE/I&FC Deptt. J&K Govt. as a Drilling Agency who have sufficient experience in the field of drilling and are well equipped with drilling Rigs suitable for ODEX method

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Qty.	Estimated cost (value of work) (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Validity of Rates
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Bore Holes by using ODEX	Mech.	(Non-Refundable)			quoted rates in	2024
method including providing,	Ground	Deposited in Govt.			shape of Fresh	
installation, testing,	Water	treasury through e-			CDR/FDR	
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Hand Pumps and	Division	receipt head 0215 in			Executive	
construction of platforms at	Jammu	favour of the			Engineer PHE	
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Mendhar Block of District		Jal Shakti Mech.			Division	
Poonch on Turnkey Basis		GWD Div. Jammu				
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The programme began with lighting of the traditional lamp by the guests and Principal of the College Surinder Kumar, who was the Chief Guest.

He highlighted the importance of imbibing investment behaviour by the students and encouraged them

Manager, MCX Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and Ajay Kapoor, Business partner and director . Sharekhan Jammu Outlet gave an in-depth understanding of the commodity Derivatives market. Goel talked about dif-

ferent aspects of com-

event were coordinated by Dr Jagmeet Kour and Prof Reeta Menia presented the vote of thanks. Prof Ashu Manhas, Convenor, Manodarpan Career Counseling Cell, Prof Shreya Sharma, Dr Fayza and Prof. Rajni Bala managed the whole event.

diabetic patients of the Camps people in particula

The leaders have demanded regularization of old Quarters accomodation in Purkhoo Camp Phase III, occupied by registered migrants, for availing the facilities at par with other camp people. They have also demanded immediate renovation and repairs of flats, which have gone in a dilapidated condition, with even seepage of roofing occurring in Jagti and Nagrota camps.

The KDPW leaders have said that they are hopeful that the government will take their demands seriously and take necessary steps to address them.

# Manjit demands restoration of pension, enhancement of pension amount

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU. Oct 10: April Party Provincial President Jammu and Former Minister S. Manjit Singh today demanded restoration of old age pension/widow/disabled pension and enhancement of the pension amount in favour of the pensioners.

Addressing a party meeting here at Apni Party office in Gandhi Nagar Office, the Former Minister said that the pension has been stopped by the authorities and formalities have been increased for the pensioners putting them to face hardship.

The meeting was organised by Neelam Gupta, women wing worker.

"The old age, disabled and widow pension should be restored with minimum formalities to help the pen-



issue of unscheduled

power cuts and irregu-

lar drinking water supply

in Jammu plains even

after the installation of

He demanded that the

drinking water should

be supplied on a requ-

lar basis and electric-

ity should be provided

"The electricity con-

sumers are regularly

paying the excessive

electricity bills, but they

do not get adequate

the smart meters.

round the clock.

sioners under the Govt schemes. " he said. He said that the authorities should minimise the formalities and restore the stopped pension in favour of the pensioners.

He also demanded enhancement of the pension amount. "If we form the next

Govt, we are committed to enhancing the widow/oldage/disabled pension, "he reminded. He also raised the

supply in comparison to the charges they pay to the JPDCL," he added. He said that the power consumers should not be harassed and the JPDCL should be held accountable for its inability in providing electricity 24/7 to the people even after charging them extensively.

He said that "The JPDCL has failed to buy adequate power to be supplied to the consumers in Jammu.

It appears the JPDCL has misled the Lt Governor regarding the ground situation that has caused uneasiness among the people." He again demanded that the electricity as well as drinking water should be supplied adequately.

The meeting was attended by SC Wing State President Bodh Raj Bhagat, Provincial President Jammu, Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial President Legal Cell, Jammu, Vikram Rathore, Provincial President Women Wing, Pavneet Kour, District President Jammu Women Wing, Ritu Pandita, Provincial Secretary, Women Wing, Shikha Bardawaj, Provincial Secretary Women Wing, Sheetal Rajput, Sweeta Kumari, Provincial General Secretary Transport Union, Davinder Singh Gill, and

others.

I	(EPC) under District Capex	payable at Jammu		
I	Budget 2023-24 (PRI	mentioning name of		
	Grants)	work		

The complete bidding process shall be online.

- Bid documents can be seen and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 07.10.2023 to 18.10.2023.
- The pre bid meeting if desired by the participating firms shall be held in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 09.10.2023 (1300 hrs).
- The bids shall be submitted/uploaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 10.10.2023 (1400 hrs) to 18.10.2023 (1800 hrs).
- The complete bidding process shall be online and scanned copies of the following documents will have 5. to be uploaded before due date:-
  - (i) Copy of treasury e-Challan/receipt for Rs. 1000.00 against the cost of tender document under the receipt Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (M) Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu indicating name of work to be executed. It may be noted that the receipt of the e-challan should be of the date after the issuance of publication of the e-tender.
  - (ii) The tenders shall be accompanied with an earnest money of 2 % of quoted rates in the shape of CDR/FDR, from a scheduled Bank payable in JAMMU. The CDR/FDR shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu, valid for a period of 12 months from the last date of submission of bids. The earnest money deposit shall be refunded in favour of unsuccessful tenderer immediately after finalization of the tender, whereas it shall be retained in case of successful tenderer till signing of agreement and furnishing of performance security
  - (iii) Copies of tender documents, terms and conditions duly signed and stamped (each page) by bidder.
  - (iv) Scanned copy of Experience certificate of having completed one similar work during last five financial years. The experience certificate shall have been issued by an officer of the rank not below an Executive Engineer of any Government Department/Semi Government/PSUs.
  - (v)Scanned copy of Registration of Water Well Drillers issued by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu. In case the bidder is not able to furnish the Registration with the cover 1st of this bid document, he can produce the same before the opening of cover 2nd of this bid document.
- (vi) Scanned copy of the latest Income tax return certificate.
- (vii) Scanned copy GST return in FORMGST-3B of the latest quarter.
- (viii) Scanned copy of documentary proof of ownership or on hire basis of requisite machinery like Air Rotary (ODEX) Drilling Rig. In case of a firm having these machine/s arranged on hire basis the firm shall produce a copy of an agreement with the actual owner (Registered Drilling Firm) of the machine for lease of the machinery and expertise, duly attested by a Magistrate First class valid for a time period of not less than 06 months from the last date of submission of bids.

(ix) Average Annual financial turnover during any three financial years out of the last 05 years, ending 31st March of previous financial year, issued by a registered Chartered Accountant under his seal and signature shall be Rs 25.0 lacs.

The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive 6. Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 20.10.2023 (1400 hrs). If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working day during the office hours.

- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall be opened online in the office of 7. the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working or as to be decided by tender opening committee.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.
- Account Head: District Capex Budget 2023-24 (PRI Grants)
- 10. AAA No. 74-DDCP of 2023 Dated 17.06.2023
- 11. Status of Funds: Available
- 12. Technical Sanction No. (attached as per Annexure "A")

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti Mech. G.W.D. Division Jammu

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# MONETARY ECONOMY

monetary economy is one in which money is wildly used and accepted as a medium of exchange. It is a monetised economy.

Unlike in barter economy, in an organised market of a monetary economy, money buys goods and goods buy money but goods do not buy goods directly. In short, in a money economy goods are exchanged indirectly goods are sold for money and money purchases goods.

In a monetary economy, money serves as a means of payment. It is the general and permanent abode of purchasing power. Thus, all transactions are measured and recorded in terms of money.

Money serves as a unit of account in a monetary economy. Money being a common denominator of value, the price system has emerged as a distinct characteristic of monetary economy.

As compared to the barter system, exchange process is more efficiently organised in a monetary economy when money is used as a medium of exchange. The use of money in the process of exchange has far-reaching consequences when it reduces the amount of information required in concluding a transaction.

All the inconveniences of barter like want of double coincidence, want of a means of sub-division, want of efficient store of wealth etc., are automatically eliminated in a monetary economy, cost and time involved in searching for a double coincidence is saved.

Further, the use of money and consequent emergence of the price mechanism simplifies the process of transactions by condensing the complex signalling, mechanism of prices into simple assimilable forms of information.

Money serves as an indispensable factor of production in a monetary economy for enabling its output to increase and diversify. A higher level of output and more varieties of goods and services are enjoyable by the people in a monetary economy as compared to a barter economy.

Indeed, the flow of money and credit

# Did Bibi's divisive agenda allow Hamas to hit Israel?

By: K.C. Singh

The well-planned and massive intrusion by a few thousand Hamas fighters into Israel on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur war has upended America's re-crafting of regional security architecture. The I2U2 – consisting of India, Israel, the UAE and the United States – was preceded by the Abraham Accords, normalising Israel-UAE relations.

The US was next drawing the Saudis into this new paradigm. On the sidelines of the G-20 in New Delhi, an India-to-Europe, maritime-overland freight and energy corridor was announced. This writer had noted then that the

Israeli absence indicated strategic distrust amongst all members. The Hamas attack has in the short run upended it.

The solidarity with Israel expressed by India shows a shift in India's traditional position on West Asian politics. China has merely sought restraint by all sides while reiterating the need for a two-nation solution. To understand this evolution of India-Israel relations, the past needs recalling. India had voted against the UN resolutions to create the State of Israel for two reasons. First, having just evicted its colonial rulers, it saw it as an attempt by the same colonial powers to allow Jews to usurp Arab lands. Second, India having rejected the twonation theory and the creation of a religion-based Pakistan, similarly rejected a new Semitic entity. India was not, as is erroneously believed in some quarters, simply pandering to domestic Muslim opinion.

The two Israel-Arab wars in 1967 and 1973 followed, both times, two years after the India-Pakistan wars. The first resulted in Israel defeating the Arab armies and occupying the Golan Heights, the West Bank including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. The 1973 war, also known as the Yom Kippur War, enabled Egypt to restore moral parity by crossing the Bar Lev Line along the Suez Canal, considered impregnable. This enabled US secretary of state Henry Kissinger to get Egypt and Israel to accept détente and eventually sign the Camp David Accords between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on September 17, 1978. This writer, on his first posting in Cairo, saw the television pictures of Anwar Sadat flying to Jerusalem in November 1979, which took the Egyptian people and the world by surprise.

With Egypt out of the anti-Israel Arab alliance and King Hussein of Jordan a reluctant participant, the danger of another major Arab-Israeli war receded. The end of the Cold War in 1989 opened the possibility of a comprehensive peace in West Asia. The Palestinians also miscalculated by supporting the occupation of Kuwait by Iraq's Saddam Hussain in 1990, losing rich backers in the Gulf. Kuwait's liberation in early 1991 by the American military intervention created euphoria about the US ability to resolve other historical disputes.

The Madrid Peace Conference in October 1991 created a process to achieve the final resolution of Arab-Israel differences. With most Arab nations, including the Palestinians, joining this process, India found itself marginalised. The US invited India on the condition it established diplomatic relations with Israel first. India did so in January 1992, although it had been dealing clandestinely with Israel all along. But thereafter relations grew exponentially.

However, India continued to balance its diplomatic outreach to Israel by maintaining relations with the government of Pales-tine. Also, no Indian Prime Minister visited

Israel until Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He established a personal relationship with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu. Unfortu-nately, such equations can entrap a nation if the partner degrades his politics. The Hamas outburst should actually come as no surprise. Since Mr Netan-yahu's new coalition assumed power in last January, his far-right allies have set the agenda and undermined the relatively tolerant Jewish orientation and ethos. The leader of the Jewish Power Party, an anti-Arab organisation, Itamar Ben-Gvir, is the national security minister. Similarly, Bezalel Smo-trich, head of the ultra-nationalist Religious Zio-nist Party, is the finance minister. The coalition's agenda challenges the traditional consensus on which the Israeli state has functioned. It espouses an extremely orthodox interpretation of Judaism. It proposes the regularisation of all illegal settler outposts. Jurisdiction over settlers is to be shifted from the military to civilian ministers, putting Arabs and settlers under different controls. This completely smacks of apartheid. A two-state solution is debun-ked and the judiciary overhaul became a priority.

Outgoing Prime Minister Yair Lapid bemoaned that "Ben-Gvir and Smotrich were able to form the most extremist government in the history of the state". The problem began with the government's proposal in March to control the appointment of judges. Mr Netanyahu's corruption cases have dogged him, triggering his desperation to get friendlier judges.

His far-right allies saw the present judges as obstacles to implement their radical agenda. The popular protests against the government's proposal began to also affect the Israeli Defence Forces, as the Israeli military is a "people's army" relying on volunteer reservists. Israeli defence minister Yoav Gallant warned that "the growing rift in our society is penetrating the IDF and the security agencies".

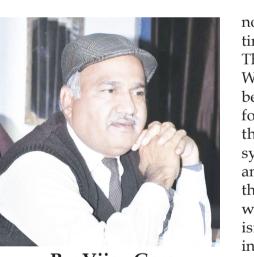
The reaction of the Israeli far-right is reminiscent of the BJP's attack on liberal elements in politics or civil society. Israel's right-wing coalition members demo-nised their political opponents, the media, the po-lice, the intelligence agencies and state prosecution as "leftists". In India, the phrase used is "Urban Naxals". Ronen Bar, the head of Shin Bet, the Israeli internal security agency, warned that Jewish terrorism by settler extremists against Palestinians in the West Bank was fuelling Palestinian terrorism.

The Hamas attack was carefully planned to exploit this demoralisation and distraction of the Israeli security agencies. Iran has been arming and training Hamas fighters for years.

Russia too would be de-lighted over America getting diverted from its focus on Ukraine. Hezbollah, a Shia ally of Iran in Leba-non, have begun exploratory attacks in North Israel. Scores of Israeli hostages have been grabbed by Hamas to create a human shield against Israeli counter-attacks, especially from the air.

India should have stuck, like the Chinese, to its traditional balanced stance. New York Times columnist Thomas L. Friedman on CNN lambasted Mr Netan-yahu's coalition and suggested that Mr Netanyahu needs a national-unity government without the far-right. It is likely to be a long, brutal fight that can spill beyond Israeli borders.

India's instant solidarity with Israel has polarised the debate at home. While the violent tactics of Ha-mas are extremely condemnable, Mr Netanyahu's government has made Israel vulnerable when it destroyed national unity and consensus. That is a lesson which the BJP needs to ingest.



# Deadly effect of internet media

not understood and treated in time, it can also be fatal. Could. The above study of Gallup and Walton Family Foundation has been prevalent in the society for a long time.It also breaks the myth that prosperity is synonymous with happiness and satisfaction. The reality is that society has covered itself with the cloak of materialism in such a way that nothing else is left within it except loneliness. He himself does not realize when the desire for maximum in a short time turns a human being into a mechanized structure. The calculation of earning money using that period in proportion to the time spent in maintaining relationships amid the endless race drives the youth to choose loneliness. That too without the factThought that ultimately human relationships are essential for communicating emotions. Ignoring this truth ultimately leads to loneliness on the part of the youth, where there are no relationships left to witness their defeat, frustration and disappointment. This pain pushes them towards depression. Behind the youth, there is also a crowd of teenagers who, though they have not yet joined the race of earning money, but words like 'friendship and kinship' are disappearing from their vocabulary. in the Department of Psychology at Princeton University-Data scientist Chris Syed says that 'Internet media is like an atomic bomb attack on the

social life of teenagers.' Syed's statement cannot be dismissed as an exaggeration, because the mass communication revolution that took place in the last decades did not have the same impact on social relations as the Internet media has. In relation to the way this affects the mental health of teenagers, media psychologist Don Grant has used the term 'compare and despair'. Grant says the InternetTeens spend most of their time on media watching the lives and images of their peers and observing themselves. In this process, if they find their personality, external appearance and economic status inferior, then their self-esteem gets hurt and it creates inferiority complex within them to such an extent that sometimes they decide to end their life. Also bring thoughts to mind. 'Associations between screen time and lower psychological wellbeing among children and adolescents: evidence from a population base'Research titled 'The Study' shows that teenagers who spend more than seven hours a day on Internet media are twice as likely to suffer from depression as those who spend less time on Internet media. Is. According to studies conducted in America, as soon as Internet media started gaining popularity after 2000, the mental health of teenagers and young adults there started deteriorating continuously. Studies also show that after that period, suicidal tendencies

among youth also increased. Increase was observed. These statistics and trends not only reveal the reality of America's 'Gen G' generation, but they also reflect the state of mind of teenagers around the world. In such a situation, it becomes necessary to return the teenagers to the flow of social relations. It will not be easy to do this. The pseudo world away from the real world is like a utopia for teenagers, where they not only find their happiness but also struggle to make their place in it. This world of fantasy is very dangerous, but no effort is made to consider that we are also the ones pushing them towards this. Amidst our busyness, aspirations and storms, we are the ones who put smartphones in the hands of small children and we never know when these smartphones become a substitute for the loving touch of their parents. Therefore, it is important that we consider this issue seriously and give up our aspirations and give time to our children. A strong link of emotional support has to be added to their feelings, confusions and frustrations, otherwise they will just remain in disguise.You will continue to get trapped in the clutches of the world.

enables and encourages entrepreneurs to innovate and accelerate "the process of growth.

Monetary economy has a greater degree of liquidity than a barter economy. Money being the most liquid asset, it serves as a link between the present and the future in a monetary economy. There is an absence of any such link in a barter economy.

Further, unlike the barter system, a monetary economy contains banking institutions. There are commercial banks and the Central Bank as the apex financial institution.

There exists a capital market too for long-term credit activities. Credit is the edifice of modern commerce which rests on the institution of money, especially bank money.

A distinguished feature of a monetary economy is that it is covered with a veil of money. There is a circular flow of money side by side and corresponding to the real flow of economic transactions. In fact, there is a continuous flow of money payments and spending among households and the government sector of a modern monetary economy.

Money matters much in a modern capitalist economy. It is the embodiment of Adam Smith's "Invisible Hands". Money is the bloodstream of the organic composition of a modern monetary economy.

It serves as a great wheel of circulation and a great instrument of commerce. Every fabrication of the modern economic society in its present complex form may be attributed to money that has served as a means of valuing, distributing and contracting for commodities of various kinds. No doubt money has conferred inestimable benefits to modern man's living and progress. By: Vijay Garg

recent report related to the new generation is very worrying. A report by Gallup and Walton Family Foundation says that 'Jane G' is going through a terrible period of loneliness and is feeling alone. Those born between 1997 and 2012 are called the Gen Z generation. This trend raises further concerns because this is a generation that is far more privileged than previous generations. Despite this, she is immersed in stress, anxiety and depression. Other studies around the world alsoThese trends tell us about the generation. The sad aspect is that despite such trends and warnings from psychologists, necessary thinking is not taking place on this subject. Mental pain does not easily attract anyone's attention. Especially if we talk about India in this context, here 'mental pain' is considered to be a momentary impulse of stress and depression, whereas it is such a feeling that if it is

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# **LOCAL**

# **Graduate Engineers (Civil) lauds Shaleen Kabra for** ending era of Adhocism in Jal Shakti Department

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: The All J&K Graduate Engineers Association (Civil) held a press conference today in Jammu, during which they briefed the media about the historic mass regularization of engineers in the Jal Shakti Department. A remarkable achievement where 1969 engineers were officially regularized within just one year, ending a struggle that had persisted for over 22 years within the engineering community. The Association extended its heartfelt thanks to Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra IAS for his selfless dedication to the department and tireless efforts in streamlining the regularization process within the JSD. The Association also expressed its gratitude to Manoj Sinha, LG J&K, R.K Bhatnagar, Advisor to Governor, and Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K, for appointing Kabra as the Administrative Head of JSD. Additionally, the positive roles played by Satish Chandra, Chairman PSC, and Zubair



Ahmad Raza, member PSC/Chairman DPC (Jal Shakti Department), were acknowledged. It was disclosed that various hurdles such as seniority disputes and court cases had initially impeded this process, but Kabra, from the very outset of his tenure in JSD, actively worked on resolving these issues and issued express instructions to his staff to complete the regularization process within a stipulated timeframe. During numerous meetings with the Association, Kabra demonstrated his unwavering determination to eliminate the prevailing adhocism within the department by mid-2023, in addition to addressing the issue of stagnation.

He successfully transformed his commitment into reality, with the issuance of the first major list of regularization, including 70 Executive Engineers as Superintending Engineers in September 2022, followed by the historic mass regularization of 523 Junior Engineers as Assistant Engineers in May 2023. Today, a significant number of engineers have been regularized as AEES, XEns, SES, providing substantial relief to retiring engineers who had previously lost hope of regularization. During the media

briefing, Gopal Sharma. State President of GEASSOC, revealed that he has been inundated with calls from

engineers serving in farflung areas across the UT of J&K, all expressing their admiration and saluting the dynamic Administrative Secretary. Kabra has proven that determination to resolve even the most complicated issues can lead to ultimate success. Engineers within the JSD are highly satisfied and appreciative of Kabra's efforts, and they are now optimistic that the regularization of engineers with pending documentation issues will also be addressed shortly. Mujib Tak, State Chief Patron, and Anil Thapa, General Secretary of the Association, emphasized that Shaleen Kabra's name will be forever etched in golden letters in the

annals of the Jal Shakt Department due to his extraordinary and exemplary work.

Hamesh Manchanda, C.E PHE Jammu, also extended his gratitude to Kabra, highlighting his achievements beyond the regularization of engineers, such as achieving 70% of the Har Ghar Nal Se Jal targets under JJM.

Rakesh Gupta, CE JKPDCL, described Kabra as the biggest blessing to the Jal Shakti Department in the last two decades, someone who provides simple solutions to complex issues. He expressed hope that within a few months, every issue concerning engineers, including Cadre Review and regularization of C.Es, would be streamlined under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Kabra. This press conference was attended by numerous engineers from JSD & R&B Deptt, including prominent figures like Er. Rahat Gupta, Er. Sumesh Hangloo, Er. Taj Mohd Choudhary, Er. Kulbushan Bhau, Er. Vijav Manhas, Er. Jagmeet Singh, Er. Jatinder Khajuria, and many more.

**Medical Employees seek** extension in service tenure of Dr. Rajeev as DHS Jammu



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**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Oct 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) has appealed to the government to extend the service tenure of Dr. Rajeev Sharma as **Director Health Services** Jammu.

Addressing media persons here today, JKMEF President Sushil Sudan praised Dr. Sharma for his dedication, hard work, and commitment to improving the healthcare system in Jammu and Kashmir. His acknowledgment was accompanied by expressions of gratitude towards Dr. Rajeev Sharma, the Director of Health Service Jammu, and his dedicated team of ministerial staff. Their

tireless efforts in accomtenure of such dediplishing this herculean cated and hardworktask within a specified ing officers beyond the month of January and timeframe were complace him as permanent Director thus allowing Sushil emphasized the him to continue their positive impact of this initiative on the local exemplary work. He public, assuring that expressed optimism that other pending demands the increased availability of staff in healthcare of the federation would also receive timely facilities would bring much-needed relief to attention and resolution. the community. Fur-Other who were presthermore, Sudan highent include Parfulat Singh, Bharat Bhushan lighted the fact that this development effectively Bhagat, Jaswinder addresses a long-Singh, Shafqat Hussain, R.P Singh, Bahastanding demand of the Jammu Kashmir Medidur Singh, Tajinder Singh, Sunil Chauhan, Mukhtiar Kohli, Madan

health employees. In a forward-looking approach, Sudan appealed to the Government to consider extending the service

cal Employees Federation by Promoting 550 Sharma, Kulwant Singh, Saurav Bakshi, Ashwani Kumar Gupta, Sultan Mohd, Pawan Singh Jamwal and Ramneek Singh. JU hosts Inter-Collegiate Chess (M&W) Championship 2023-24

# JU Department of Psychology celebrates World Mental Health Day

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: The Department of Psychology, University of Jammu, celebrated World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2023, with the theme "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right". Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean of Social Sciences, was the chief guest for the event. The session started with a welcome note by Taniya Chauhan. The occasion was graced by the HOD, Prof. Satnam Kour, Dr. Sarita Sood, Dr. Dharvinder Singh, Dr. Karuna Gupta, Dr. Princy Koul, Dr. Lovely Sabarwal, Dr. Mirdula Bali, and also the scholars and students of the respective departments. Prof. Sangita Gupta enlightened the participants with her valuable thoughts about the importance of mental

health. Drawing from her profound expertise, she elucidated how mental illness is considered a stigma and ignorance in people towards mental issues. She detailed how interaction with others in our community is important for good mental health. Further, Prof. Satnam Kour shed light on how to remain mentally healthy and support each other's lives with positivity. Students in the department actively partici-

Exercise, Live Life in Colours, Mental Health Check in, etc also adorned the event. The event saw robust participation not only from the students, scholars, and esteemed faculty members of the respective department but also from the other departments of the university. The event was summed up with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sarita Sood, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology. She thanked Dr. Sangita Gupta for her valuable time. She also thanked the HOD, Prof. Satnam Kour, faculty members, scholars, and students for their presence and participation. She concluded this event by giving the message that taking care of mental health is a great investment. We should take care of ourselves and love ourselves.

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: The Inter-Collegiate Chess (M&W) Championship 2023-24, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, entered its second day today.

The matches were played between in Men's Section include GCET Jammu defeated GDC Doda by (3-1) points; MIET Jammu defeated GDC Ramnagar by (3-1) points; GDC Bhaderwah defeated GDC Thana-

best versus best game;

The matches were conducted under the supervision of Dr. Daud Igbal Baba, Director of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu. The matches were officiated by S. P Sharma, Sushil Sawhney, S. Inderjeet Singh, and Padam Dev Singh.

Tomorrow, the prequarter final matches of the men's section and quarter final matches of the women's section will be played.

The tournament is witnessing some exciting matches, and the competition is expected to intensify in the coming days.

pated in various activities. The posters on the theme of World Mental Health Day, "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right," were made. Presentations on mental health were given by the students and scholars of the department. Various engaging activities such as Mental Health Word Puzzle, Deep-Breathing

# **NSS SMVDU organizes Art of Happiness workshop**



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

KATRA, Oct 10: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of SMVDU Katra organized the "Art of Happiness" workshop. The workshop was conducted by renowned motivational speaker Shri Raj Kumar Dogra from Swarangan Meditation Charitable Trust (NGO), Jammu.

The event started with a welcome address by NSS coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar. The Speaker Raj

Kumar Dogra emphasized not comparing oneself, complaining about anything, and criticizing others. The first priority of everyone should be one's mental health. NSS volunteers

Suhani Rajput and Suhani Sharma anchored the event. More than 100 students enthusiastically took

part in this workshop, which proved to be a profound and enjoyable

learning experience for all participants. Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Balbir Singh, Dr. Manoj Gupta, and NSS co-coordinator Dr. Kamaldeep were also present during the workshop

Vice-chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar congratulated NSS volunteers for organizing the event.

mandi by (4-0) points in a best versus beast game; GDC Nowshera defeated GDC Bishnah by (3.5-2.5) points in a

GDC Kathua defeated GDC R.S. Pura by (3-1) points and GDC Udhampur defeated GDC Pur-

In Women's Section, GMC Rajouri defeated MIER Jammu by (3.5-0.5) points; GDC

mandal by (4-0) points.

Kathua by (3-1) points and PG Deptt. JU defeated GCW Kathua by (3.5-0.5) points.

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Basic B.Sc. 2nd year

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M.S Katoch, Chairman

RGCN encouraged the

staff and students for

organising such events

benefit to students and

people. He said that the

day is celebrated and

raise awareness which

serves as a reminder to

everyone on the planet

# **Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing organizes Seminar on World Mental Health Day**

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: Mental health is a basic human right for all people. It's crucial to remember the importance of mental health. This includes the right to be protected from mental health risks, the right to available, accessible, acceptable, and good quality care, and the right to liberty, independence and inclusion in the community.

By raising awareness, and encouraging wellinformed action for this purpose Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing, Chak Bhalwal Jammu conducted seminar on World Mental Health Day with the Theme "Mental Health Is A Universal Human Right" on 10th October 2023 at their campus, Chak Bhalwal Jammu. All the students of college were present along with faculty and also organize an awareness program at Sub District Hospital Chak Bhalwal, Jammu.

The seminar was started with warm welcome to all worthy Dig-



nitaries of RGCN by Ms. Shrista Sotra clinical Instructor, RGCN. The programme was conducted with great enthusiasm by conducting scientific session. Prof Sonia Nanda, Associate Professor, RGCN gave brief introduction about World Mental Health & significance of the day. Gurjinder Kour, Assistant Professor, RGCN discussed about Mental health & Wellness & Bisma Bashir, Clinical Instructor, RGCN explained about Healthy Tips for maintaining a good health . At the end of the session B.Sc N 3rd yr & B.Sc N 4th yr students par-

ticipate in psychodrama and create awareness among other people & give certificate to the participants who are enrolled for video making competition organized by Chitkara University (H.P) & explorer that video on World Explorer of India

On the other hand, at community area the awareness programme is start with divulge the theme by Physician Kailash Chander. After that a Nukad Natak is performed by B.Sc. 2ND year students on importance of nutrition for mental health. The event continues by Post

and encourage action that will protect everyone's right to mental health.

Anjana Bavouria, Director RGCN explained, we all play a pivotal role & our efforts have been made to increase public awareness regarding mental health, Lack of awareness and the stigma around mental health issues can make it hard to communicate their distress.

Principal RGCN, Rafiga Bashir praised the faculty of RGCN, Department of Psychiatric Nursing for organising for these events. She further said these days are also used as an opportunity to spread awareness about the overall health and wellbeing of people.

Shrista Sotra, clinical Instructor, RGCN presented vote of thanks. The seminar was informative and educative to all participants

Management of RGCN Jammu is thankful to all the staff members, IT department and all participants who joined in this program.

(Youtube).

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

Top News of J&K Jammu, Tuesday, October 10, 2023

# Mental health issues still have a stigma attached to it, say celebs on World Mental Health Day

Celebrities say that despite so much awareness being spread on the importance of sound mental health, people are still hesitant to seek professional help.

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Stay calm Aadesh Chaudhary

It is important to take care of your mental health. We focus on a healthy lifestyle and fitness but we forget about mental health. No matter how healthy a lifestyle you lead, you wouldn't see that effect in your body if you aren't mentally healthy. You won't get the desired results if you aren't happy from within. Being calm and mentally stable is very important. I try to stay calm whenever I get frustrated and stressed. I have controlled my anger issues. One should talk to closed ones as it can relieve your stress.

Reach out Farnaz Shetty

Mental health should be a priority. If you need help, then seek it. There are professionals available who will give you the right kind of help online or offline. I don't think a mental issue needs to be hidden because it pushes people beyond normal rational thinking and I definitely feel that professionals should be a part of the picture sooner rather than later. I do yoga, work out and listen to music. I try to keep myself happy. There is a lot that dis-



turbs your mental peace on a day-to-day basis. Having friends is so good for your cognitive health. If you have people to talk to, count yourself as blessed and if you don't then please seek help. Be open Nikhil Nanda

Mental health issues must be discussed openly and one should not shy away from seeking help. We should be kind to people who face mental health issues. Awareness should be created that counselling is not a taboo and

people should be persuaded to take help. For me, yoga and meditation are a very big part of my daily routine and it helps me to be calm and peaceful. There is always a solution and we should have the will to work on that. Positivity helps

Aradhna Sharma I am a positive person. I don't get bogged down easily. Moreover, highs and lows are a part and parcel of life. We have to take it in our stride. My family is always there to support me and keeps me in check. I advise

people to not keep things pent up inside. rather talk to friends and family as it really helps! Be happy

Sumbul Tougeer A person who is emotionally stable always feels vibrant and alive, and he is able to manage emotionally challenging situations with ease. One must also be physically fit in order to be mentally strong. For your mental health, you should be happy and laughing and keep having healthy food, avoid junk and sleep well.

Music & meditation Pranitaa Pandit

We can become mentally ill in the same way as we become physically ill. One can look for help from specialists in this specific area. Morning walks, yoga, and meditation, all forms of regular exercise, have proven to be effective treatments for mental health issues. Other than this, having a healthy eating routine and enough sleep is basic. You can also listen to soft music, have a hobby or talk to your close friends and family members to gain emotional support. I keep myself calm by listening to music in the morning and I also do meditation as it keeps me happy and relaxed. Connecting to inner

self Monika Bhadoriya

I get up early as it gives me the time to connect with myself and find inner calmness. I like to read occasionally and listen to soothing music. I don't use my phone just before going to sleep to avoid distractions. Your performance will be better no matter what you are doing if you rest both mentally and physically. In the 21st century, mental health is becoming a more pressing issue. Despite the fact that mental illness is prevalent today and can affect anyone, it still carries a stigma.

### Sushmita Sen in 'Aarya' 3 emerges as the ultimate don have touched my heart.



The hit streaming show 'Aarya', which stars actress and former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen in the titular role of Aarva Sareen, is set to return with its third season on November 3. The International Emmy nominated show will explore the profound power of the titular character as shared by Sushmita.

The story of the show revolves around Aarya Sareen, a caring mother and a loving wife, who is unaware of the illegal business her husband is a part of. Things go

It's an honour to step back into her shoes for 'Aarya' Season 3. This season explores the profound power of Aarya, as she strikes down her enemies and begins to create an empire of her own, while grappling the threats to her loved ones. Aarya's story is a testament to a woman who defies life's constraints and will go to any lengths to protect the ones close to her. 'Aarya' season 3 isn't just a show, it's an emotional journey that fills me with love and pride." Creator, Co-producer and Co-Director of 'Aarya', Ram Madhvani added: "After the immense love that we have received from audiences over the last two seasons, we present to you a new era of Aarya where she leaves no stone turned. Season 3 will keep audiences on their toes with the exciting journey of Aarya to emerge as the ultimate don. Aarya will shock you. The emotional graph of her journey is exhilarating. She will own her power. Is this her final chance? You will soon find out."

Created and co-directed by the visionary Ram Madhvani and co-produced by Amita Madhavni, Ram Madhvani, Ram Madhvani Films and Endemol Shine India, 'Aarya' season 3 will bow on Disney+ Hotstar on November 3.

# Nikki Tamboli approached for Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 11?

A supremely amazing and invigorating update is coming in for all fans of Nikki Tamboli. The bombshell who's been in demand in the entertainment space for all the right reasons ever since her stardom in Bigg Boss has apparently been approached for the 11th season of Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, according to sources. Although nothing has officially been confirmed from Nikki's end, it is being said that the makers of the show are extremely keen on having Nikki in the show. Nikki will make her debut on the OTT space with her upcoming release Puppy Love.



# Anupriya Goenka's 'Sultan Of Delhi' character uses sexuality to her advantage, reveals actress

Actress Anupriya Goenka, who is gearing up for her upcoming webseries 'Sultan Of Delhi', has shared that her character of Shankari Devi uses sexuality to her advantage.

The actress also said that she had to work in great detail with regards



'Sultan of Delhi' is set against the backdrop of the 1960s in India and Anupriya Goenka plays a woman with a strong personality in the vintage era. She shared how she got into the character's skin Talking about playing Shankari Devi, Anupri-

bad for their family

after Aarya's husband

Tej Sareen, a pharma

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The drug mafia and

illegal syndicates seek

the death of his entire

family. In response

The show traces her

journey in becoming the

mafia queen who seeks

revenge against those

who killed her husband.

Talking about the

show, Sushmita said:

"Aarya Sareen has now

become a very integral

part of my life. Her expe-

riences across seasons

Aarya joins the gangs.

killed.

collaborative." "Though Milan sir had a certain vision about Shankari, he had put no bars on the costume and was willing to experiment as much as possible. He kept saying that Shankari was one of his favourite characters. It was very delicious to imbibe her style and not only wear those costumes but also be comfortable in them. I think I had to transform myself from being the Anupriya that I am to Shankari in terms of her appeal, her mannerisms, her naughtiness and her being bad but still enjoying it," she added. 'Sultan of Delhi'. produced by Reliance Entertainment, is set to stream on Disney+ Hotstar from October 13.

to her mannerisms and her naughtiness.

The series, based on the book 'Sultan of Delhi: Ascension' by Arnab Ray, is directed by Milan Luthria and co-Directed and co-written by Suparn Verma. It also stars Tahir Raj Bhasin, Anjumm Shharma, veteran actor Vinay Pathak alongside Nishant Dahiya, Mouni Roy, Harleen Sethi and Mehreen Pirzada.

ya Goenka said: "She is a very sexy woman. I practised walking like her and sitting like how she does. She uses her sexuality to her advantage and embraces it. I wanted to make her look elegant also. The styling really helped in and all credits for that should most certainly go to Jia and Amruta, the costume designers. They were very enthusiastic and extremely givingand

### Sophie Turner is 'fearless' and she shows it with a bracelet

The 'Game of Thrones' star, Sophie Turner posted a selfie of herself wearing a bracelet with the title of Taylor Swift's second studio album, 'Fearless' written on it, reported People.

The Instagram Story marks her first social media post since she and her estranged husband Joe Jonas announced their split in a joint statement on September 6.

The "Fearless" friendship bracelet could be a nod to Jonas, 34, because numerous tracks on the Grammywinning record are said to be about the artist after his brief affair with Swift, 33.

According to People, in fact, Turner seemingly addressed that a vault track off Swift's first album rerecording Fearless (Taylor's Version) could be about Jonas. She shared the song "Mr. Perfectly Fine" on her Instagram Story at

the time of the album's 2021 release and wrote that "it's not NOT a bop." Swift reposted the Instagram Story on her own account and wrote in response, "Forever bending the knee to the of the north.

In the midst of Turner's divorce from Jonas, the X-Men star was seen out in New York City with the pop superstar twice in one week at the end of September.

Turner was then seen dining with Swift, Blake Lively and Brittany Mahomes the night before they all attended the Kansas City Chiefs' game against the New Jets last Sunday. Around that time, a source close to the actress confirmed to People that Turner is staying in Swift's N.Y.C residence amid her ongoing custody battle with Jonas, with whom she shares daughters Willa, 3, and Delphine, 14 months.

"Taylor has opened her



home to Sophie," the insider shared. "Sophie is welcome there any time. Taylor continues to be a great friend." According to People, after Jonas filed for divorce on September 5 after four years of marriage, Turner sued him for wrongful retention, as she claimed that Jonas was withholding their daughters' passports and not allowing them to return to England on

September 20. However, Jonas issued a statement shortly thereafter disputing her complaint, saying that he believed they had agreed on a co-parenting plan.

A few days later, Jonas and Turner agreed to temporarily keep their daughters in N.Y.C.. according to the interim consent filed in New York and obtained by People, which states that the two are ordered to keep their children in the Southern and Eastern districts of New York, which includes New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley. On Wednesday, Turner was seen leaving Swift's residence as she headed to court in Manhattan on the first of a four-day mediation between her and Jonas so that they can resolve their custody issues and establish a parenting plan amid their divorce, reported People.

### Had to push my body to breaking point for 'Tiger 3': Katrina Kaif



Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif says she has given every bit of her for the third instalment of the 'Tiger' franchise. Katrina, who is the first female spy of the YRF Spy Universe, has shown that she can pull off incredible action sequences all by herself.

Her poster as Zoya was unveiled on Tuesday.

Katrina revealed that in order to pull off the physically challenging action sequences of 'Tiger 3', she pushed her body to 'breaking point'.

The actress said: "Zoya is the first female spy of the YRF Spy Universe and I'm very proud to have a character like her. She is fierce, she is courageous, she is all heart, she is loyal, she is protective, she is nurturing and above all she stands up for humanity, every single time."

Katrina added: "It has been an incredible journey playing Zoya in the YRF Spy Universe and I have put myself to the test in every film. 'Tiger 3' is no exception."

"We wanted to take the action sequences to the next level this time and I have pushed my body to breaking point for the film and people will see that. Physically this has been my most challenging film yet."

Katrina said that it is always exciting to do action and she has been a fan of the action genre like since forever.

"So, playing Zoya is a dream come true for me. Strong , gutsy, badass and no holds barred! I'm looking forward to the reaction of people when they see Zoya on screen. She is the yin to the yang of Tiger."

'Tiger 3' has been produced by Aditya Chopra and has been directed by Maneesh Sharma. It releases during Diwali holiday this year.

# **NATIONAL**

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# Ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Supreme Court to begin final hearing on challenge to Electoral Bonds Scheme on Oct 31

The Bench made it clear that if the hearing remained incomplete on October 31 it shall continue till November 1

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Supreme Court on Tuesday decided to take up petitions challenging the Electoral Bonds Scheme for final hearing on October 31 after petitioners chose not to argue on the scheme being passed as a Money Bill.

At the outset, Attorney General for India R Venkatramani told a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud that one of the issues raised in the petitions against the Electoral Bonds was the issue relating to Money Bill which was pending before a seven-judge Constitution Bench.

The CJI asked petitioners' advocates if they would like to wait for it to be decided or press for hearing without arguing the point relating to the Money Bill. On behalf of the petitioners, advocate Prashant Bhushan said while Money Bill was one of the issues raised in the petitions, there were other issues to be decided independent of the Money Bill

Contending that a corruption free society was a facet of right to life under Article 21 (right to life and liberty), Bhushan said anonymous funding of political parties violated the Right to Information of the citizens as it



its bank account.

Finance Act, 2017 which made

amendments to several stat-

utes, including RBI Act, Repre-

sentation of People Act, Income

Tax Act and Companies Act to

facilitate the scheme which was

The Centre maintained that the

notified on January 2, 2018.

promoted corruption by allowing companies benefitting from the government of certain parties to anonymously donate to those political parties.

After the petitioners' advocates, including Bhushan said they would like the matter to be heard without arguing on the Money Bill issue in view of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the CJI posted the matter for final hearing on October 31 as the prehearing procedural formalities had already been completed.

Directing that further submissions, if any, should be filed by Saturday, the Bench made it clear that if the hearing remained incomplete on October 31 it shall continue till November 1.

The issue assumes significance in view of upcoming

"absolutely transparent" mode of political funding and it was impossible to get any black or unaccounted money through it. The top court had on March 21 this year said it will examine if petitions challenging the validity of the electoral bonds scheme for funding of political parties needed to be referred to a Constitutional Bench for an "authoritative pronouncement". Maintaining that several constitutional issues having a tremendous bearing on the sancassembly elections in Madhya tity of electoral process were Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasinvolved in the petitions chalthan, Mizoram and Telangana; lenging the validity of Electoral and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Bonds Scheme, 'Association for An Electoral Bond is a bearer Democratic Reforms' (ADRA) instrument like a Promissory had earlier urged the Supreme Note which can be purchased Court to refer the matter to a by an Indian citizen or an Indian Constitution Bench. company whose identity would In its PIL filed in 2017, ADR remain secret from everybody except SBI from whom it has to

alleged corruption and subversion of democracy through illicit be purchased. Once purchased, and foreign funding of political the buyer can give it to a political parties and lack of transparency party, which can encash it using in their accounts. It was introduced through the

On March 26, 2021, the Supreme Court had refused to stay the sale of electoral bonds ahead of the Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, saying "We do not see any justification for the grant of stay at this stage."

### I'm for caste census 100 pc; it's like 'X-Ray' that will help decide future course of action: Rahul Gandhi



NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Asserting that he is "100 per cent" in support of a caste census, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has likened the exercise with an "X-Ray" and said it would give a clear picture of how many Dalits, tribals, OBCs and upper castes are there which in turn would help in deciding the future course of

action. Gandhi made the remarks on September 23 during his interaction with the students of the Maharani College in Jaipur, a video of which was released on his social media platforms on Tuesday.

Gandhi was received by the college principal. After his interaction with the students, the party leader rode pillion on a two-wheeler driven by a girl student amid security on the road outside

the college. In his interaction with the girls at the college, Gandhi talked about a host of issues, including the education system and the need for empowering women in the country, according to the video.

Asked about the caste census, Gandhi said, "The fact is that the lower caste communities, the OBCs, Dalits and tribals are not involved in the power structure. And no one knows how many OBCs are there, how many Dalits, tribals ad upper castes are there." "When you get hurt. the first thing that you get done is an X-Ray.

Through an X-Ray we get to know if a bone is broken or not, where and how it is broken. So the caste census is

an X-Ray which will tell us how many people are there, belonging to which community, what are they doing, what is their role in the power structure," the former Congress chief said.

"It is just to see what is the status, after that we have to decide this is the status and this is what we have to do. I am for caste census, a 100 per cent." he said during the interaction at the college, according to the video released by the party.

The Congress on Monday promised that a government led by it will conduct a nationwide caste census and implement 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies at the earliest, including adequate representation for women belonging to the OBC community

After the Congress Working Committee meeting on Monday, Gandhi said the CWC has taken a "historic decision" unanimously to support the demand for a nationwide caste census, asserting it is a "powerful step" for the emancipation of the poor.

### Govt bungalow allocation row: **Raghav Chadha moves Delhi High** Court against trial court's decision to vacate interim order

NEW DELHI. Oct 10 (Agencies): AAP MP Raghav Chadha on Tuesday approached the Delhi High Court challenging a trial court's decision to vacate an interim order which stopped the Rajya Sabha secretariat from dispossessing him from the government bungalow allotted to him.

The plea was mentioned for urgent hearing before a bench of Chief Justice Satish



The trial court in

while vacating an interim order passed on April 18 that had directed the Rajya Sabha Secretariat not to dispossess Chadha from the government bungalow. It had noted that the interim relief was granted to Chadha that he would not be dispossessed from the accommodation without due process of law.

Searches at AAP's Amanatullah Khan's Delhi home in money laundering case

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday searched AAP leader Amanatullah Khan's Delhi residence in connection with a corruption case involving illegal appointments within the Delhi Waqf Board.

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday raided Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Amanatullah Khan's Delhi residence in a money laundering case. The ED has initiated

action based on two FIRs filed by the Delhi Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and the Central



Laundering Act (PMLA). Delhi Waqf Board, Khan Amanatullah Khan, the recruited 32 people illeallegations of misappropriation against Khan. "Amanutullah Khan is a man of shady character and his role in the Delhi Waqf Board as chairman has been under inquiry," Sachadeva said.

"There have been complaints of Amanutullah Khan making appointments at Waqf Board in exchange and settling

Team Kejriwal is honest, then what does it fear?" he asked.

The raid at Khan's residence comes days after an AAP leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh was arrested on Wednesday (October 4) by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case linked with the Delhi liquor policy Singh is the second high profile leader after Manish Sisodia, a former deputy chief minister, to be held in this case, in a big jolt to Delhi's ruling AAP. The party has termed Singh's arrest as a "dictatorial step" of the Narendra Modi government.

Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula which agreed to list it on Wednesday

Chadha's counsel submitted that the Member of Parliament had been served with a notice and eviction proceedings are going on. She said earlier there was a stay from the trial court but now it an October 5 order has said that Chadha cannot claim that he has an absolute right to continue to occupy the government bungalow during his entire tenure as a Rajya Sabha MP even after the cancellation of allotment. The trial court had made the observation

Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The cases are related to irregularities in recruitment for the Delhi Waqf Board, where Khan serves as the chairman.

The searches are being conducted under the provisions of the Prevention of Money

49-year-old representative of the Okhla constituency in the Delhi Assembly, was arrested by the Delhi ACB last year in the same case, and was later granted bail in September 2022. The case was based on a complaint alleging

that during his tenure

as the chairman of the

**Class 4 student run over** by tractor in Maharashtra, mob vandalises vehicle

WASHIM, Oct 10 (Agencies): A Class 4 student died after she was run over by a tractor while returning from Madrasa in Maharashtra's Washim district. Atifa Fatema (11) was returning from Madrasa on a bicvcle at around 10 am when she got trapped under the rear wheels of a tractor. The tractor was reversing when it collided with Atifa's bicycle.

Upon hearing the news of the accident, a crowd gathered at the site and chaos erupted.

Angered, the mob damaged the tractor and tried to catch the driver but the mob was later pacified by the police

Meanwhile, the tractor driver was taken into custody by the police.

#### 7 killed in road accident in Karnataka

VIJAYANAGARA, Oct 10 (Agencies): Seven people were killed and six injured when two mining tipper lorries collided with an SUV near the tunnel on the outskirts of Hospet city in Karnataka's Vijayanagara district on Monday evening, police said today.

According to Vijayanagar SP Srihari Babu, the deceased have been identified as Uma, Kenchavva, Bhagya, Anila, Goni Basappa, Bhimalingappa and Balaka Yuvaraja, residents of Hospet.

The police said the accident took place when the SUV was returning from Koolahalli Goni Basaveshwara temple in Harapanahalli taluka of Vijayanagara district.

"There were 13 people in the cruiser and the condition of the injured is critical. The injured have been admitted to a government hospital," added the police.

gally, violating all norms and government guidelines. The complaint also leveled allegations of corruption and favoritism against him.

BJP reacts, says not surprised

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva said the raid is not a surprise as there have been

Waaf property disputes in exchange for money," he said

Taking a dig at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Sachadeva further said that Delhites fail to understand that AAP starts playing the victim card as soon as any inquiry is launched against its leaders. "If

# **Artist Chintan Upadhyay** gets life imprisonment for conspiring to kill wife

ing to kill his wife.

Three other accused,

tempo driver Vijay

Rajbhar and helpers

Pradeep Rajbhar and

Shivkumar Rajbhar,

who worked with the

absconding accused

and art fabricator Vidy-

adhar Rajbhar, were

found guilty of the

They were also sen-

tenced to rigorous

On Saturday, during

the arguments on sen-

tencing, Upadhyay told

the court, "My con-

science is clear. I have

not committed any

offence. I'm innocent."

imprisonment for life.

double murder.



MUMBAI, Oct 10 (Agencies): A court here on Tuesday sentenced artist Chintan Upadhyay to rigorous imprisonment for life for conspiring to kill his estranged wife Hema Upadhyay. Hema and her lawyer Haresh Bhambhani were killed on Decem-

ber 11, 2015, and the bodies were stuffed into cardboard boxes and thrown into a ditch in Kandivali area of Mumbai

Additional sessions judge SY Bhosale of the Dindoshi court on October 5 held Chintan guilty of abetting and conspir-

"However, the court has found me guilty. No mercy should be shown. I'm ready to accept whatever punishment the court decides," he added.

Vidyadhar Rajbhar, who is accused of executing the murders, has been absconding.

Chintan Upadhyay was arrested soon after the murders for allegedly conspiring to eliminate his wife.

He spent nearly six years in jail before being granted bail by the Supreme Court in September 2021.

In his final statement submitted before the court, Chintan had claimed the police were unable to crack the double murder and hence implicated him in a false case taking advantage of his and Hema's matrimonial dispute.

**UP woman kills her minor** sisters after they find her getting intimate with partner

The bodies of seven-year-old Surbhi and her four-year-old sister Roshni were found in separate rooms of their home.



ETAWAH, Oct 10 (Agencies): Police have arrested a 20-year-old woman for allegedly killing her two minor sisters after they found her getting intimate with her partner in the Balrai area of this Uttar Pradesh district, officials said on Tuesday. The accused also tried to destroy the evidence of the murder, they said.

The bodies of seven-

year-old Surbhi and her four-year-old sister Roshni were found in separate rooms of their home on Sunday.

Monday in this connection after investigations revealed her involvement, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Satyapal Singh said. Anjali used a spade to

Anjali was arrested on

kill her sisters.

and cleaned her clothes after the murders, he said. However, forensic examinations revealed

blood traces on the spade and the accused's clothes, Singh added. The police had sus-

She washed the spade

pected the role of someone close to the family and Anjali confessed to her crime during questioning, the officer said. At the time of the murders, the girls' parents

The minor girls found

Anjali getting intimate

with her partner in the

absence of their par-

ents, following which

she killed them, the

police claimed.

were not at home.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# **'Israel didn't start this war but** will finish it'; Benjamin Netanyahu shares video of air strikes on Gaza

PM Netanyahu lashes out at Hamas saying they will pay the price and will remember it for long

TEL AVIV, Oct 10 (Agencies): In a stern warning to Hamas. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday said "Israel did not start this war" but "will finish it".

As part of its retaliation against Hamas, Israel has mobilised 3 lakh troops. This is the largest mobilisation since the 1973 Yom Kippur War when Israel called up 4 lakh reservists, Times of Israel reported.

"Israel is at war. We didn't want this war. It was forced upon us in the most brutal and savage way. Though Israel didn't start this war, Israel will finish it," said Netanyahu in an address to the nation. As many as 2,300 Israelis have sustained injuries and more than 700 have died so far in the surprise Hamas attack on Saturday morning. PM Netanyahu lashed

out at Hamas saying



they will pay the price and will remember it for lona "Hamas will under-

stand that by attacking us, they have made a mistake of historic proportions. We will exact a price that will be remembered by them and Israel's other enemies for decades to come," said Netanyahu. He also highlighted the plight of those taken hostage, saying, "The savage attacks that Hamas perpetrated against innocent Israelis are mindboggling: slaughtering families in their homes, massacring hundreds of

survivors. Hamas

young people at an outdoor festival, and abducting scores of women, children and elderly, even Holocaust terrorists

bound, burned and executed children. They are savages." Branding Hamas as ISIS, he called on the "forces of civilisation" to unite against the Hamas and defeat it.

"Hamas is ISIS. And just as the forces of civilisation united to defeat ISIS, the forces of civiliaation must support Israel in defeating Hamas," Netanyahu said.

Myanmar military accused of bombing displacement camp in a northern state, killing about 30

However, there was some uncertainty about how the attack was carried out, because it came suddenly and late at night



# Israeli military says about 1,500 bodies of Hamas militants found in Israel as border is secured

JERUSALEM, Oct 10 (Agencies): Israel's military said about 1,500 bodies of Hamas militants were found in Israeli territory as, as it said it had largely gained control in the country's south and "restored full control" over the border on the fourth day of fighting following an unprecedented surprise attack.

Spokesperson Richard Hecht said no Hamas fighters have crossed into Israel since last night, although infiltrations could still be possible. Israel has previously reported 900 soldiers and civilians killed, and Palestinian authorities have reported about 700 deaths in Gaza and the West Bank.

Israeli warplanes pounded downtown Gaza City, home to Hamas' centers of government, with relentless bombardments into early Tuesday, after Israel's prime minister vowed retaliation against the Islamic militant group that would "reverberate for generations."

The 4-day-old war has already claimed at least 1,600 lives, as Israel saw gun battles in the streets of its own towns for the first time in decades and neighborhoods in Gaza were reduced to rubble. Hamas also escalated the conflict, pledging to kill captured Israelis if strikes targeted civilians without warning.

Israel said that Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza are holding more than 150 soldiers and civilians snatched from inside Israel after the attack caught its vaunted military and intelligence apparatus completely off guard.

The Israeli military said it had largely gained control in the south and "restored full control" over the border. Spokesperson Richard Hecht said no Hamas fighters have crossed into Israel since last night, although infiltrations could still be possible.

As the Israeli military activated 300,000 reservists in a massive mobilization, a major question was whether it would launch a ground assault into the tiny Mediterranean coastal territory. The last ground assault was in 2014.

Thousands of Israelis were evacuated from more than a dozen towns near Gaza. and tanks and drones were deployed to guard breaches in the Gaza border fence against new incursions. In Gaza, tens of thousands fled their homes as airstrikes leveled buildings. The moves, along with Israel's formal declaration of war on Sunday, pointed to Israel increasingly shifting to the offensive against Hamas, threatening greater destruction in the densely populated, impoverished Gaza Strip. "We have only started striking Hamas," Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu said in a nationally televised address. "What we will do to our enemies in the coming days will reverberate with them for generations."

The Israeli military said it struck hundreds of Hamas targets in Gaza's City Rimal neighborhood, which is home to Hamas' ministries and governing buildings, overnight.

Hecht said Gazans were being told to evacuate "over social media" before strikes but did not give details.

On Monday, Israel found more bodies from Hamas' stunning weekend attack into southern Israeli towns. Rescue workers found 100 bodies in the tiny farming community of Be'eri around 10% of its population after a long hostage standoff with gunmen.

The Israeli military said more than 900 people already have been killed in Israel. In Gaza and the West Bank, 704 people have been killed, according to authorities there; Israel says hundreds of Hamas fighters are among them. Thousands have been wounded on both sides. In response to Israel's aerial attacks, the spokesman of Hamas' armed wing, Abu Obeida, said Monday night that the group will kill one Israeli civilian captive any time Israel targets civilians in their homes in Gaza "without prior warning." Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen warned Hamas against harming any of the hostages, saying, "This war crime will not be forgiven." Netanyahu appointed a former military commander to manage the hostage and missing persons crisis.

Israel and Hamas have had repeated conflicts in past years, often sparked by tensions around a Jerusalem holy site. This time, the context has become potentially more explosive. Both sides talk of shattering with violence a yearslong Israeli-Palestinian deadlock left by the moribund peace process.

The surprise weekend attack by Hamas left a death toll unseen since the 1973 war with Egypt and Syria. That fomented calls to crush Hamas no matter the cost, rather than continuing to try to bottle it up in Gaza. Israel is run by its most hardright government ever, dominated by ministers who adamantly reject Palestinian statehood.

Hamas, in turn, says it is ready for a long battle to end an Israeli occupation it says is no longer tolerable. Desperation has grown among Palestinians, many of whom see nothing to lose under unending Israeli control and increasing settler depredations in the West Bank, the blockade in Gaza and what they see as the world's apathy. Attacks by both sides created more scenes of devasta-

tion Monday. In Israel's southern coastal city of Ashkelon, a man holding a crutch with one hand and an older boy with the other joined evacuees being shepherded from a street after a rocket blew out the front of a house.

In Gaza, Palestinians passed the bodies of the dead through dense crowds of men in the rubble in the Jebaliya refugee camp.

Early Monday evening, the sound of explosions echoed over Jerusalem when a volley of rockets fired from Gaza hit two neighborhoods - a sign of Hamas's reach. Israeli media said seven were wounded.

Israeli warplanes carried out an intense bombardment of Rimal, a residential and commercial district of central Gaza City, after issuing warnings for residents to evacuate. Amid continuous explosions, the building housing the headquarters of the **Palestinian Telecommunications** Company was destroyed.

Israeli airstrikes on Gaza have razed 790 housing units and severely damaged 5,330, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said early Tuesday. Damage to three water and sanitation sites have cut off services to 400,000. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant ordered a "complete siege" on Gaza, saying authorities would cut electricity and block the entry of food and fuel. Jan Egeland, secretary general of the Norwegian Refugee Council aid group, warned that Israel's siege would spell "utter disaster" for Gazans.

"There is no doubt that collective punishment is in violation of international law," he told The Associated Press. "If and when it would lead to wounded children dying in hospitals because of lack of energy, electricity and supplies, it could amount to war crimes."

The Israeli siege will leave Gaza almost entirely dependent on its crossing into neighboring Egypt at Rafah, where cargo capacities are lower than other crossings into Israel

An Egyptian military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press, said more than 2 tons of medical supplies from the Egyptian Red Crescent were sent to Gaza and efforts were underway to organize food and other deliveries. Tens of thousands of Gaza residents continued to flee. The U.N. said Tuesday that more than 187,000 of Gaza's 2.3 million people have left their homes - the most since a 2014 air and ground offensive by Israel uprooted about 400,000. UNRWA, the U.N. agencies for Palestinian refugees, is sheltering more than 137,000 people

in schools across the territory. Families have taken in some 41,000 others.

In the southern Gaza city of Rafah, an Israeli airstrike early Monday killed 19 people, including women and children, said Talat Barhoum, a doctor at the local Al-Najjar Hospital.

Hundreds of Hamas militants were buried under rubble of buildings destroyed by Israel in the past 48 hours, according to Israeli Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari. His claims could not be confirmed.

New exchanges on Israel's northern border Monday raised worries that the war could spread to a new front.

Palestinian militants from the Islamic Jihad group slipped from Lebanon into Israel, sparking Israeli shelling into southern Lebanon. Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group said five of its members were killed, and it retaliated with a volley of rockets and mortars at two Israeli army bases across the border.

After breaking through Israeli barriers with explosives at daybreak Saturday, an estimated 1,000 Hamas gunmen rampaged for hours, gunning down civilians and snatching people in towns, along highways and at a techno music festival attended by thousands in the desert. Palestinian militants have also launched around 4,400 rockets at Israel, according to the military.

Hamas spokesman Abdel-Latif al-Qanoua told the AP that the group's fighters continued to battle outside Gaza and had captured more Israelis as recently as Monday morning.

He said the group aims to free all Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, which in the past has agreed to lopsided exchange deals in which it released large numbers of prisoners for individual captives or even the remains of soldiers.

Among the captives are soldiers and civilians, including women, children and older adults, mostly Israelis but also some people of other nationalities.

Hamas has ruled Gaza since driving out forces loyal to the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority in 2007, and its rule has gone unchallenged through the blockade and four previous wars with Israel.

Meanwhile, in the West Bank,

BANGKOK, Oct 10 (Agencies): Myanmar's military was accused of launching an airstrike on a camp for displaced persons in the northern state of Kachin late Monday that killed more than 30 people, including 13 children, a human rights group and local media said.

The attack on the Mung Lai Hkyet displacement camp in the northern part of Laiza, a town where the headquarters of the rebel Kachin Independence Army is based, also wounded about 60 people, a spokesperson for Kachin Human Rights Watch told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Laiza is about 324 kilometres northeast of Mandalay, Myanmar's second-biggest city.

The spokesperson, who asked to be identified only as Jacob for security reasons, said 19 adults and 13 children from the camp were killed by the airstrikes, which occurred around 11 pm.

"We strongly condemn this inhumane killing. This action causes resentment among the Kachin people," he said. Kachin News Group, a local online news site, reported that more than 30 displaced persons were killed by the bombs dropped by jet fighters.

However, there was some uncertainty about how the attack was

carried out, because it came suddenly and late at night. Other unverified media reports said the attack may have been carried out with drones or even artillery.

It was impossible to independently confirm details of the incident, though media sympathetic to the Kachin posted videos showing what they said was the attack's aftermath, with images of dead bodies and flattened wooden structures.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the military overthrew the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021, triggering widespread popular opposition. After peaceful demonstrations were put down with lethal force, many opponents of military rule took up arms, and large parts of the country are now embroiled in conflict.

The military government in the past year has stepped up the use of airstrikes in combat against two enemies — the armed pro-democracy Peoples Defence Forces, which formed after the 2021 takeover, and ethnic minority groups such as the Kachin that have been fighting for greater autonomy for decades.

The military claims it targets only armed guerrilla forces and facilities, but churches and schools have also been hit and many civilians killed or wounded. Artil-

lery is also frequently employed.

The Kachin are one of the stronger ethnic rebel groups and are capable of manufacturing some of their own armaments. They also have a loose alliance with the armed militias of the pro-democracy forces that were formed

to fight army rule. In October last year, the military carried out airstrikes that hit a celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the Kachin Independence Organization, the political wing of the Kachin Independence Army, near a village in Hpakant township, a remote mountainous area 167 kilometres northwest of

Laiza. The attack killed as many as 80 people, including Kachin officers and soldiers, along with singers and musicians, jade mining entrepreneurs and other civilians.

Monday night's attack, not yet acknowledged by the military government, came just a few days before it is supposed to host an event in the capital, Naypyitaw, to mark the eighth anniversary of the signing of a ceasefire agreement between the previous military-backed government and eight ethnic rebel armies.

The larger ethnic rebel armies, including the Kachin and the Wa, refused to sign the ceasefire agreement.

Palestinians entered a fourth day under severe movement restrictions. Israeli authorities have sealed off crossings to the occupied territory and closed checkpoints, blocking movement between cities and towns. Clashes between rock-throwing Palestinians and Israeli forces in the territory since the start of the incursion have left 15 Palestinians dead, according to the U.N.

### Canada enabled Khalistan extremists to use violence, says **Indo-Canadian**

TORONTO, Oct 10 (Agencies): A prominent Indo-Canadian community member has voiced deep concern over the "ecosystem" in Canada that has enabled Khalistan extremists to use violence, threaten and bully those opposing their "nefarious agendas"

Amidst the diplomatic standoff between Canada and India over the killing of a pro-Khalistan separatist in Surrey in British Columbia province in June, he cautioned that political appeasement for short-term gains is not in the interest of Canada's future.

"It is very concerning for us as a country, as Canadiansâ€æ the direction which we as a country are taking in the sense of giving freedom of expression, which is our charter right, to people who don't believe in that same freedom of expression for others. Peaceloving Canadians do not believe in (a) certain ideology which is very extreme, which does not belong to Canada," National Convener, Canada India Foundation, Ritesh Malik, told agency in an exclusive interview here.

Referring to Khalistan extremists in Canada, Malik said these people "create differences in society and disturb communal harmony. They work with a nefarious agenda and are derailing relationships between the two countries," he said.

"Freedom of expression should be for everyone. We have unfortunately created that kind of ecosystem in Canada where these people are very vocal, very violent, very aggressive, and they don't let anybody.... come out against them. They will bully, they will threaten, they will use every possible illegal means... to counter any

sanity," he said, adding that Sikhs across the US, Canada and the UK have come out and said that they don't believe or endorse the Khalistan ideology.

"These (are big issues) that worry us as Canadians, in the long-term interest of Canada. We feel worried about the future of our children, about the rifts between communities," he said, adding that leaders in government and officials in policy and advocacy should take up those issues for the larger interest of Canada.

India and Canada are embroiled in a diplomatic standoff following allegations by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the Canadian Parliament last month that "Canadian security agencies have been actively pursuing credible allegations of a potential link between agents of the government of India and the killing" of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil on June 18 in British Columbia, a charge angrily rejected by New Delhi as "absurd" and "motivated".

Malik referred to the bombing of Air India Flight 182 in 1985 and said people and families of victims to date feel they have not got justice.

The Montreal-Delhi Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 exploded 45 minutes before it was to have landed at London's Heathrow Airport on June 23, 1985, killing all 329 people on board, most of them Canadians of Indian descent. The bombing was blamed on Sikh militants in retaliation to the 'Operation Blue Star' to flush out militants from the Golden Temple in 1984.

"As a Canadian, I have no hesitation

in admitting that we haven't been able to call out the ideology and people who were responsible for that. We've seen them flourish. We've seen them grow, that ideology has grown, got beyond control. People have suffered. Within (the) Sikh community also. there are people who've suffered because of this ideology. They have not got justice for over 40 years now," he said.

"This ideology has been flourishing and growing, with whatever patronage or whatever support. That is not Sikh ideology. That is not what Sikh people believe in," he said.

He questioned what prompted Prime Minister Trudeau to conclude within four months in Nijjar's case and noted that there are diplomatic ways for countries to deal with issues behind closed doors. "It looks to us, as Canadians, it's more like appeasement politics or a political move than anything else," he said, adding that the issue should have been dealt with in a different way to ensure the already strained relationship between the two countries due to the matters left unresolved for decades now, is not further spoilt.

Malik added that Canada has been facing challenges, including economic recovery after the Covid-19 pandemic and cost of living. "We need countries like India, partners like India," whose economies are growing, he said. "It is in our interest as Canada, and as Canadians, to work closely with countries like India, and if there are issues, they need to be resolved in a way that it does not hamper Canadians' chances to get economic benefit from opportunities which India presents today," he added.

# LOCAL/CONTD....

# **DDC Jammu stresses on coordination, innovation** for success of JJM

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 10: District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, presided over a review meeting to evaluate the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission projects in the district.

During the meeting, the DDC emphasised the pivotal role of Sub **Divisional Magistrates** in overseeing the Jal Jeevan Mission works. He urged SDMs to conduct regular reviews and field visits.

The DDC sought updates on ongoing projects and discussed potential challenges.

Project timelines were reviewed and reaffirmed

He encouraged all officers to use innovative approaches and motivation to meet targets within the specified timelines. The projects under review included

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Jammu.

dug wells, bore wells, tube wells, filtration plants and pipe networks. The DDC set clear targets for each

division in the upcoming months. In addressing challenges, the District Development Commis-

sioner facilitated discussions on solutions and helped establish projected timelines while considering these hurdles. He called upon SDMs to work closely with the Jal Shakti Department and contractors to ensure timely project completion. Concluding the meeting, Sachin Kumar stressed the importance of the Jal Jeevan Mission and the need to achieve associated targets. Despite challenges, he urged everyone to innovate and work effectively to meet these vital objectives.

The meeting witnessed the participation of key officials, including Chief Engineer and Executive Engineers from the Jal Shakti Department. Chief Planning Officer, Yoginder Katoch and others were also present, with Sub **Divisional Magistrates** attending remotely.

### MOU signed to start HIV Viral Load Testing in GMC Jammu

to the PLHIVs.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 10: A memorandum of understanding was signed today between Jammu & Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS) and Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu for starting free of cost HIV viral load testing in the premier hospital of the People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

The agreement provid-



pal, Government Medihelp the clinicians to cal College, Jammu, provide timely treatment Dr. Manu Bhatnagar, The MOU was signed Additional Director, in the presence of Dr. J&K AIDS Control Soci-Ashutosh Gupta, Princiety, H&ME Department

and Dr. Sandeep Dogra, HOD, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Jammu along with their respective concerned

officials.





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smart meters, which have

Jammu, often referred

to as the "City of Tem-

ples," and Kashmir,

known for its rich cultural

and spiritual heritage,

have been plagued by

rising unemployment,

soaring commodity

prices, and unchecked

mafias, including those

involved in land miner-

and others

burdened the public.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 10: Leaders from various national and regional political parties, along with social organizations, came together today for a one-day dharna protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu.

The event witnessed the participation of prominent parties belonging to the I.N.D.I Alliance, including INC, AAP, NC, CPI, PDP, NPP, NCP, ANC, IDP, Shiv Sena, JDU, and others. The decision to hold this joint protest was taken during a meeting at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Jammu on October 2, 2023.

During their addresses at the event, the leaders strongly criticized the prevailing turmoil in Jammu and Kashmir, attributing it to the misgovernance and administration by the BJP. Many speakers highlighted the challenges faced by the public since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A. They pointed out the imposition of taxes such as "zajia," the the world, India's democratic principles should extend to J&K. They questioned why J&K has been excluded, calling it a mockery of democracy and blaming the BJP for limiting democratic processes up to Lakhanpur. Prominent leaders who addressed the gathering included Vikar Rasool Wani, Harsh Dev Singh, Raman Bhalla, Ajay Sadotra, Rattan Lal Gupta, M.Y Tarigami, Muzaffar Hussain Shah, Gulchain Singh Charak, Rajesh Pargotra, ID Khajuria, Harpreet, Bodh Raj Sharma, Dr. Hameed Choudhary, Firdous Ahmed Tak, Rajinder Singh Manhas, Munish Sawhney, Trilok Singh Bajwa, Hussain Ali Buffan, Bimla Luthra, Vijay Laxhmi Dutta, Sheikh Abdul Rehman, Mohindar Singh Bobby, Hari Singh, Thakur Balwan Singh, Ravindar Sharma, Khajur Singh, Karan Attri, Chhote Lal, Munish Sharma, Chanchal Jogi, and others.

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#### als, liquor, and narcotics. The region has witnessed numerous protests and dharnas by various groups, including Anganwari workers, daily wagers, contractual employees, Asha workers, NRHM workers, SPOs, ReTs, Rehabre Khel, NYC Volunteers, While the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) has announced elections in five states, no such announcement has been made for Jammu and Kashmir. The leaders expressed concern over this disparity, emphasizing that as

# **DDC reviews implementation** of JJM in Doda district

#### **Top News Report**

DODA, Oct 10: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, as the Chairman District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), reviewed the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district here at a meeting of Jal Shakti Department (JSD) held in DC office complex.

The DDC was informed that 185 projects at an estimated cost of Rs 748.31 crore have been tendered, allotted and execution has been started on ground to provide safe drinking water through tap water connections to every households as envisaged under JJM.

The JJM schemes include construction of 372 Slow Sand Filtration plants of which 207 have been allotted and 33 started on the ground, while out of 2 Rapid Sand Filtration plants, one has been allotted.

Similarly, work on 3 Borewells has been started out of 05 sanctioned Borewell projects. DDC reviewed scheme wise and JE wise

The SE Hydraulic Circle Doda was asked to certify the completion of all the laying of pipeline, construction of GSRs to 100%, and Slow Sand Filtration plants up to 50% in respect of all the 185 allotted schemes on 31st of October 2023. Taking strong note of slow progress in some of the schemes, SE has been directed to submit the list of low performing Engineers for initiating the inquiry and fixing the responsibility of the deliberate attempt of hampering the prestigious union government scheme (JJM). DDC has further asked to seek an explanation from the Engineers who failed to address/report the issues/ bottlenecks in time, resulting in hampering the smooth execution, thus delaying the work beyond stipulated time frame. Directions have also been issued to conduct a meeting of Executive Engineers with the contractors of ailing projects to ensure the work is carried out smoothly adhering to the given timeline. They have been asked to coordinate with the forest officers and ensure the work is executed smoothly in the forest areas adhering to the timelines

### World Mental Health Day observed in GCW Parade

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 10: Government College for Women Parade on Tuesday organized a mega event to observe World Mental Health Day, 2023.

The theme of the event was Mental Health, a Universal Human Right. College Principal Prof. (Dr) S.P. Sarswat was the Chief Patron on the occasion.

The event was conducted in collaboration with Manodarpan- Psychological Counselling Cell & Department of Psychology of the col-



Psychology, while the Key note address was delivered by Dr Ravinder Kour, Hod Department of Psychology. Dr Pivali Arora, Faculty Department of Psy-

The Students of Psychology Department participated in a symposium on the theme and highlighted the importance of mental health

theme of the World

Mental Health Day.

before the audience. The Principal of the college appreciated the endeavor taken up by the organizers. She said that Mental Health Awareness is the need of the hour, and hoped that students of the colthe psychology department and counseling cell to seek timely help in case of any confusions.

The program was anchored by Ameesha Rajput student of Psychology Department and the vote of thanks was presented by Dr Gurpreet Kour member Psychological counseling cell & convener NSS wing of the college.

Faculty members present were Prof. S.K. Dhar, Convener IQAC of the college, Dr Sushma Chib, HOD Mathematics, Dr Parveez Ahmed of Chemistry department, Dr R.K. Pandit, the Department of Physics. The program was appreciated by one and all.

progress of JJM schemes, issuing specific direction and timelines.

The Chairman DWSM (DDC) set the target of 100% completion of 98 schemes in all respects by 31st of October 2023.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda Pran Singh, CPO Doda Suresh Kumar, SE Hydraulic Circle Doda Anil Gupta, Executive Engineers (All), AEEs/AEs/JEs (All) and other concerned officials

lege. The Welcome address was presented by Dr Palak Malhotra, faculty Department of

Manodarpan Psychological Counselling Cell highlighted the importance of this year's

chology and Convener

care in the society lege will definitely come-Later, a short film on 'mental health awareup with their concerns to ness' was showcased respective teachers of

### **President Murmu to** attend convocation ceremony of Kashmir University, security bolstered in Srinagar

agencies and coordination aspects were also discussed in the said meeting, a police spokesman said

The spokesman said the DGP also took a review of the overall security scenario of the Kashmir Zone.

Those who attended the meeting included ADG CRPF, J-K, Nalin Prabhat, ADGP, Headquarters, M K Sinha, ADGP, Kashmir Zone, Vijay Kumar and IGP CID Nitish Kumar

The DGP stressed for optimum synergy among different agencies and forces, being deployed for the security of VVIP.

Singh also emphasised on patrolling and night domination while maintaining alertness to check the movement of anti-national elements especially on inter-district routes and in the periphery of Srinagar city.

He also stressed for optimum use of resources and utilisation of technology and security gadgets, including CCTV cameras, as part of deployment.

### Sanjay Sharma killers eliminated in Shopian encounter: J&K Police

Kashmiri Pandit Sanjay Sharma, said SSP Tanushree.

Sanjay Sharma was killed in February outside his house in the Achan area of Pulwama. He was working as an ATM guard in J&K Bank . This was the first time a Kashmir Pandit had been targeted since October 2022. In June this year the State

investigative agency (SIA) conducted several searches in Chakoora and Shirmal area of Shopian, Qaimoh area of Kulgam and main town Anantnag in South Kashmir. These searches were carried out in connection with investigation into the killing of Sanjay Sharma.

### Jammu Central Cooperative Bank's bad loan falls to Rs 72 Crore in 2023

has been exceptional, which helped in reducing the bad loans from Rs 110 crore (37 per cent of total advances) in March 2021 to Rs 81.00 crore (29 per cent) in March 2023 and to Rs 72.00 crore in September 2023

The bank has recovered Rs 3 crore from primary agriculture societies with the help of cooperative department officials under the guidance of commissioner, they said.

The management said that there is a plan to revamp the financial health of all the district central cooperative banks of the Union Territory.

Officials also informed that the Jammu and Kashmir government released Rs 366.00 crore in 2022 as part of the recapitalization package, which had been pending since 2014.

### IT raids continue for 2nd day at several locations in Kashmir

conducted in Srinagar, Sopore, Sonamarg, Khrew, Budgam, Humhama, Lal mandi and Hyderpora.

He said that the raids related to some business of ARCO group are being conducted since yesterday across these locations.

He added that cash, evidence of prop-

erty investment, and other documents have also been seized during the ongoing raids. The official added that nearly two crore cash was also recovered during raids at Shah Anwar Colony in Hyderpora.

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### Army soldier killed. 3 missing after avalanche hits Mount Kun in Ladakh: search op underway

continue to locate and recover others trapped under the massive snow deposit, they added.

Further information is awaited.

#### Traffic movement suspended on Srinagar-Leh highway after fresh snowfall

accumulated resulting in the slippery road conditions," said an official, adding that the traffic movement from both Sonamarg and Drass side has been temporarily suspended.

He said the traffic movement will be allowed with an improvement in weather conditions.

#### **Rescind order on tourist** guides in Gulmarg: Mehbooba to LG Sinha

Corporation order passed last month that directed guides and service providers be charged as normal passengers if they accompany tourists to Affarwat on the second phase of the Gulmarg Gondola Project.

"Earlier this wasn't the case as they could accompany visitors with the help of a spe-

cial pass. As it is they eke out a living that hardly sustains their families by assisting tourists. Request Manoj Sinhaji to rescind this order which will otherwise have a devastating impact on them," the former chief minister of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state said.

### **Bloodshed in any part** of the World is enemy of people: Ravinder Raina

enemies of people and for peace, prosperity and brotherhood everyone has to play his role.

Raina said if there is peace in Kashmir there is development.

"Otherwise there were only human corpses seen in Kashmir during the past 35 years. War has in no way helps anyone in the world", he added.

Raina said the protest being held in Jammu by National conference, Congress and Peoples Democratic Party was not for the betterment of people but they are searching for their future with the demonstration.

"They never sit on "dharna" when the situation in Kashmir was bad", he said and added "they have always worked for their own interests".

The BJP President said that people of Jammu and Kashmir have dismissed them and they are with the party.

Regarding elections to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil where BJP could manage only two seats, Raina said BJP is strong enough in Ladakh and in the coming years the network would be more vibrant.

### **Opposition parties stage** protest for restoration of democratic rights

"It seems like we are being pushed to a situation where we have to protest even for our democratic rights," Abdullah had told reporters in Srinagar on Monday, shortly after the election commission announced the poll schedule for five states - Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram.

Hundreds of leaders and workers of various parties including CPI(M), National Panthers Party (NPP), Awami National Conference, Shiv Sena (UBT), Awami National Conference and social organisations turned up for the protest.

"The opposition parties have come together to demand immediate restoration of statehood, democratic and constitutional rights," Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani said.

"We will continue our protest for the rights of the people and safeguarding their interests," he further said.

Wani alleged the BJP is delaying elections deliberately, knowing fully that it, along with its allies like the Democratic Progressive Azad Party and the Apni Party, will face the rout in the electoral battles.

CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami said they have no hope from the BJP-led central government as all its promises have proved "false"

PDP's Tak termed the joint protest as a "positive sign" for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and said the message from this platform to the country is that all opposition parties need to stand up against the "divisive politics" of the present dispensation to safeguard the secularism and the "idea of India."

### Woman pillion rider dies. biker injured in **Bijbehara accident**

Police have registered a case under the relevant sections.

# **BUSINESS/HEALTH**

# Sensex, Nifty rise in early trade due to positive trends in the Asian market

#### Sensex climbs 303.92 points to 65,816.31; Nifty rises 87.15 points to 19,599.5 points

MUMBAI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Domestic equities jumped in early trade on Tuesday, with the benchmark Sensex surging more than 300 points, mainly due to positive trends in the Asian market.

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A day after witnessing a sharp slump, both Sensex and Nifty gained significantly despite concerns over the Israel-Hamas conflict that has also pushed crude oil prices higher.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 303.92 points or 0.46 per cent to 65,816.31 points while the broader NSE Nifty rose 87.15 points or 0.45 per cent to 19,599.50 points.

Key Asian indices, including Japan's Nikkei 225 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained on Tuesday.

Sensex had tumbled 483.24 points to settle at 65,512.39 points and Nifty dropped 141.15 points to end the day at 19,512.35 points on Monday.

On the global front on Monday, it was a mixed



trend for stocks amid concerns over the Israel-Hamas conflict. While European markets mostly closed in the red, US stocks ended in the positive territory. US stocks pared early losses and ended in the green on Monday as investors focused on remarks by Federal

Reserve officials. Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities, said remarks by Dallas Federal Reserve Bank President Lorie Logan were seen as indicating a surge in long-term Treasury yields that may mean the central bank has less need to further raise interest rates.

On Monday, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sell-

ers, offloading equities worth Rs 997.76 crore, according to data available with the BSE.

According to Jasani, the attack by Hamas on Israel raised fears of a broader conflict, sending crude prices higher and spurring havenrelated support for gold, the dollar and US Treasury futures.

India's urban unemployment rate fell to 6.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2023-24 from 6.8 per cent in January-March. At 6.6 per cent, the

rate of unemployment in Indian cities is the lowest ever recorded by the government's Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) since it was started in 2018-19, he added

# Hurun India Rich List 2023: Mukesh Ambani reclaims top spot from Gautam Adani

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani reclaimed the top position on the Hurun India Rich List 2023, surpassing Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani.

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani has reclaimed the title of India's richest individual on the Hurun India Rich List 2023, surpassing Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, who occupied the top spot in 2022.

This shift in rankings comes as a result of significant wealth fluctuations experienced by Gautam Adani, primarily due to the Hindenburg Research report.

The findings were revealed in the Hurun India Rich List 2023, jointly released by Hurun India and 360 ONE Wealth. This marks the 12th annual edition of the list, showcasing the wealthiest individuals in India.

The 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023, jointly released by Hurun India and 360 Wealth, has unveiled the country's wealthiest individuals, with Mukesh Ambani and Family securing the top spot with a net worth of over Rs 8,08,700 crore. They were closely followed by Gautam Adani and Family with Rs 4,74,800 crore and Cyrus

Poonawalla and Family with Rs 2,78,500 crore. Over 1,300 Indians with net

worth over Rs 1.000 crore One of the standout findings of this year's list is that a remarkable 1,319 individuals boast a net worth exceeding Rs 1,000 crore, an increase of 219 individuals, including 278 new



entrants

Breaking new ground, this year's cumulative wealth of the 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich listers has surged to an impressive Rs 109 lakh crore, surpassing the combined GDP of Singapore, UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

The report also highlights that while cumulative wealth on the list increased by 8.5 per cent, the average wealth of individuals decreased by 9.3 per cent. Among the listees, 1,054 individuals witnessed their wealth grow or remain stable, including 278 newcomers, while 264 individuals saw a decline in their wealth, and 55 individuals dropped out of the list.

Another observation in the report is the presence of 259 billionaires in India, marking a rise of 38 compared to the previous year.

In terms of contributions by industry segment, Industrial

Products and Metals & Mining have seen the highest number of new entrants to the list, with Pharma continuing to hold the top spot, welcoming 133 new entrants.

The list includes Kaivalya Vohra (20), Founder of Zepto, as the youngest member, underscoring the impact of India's startup revolution.

Yatin Shah, Co-Founder of 360 ONE & Joint CEO of 360 ONE Wealth, expressed, "This year's list underscores the remarkable entrepreneurial spirit in our country, with 64% of individuals being self-made. We are privileged to partner with Hurun to showcase India's wealthiest individuals and recognize their contributions to the nation's economic growth." Anirudha Taparia, Co-Found-

er & Joint CEO of 360 ONE Wealth, noted, "Over the past five years, many entrepreneurs have witnessed extraordinary

wealth growth, with some experiencing an astonishing 1,000 per cent surge. Construction and engineering have emerged as the top gainers in the top 100 list, closely followed by pharmaceuticals with a cut-off of around Rs 20,000 crore. With 262 new entrants spanning 30 industries and 61 cities, the 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023 reflects a dynamic and diverse economic landscape."

Anas Rahman Junaid, MD and Chief Researcher at Hurun India, said, "The trends in the 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023 reveal that India stands as a 'shining moon' in a global economy exploring every avenue to avoid recession. Despite being considered a 'challenging year,' India welcomed 278 new faces and a remarkable 38 new billionaires, marking the second-highest number of billionaire additions since the list's inception. As the global economy stabilizes, we anticipate even more rapid wealth growth in India.'

"From Tata to Birla, India has nurtured some of the world's most esteemed family business dynasties. Nearly 60 per cent of the 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich List is poised for intergenerational wealth transfer within the next decade. India's wealth creation story is truly inspiring, with 66 per cent of the list being self-made, a significant increase from 54 per cent five years ago."

### SC questions CBI over not objecting to repeated extension of interim bail to Chanda Kochhar, husband

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday questioned the CBI over not objecting to the repeated extension of the two-week interim bail granted in January this year to former ICICI Bank CEO-cum-MD Chanda Kochhar and her businessman husband Deepak Kochhar

in a loan fraud case. A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M Trivedi asked

was for only two weeks. You should have moved an objection there (high court)," the bench said. Justice Trivedi asked Raju about the next date of hearing in the high court. The lawyer told the judge no fresh date has been announced vet.

"You should have moved the high court," Justice Trivedi said, following which Raju told him he will request his counterpart in Bombay to approach the high court. The bench posted the CBI's plea challenging the January 9 order of the high court for October 16 and asked Raju to seek instruction on what needs to be done. On January 9, the high court had pulled up the CBI for arresting the couple in a "casual and mechanical" manner and "clearly without application of mind" in the loan fraud case and granted them interim bail

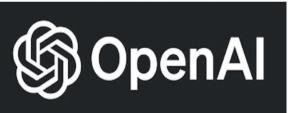


Kochhars on December unacceptable and con-23, 2022, in connection trary to the reason(s)/ with the Videocon-ICICI ground(s) on which a Bank loan fraud case. person can be arrested, The couple had moved it had said

and MD from 2009 to 2018, Deepak Kochhar, Dhoot along with a slew of firms - Nupower Renewables (NRL), Supreme Energy, Videocon International Electronics Ltd and Videocon Industries - as accused in the FIR registered under Indian Penal Code sections related to criminal conspiracy and provisions of the Prevention of Corruption

Act (PCA). Nupower Renewables is managed by Deepak Kochhar. The central agency has alleged as a part of quid pro quo (favour or advantage granted in return for something), Videocon group founder Dhoot made an investment of Rs 64 crore in Nupower Renewables through Supreme Energy Pvt Ltd (SEPL), and transferred SEPL to Pinnacle Energy Trust managed by Deepak Kochhar through a circuitous route between 2010 and 2012.

# **ChatGPT's revenue growth** slows down as mobile app downloads grow



NEW DELHI, Oct 10 ous months which were (Agencies): OpenAl's in the 30s," the report ChatGPT is seeing a noted. slowdown in its rev-The upgraded Chatenue growth, an indica-GPT+ subscription sertion that the AI chatbot

app from OpenAI has been on the App Store since May and on Google Play since July. The report said that with a few small tweaks, OpenAl can easily increase that conversion rate and see much faster revenue growth. Last month, OpenAl said it expected to reach \$1 billion in revenue in 2023. The cost of running ChatGPT is prohibitively high for the company. According to an analysis from Bernstein analyst Stacy Rasgon, each enquiry costs about 4 US cents. If ChatGPT queries grew to a tenth the size of Google searches, it would require about \$48.1 billion in GPUs initially and around \$16 billion in chips per year to remain functioning. Sam Altman-run OpenAl is also reportedly raising funds at a

valuation of \$80-\$90 bil-

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the CBI, as to why the probe agency did not resist repeated extension of interim bail granted to them by the Bombay High Court on January 9.

"This order is of January 9 and interim bail was granted for only two weeks. Why have you not resisted? Why are you permitting it to continue for such a long period? According to us, this plea has become infructuous because the impugned order

The CBI arrested the

the HC challenging their arrest, terming it as "ille-

gal and arbitrary". They had sought their release from jail on bail by way of an interim order.

The high court had said the Kochhars' arrest was not in accordance with the provisions of law and they were entitled to be released on bail, pending the hearing and final disposal of their petitions.

The grounds for arresting the petitioners (Kochhars'), as stated in the arrest memos, are

Apart from the Kochhars, the CBI has also arrested Videocon group founder Venugopal

Dhoot in the case. The central agency has alleged that ICICI Bank

had sanctioned credit facilities to the tune of Rs 3,250 crore to the companies of the Videocon group in violation of the Banking Regulation Act, Reserve Bank of India's guidelines and credit policy of the top private lender.

The CBI had named Chanda Kochhar, who was ICICI Bank CEO

is nearing saturation in terms of how many users are willing to pay for its paid service.

According to data from market intelligence firm Appfigures, ChatGPT was witnessing more than 30 per cent revenue growth in the last couple of months but now, the rate at which revenue grew is actually the lowest to date at just 20 per cent (as of September).

Although 20 per cent growth is still "amazing especially when we're looking at millions, it's lower than the previvice costs \$19.99 per month and offers faster response times, priority access at peak times and early access to new features and improvements. "Our estimates show

ChatGPT earned \$3.2 million in September from the App Store and Google Play. That is net which means what OpenAI gets to keep after Apple and Google take their fees," Appfigures said in its report. Around 15.6 million people downloaded OpenAl's ChatGPT app in September.

lion via the sale of exist-The official ChatGPT ing shares.

### Mental health is universal human right, need to destigmatise mental health issues: WHO

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Mental health services and facilities must be accessible to all regardless of socioeconomic status, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Tuesday while underlining the need to destigmatise mental health issues. On the World Mental Health Day, the WHO said mental health is a universal human right.

"Just as the right to physical health is a fundamental aspect of human dignity, the right to mental health is equally indispensable," Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia, said.

In countries of the WHO South-East Asia Region, which includes India, one in seven people are living with mental health conditions, she said in a statement.

Anxiety and depressive disorders were the commonest conditions among both men and women, contributing to almost 50 per cent of the total number of people living

with mental disorders in the WHO South-East Asia Region.

For mental health to be recognised as a universal human right, there must be a transformation of societal attitudes and government policies, she said.

All necessary steps should be taken to protect populations from the risks of mental health conditions that include overarching issues such as climate change, humanitarian emergencies and social factors such as inequity and poverty

"There needs to be awareness and education to destigmatise mental health issues.

Discrimination and stigma are major barriers that prevent individuals from seeking help and support. Also, mental health services and facilities must be accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status, location, or other circumstances," she said.

Observing that mental health is

a state of well-being in which an individual realises their abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and is able to make a contribution to their community, she said it is not merely the absence of mental disorders but a positive state of mental and emotional well-being.

This definition aligns with the broader conception of human rights as not only freedoms from harm but freedoms to lead a fulfilling life, Singh said.

It is also crucial to recognise that mental health intersects with various aspects of life, including education, employment, housing, and social participation.

A person's mental well-being impacts their ability to exercise other rights, such as the right to education and the right to work. When mental health is protected, individuals are better equipped to engage meaningfully in society, she stated.

### India among countries with highest stroke risk in young age: Lancet

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): India is among countries in Asia, along with some in Africa, with the highest risk of stroke among the younger population, according to a global burden of stroke report published in the Lancet Neurology journal.

The report showed that stroke could cause nearly 10 million deaths annually by 2050, mostly in low-middle income countries (LMICs), and cost up to \$2 trillion per year

Taking into account population growth and ageing between 2020 and 2050 in high income countries (HICs) and LMICs, the analysis indicates the number of people who die annually from stroke globally will increase by 50 per cent, rising from 6.6 million in 2020 to 9.7 million in 2050.

The number of stroke deaths in LMICs is projected to rise sharply -- widening the gap with HICs -- by increasing from 5.7 million in 2020 to 8.8 million in 2050.

In contrast, stroke deaths in HICs are estimated to remain largely unchanged at around 900,000 between 2020 and 2050. This indicates that the proportion of global stroke deaths that occur in LMICs will increase from 86 per cent in 2020 to 91 per cent in 2050.

"Asia accounted for by far the greatest share of global stroke deaths in 2020 (61 per cent, around 4.1 million deaths) and this is forecast to rise to around 69 per cent by 2050 (around 6.6 million deaths)," said Professor Jeyaraj Pandian, President-Elect of the World Stroke Organization, one of the lead authors of the Lancet Commission

"Though smaller relative to Asia, the number of annual global stroke deaths occurring in Sub-Saharan African countries will rise from 6 per cent in 2020 (403,000) to 8 per cent (765,000) in 2050.

"We have to closely examine what is causing this increase, including the growing burden of uncontrolled risk factors -- especially high blood pressure, and lack of stroke prevention and care services in these regions. Without urgent action, stroke deaths in Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Oceania could increase by almost 2 million deaths, from 3.1 million in 2020 to potentially 4.9 million in 2050," Pandian added.

Importantly, the economic forecast indicates the combined cost of stroke, including direct costs and loss of income, will rise from \$891 billion per year in 2017 to up to \$2.31 trillion in 2050.

The bulk of these economic impacts are forecast to be felt in Asia, including India and Africa.

Major risk factors of stroke were identified as high blood pressure, diabetes mellitus, high cholesterol, obesity, unhealthy diet, sedentary lifestyle, and smoking. This was coupled with limited surveillance data on stroke risk factors, events, management, and outcomes of stroke.

# **SPORTS**

# Shubman Gill discharged from hospital after being admitted for drop in platelet count, remains doubtful for Pakistan game

#### Gill had tested positive for dengue upon his arrival in Chennai last week

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): India opener Shubman Gill, who is currently down with dengue, was hospitalised in Chennai after his platelet count dropped below 1,00,000 but has been subsequently released as he still remains a doubtful starter for the marquee World Cup clash against Pakistan in Ahmedabad on October 14.

Gill, who tested positive for dengue upon his arrival in Chennai last week, has been down for the past week and will also miss India's second game against Afghanistan on Wednesday.

"Shubman Gill was on drip at the Chennai team hotel for the last couple of days. However, his platelet count dropped to 70,000 and as it is a case with dengue patients, once the count is below 100,000, you are admit-



ted to a medical facility as a precautionary measure. He was admitted for all mandatory tests on Sunday night when India played Australia but by Monday evening he was released," a BCCI source told agency on condition of anonymity It is learnt that Gill was admitted to Chennai's well-known multi-care specialty hospital 'Kauvery' and the Indian team's doctor Rizwan has stayed back to monitor his progress.

While there are still 96 hours left for the match against Pakistan, it will be Gill's health which will be paramount for the

Indian team management as he requires to be 100 per cent fit for the marathon tournament.

A bout of dengue weakens the body considerably but even for an athlete, it does take time to bear the physical bump and grind of a tournament like the World Cup.

In fact, skipper Rohit Sharma had said that the first priority for him is to see that Gill is no longer sick.

"I mean obviously, he is sick. I feel for him. But in terms of, you know, me being a human being first, I want him to get well, not the captain thinking, oh, I want Gill to play tomorrow. No, I want him to get well; you know he's a young guy, he's got fit body so he'll recover quick," Rohit said before the game against Australia.

## **Rahul reflects on hard times,** says criticism regarding performance was 'painful'

CHENNAI, Oct 10 (Agencies): India wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul has conceded that he found the barrage of criticism directed at him painful and puzzling especially when his performance was not that bad.

Rahul, who was out of action for months due to a thigh injury he sustained during the IPL in May, returned to the side during the Asia Cup last month, where he finished as the side's third-highest run-scorer. "There was a lot of

criticism, people were commenting on my performance in every match and situation. I wasn't able to understand why it was happening, because my performance wasn't that bad. So, that was very painful." Rahul said. After missing the opening two games of the Asia Cup due to a niggle, Rahul collected 169 runs in three innings at a laudable average of 84.50 and a strike rate of 89.41, including a century. "I know the pain of

going through an injury

and the process of

coming back initially,

and then, I had an

injury during the IPL,

and when I found out

I'll be losing four-five

months, being a part of

the World Cup was also

not a 100% sure. So,

that was a very difficult

The 31-year-old dis-

played his free-flowing

form during India's

World Cup opener

against Australia, where

he played an unbeaten

time," he said.

knock of 97, taking his side to six-wicket win from a crunch situation. Speaking on how he shaped his mind ahead of his return, especially with the World Cup in mind, he revealed that the dream of playing the competition at home kept him going.

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"I already knew in my mind and understood the process. I was very positive as well, and there was only one motivation that I had to come back before the World Cup, and I have to be a part of this home World Cup," he added. "We were preparing for a lot of time keeping this in mind, and every morning, I have been waking up thinking we need to win the World Cup, and that has been my only motivation."

### Pakistan journalist Zainab Abbas covering CWC leaves India amid backlash over old anti-India posts

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Pakistani presenter Zainab Abbas, part of the ICC digital team covering the ODI World Cup, on Monday left India after facing backlash on social media over her alleged anti-India posts in the past but the sport's governing body insisted that she left the country due to personal reasons

Zainab left India from Hyderabad where she was deputed to cover Pakistan's three World Cup games in the city.

The 35-year-old was present at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad for Pakistan's World Cup opener against the Netherlands on October 6.

Posts from her unverified X account, formerly



As speculation on social media intensified over her departure from India in the middle of the tournament, the International Cricket Council clarified that Zainab was not deported from

the host country. "Zainab has not been deported, she has left for personal reasons," an ICC spokesperson told agency.

The presenter, who arrived in Hyderabad last week, was supposed to travel to

Former Pakistan players Rameez Raja and Waqar Younis are in India as part of the commentary panel for the ODI showpiece, which began on October 5 and will end on November 19.

The Pakistan cricket team got a rousing reception at the Hyderabad airport on September 27, marking its arrival to the country after seven years.

The cricketers, including skipper Babar Azam,

# **ICC Cricket World Cup: New Zealand** on a roll as they rout Netherlands for second consecutive win

HYDERABAD, Oct 10 (Agencies): Once again the coin flipped in the Netherlands' favour on Monday with the skipper Scott Edwards opting to field as he did in their World Cup opener against Pakistan at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad on October

And this was not the only resemblance from their previous outing as once again arm offbreak bowler Aryan Dutt started the proceedings with the ball against in-form New Zealand, who thrashed defending champions England in their last match. He bowled two consecutive maiden overs as well but apparently, that turned



opener Devon Conway (32 off 40 balls), who hammered an unbeaten century against England in his last outing, the Netherlands bowler failed to contain the flow of runs as Rachin Ravindra started from where he left off, scoring a fifty.

he was on 51 but Daryl Mitchell (48) and captain Tom Latham (53) made sure the Kiwis continued scoring almost runa-ball. They lost three quick wickets thereafter but bowling allrounder Mitchell Sant-

also lost his wicket when

Aryan along with Paul van Meekeren and Roelof van der Merwe picked two wickets apiece for Netherlands. Chasing the big target, the Orange lost previous match half-centurions Vikramjit Singh

board.

century. However, it was not enough in the end as Netherlands, the only associate nation in the tournament, was bundled out for 223 losing the match by 99 runs. This was also their second consecutive defeat of the tournament.

Santner with his slow left-arm orthodox spin demolished Netherlands' batting line-up claiming 5/59 from his 10 overs. This was his first five-for in the World Cup and also the best figure registered by any bowler at the venue. He was also adjudged player of the match for his all-round show.

Twitter, had gone viral after she announced that she would be covering the ICC mega event in India.

cities where Pakistan are scheduled to play, including Bengaluru. Chennai and Ahmedabad.

have acknowledged the overwhelming support they have been getting in India since their arrival.

out to be the only good thing that happened to them in the match. Even though they managed to send back

He along with opener Will Young added 77 runs for the second wicket before the latter departed for 70. Rachin

ner (unbeaten 17-ball 36) and Matt Henry (10 not out off just 4 balls) helped the team post a formidable 322 on the (12) and Bas de Leede (18) cheaply even as all-rounder Colin Ackermann (69) held one end with a fighting halfovs (Young 70, Latham 53; Dutt 2/62) bt Netherlands 223 in 46.3 ovs (Ackermann 69; Santner 5/59).

Brief scores: New

Zealand 322/7 in 50

# **Cricket World Cup 2023: India Aim For Hiccup Free Outing Against Afghanistan**

NEW DELHI. Oct 10 (Agencies): Navigating their way through some extreme pressure moments in their tournament opener, India will be eyeing a near perfect game against a sprightly Afghanistan in the ODI World Cup in New Delhi on Wednesday. As pointed out by skipper Rohit Sharma, India's biggest challenge over the course of the league stage will be to quickly adapt to the conditions in nine different venues. After a slow and spinning track at Chepauk, a belter of a surface is expected at the Feroz Shah Kotla, where more than 700 runs were plundered in a high-scoring affair between South Africa and Sri Lanka last week

With Shubman Gill ruled out of the game due to dengue, Ishan Kishan will get another opportunity at the top of the order alongside Rohit.

Kishan and Shreyas lyer's questionable shot selection against Australia contributed to India's disastrous start and they both would be wiser going into the Afghanistan game.

If Gill is not able to regain full fitness by the Pakistan game three days later, runs on Wednesday will do Kishan a lot of good in his debut ODI World Cup campaign.

Comparatively, facing the Afghan attack upfront would be easier than negotiating the likes of Josh Hazlewood and Mithell



Starc.

The smaller dimensions of the ground, where 31 sixes were hammered in the previous game, would also aid strokeplay. The main square was relaid ahead of the World Cup and that has clearly changed the nature of the surface.

The game will also be a homecoming for chase master Virat Kohli who reinforced his credentials batting alongside K L Rahul in Chennai on Sunday night.

Batting in front of pavilion named after him, Kohli will be expected to give his fans another night to remember.

Rahul has been the story of India's batting since Asia Cup last month. Despite criticism, the team management showed unwavering faith in him and he has repaid that and how. He made a fine hundred against Pakistan in his comeback and on Sunday, emerged unscathed in another high pressure situation

In the bowling department, India could be forced to make a change considering the conditions. India ticked all boxes on the bowling front against Australia and got as many as six wickets in the middle overs. If India don't go in with three spinners, then Mohammad Shami can make way for R Ashwin who had a decent outing in Chennai. That could be the only change in the playing eleven.

Coming from a heavy loss against Bangladesh, Afghanistan will be aiming to turn things around in Delhi.

With a sizeable number of Afghans residing in Delhi's Lajpat Nagar, one can expect good support for Hashmatullah Shahidi and his men.

Bowling, mainly spinners, has been been Afghanistan's strong suit over the years and if they

are to make an impact in this World Cup, their batters too must step.

Opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz seems to the only one in top form. An effort of 156 all out against Bangladesh was not acceptable and the batters will be looking for immediate course correction. Spinner Mujeeb Zadran usually opens the bowling alongside a pacer while trump card Rashid Khan comes into the attack after the powerplay.

While the teams are forced to take chances against Rashid in the shortest format, batters have time to play him without risk in ODIs. That was evident in the game in Dharamsala where Bangladesh batters collected 48 runs from his nine overs and did not concede a wicket. India: Rohit Sharma (cap-

tain), Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Mohammed Shami, Suryakumar Yadav, Shubman Gill, Shardul Thakur.

Afghanistan: Hashmatullah Shahidi (captain), Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Riaz Hassan, Rahmat Shah, Najibullah Zadran, Mohammad Nabi, Ikram Alikhil, Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan, Mujeeb ur Rahman, Noor Ahmad, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Abdul Rahman, Naveen ul Haq.

### Shubman Gill, Mohammed Siraj Nominated For ICC Men's Player Of **The Month Award For September**

brought that form into

the ODI series against

Australia. With a total of

302 runs, he ended as

the leading run-scorer

The right-hander

scored an excellent 74

in the opening match of

the series in Mohali and

followed it by reaching

triple figures in the next

game when making 104

The right-arm pacer

was consistent with

some excellent spells

throughout September

but it was his match-

winning six-wicket haul

against Sri Lanka in the

final of the Asia Cup that

stood out and pushed

him to the top of ICC

ODI Men's Player Rank-

ings among bowlers.

in Indore, as per ICC.

Mohammed Siraj

in the Asia Cup.



DUBAI, Oct 10 (Agencies): Batter Shubman Gill and pacer Mohammed Siraj were among the stars nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month Award for September, announced the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tues-

The rising star of Indian cricket, dubbed as 'The Prince', was in supreme touch during the month of September as he scored a total of 480 ODI runs at an imposing average of 80 with two centuries and three fifties. Gill smashed two half-centuries and an impressive century against Bangladesh as India won the Asia Cup, and then

Siraj ran through Sri Lanka's batting line-up to secure superb figures of 6/21, bundling them out for 50 runs and played a major role in helping India clinch the coveted Asia Cup trophy for the eighth time.

In total, Siraj picked up a total of 11 wickets for the month at an average of just 17.27.

Dawid Malan

The reliable southpaw was at his classy best for the majority of September as he secured the Player of the Series award for his performance during England's ODI series with New Zealand. Malan featured in three matches during the series, registering scores of 54, 96 and 127 to seal his spot in the side as a starter ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India.

The top-order batter also scored his runs with a quick strike rate of 105.72 overall during that New Zealand series.

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#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Tuesday, October 10, 2023

# LOCAL

# GDC Kathua organizes lecture cum interactive session on World Mental Health Day and minor psychiatric

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

KATHUA, OCT 10: With the idea of increasing awareness among college students about various mental health issues, Psychological Counseling Cell Department of Psychology, GDC Kathua, today organised a lecture cum interactive session to mark occasion of "World Mental Health Day"

It is observed on 10th October every year, with the objective to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of better mental health. The subject of world Mental Health Day 2023 is "Mental Health is a universal Human Right" which serves as a reminder to everyone on the planet to raise awareness, advance



Psychology), Dr. Kamal

Deep Singh (HOD Pun-

and Dr. Komal Sharma.

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Senior faculty mem-

understanding and encourage action that jabi), Dr. Sumi Saidulla will protect and advance everyone's right to mental health. The whole program was conducted under

(HOD Physics), Dr Ram Singh (HOD Education) the guidance and superand Dr. Chetna Gupta vision of worthy Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Department of English were present during the Seema Mir. The program was organised by occasion along with Dr. Dr. Rachna Devi (HOD Neha Mahajan(H.O.D.

Mateen Hafiz, Dr. Kamini Kapoor and Prof. Shurbhi Mahajan. The guest speaker was DR. Rajesh chandel, who is currently working as AP in the Department of Psychiatry GMC Kathua. He emphasized on various causes, symptoms and management of major

Biotechnology), Dr.

disorders. He further explained about promoting positive mental health by using mindfulness, hopefulness, optimism and using various relaxation techniques More than 120 students and faculty members attended this session. Principal of the College, Prof. Seema Mir emphasized upon organizing awareness programmes especially for youth being more vulnerable to psychological problems. She further stated that said that mental disorders are very prevalent in younger generation these days resulting in enormous emotional suffering and a diminished quality of life along with alienation, stigma and discrimination

# **Army promotes intellectual Brilliance through Spirited Debate Competition**



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allowed participants

to share diverse view-

points on the role and

impact of smartphones

and other devices in

shaping human intelli-

gence and behaviour.

It encouraged the stu-

dents to articulate their

thoughts and opinions

coherently, thus con-

tributing to the develop-

our times.

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

BARAMULLA, OCT 10: In a remarkable display of commitment to education and fostering critical thinking, the Uplona Rashtriya Rifles under the aegis of Kilo Force organized a spirited Debate Competition at Higher Secondary School, Authoora.

The event, which took place on October 9,

The stage at Higher Secondary School, Authoora, served as an intellectual exploration, as these young debatment of confident and well-informed future leaders.

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The Indian Army, by spearheading such initiatives, continues to play a pivotal role in nation-building. Beyond their primary responsibilities of safeguarding the nation's borders, they are actively investing in the intellectual and moral development of our youth. The debate competi-

tion in Authoora serves as a testament to their commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders, who will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the progress and prosperity of our great nation.

### Set 'emergency cell' to monitor **Dengue cases: Aseem**

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 10: With each passing day, there is rise in number of fresh cases of 'Dengue' in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and it is indeed of serious matter, said Aseem Gupta, Vice-President Jammu and Kashmir BJP.

Expressing grave concern over the latest report that the positive cases of Dengue in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has jumped by 93, taking the total count so far this year to 2765, he said that situation is very alarming and need to be controlled through war footing measures at the earliest.

Aseem Gupta said that the UT government should direct the health department as well as municipal corporations, committees and councils across Jammu and Kashmir to take all the measures to ensure recovery of the patients and check

the spread of this dangerous mosquito born viral disease, which is posing threat to the precious human lives. Assem Gupta said that all the hospitals, dispensaries in districts, sub-districts, panchayats and blocks, should be well equipped with adequate infrastructure and health staff to provide immediate treatment in cases of Dengue. There should be proper fogging by municipalities in their areas. Public should also be made aware about the symptoms, precautions related to Dengue through all the available means of effective advertisement, he said. The BJP leader also

made an appeal to the Lieutenant Governor to direct the health department to set up an 'Emergency Cell' under

### Dr. Tyagi, Dr. Irfan, Dr. Jindal of SMVDU in top 2 pc scientists from India by Elsevierand **Stanford University**

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Oct 10: Three faculty members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Dr.Vineet V. Tyagi, Dean (R&D) and faculty in the School of Energy Management, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Associate Dean (Academics) and faculty in the School of Civil Engineering and Dr. Mir Irfan UIHaq, faculty in the School of Mechanical Engineeringfigure in the list of top 2% worldwide scientists, published by Elsevier Database and Stanford University in the month of October 2023

Dr. Vineet V. Tyagi is actively working in the research area of Solar Thermal Energy Storage, Phase Change Materials and its Applications, PV/Thermal System, Solar Waste-



SCI/Scopus data baseand has morethan 15000 citations and 51 H-Indexto his credit. Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal working in Geopolymer Concrete in the field of Civil Engineering and Ecofriendly construction materials, has published more than 50 research papers in

various peer reviewed and SCI and Scopus indexedjournals. He also has expertise in the field of 3D printing concrete as well as waste material utilization in construction materials. Dr. Mir Irfan UlHaq is working in the area

more than 60 publications in Scopus data based to his credit is currently working in the field of Development of New Light weight and Sustainable Metal Matrix Composites for different applications. These faculty members have been ranked in this list for their research publications of repute, citations and their lifetime contribution to their fields of research work. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati

Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University congratulated the faculty members for their achievement of recognition in the list of top scientists globally and conveyed his best wishes for future endeavors.

Sargam Koushal, Mrs. World 2023, arrives in Jammu for ZNS Fashion Fusion Runway 2023



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 10: Sargam Koushal, Mrs. World 2023, has arrived in Jammu to attend the ZNS Fashion Fusion Runway 2023. The fashion show is being organized by ZNS NIST Academy Jammu

will participate in the grand fashion event. All dresses and makeup for the models will be managed by ZNS NIST Academy students. The event is a celebration of talent in Jammu & Kashmir, where aspiring models, designers, and makeup artists will showcase their talents. Sargam Koushal will empower the people of Jammu, especially women from different sectors. She has specially thanked the organizers, Shabir Malik and Nusrat Malik, for the invitation.

The ZNS Fashion Fusion Runway 2023 is in association with Film City Jammu, with RP Films as the photography partner and Irfan Choudhary as the show manager and designer.

2023, centered around the thought-provoking topic, "Should Children Use Smartphones, its Pros, and Cons."

a team of senior doctors and govt. officials to monitor the situation round the clock.

water Treatment and Desalination System. He has published 230 research papers in

ogy, 3D Printing, Green Lubricants and Cutting Fluids. Dr. Mir Irfan having

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and will be held at Four A Resorts on October 12, 2023. More than 40 models

# WHO reveals 7.5 pc of Indians suffer from mental illness

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

RAJOURI, Oct 10: In observance of "World Mental Health Day," District Mental Health Program officer Rajouri Dr Iqbal Malik in collaboration with the Tehsil Legal Service Committee Nowshera, organized an event at Sub District Hospital Nowshera to raise awareness about mental illnesses. The event was conducted under the direction of Director of Health Services, Jammu, Dr. Rajeev Sharma, and Chief Medical Officer, Rajouri, Dr. Rajinder Kumar.

During the event, He delivered a Power-Point presentation and interacted with ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers, prominent citizens, PRI members, NGOs, providing a comprehensive lecture on mental disorders. He emphasized



that government efforts the prevalence of mental alone are insufficient to disorders in the adult address this sensitive population ranges from 10 to 15%, contributing issue; the entire society to 20% of the economic must unite and contribburden in India. The ute to eradicating this debilitating disease. statistics show that 1 in every 5 Indians is grap-He highlighted that pling with some form of according to the World Health Report of 2001, mental disorder. Addi-

tionally, 25% of patients given time. that mental and neu-

seeking primary healthcare exhibit one or more mental disorders, and 1 in 4 families have at least one member with a mental disorder at any Dr Igbal further stated

rological conditions account for 30.8% of all years lived with disability. Depression stands out as the leading cause of disability, comprising 12% of the total, and ranks as the fourth leading cause of burden among all diseases. By 2020, it is projected to rise to the second leading cause of burden among diseases.

Mentally ill individuals are often neglected due to supernatural beliefs, misconceptions, and stigma, resulting in 90% of patients not receiving the necessary medical help. Dr. Malik urged people to seek treatment for mental illness, emphasizing that it is a curable condition. Dr Chander Parkash Zonal Medical Officer Health SDH Nowshera concluded the program with a vote of thanks.

**BJP, Congress in race to project** themselves as new well-wishers of OBC community: Rajesh

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 10: Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chairman Rajesh Gupta on Tuesday demanded census/ survey of OBCs at national level.

In a statement issued by the JWF, Gupta said, "The party demands that census/survey of OBC (Other Backward Castes) at the national level be conducted. The anti-reservationists who deny this are the same casteist-minded people who continuously conspire to make the reservation of SC and ST categories inactive and ineffective and do not even fill the backlog of their reservation."

"Due to this reason, there is no role of the people of the 'SC/ ST' community in policy framing. It is necessary



to change this extremely

saddening and worri-

some situation," he said.

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munity be formed and

improved by relying on

casteist, communal and

narrow-minded people

for such a change? It

is not possible to trust

them anymore," the

Rajesh Gupta on

Tuesday said in view

of the Lok Sabha elec-

tions, casteist and anti-

reservation parties/ele-

JWF chief said.

"But how can the des-

BJP and the Congress are in a race these days to project themselves as the new well-wishers of the OBC community for votes of the bahujans. "But the struggle for

ments, especially the

welfare of Dalits and tribals as well as OBCs and religious minorities, who are a special part of the 'bahujan' community, and their constitutional rights, was more than anyone else after Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar," he said.

"The JWF movement is now facing a lot of challenges from the casteist, narrow-minded, communal, capitalist and anti-poor forces. Apart from their immense wealth and misuse of resources, their tactics of 'saam', 'daam', 'dand', 'bhed' can be countered by the JWF.

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