# TOP NEWS OF J&K



# BRIEFLY

#### **Soldier** injured in sniper fire from Pakistan side along LoC

SRINAGAR, Oct 21 (Agencies): A soldier was injured in sniper fire from the Pakistan side along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district. officials said on Saturday. The incident took place in Keran sector late Friday night.

"Pakistan Army fired a sniper shot at an Indian army post in the Keran sector on Friday evening. Soldier Saurav Kumar was wounded in this incident. He was airlifted to the army's 92-base hospital in Srinagar for specialised treatment.

"Doctors described the soldier's condition as out of danger and stable," the officials added.

**Govt has** made better winter preparations this year: Div

# tributes to martyred personnel

**Top News Report** SRINAGAR, Oct 21 On 'Police

Commemoration Day', the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha paid tributes to the martyred per-

sonnel of the Police and CAPFs at Martyrs' Memorial, Armed Police Complex, Zewan today.

"I salute the bravehearts of Jammu Kashmir Police. The nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of our police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty," the Lt Governor said.

The arms were reversed and a two-minute silence was observed to honour the Martyrs.

Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council, Srinagar; Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh R K Goval, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Sh Dilbag Singh, DGP and senior officers of Civil and Police Administration also paid tributes to the martyred Policemen.



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Addressing the police

commemoration day at

Zewan in Srinagar, DGP

Singh, said that J&K has

been hit by the menace

of terrorism since the

ture in the UT.

SRINAGAR, Oct 21 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh Saturday said that police have taken the fight against terrorism almost to its logical conclusion while

'The fight against wiping out the terrorism from J&K soil is reaching its logical conclusion. Efforts are on to make the prevailing peace in J&K as a permanent feature," DGP said.

past over three decades.

He said that even though efforts to disrupt peace from across continue, police are working hard to foil all such bids. He said this year eight policemen including officers were killed in antimilitancy operations. "Some officers from the army and other forces also lost their lives," he

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#### 5-year term of elected representative of JMC to end on October 30, SMC on November 5

# JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (SMC) on November

**Top News Report** SRINAGAR, Oct 21

Kupwara would culminate on November 02 while the terms of Langate and Handwara municipalities would end

on November 18. In North Kashmir's Baramulla district, the term of elected representatives in Baramulla municipal council ends on November 09, while the five-year term of Sopore municipality cul-

#### Feels good to donate blood that can save someone's life: Special DG CID RR Swain

SRINAGAR, Oct 21 (Agencies): On the occasion of Police Commemoration Day at Zewan in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Director General (CID), RR Swain delivered a poignant message, underlining the irreplaceable value of blood as a natural gift beyond human creation "Blood is a nature's



gift and cannot be manufactured by humans themselves. When we share joy and sorrow with each other, which is

Vinod Kumar is new SSP Jammu,

an emotional intangible thing, so why cannot we share this tangible thing like Blood with others. It feels good to donate blood that can save someone's life," said RR

Swain. The event witnessed the organized effort of the J&K police with 200 policemen actively participating in a blood Turn to page 9

replaced him by Senior

Superintendent of Police

Udhampur Vinod Kumar.

orders, whichever is

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"In pursuance of the

#### RBI penalizes **L&T Finance** with Rs 2.5 crore fine for non-

compliance

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken regulatory action against L&T Finance Limited by imposing a monetary penalty of Rs 2.50 crore (Rupees Two crore Fifty

#### Com Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Oct 21 (Agencies): Divisional Commissioner Kashmir V K Bidhuri Saturday said that government has made better winter preparations this year as compare to previous vear. He said directions have been passed to districts and concerned officers that negligent behavior won't be tolerated in this regard.

"We have got instructions to ensure better winter preparations this year," Divisional Commissioner Kashmir VK Bidhuri as per KNS said while speaking to reporters here.

He said for upcoming winters men and machinery have been equipped to ensure timely snow clearance so that common people do not encounter inconvenience. He also said that control rooms established for providing better facilities this winter will also be activated timely.

To a query, he said all districts have been strictly directed to address power crisis within a short period of time. "In urban areas directions have been passed to replace damaged electric transformer within 12 hours while as in rural areas the issue will be resolved within 24 hours," he Turn to page 9

The five-year term of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) is coming to an end on October 30. Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on November 5, while the terms of other urban local bodies (ULBs) in Kashmir would end between October 28 to December 26. Official data available

reveals that the fiveyear tenure of Jammu Municipal Corporation would end on October 30, 2023 and Srinagar Municipal Corporation

other urban local bodies in Kashmir would end between October 28 to

5, while the terms of

December 26. The end of the tenure of urban local bodies means that the term of all corporators/councilors, including those elected in bye-elections, is also over. The mayors, presidents, vice-presidents, corporators/ councilors of urban local bodies would no longer be entitled to perks, privileges and honorarium.

According to documents, the tenure of municipal committee

Kashmir in August this

year due to "pressure

from dissenting party

J&K's BJP president,

Ravindra Raina, as per

a report in The New

Indian Express has

recently appointed Veer

Saraf as the BJP vista-

rak (party promoter) for

the Anantnag-Rajouri

parliamentary constitu-

ency and Mudasir Wani

leaders."

minates on November 04.

The term of four other ULBs-Kunzer. Pattan. Uri and Watergam- also ends on November 04. As per documents, the term of president, vice -president and councilors of municipal committee Bandipora ends on November 02. The tenure of representatives of Hajin and Sumbal municipalities ends on November 18, 2023.

In Budgam districts,

Turn to page 9 Department.

#### Joginder Singh SSP Udhampur



JAMMU, Oct 21 (Agencies): Government of Jammu and Kashmir has effected a minor SSP Jammu for Senior reshuffle in the Police Executive Cadre of Cabinet Secretariat, and

approval of Competent Authority to the appointment of Shri Chandan Kohli, IPS (AGMUT: 2013) as Deputy Secretary in the Senior Executive Cadre of the Cabinet Secretariat, on deputa-An order in this regard tion basis, for a period of has formally relieved 04 years from the date of Chandan Kohli as assumption of charge of the post or until further

lakh only) on the company.

According to a press release issued by RBI, this action follows noncompliance with specific provisions of the Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016.

The penalty has been levied by the RBI under the relevant sections of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

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#### **Police crack** Patiala murder case; accused was in relation with victim's wife

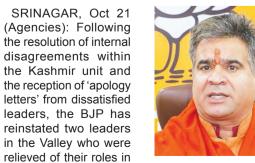
PATIALA, Oct 21 (Agencies): The Patiala police have cracked the murder of an elderly man who was stabbed to death on Thursday. The police have arrest-

ed 25-year-old Gurtej Singh, who was in a relationship with the victim's wife.

SSP Varun Sharma said they had arrested Gurtei of Shadipur village and Arshdeep Singh and Ajay for killing Balbir Singh.

"The trio, along with Turn to page 9

# **Kashmir BJP brings back** two expelled leaders



as the BJP vistarak for the Srinagar seat.

Saraf, Mudasir, and another Jammu-based leader, Abhijeet Jasrotia, were removed from their positions in Kashmir in August this year and were directed to report to the BJP headquarters in Jammu. This decision came after approximately 100 party leaders from the Valley expressed

their objections to "interference from Jammubased leaders.'

These dissatisfied leaders, some of whom were original party members in Kashmir, claimed that they were being overlooked, and there were efforts to seize control of the Kashmir unit by the Jammu cadre. They demanded a role in the decisionmaking process. More than a month after dissenting voices emerged in the Valley, the party took action against the disgruntled leaders and party workers, issuing show cause notices to over a dozen party members, including

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, October 21, 2023

# **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With lot of pain and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved Karamvogini Rani Wali W/o Late Sh. Sohan Lal Wali erstwhile resident of Hanand Chawalgam, Kashmir, at present C-49, Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal, M.P on Friday, 13 Oct. 2023. 10th Day Kriya shall be performed on Sunday, the 22nd Oct. 2023 at 9 AM at Khatlapur Ghat, Lower Lake, Bhopal. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Kulbushan Wali & Lovely Wali Ramesh Raina & Sudha Raina Ravinder Koul & Sonia Koul Dileep Kathi & Lucky Kathi Samast Wali Pariwar

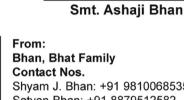
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# **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that our beloved Smt. Ashaji Bhan W/o Late. Omkar Nath Bhan, originally from Bhan Ashram, Baba Pora, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, Kashmir, passed away on 13th October 2023 at Pune.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 22nd October 2023 at Alandi Ghat, Pune followed by Assembly at their Pune residence, i.e., 801, A7 Mirchandani Palms, Konkane Chowk, Rahatani Pune.

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY: Mrs. Shanta Bhat Mrs. Veena Bhan Sh. Shyam J. Bhan Dr. Rajni Bhan Safaya Mrs. Rita Bhan Zutshi Dr. Ashima Bhan Mr. Satyan Bhan and Mrs. Simran Bhan Mr. Sandeep Bhan Vivaan and Rivaan



Karamyogini Rani Wali

Shyam J. Bhan: +91 9810068535 Satyan Bhan: +91 8879512582 Sandeep Bhan: +91 9953242768

# UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Sonu Kumar S/o Prithvi Kumar R/o Lane No.19, Block No. 110, Flat No.15 Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 12-10-2023 (Thursday). Uthala will be performed at Community Hall

behind Lane No.22 Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu on 23-10-2023 (Monday).

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN** Father & Mother Prithvi Kumar & Harven Devi Pooja Raina -Wife

Charvi Sudan -Daughter Des Raj & Krishna Devi -Uncle & Aunt Late Shadi Lal & Kamla Devi -Uncle & Aunt Vinay Kumar -Brother Sunil Kumar & Sonia -Brother & Bhabi Manoj Dhar & Seema Dhar -Brother & Sister-in-law Rajesh Koul & Rajni Koul -Brother & Sister-in-law Contact No. 9622604667, 9797763844, 9596126458, 9596726724

#### **BHOG/ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved, Bhai Harbans Singh President (All J&K Private Goods Carrier) S/o Late Bhai Manna Singh R/o 3247 Residency Road, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 14/10/2023. Aramb Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 20-10-2023 (Friday) 9:30 am at our residence Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib On 22-10-2023 (Sunday) 11:00 am at our residence.



Sonu Kumar



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Sh. Chuni Lal Dass (Kaka Ji) S/o Late Shyam Lal Dass R/O Bomai Sopore, Kashmir A/P H No 4, L No 3 Patta Bohri Jammu left for heavenly abode on 14-10-2023 10th Day will be performed on Monday 23-10-2023 at 8 AM Muthi Ghat near the Directorate of School Education. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Kamalawati (Mother) Smt. Reeta Ji (Wife) Mr.Mohit (Son) Ms.Monica (Daughter) **Bhabis & Brothers** Smt & Sh. Shiban Ji Smt & Sh Ramesh Kumar Smt & Sh Satish Kumar Sister & Brother in law Smt Asha Ji & Sh R.K. Saproo Mob: 7006346289, 9469231236

#### TENTH DAY / THIRTEENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sen (Retd. Account Officer) R/o H.No. 520 Opposite Govt. Quarters Subash Nagar Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 10-10-2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at Shanti Ghat Shakti Nagar near A.G. Office Jammu on 19-10-2023 (Thursday) at 9 am.

Thirteenth Day will be performed on 22-10-2023 (Sunday) at Home at 12'O clock. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sen

**GRIEF STRICKEN** All Sen Family Members

All Bhutyal Family Members

All Shan Family Members Mobile No: 96891986083, 7006472062



(Retd. Account Officer)



Arambh Sri Akhand Sahib at our resid October, 2023 (Friday) at 9:00 AM.

Bhog Sri Akhand Sahib at our residence 22.10.2023 (Sunday) at 10.30 AM. Shabadh Kirtan & Antin Ardas will be performed

Shabadh Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha, Sainik Colony, Jammu from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN Mother-in-law & Father-in-law Sdn. Niranjan Kaur W/o Late Sub. Raj Singh (Batote Wale) S. Gurdeep Singh Raina SAO (Retd.) M.O.D. - Husband S. Harpreet Singh Sajan and Anupriya Kaur - Son & Daughter-in-law Sdn. Gurjeet Kaur & S. Gurmail Singh - Daughter & Son-in-law Sdl. Baspeet Kaur & S. Jugraj Singh - Daughter & Son-in-law All nears & dears Mob. No.: +91-9419189140, +91-9622035444

#### 10TH DAY / KRIYA

With heavy heart it is to inform that Smt. Rani Koul Nee Roop Gijri W/o Sh: Triloki Nath Koul originally R/O Wanpora (Khanda) Pulwama Kashmir presently Flat:-179 first floor sector 33 (Inder-Perstha Colony) Faridabad Breathed her last on 15-10-2023(Sunday) at her Faridabad



10th Day Kriya will be performed on 24-10-2023 (Tuesday) at Murad Nagar followed by Assembly at our Faridabad Residence at 12.30 Smt. Rani Koul Nee Roop Giiri

noon **GRIEF STRIKEN:-**

T.N.Koul (Husband). Subash & Heema Koul **(Son & Daughter-in-Law)** Smt: Tita Koul W/O Late Daya Krishen Koul **(Daughter)** Aneeta (Kaki) & Shiban Ji Bhan (Daughter & Son-in-law) Bety & Bal Krishen Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-law)

All Grand Children: & All Nears and Dears. ontact no's: 9911967812

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

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Dr** Mrs. Kaushalya Lahori (M.A, Ph.D.) W/ Mr. B.L.Lahori of Battapora Shopian & Arresently residing at Durga Niwas Kanhai Auzaffarpur (Bihar).

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at MUK



on 22nd October 2023. GRIEF STRICKEN: 

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Smt. Arandati Lahori (Mother-in-Law)
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B.L. LAHORI (Husband)
Lah

Mrs. Khema & A.K. Lahori (Bhabhi and Brother-in-Law)
Mr. Dalip Lahori (Brother-in-Law)

Mrs. Khema & A.K. Lahori (Bhabhi and Brother-in-Law)
Strate Dr. Mrs. Kaushalya Lahori (M.A, Ph.D.)

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

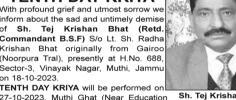
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Badri Nath Sharma (Retd. Asstt: Director Planning) resident of 410/C Sector-II Vinayak Nagar Muthi, Jammu, who left for heav Vinayak Nagar Muthi, Jammu, who left for heav-enly abode on 11-10-2023 (Wednesday). **10th Day** will be performed on 20-10-2023 (Friday) 11 AM. Kriya will be performed on 21-10-2023 (Saturday) at 12 pm. **Rasam Pagri** will be performed on 23-10-2023 (Monday) at 3 pm. **GRIEF STRCKEN Son and Daughter-in-law Prem Nath Sharma - Shok Sharma Asphok Sharma** - Ashok Sharma Gamlesh Sharma - Ashok Sharma Grand Daughters and Grand Sons-in-lav Shifali Sharma -Sandeep Sharma Sakshi Sharma - Anil Sharma Urvashi Sharma - Nitish Sharma



Sh Badri Nath Sharma

Great Grand Children: ajasvi, Shivansh, Shivanya, Sharvin, Hanvika And Entire Sadhotra Family ontact Nos: 9622190255, 9469693600 9796498981, 7006890916

Grand Sons & Grand Daughter-in-law Anurag Sharma -Sahiba Sharma Anmol Sharma **OBITUARY AND TENTH DAY KRIYA** With profound grief and utmost so orm about the sad and untimely demi



FENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Sh. Tej Krishan Bhat 27-10-2023, Muthi Ghat (Near Education Office) on Friday at 8:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN GRIEF STRICKEN Fr. Sanjay Bhar and Babil Bhat-Brother & Bhabhi Sm Ginja Koul & Sh. J. L. Koul - Sister & Brother-in-law Suresh Bhat & Manisha Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law Yigy Bhat & Manisha Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law Simpy Tickoo & Sh. R. Rigesh Tickoo- Daughter & Son-in-law iran Dhar & Sh Susheel Dhar- Daughter & Son-in-law unil Bhat & Jyoti Bhat- Brother & Bhabhi

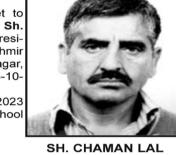
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TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved brother Sh Chaman Lal S/o Lt. Sh. Sham Lal originally resi dent V-Biyawat-Kunzer Distt. Baramulla Kashmi A/P Durga Nagar Sec-3, H.No. 119, Roop Nagar

Jammu, who left for Heavenly abode on 15-10 2023 (Sunday). Tenth Day will be performed on 24-10-2023

(Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat Near Director Schoo Education, Jammu at 8.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

**Brother & Bhabi** 

Sh. Chander Bushan Smt. Kanta Devi

Sisters & Brothers-in-law

Smt. Shakuntala Devi W/o Lt. Master Kundan Lal Ji Smt. Saroj Devi W/o Sh. Virender Naiwan

Smt. Rubi Rani (Daughter-in-law) W/o Sh. Ramesh Chander - (Nephew) Smt. Rohini Sharma (Daughter-in-law) W/o Sh. Surinder Kumar (Nephew)

Ph: 7889830499, 7889807582, 9796840123

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

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Sh Pran Nath Koul S/o Sh Kailash Nath Koul R/o Main Road Rajpura near Water Tank Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 13-10-2023 (Friday). 10TH DAY/KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 22-10-23 at 9:00 am. GRIEF STRICKEN ·

Late Sh Hari Krishan Koul & Smt Kamla Koul Smt Sunita Koul (Wife) Son & Daughter in law Sh Sunny Koul & Neha Koul

Antim Ardass at Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar Jammu from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** Sdn Avtar Kour- Wife Son And Daughter-in-Laws S.Vikramjeet Singh & Sdn. Ravinder Kaur S.Harmanjeet Singh & Sdn. Manpreet Kour **Daughter And Son-in-Law** Sdn. Amandeep Kour & S. Kamaljeet Singh Mb No. 7889861203



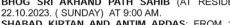
Harbans Singh President (All J&K Private Goods Carrier)

#### **ANTIM ARDAS**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW. WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SARDRANI MOHINDER KOUR W/O S. HARJIT SINGH (EX. SARPANCH SIMBAL CAMP) R/O HOUSE NO. 201/A SECTOR-13. STREET NUMBER- 3. GURU NANAK NAGAR, JAMMU.

THE ANTIM ARDAAS WILL BE PERFORMED AS PER THE PROGRAMME GIVEN BELOW :

ARAMB SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB (AT RESIDENCE) 20.10.2023. (FRIDAY) AT 9:00 AM. BHOG SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB (AT RESIDENCE



SHABAD KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS: FROM 10 TO 12 NOON. (AT GURUDWARA SAHIB SRI GURU SINGH SABHA , NANAK NAGAR JAMMU)

GRIEF STRICKEN: SONS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SDR. GURMEET SINGH ( J.E.UEED) & GURJEET KOUR (MASTER. SRML ) SDR. AMRIK SINGH (D.F.O FOREST DEPARTMENT) & HARVEER KOUR

RAMNIK SINGH & PARAMJEET KOUR (U.S.A) DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW PARVEEN KOUR (STS. OFFICER S.C DEPARTMENT) & KAMALJEET SINGH (LECTURER) MOB NO. 9419204476, 9419236135 & ALL SOODAN FAMILY

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. DWARKA NATH SHARMA S/O LATE SH. MUNSHI RAM SHARMA R/O DURGOCHACK AT PRESENT H.NO 915 LANE NO 6A BEHIND POLICE STATION TALAB TILLO JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 13TH OCTOBER. TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD AT 11AM AT OUR RESIDENCE ON 22/10/2023. KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED AT 11AM ON 23/10/2023 **GRIEF STRICKEN:** Smt. Santosh Sharma (Wife) Daughter and Son in law Anjana and Bharat Bhushan Sharma Sarita and Dhiraj Bali Rashmi and Subhash Sinha Eeva and Rohit Sharma Phalak and Asheesh Sharma Mritunjay and Diksha (Son and Daughter in law) Smt Kailash and Sh Ram Das Sharma (Chachi and Chacha) Bhabhi and Brother Anita and Shyam Lal Sharma Pooja and Rajesh Sharma Shveta and Neeraj Sharma



SH. DWARKA NATH SHARMA

Vandana and Sh Sanjay Khajuria **(Sister & Brother in law)** Smt Krishna and Sh Jai Krishan Sharma **(Sister in law & Brother in law)** Grand Children : Aryaman, Aryaveer, Mimansa, Yashwani, Sanidhaye, Yahvi, Ojasvi, Prakriti, Yashavi, Hriyansh, Sharnam Shreya Ph. No 9419201210, 9419133397, 9419204484

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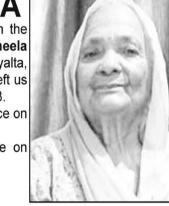
#### TENTH DAY/KIRYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt Sheela Devi W/O Sh Sarb Singh Sambyal R/o Baryalta, Tehsil- Majalta, District -- Udhampur who left us heavenly abode on Monday 16th Oct. 2023. Tenth Day will be performed at our residence on Wednesday, 25th October 2023 at 10 AM Kirya will be performed at our Residence on Saturday 28th October at 11 AM **GRIEF STRICKEN** Sh Sarb Singh Sambyal - Husband Son and Daughter-in-law Rajesh Singh & Raj Rani Sambyal **Daughters and Sons-in-law** Rekha Jasrotia and Rajinder Jasrotia. Reeta Jamwal and Rakesh Jamwal. Grand Son & Daughter-in-law Shamli & Baljeet

TENTH DAY

Vishal & Ritu

Mob. 9858554808, 8082110307



Smt Sheela Devi

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH ASHOK KUMAR RAINA (HARKAR) S/O SH JAI LAL RAINA (HARKAR) R/O PANZMULLA, SALIA, ANANT-NAG AT PRESENT BLOCK F. H.NO. 92, NEW PALAM VIHAR, PHASE 1000 H HCCLAN ON 18TH OCT 2023 AT BURUGRAM. 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD AT GAURI SHANKAR MANDIR BLOCK-T, PHASE-I SECTOR-109, NEW PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON NEAR DHVBN SUB DIVISION OFFICE ON 27-10-2023 AT 9.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

SMED SANTI RAINA- **WIFE** BROTHER & SISTER-IN-LAW LT SH MANOHAR KRISHAN RAINA & SMT VEENA JI RAINA SH BANSI LAL RAINA & LT. SMT. SHAHJEE RAINA SH INDER KRISHAN RAINA & SMT DESHA RAINA SITTING EN INSTITUTION AND AN A STUDIES THA FAINS SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW LT SMT KISHNE BHAT & LT SH BANSI LAL BHAT (DADROO) SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SH. ROHIN RAINA & SMT. SHEETAL RAINA SH. VIKAS RAINA & SMT. DELBIZ RAINA , VISHAL RAINA & SMT. ANJLEE RAINA RAND CHILDREN: AYAAN RAINA, MYANSHI RAINA, ATHARV RAINA, PRANAYA RAINA

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**KUMAR RAINA** (HARKAR)

#### **BHOG/ANTIM ARDAS** Nith profound grief and sorrow, we inform the si demise of our beloved, Bhai **Harbans Singh** Presiden (All J&K Private Goods Carrier) S/o Late Bhai Manna Singh R/o 3247 Residency Road, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 14/10/2023. Aramb Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 20-10-2023 Friday) 9:30 am at our residence Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib On 22-10-202 (Sunday) 11:00 am at our residence Antim Ardass at Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha



**Harbans Singh** President (All J&K Private Goods Carrie

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

Nanak Nagar Jammu from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm GRIEF STRICKEN:

Son And Daughter-in-Laws S.Vikramjeet Singh & Sdn. Ravinder Kaur

S.Harmanjeet Singh & Sdn. Manpreet Kour Daughter And Son-in-Law

Sdn. Amandeep Kour & S. Kamaljeet Singh

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With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform th our beloved Mother Karamyogini Smt. Raj Dulari Dhar, W/o Late Sh. Badri Nath Dhar, R/o H.No-3, Sector-2 Pamposh Colony Janipura Jammu, left for heavenly abode on 13th Oct 2023 at Gurgaon. 1**0th Day Kriya** shall be held at Muthi Ghat on Sunday 22nd Oct 2023 at 9:00 AM sharp. GRIEF STRICKEN:-Sh. Soom Nath Dhar & Smt. Shanta Dhar -Devar & Devrani Smt. Sudesh Kaul - Daughter Son & Daughter-in-Law Sh. Subash Dhar & Smt. Raini Dhar Son-in-Law & Daughter Sh. Rajinder Raina & Smt. Rita Raina Grand Children:-

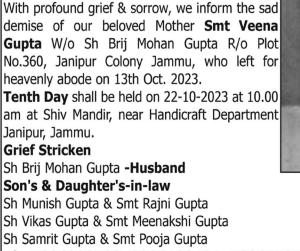


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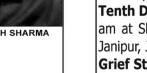
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# LOCAL/ ADVT

# **CS** inspects execution of SSCL works along Dal & Jhelum; directs for completion of works at an earliest

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today conducted an extensive tour of Srinagar City to inspect the different works of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) at Foreshore Road, Nishat, Shalimar and Zero Bridge.

He was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad; VC LCMA, Officers of SSCL, R&B and other departments.

While inspecting ongoing work at Sunset Point (Dal Lake), the CS directed concerned to complete the pending works including the seating arrangements by Oct 31st to make recreational Multi Utility Zone ready for public use.

The Chief Secretary



also visited Nishat where he inspected tiling work of the parking space besides painting of footpath along the boundary of Dal Lake. He directed SSCL officers to complete the project before October 31 as most of time of current working season was consumed in ongoing developmental process. During his visit to Shali-

mar, he instructed for

removal of the electric poles which lie in the middle of main road and also beautify the median of the road. On the occasion the traders of the area requested the Chief Secretary to direct the concerned to complete

the renovation works

inside the garden to

increase the footfall of

visitors there. Meanwhile, CS direct-

ed SMC to station the mobile toilets near Shalimar Garden and other public places and tourist destinations for the convenience of visitors and tourists. He enjoined upon them to complete all the works by November this year. While his visit to Zero

Bridge, CS instructed concerned to put the power cables underground through the underlying ducts to remove visual pollution on the Jhelum bund. He set the deadline for improvement works to the end of current

Further, concerned officers were directed to expedite the development of car parking under the Abdullah Bridge and complete the ongoing work before ending October. Regarding other works

at Doledemb and Foreshore Road, Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers that the same should be dedicated to public before the end of November this year without any fail. The Chief Secretary

was ensured by the Divisional Administration that all the works would be completed within the set timeframe and dedicated to public at an earliest.

# Test flight success heralds sequential trial flights before 'Gaganyaan' launch: Dr Jitendra

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): Test flight success of Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) this morning heralds successive sequential trial flights before the final "Gaganyaan" launch, said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in his first response soon after the entire exercise was accomplished as expected, with a single engine rocket carrying an early depressurised version of "Gaganyaan" Crew Module (CM) to an altitude of around 17 Kilometre followed by final descent using a parachute for its splash down. The Minister of State

for Space said, this is a critical step in the ISRO journey to launch a crewed human spacecraft through "Gaganyaan" mission. Today's exercise tested the performance of the Crew Escape System on the Crew Module of the Gaganyaan mission, he said. Basically, it tested the safety mechanism that will allow the crew of the "Gaganyaan" mission to escape the spacecraft in case the



to a malfunction, he added.

Coming less than two months after the successful Moon landing by Chandrayaan-3, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, today's event has paved the way for a series of tests of systems and procedures with the aim to ultimately launch an Indian astronaut on Space, possibly around

the year 2025. Ever since, Prime Minister Narendra Modi "unlocked" the Space sector from the selfimposed regulations and shackles of the past, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the mood is upbeat at ISRO and the industry as well as private participants are vying with each other to collaborate in Space projects. This has not only given a boost but also contributed huge value addition both in terms of knowledge as well as finances and an evidence of this is that within a short

ful StartUps has gone up from less than 5 to over 150. Citing the adage, "Well Begun is Half Done", Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) (TVD1) accomplished today

demonstrated the crew

escape of the "Gagan-

yaan" project.

span of over three years the number of success-

mission is aborted due

Dr Jitendra Singh said, this test flight will set the stage for the remaining qualification tests and unmanned missions, leading to the first Gaganyaan mission with Indian astronauts. Under the able quidance of PM Modi, India's Space pro-

gramme is aiming for its first manned mission to Space and later landing the first Indian astronaut to the Moon, he added. Dr Jitendra Singh said, building on the success of Indian Space initiatives which got a boost in the last 4 to 5 years, including the recent Chandrayan-3 and Aditva L1 Missions. Prime Minister Modi has directed that India should now aim for new and ambitious goals, including setting up the 'Bharatiya Antariksha Station' (Indian Space Station) by 2035 and sending first Indian to the Moon by 2040.

# Not holding Assembly polls in J&K despite situation being 'Normal' is matter of grave concern: Azad

SRINAGAR, Oct 21 (Agencies): While the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is "normal", the continuing delay in holding assembly elections is a matter of "grave concern", former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said here on Saturday.

Addressing a public meeting in Batamaloo here, Azad said the situation has "not been more normal in the last 30-35 years" than it is now, but it was perhaps the first time in J-K's history that assembly polls have not been conducted for such a long time.

"When the situation was bad in J-K, and there was bloodshed and leaders left the Valley, Kashmiri Pandits left the Valley, that



gress, no one had the

courage to conduct a

meeting here. Because,

unfortunately, the situa-

cern," the former Congress leader and chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) said. Azad said it was the

that you came here,

tion was not good in this area. I am happy that there is peace in the first rally in the last 36 city now," he said. years in the area. "I am thankful to you

The former J-K Chief Minister said while the Lieutenant Hovernor's administration was doing its job, it cannot replace elected representatives. "The administration is doing its job, but this is not its job. I am not saying LG is not doing his work, or officers are not doing their work, but we are asking them

to do a job that is not theirs but is of ministers, MLAs, elected representatives." he said. He said an elected MLA or a Chief Minister reaches everywhere, roams among the people, and asks people about their

his party have always demanded that assembly elections were necessary as only legislators can serve the people effectively.

"The officers are intelligent and good, but the secretariat will suffer if they work like MLAs. So the election for MLAs should take place," he said.

Referring to the situation in the Gaza Strip, Azad said people had expectations from the powerful countries to restore peace. "Unfortunately, the

powerful countries, who can restore peace and calm, themselves get involved then who will restore it?

"The way the situation in Gaza is, the way children are being killed, the way there is no food or water or milk and it has been made the world's biggest prison, the powerful countries could have intervened, but since they have not, we can only pray," he said. He asked the people to pray for the people of the Gaza Strip so that their sufferings end.

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month.

time also elections took place after five to six years," Azad said.

"But, today when the situation is normal, and it has not been more normal than this in the last 30-35 years, still elections have not taken place in the last nine years. This is a matter of grave con-

the number of people does not matter, but that there is peace in this area and a political meeting could take place is in itself a wonder. I think this is the first political meeting here in the last 35-36 years. "When I was the Chief

Minister or in the Con-

now, because an officer is not for that, he is for running the office. If MLAs are made secretaries, they will destroy the files in one day," he said. Later, while speaking

"That does not happen to reporters, the DPAP chairman said he and

As per tenderDocuments

Position of funds:AvailableUnderJalJeevanMission(JJM)

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The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Doda.

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v	Bidsubmissionenddate	25/10/2023 (6:00PM)
vi	DateandtimeofBidopening	27/10/2023 (3.00PMonwards)

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# Shiv Sena pays tributes to Maharaja Gulab Singh, organises Blood Donation Camp

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 21: On the 231st birth anniversary of Maharaja Gulab Singh, the visionary founder of the Dogra dynasty and the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, the Maharashtra Hari Singh Foundation, Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K unit, and "Support NGO" came together to organize a noble blood donation camp at SMGS Hospital in Jammu. The blood donated will provide much-needed support to patients battling aplastic anemia, and refreshments were thoughtfully distributed to them during this touching event.

Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh graced the occasion as the chief guest, adding to the significance of the commemoration.

Speaking to the media, Shiv Sena State Chief,



Manish Sahni, shed light very soil of Jammu and on the illustrious era of Kashmir, having played a Maharaja Gulab Singh, pivotal role in the estabthe first Dogra ruler of lishment of the world-Jammu and Kashmir. renowned Shri Mata Sahni highlighted the Vaishno Devi Temple multifaceted nature of in the Trikuta Hills of this revered Maharaja, Katra. He also founded portraying him as not the Dharmarth Trust to only a valiant military oversee the welfare of leader and a strategic pilgrims and the maintegenius but also a devotnance of various temples ed administrator who and religious sites. The adhered to the principles memories of the Dogra of justice and spirituality. rulers continue to reso-Maharaja Gulab Singh's nate in the hearts of the legacy is imprinted in the people of Jammu and

Kashmir, encapsulated in the hymns of Mata Vaishno Devi, "Yug Yug Jive, tere Jammu da Raja, Jis Tera bhawan banaya."

On this occasion, Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh bestowed medals and certificates upon the Superintendent, Dr. Dara Singh, Principal GMC Dr. Ashutosh, Professor and Head of the Department of Blood Transfusion and Medicine Dr. Meena, Dr. GS Saini, Dr. Sanjeev

assemia and Oncology children's wards, where they shared comforting refreshments with the young patients and their attendants. In a touching gesture, a large portrait of Maharaja Gulab Singh was presented to SMGS Hospital by Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh, immortalizing the memory of the great Maharaja. This blood donation

Dingra, Vijay Sahni, and many other dedicated

doctors and nursing staff.

accompanied by Mr.

Manish Sahni, Dr.

Navneet Kaur, Dr. Dara

Singh, and the medical

team, visited the Thal-

Kunwarani Ritu Singh,

camp and tribute to Maharaja Gulab Singh exemplify the spirit of service, selflessness, and remembrance of a remarkable leader who left an indelible mark on the history of Jammu and Kashmir.

# OP-ED

# **EDITORIAL**

# **IMPROVING VILLAGE LIFE**

ur India is a country of villages. There are more than six lakh villages in India and more than 70% of the total population of our country lives in villages. Someone has rightly said that villages have been created by God himself whereas cities and metros are the gift of humans.

In ancient times, people living in villages in India were proud of their agricultural work. In those days the villagers were happy with village life because they had not seen the glamor of the cities. The fertile land of the villages here produced gold in the form of grains. The villagers also worked hard and that is why the economic condition of the villages was strong.

The British never paid attention to the progress of the villages during their rule. They remained busy in establishing big cities, so that they could establish their complete authority there. The ravages of nature always continued to attack the lives of farmers. Sometimes they were hit by drought and sometimes by floods. Sometimes they were tortured by moneylenders, sometimes by landlords and sometimes by businessmen.

Due to the exploitation by the British, rural life has not flourished even after independence. The villagers live a very simple life. They live in kutcha houses made of mud. They live a simple life and eat simple food. Women also work in the fields.

Even today there is a lack of education in the villages and even today they have not been able to get rid of the evil practices like casteism, casteism, casteism, child marriage etc. The biggest reason for this is the lack of money and education in the villages. Due to lack of education, they give too much importance to small things and get into fights for this and then their hard-earned money ends up in the courts. After the independence of the country, our government is trying to improve the condition of the villagers. Land is being given to landless farmers, so that they can earn their livelihood by doing farming on that land. The government is opening hospitals and schools in villages. 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' is being run. Gram Panchayats are also a concrete step in this direction. Due to cooperative institutions, farmers are also getting the right prices for their produce. Farmers are being taught new modern methods of farming, so that they can earn money by producing food grains according to the increasing population. Gram Panchayats are also a concrete step in this direction. Due to cooperative institutions, farmers are also getting the right prices for their produce. Farmers are being taught new modern methods of farming, so that they can earn money by producing food grains according to the increasing population.

# Confessions of an Amrika returned Bharatiya Naari

#### By: Shobhaa De

wo things happened during my fortnight-L long absence from desi shores... the chilling Hamas attack on Saturday, October 7, and Mahua Moitra's cigar-chomping pics a few days later. Don't get me wrong. There is zero connection. The ongoing war being waged in Israel has polarised the world, while Ms Moitra's bribe-for-query predicament (with or without the cigar) has polarised India. In distant Palo Alto (Silicon Valley), where I was a speaker at SALA 2023, the horrific news about the incredibly well orchestrated Hamas assault was still to register (due to the time difference) as authors, artists, poets and the organisers bustled around a sundappled Atherton campus in Menlo Park for the fifth edition of the prestigious South Asian Literature and Arts Festival, the brainchild of two amazing women (Ambika Sahay and Kiran Malhotra), who were determined to introduce "Çhanging Narratives" to resident billionaire techies who are masters of the universe. They totally are! And yes, these are some of the most successful Indians on earth. Just in terms of brains and money power, there's more concentrated clout within this 50-mile radius of sylvan Californian bliss than one would find anywhere else on the planet. But for a dumbo, techie-challenged woman (me!), I was just elated to meet so many of my late brother Ashok Rajadhyaksha's IIT Kharagpur colleagues. After a point, it felt like I was at a huge IIT reunion, with instant connections being forged. I was blabbering away in Marathi to some of the big noises, flaunting our

unabashed parochial pride ("Mee Marathi..." type of chest-thumping). Uddhav T -- I missed you! Swear!!! I'd like to think us khadi kurta clad Maharashtrians outnumbered the dandily dressed Punjus.

The idea of such a fest is a huge thing in an environment that thrives inside a tech bubble which all but excludes the Arts. As Mayuranki Almaula, a dynamic SALA board member explained, the Valley is driven by folks whose mental reserves are primarily invested in the next big tech thing. The only "social" talk that one hears involves words like "start-ups" and "funding'. People are either frenziedly pitching new ideas or consolidating old ones. Attention spans are shockingly short -- if the person you are feverishly networking with, looks away in the first twenty seconds, consider your pitch wasted. Move on.

The magnificent Stanford campus (a possible venue partner at SALA 2024) is shimmering under an unnaturally blue sky as I walk around like a starstruck fan. What must it be like to be a student here, I ask myself incredulously, after having walked away years ago from a luscious Reuters Fellowship in this hallowed institution. The answer was in front of me -- written in Chinese. Okay. Let me clarify. I only but only spotted earnest Chinese students cycling around the vast campus. "Nobody else can afford the fees...", someone commented. The Chinese presence in the Bay Area is so predominant, soon the street names may change to Xi Jinping Avenue. And Chef Chu's iconic Chinese restaurant downtown will open multiple branches to accommodate the demand.

I loved my time with the original Silicon Valley geniuses casually dressed in the Bay Area uniform of tees, shorts and flip-flops. Some chuckled that Elon Musk grabs coffee at his favourite hub, and nobody bothers him. Others talked about the laidback lifestyle that encourages these geniuses to chill out with other geniuses and not bother about the rest of the world. Palo Alto is so deceptive -- it resembles any prosperous suburb shown in popular television serials. I was dying to meet a few "Desperate Housewives" at a posh country club in Saratoga, which will be celebrating a dhoom dhaam Diwali this year. Take that, you Chinese chaps. Go organise your own Dragon Dance.

"Donald Trump is scared of us...", declared a very successful business lady, when I suggested Palo Alto techies were backing Trump the Chump. Scared? Of The Donald??? Of our desi brigade? Par kyon? Driving around in the latest Tesla, with Maclarens and Ferraris roaring past, I was intrigued by life in the fast lane. Our IITians definitely rule -- that's a great feeling. A triumph. They've made their mark (and millions) in America, but remain asli desis at heart -- they eat desi, think desi, live desi, dream desi. Bollywood remains the biggest connect to the world they've left behind. "Stardust!" they'd exclaim, each time I was introduced. Errrr... Ummmm... Stardust is over 50 years old... I'd interject quickly. "Did you really write Neeta's Natter?" they'd ask, eyes shining. Meeeeow... I'd respond. The reference points are cute but dated. Like much else about their nostalgia. I was feeling like

Dev Anand -- forever looking ahead, while around me, the cravings for home were rooted in the past.

By the time I arrived in New York, I had taken a lot of Palo Alto back with me -- the Google campus can floor anybody. We were shown around by a bright, young, successful Niladari Saha, who works for YouTube and is on to something big (Sssssh!). His is a story out of India that's inspiring and worth sharing. Starting off "poor" (his words) in West Bengal, today he leads a great time, lives the good life in San Fransisco, flies around the world, and retains a loveable modesty which keeps him grounded. Nope. He is here to stay. But all he wants is for his parents to enjoy a comfortable life in Kolkata, where he has bought them their first home and car. "They are my primary responsibility," he states sincerely, as he points to Charlie's Café and Sundar Pichai's corner office. The iconic Android and dinosaur on the premises are there as reminders of where the magic began in 1998. You can take a techie out of India but you can't take India out of him... it's all about loving your parivaar.

"Technology is the greatest equalizer", someone sighs. It sure as hell is, I respond, as we head to the Big Apple. New York is not the New York the world is familiar with. "Covid has changed everything", a garrulous bar- tender tells me, as the once trendy hangout empties by 9.30 pm. Hamas has declared Friday the 13th as "The Day of Rage", and nobody wants to leave home! Brace yourselves, folks -- it's "Howdy Bharat" time....



Personal development focuses on developing your social, emotional and communication skills, while professional development focuses on the acquisition of knowledge and skills. For your own development, it is important that you constantly assess your life's goals, objectives and values. During this time, you also develop the necessary skills and abilities to your full potential. Personal development can be done by yourself or with the help of someone. It will help you in your professional development and reaching your career goals.It happens. ■ Stay committed For career growth, it is important that you remain committed to the company you are working for and your work. it Will go a long way in improving relationships in your workplace. It is also helpful in achieving your goals along with your personal and professional growth. When you are committed to some work, you are able to do that work better.

■ Win people's trust If you are a manager in a company, then it is important for you to have leadership skills. if you are very goodIf you are able to provide leadership, it helps your colleagues reach their goals. Being a responsible and trustworthy manager means people can count on you. You will have confidence, positivity and consistency, which will make the entire team trust your decisions. ■ Take care of moral values Having a good work ethic is one of the most important personal skills that all employees look for. If you are morally positive, hardworking and honest, you will boost the morale of everyone you work with in an organization.Will increase. The result will be to promote fairness and decency among all employees. ■ Always room for improvement Personal development focuses not only on improving your weaknesses but also on enhancing your strengths. There is always scope for improvement in it, because it does not remain static, but continuously works towards development. As your strengths increase, your career prospects improve. When you share your skills with people around you, your Working relationships also improve.

(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malott)

# Self development will open the way to success

# **LOCAL**

# **District Udhampur wins Divisional level Inter District Table Tennis Tournament trophy**

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

UDHAMPUR, Oct 21: District Udhampur captured the Championship trophy in Divisional level Inter District Table Tennis Tournament by defeating District Jammu in a contested and thrilled final match at Indoor Hall Subash Stadium Udhampur in under 19 years boys. In the final match, Udhampur defeated Jammu by 03-01. Ear-

lier in semifinal matches, Udhampur District defeated Poonch by 03-0 and Jammu District defeated Samba by 03-0.

tournament The was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports under the guidance of Director Youth Ser-

vices and Sports J&K UT Subash Chander Chibber and also under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai and under the overall supervision of DYSSO Udhampur Romesh Chander Mishra.

Pushpiner Kour Zonal Physical Education Officer of DYSS Office

function in the presence of staff of DYSS Office and field staff. About 52 boys drawn from different 08 Districts of Jammu division participated in the tournament. All the matches were officiated by technical panel of field staff from DYSS Office Udhampur.

distributed the medals and trophies to winner and runner-up teams. Among those who were present on the occasion were Anita Goswami PEM, Som Dev Khajuria PEM, Ramesh Chander PEM, Sanjeev Kumar PEM, Rajan Head Asst., Jatin Sethi PET.

# Marengo CIMS Hospital Ahmadabad performs first bloodless heart transplant in Asia

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 21: Marengo CIMS Hospital, part of the Marengo Asia Hospitals Group, has marked a significant advancement in heart transplants by performing the first bloodless heart transplant in Asia. This surgical procedure pioneers a protocol

of goal-directed bleeding management leading to transfusion-free heart transplants. Dr Dhiren Shah, Direc-

tor, Heart Transplant Programme, Dr Dhaval Naik, Heart Transplant Surgeon, Dr Niren Bhavsar, Cardiothoracic Anesthetist, and Dr Chintan Seth, Heart Transplant Anesthetist and Intensivist at Marengo CIMS Hospital Ahmadabad led the team to accomplish the outcomes successfully.

The surgery was performed on a 52-year-old Indian patient. Chandraprakash Garg, suffering



transfusion as there is a significant amount of these procedures hinges blood spillage during the on precision and accurasurgical procedure. cy, as they involve careful During high-end surassessment and control

geries, blood transfusion can lead to potential risks and complications. Blood is also an organ and transfusion is considered to be an organ transplant in itself, to be completely monitored and controlled.

Marengo CIMS Hospital followed appropriate protocols to achieve this distinguished feat successfully. In these surgical procedures, meticulous surgical techniques are applied, following tailength of stay and overall improvement in clinical outcomes. There are patients with the challenge of their bodies not accepting external blood transfusions. For these patients, allowing no scope for heart transplants with this rarity, this therapy offers significant hope for heart transplantation.

Dr Dhiren Shah, Director - Heart Transplant Program, Marengo CIMS Hospital says, "A blood transfusion-free heart transplant represents a remarkable milestone in cardiac surgeries and showcases the significant strides made in surgical techniques and technology.

Dr Niren Bhavsar, Cardiothoracic Anesthetist. Marengo CIMS Hospital says, "A cardiothoracic anesthetist has a critical role to play where the goal is to avoid the need for blood transfusion. From assessing the med-

# **Prakriti elected President** of WDC Kathua

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KATHUA, Oct 21: The spirit of democracy and leadership flourished at the Government Degree College for Women in Kathua on October 21, 2023, as the college held elections for its student executive body and student general body. This democratic process aimed to empower students by allowing them to choose their class representatives and to engage actively in shaping the future of their institution. Students from B.A/B. Sc. Semesters 1, 2, and 5 participated with enthusiasm, exercising their voting rights to select their respective class representatives. Later in the day, the election of the College Executive Body took place in the office chamber of the Principal, where the elected **Class Representatives** (CRs) collaboratively formed the Student Executive Body through a democratic procedure. The newly elected Student Executive



Body comprises the following office-bearers President: Ms. Prakriti (Semester 5): Vice-President: Dalu Mangotra, General Secretary Bhomila Rajput, Treasurer Tania Rajput, Literary Secretary Kashish; Cultural Secretary Sonika Sharma and Sports Secretary Pratibha.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Savi Behl, the Principal of the college, congratulated the newly elected class representatives and encouraged them to actively contribute to the smooth functioning of the college. She stressed the importance of maintaining high academic standards and promoting excellence in curricular activities.

The entire election process was efficiently conducted under the supervision of Dr. Rachna Devi, with the valuable support of senior faculty members Dr. Ashwani Khajuria and Prof. Ravinder Kour, as well as the cooperation of all teaching faculty members at the college. Dr. Behl also expressed her appreciation for the Department of Student Welfare (DSW) for its systematic and wellorganized management of the election process.

The successful completion of these elections marks an important step in fostering leadership and democratic values among the students of Government Degree College for Women, Kathua. It is a testament to the commitment of the institution to provide opportunities for its students to actively engage in the governance and growth of their college.

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# AAP condemns politicization of armed forces

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Oct 21: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has expressed strong condemnation for what it sees as the overt and covert politicization of the Indian Armed Forces by the ruling dispensation, raising concerns about the involvement of the Army in political activi-

ties. In a joint statement issued by senior AAP leaders, including Major General Retired R.S. Jamwal, Farooq Ahmed Banday, Ram Singh Chauhan, Nirmal Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S.S. Jamwal, Sarpanch Ravinder Singh, Amit Langer, Agya Kour, Ram Pal Khajuria, Sandeep Parihar, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Mattoo, S. Ranjodh Singh, and G.N. Khan, the party expressed its dismay at the recent developments involv-

ing the Indian Army. They accuse the ruling government of trying to exploit the Army for its political gains, which they believe is lowering the image and integrity of the valiant soldiers

who serve the nation. The AAP leaders expressed great shock and anguish over the government's attempts to engage Army personnel in the promotion of what they refer to as "JUMLA schemes" announced by the government. They point out that the Indian Army is not the Army of the Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister does not have the authority

Army from participating in any activities related to politics. The leaders believe that the present government's actions are undermining the Indian Constitution and its institutions.

The AAP leaders highlight that the Defense Forces have been directed to establish 822 "SELFIE POINTS" across nine cities, excluding five states that are going to the polls in November-December of this year. These SELFIE POINTS are tasked with promoting various government policies, all with photographs of the Prime Minister. The AAP leadArmy in the eyes of the nation. They have also urged the public to see through these actions and stand up to protect the constitution, its institutions, and democracy. They express their concerns about the misuse of brute majority in Parliament, including nullifying judgments of the Supreme Court related to the powers of the elected AAP Government of Delhi, all for the political ambitions of a few. They also express their concerns about the removal of the Chief Justice of India from the panel empowered to select the Chief Election Commissioner of India, as well as the Election Commissioners. The AAP is committed to preserving the integrity of the Indian Armed Forces and ensuring that they remain apolitical, focusing solely on their vital role of safeguarding the nation.



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The donor was a 33-year-old who lost his life in a road traffic accident. Surgeries such as high-end heart transplants require a high amount of blood for

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ical history of the patient, co-morbidities, and overall health conditions, the anesthetist works with the transplant team to manage anemia, nutritional support, and other interventions to reduce the need for transfusion.

to issue directives to the Army. Instead, it is the President of India who serves as the Supreme Commander of all three wings of the Armed Forces. The duties of the Army are governed by the Army Rule and Regulation Act of 1954, which prohibits the ers consider this to be a dangerous and shameful act by the government.

In response to these developments, the AAP leaders have appealed to the President of India to take cognizance of this situation and intervene to pro-

# Awareness programme on World lodine Deficiency Day held at GHS Bijarni

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Oct 21: In connection with the celebration of Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day, the HWC Sub Centre Bijarni in collaboration with GHS Bijarni today organized an awareness programme in the premises of Govt High School Bijarni.

The awareness programme was held on the directions of worthy Block Medical Officer Ghat Dr Ab Gafoor Ahmed.

I/c Headmaster GHS Bijarni Sh Ajay Sen presided over the programme which was attended by the staff of GHS Bijarni and HWC Sub Centre Bijarni including Ehtsham Aziz, Sh Ashwani Kumar, Kirna Rana, Anita Devi, Lalita Rana, Junaid Firdous, Farooq Ahmed, Suhaib Nisar besides health staff viz Faizan A Tramboo & Ms Sunjita



#### Shan besides students of the school.

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result in stillbirth, spontaneous abortion, congenital abnormalities like cretinism and mental retardation

It was stressed that to prevent iodine deficiency sources of lodine like milk, meat, eggs, cereals, grains, salt, vegetables and fruits etc should be included in daily diet in adequate quantity. I/c Headmaster Sh Ajay Sen also spoke on

the occasion and highlighted the importance of the day.

Pertinently, World lodine Deficiency Day or **Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders** Prevention Day is observed every year on 21st October. The aim of this day is to generate awareness of the adequate use of iodine and to highlight the consequences of iodine deficiency.

# **Renowned Prof Devinder Singla** joins Aryans College of Law

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU. Oct 21: Renowned Law Professor, Dr. Devinder Kumar Singla recently joined as Principal at Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. The college offers 3 years LLB & 5 years BA.LLB courses which are approved by Bar Council of India, New Delhi & affiliated with Punjabi University, Patiala.

Dr. Singla has earned name in legal field as well as in teaching during his experience of last 34 years. Dr. Singla said, "I am happy and excited to work in Aryans College of Law wherein, the students possess an innovative approach in the law education which is transforming day by day and need polishing their skills to emerge as better legal professionals" Said Singla. Dr. Anshu Kataria,

Chairman, Aryans



him said that the entire Law faculty & the students are very excited to work under the guidance of renowned Dr. Singla. I am sure that he will broaden the opportunity to learn & will provide law students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal system. This will generate different kinds of skills and knowledge in the budding lawyers to serve the society, added Kataria It is to be mentioned

Ph.D. in Law from Punjabi University Patiala and. He has guided more than 35 LLM students & 4 in Doctorate research. Singla also has academic & research experience of more than 34 years. He has published various research papers, attended workshops & conferences at national & international levels. He has also published books. He is a life member of various law societies

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# Fit hai, hit hai: Fitness influencer Guru Mann, who will appear in his debut film Pagalpan Next Level soon, is currently on an India tour to educate the youth about fitness

Fitness celebrity and entrepreneur Guru Mann is currently on a 21-day India tour to 21 cities to educate youngsters about health and benefits of exercising regularly. Born in a village near Rayya, Amritsar, Punjab, Mann is settled in San Francisco, USA.

Mann says, "When I first thought of working in the fitness industry, I faced resistance at my home itself. My father was against the idea and didn't think it to be a secure career. But I still went with it and worked on myself, and also did certifications to gather all the knowledge to guide others. As I shifted base to America and witnessed people in the West being serious about their health, it made me wonder why Indians were far behind. I wanted to give back to my country and T-Series helped me start Mission India Fit in 2014."

Body zone

Gurjinder Mann, known to his 6.3 million followers as Guru Mann, is today a respected name in the fitness industry. He feels that the basic knowledge A FILM BY ARYEMAN KESHU data surveys, not just in terms of

to get fit should be readily available and must be free of myths. Our country has for long been troubled by fitness and health issues. India is currently an 'unhealthy' nation as per recent every problem, be it recovering or battling a disease through a healthier lifestyle and exercise. On what keeps him motivated during hectic travels across cities, Mann says it is food that act as a fuel for his body. "As long as I get self-designed meals six times a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner and in between three snacks), I am good to go. I specifically eat meals that have anti-aging and anti-inflammatory properties. My soul purpose is to stay healthy and keep fit, especially after losing my father at a very young age," he said. Screen presence

Inspired to stay fit after seeing Salman Khan's physique in the film Pyaar Kiya To Darna Kya, Mann is taking a step further to inspire the youth as he gears up for the release of the first fitness film of India titled Pagalpan Next Level. Releasing on October 27, Mann plays the lead role . "My efforts in expanding Mission India Fit to more and more cities keeps me motivated and passionate about my work as a fitness guru."

#### Taking up a challenge latest development in



Sony Entertainment Television's show Kavya – Ek Jazbaa, Ek Junoon, starring Sumbul Tougeer Khan in the titu-

the show, where Kavya finds herself surrounded by challenges, Sumbul says, "I believe when challenges come your way, you discover your own strength and worth. This same resilience is embodied in Kavya, a determined young woman with dreams, adept at handling adversity and proving her worth in such incidents." She adds, "In life, you encounter various individuals-some enrich your existence, while others try to shatter it, even betray you. Yet, you learn lessons from these experiences. In Kavya's life, Adhiraj is her friend, offering support at every turn. However, it's a poignant truth that those who love you the most can also inflict the deepest wounds. What I've learnt, both from life and Kavya, is that irrespective of the challenges life may throw at you, always confront them head-on."

# Kirti Kulhari shakes a leg

Known for her versatility and diverse choice of roles, Kirti Kulhari made her Bollywood debut with the family entertainer Khichdi, as Punjabi kudi Parminder. Her character garnered critical acclaim and now Khichdi 2 is on its way! Recently, the makers dropped the song, Vande Rakha, from the film, showcasing JD Majethia and Kirti Kulhari's sparkling chemistry.

About her experience of reuniting with JD and shooting the song in Switzerland, Kirti said, "When I heard Vande Rakha for the first time, I fell in love in love with the quirkiness of the song instantly. It sounded like such a cool



song to dance on and as it is choreographed by Ganesh Acharya, it just felt perfect. I feel everything about the

song worked out so beautifully. I had almost forgotten that JD is such a great dancer till I was reminded of it.'

# Vicky Kaushal-starrer 'Sam Bahadur' is shot with real Indian soldiers

Vicky Kaushal's upcoming biopic 'Sam Bahadur' recently released its teaser which got heavy praise from audiences. The film is based on the legendary Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. Many of the soldiers featured in the action scenes were in fact real life personnel in the Indian Army.

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sion India Fit is Mann's honest

attempt to change how India is

placed on the global map. He

has been providing solutions to

The 'Sardar Udham' star is essaying the roles of some of the most revered heroes of India, which even makes the roles themselves a harrowingly difficult task, given the weight of the subject matter and the reverence of the figure on hand. Nonetheless, the actor



The film being a biopic based on one of the greatest and most battle-hardened soldiers ever naturally features several war scenes, as well as scenes depicting settings of the Army command, Armed Forces personnel and

justice to the Indian military, many of the artistes featured in the film for various action sequences, or any scene involving the military features are not junior artistes. Instead, all the extras who don the uniform of the Army are real-life personnel of the Indian

lar role, showcases the

journey of an IAS officer

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common man.

Armed Forces, meaning that they shot the film with real soldiers while showing actual Indian Army cantonments, and using sets to portray the more dramatic moments of the film.

Featuring some stellar production and praiseworthy set design, VFX, acting, dialogue, and overall aesthetic to suit historical authenticity, 'Sam Bahadur' stars Vicky Kaushal, Fatima Sana Shaikh, and Sanya Malhotra in lead roles. Produced by RSVP Movies, the movie is directed by Meghna Gulzar and will hit the-

atres on December 1,

2023.

more. Interestingly enough, in order to ensure maximum authenticity and do **Couple goals: Richa** 

# 'Brutiful' relation!: Will Smith joins Jada

# Pinkett Smith at book promotion, calls their relationship brutal and beautiful

Will Smith joined Jada Pinkett Smith on stage as she promoted her new memoir in her Baltimore hometown, pledging lifelong support for her just a week after she revealed that the couple had been separated since 2016.

"Jada is the best friend I have ever had on this planet, and I am going to show up for her and support her for the rest of my life," Will told the crowd at the Enoch Pratt Free Library on Wednesday night, crediting Pinkett Smith's sacrifices for his successes. Smith's appearance

with their two children. Jaden and Willow, and his son Trey Smith, was apparently a surprise for Pinkett Smith. It came at the end of a talk about her book, Worthy. Pinkett Smith said the family, including her aunt and uncle and Will Smith's mother and sister, was in town to celebrate the 70th birthday of her mother, Adrienne Banfield-Norris, on Wednesday.

Smith called their relationship 'brutiful', explaining that it was both brutal and beautiful. "It is a sloppy public experiment in uncondi-



tional love," he said, a description that prompted Pinkett Smith to double over in laughter. Pinkett said their estrangement was in the past and that she and Smith had been working towards repairing their relationship in the last 18 months. "Will and me are

good," Pinkett Smith said. "All the people who don't understand and got something to say are just going to have to fall in line. The truth of the matter

is I'm not leaving Will's side and he's not going to leave mine ... "

# Karan Johar mighty impressed by Jaideep Ahlawat's performance in 'Jaane Jaan', 'I'm glad I worked with you in 'Raazi'

Earlier, Jaideep Ahla-

Actor Jaideep Ahlawat has captivated audiences and garnered praise from fans with his performance in 'Jaane Jaan.' Filmmaker Karan Johar recently praised Jaideep Ahlawat for his outstanding performance. Johar said, "My god, I'm so glad I got the opportunity to work with you in 'Raazi,' and then I saw you in 'Jaane Jaan,' and you blew my mind." 'Jaane Jaan' has been selected as the opening film of The Himalayan



Film Festival 2023. Helmed by Sujoy bestselling novel 'Devo-Ghosh, 'Jaane Jaan' tion of Suspect X' by also stars Jaideep Ahla-Keigo Higashino. wat. The film is based in Kalimpong and is the wat, said, "This festival is a cinematic celebration that transcends borders, presenting cinema from all over the country and fostering an exchange of ideas. It's not just about watching films that makes it so great; it's about hearing directors share their filmmaking journey in Q&A sessions, encouraging local talent by providing a platform to showcase their work. Moreover, it offers invaluable learning tools and opportunities to budding artists

through short film competitions, screenwriting labs, and master classes. I think it's a remarkable initiative that truly empowers the Himalayan film community." Meanwhile, Jaideep will be seen in the upcoming movie 'Three of Us' alongside Shefali Shah and Swanand Kirkire which is set to release on 3rd Novem-

ber in cinemas. He also has 'Paatal Lok 2,' and 'The Broken News 2' in his kitty.

# Chadha, Ali Fazal set to share the stage as a couple

Actor couple Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal. who are known for their work together in the Fukrey franchise, are set to share the stage before a live audience together as a couple for the first time at the upcoming India Film Project in Mumbai during the weekend.

The two day eventprovides a nurturing environment and platform for creative minds across arts and culture, offering in-depth discussions about their professions, addressing pertinent questions, and providing valuable insights.

Richa shared, "It's a unique occasion for Ali and me to come together on a public platform like the India Film Project. We're thrilled to share our experiences, both as actors and as collaborators in Pushing Buttons Studios. I have always loved watching when two actors collaborate in this unique platform. Ali and I are each other's sounding board, and this platform is a unique way to engage in a chat with the audiences and with each other." Richa and Ali are the

founders of the production house Pushing Buttons Studios, and will engage in a capti-



vating exchange in a unique format of actors on actors, where they will be interviewing each other on their craft. Ali Fazal said, "This conversation is a conversation starter for artistes on artistes. To maybe shed a light on our own individual perspectives on the art of acting as we see it today. We hope that some

of this resonates with artistes across the globe.

The world of cinema is ever changing and there is space for everyone and anyone who wants to create.'

The India Film Project is scheduled to take place on ground at Mehboob Studios in Mumbai on October 21 and 22, 2023

# **NATIONAL**

# **India A Step Closer To Realise First Human Space Flight Programme: PM Modi**

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that ISRO's successful launch of a test vehicle as part of its Gaganyaan mission takes India a step closer to realising its first human space flight programme. In a post on X, he said, "This launch takes us one step closer to realising India's first human space flight program, Gaganyaan. My best wishes to our scientists at ISRO."

Overcoming initial hiccups, including a monitoring anomaly, the

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Saturday successfully launched a test vehicle with payloads related to the country's ambitious human space flight programme, Gaganyaan. Scientists simulated

Crew Escape System (CES) to carry the Crew

an abort situation for the

Module out of the test vehicle, TV-D1, as they made a splash into the Bay of Bengal with planned precision, setting off jubilation among ISRO scientists at the Mission Control Center.

#### 5 of family killed in road accident on Yamuna Expressway near Noida

NOIDA, Oct 21 (Agencies): Five people, including a child, were killed after a van was hit by an unidentified vehicle on the Yamuna Expressway (YXP) in Greater Noida on Saturday, police said.

Three other passengers, all minors, in the Maruti Eeco were injured in the incident and have been hospitalised, they said. The incident took place

around 1 am at the 25th milestone on the YXP under the Rabupura police station area, an official said.

"There were eight people in the Eeco that was hit by an unidentified vehicle. Five passengers died while the three injured are undergoing treatment at a private hospital," a police spokesperson said. An investigation into the matter is under way, the official said.

DCP (Greater Noida)

Saad Miya Khan said

the car had started from

2 Naxalites killed in encounter with

police in Chhattisgarh's Kanker

Madanpur Khadar in south Delhi and was on its way to Palamu district in Jharkhand.

Those who died have been identified as Upendra Baitha (38), his brother Bijendra Baitha (36), Bijendra's wife Kanti Devi (30), their daughter Kuv (12) and Suresh Baitha (45), police said.

The injured are Upendra's son Suraj (16) and Bijendra's sons Ayush (8) and Aryan (10), they said

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deceased Naxalites is

the spot, he said.

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# 65% fall in incidents of terrorism, insurgency in Northeast: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI. Oct 21 (Agencies): There has been a 65 per cent fall in incidents of terrorism, Left Wing Extremism and insurgency in the Northeast, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday.

He also asserted that the country's "three hotspots -- LWE (Left Wing Extremism-hit states), the Northeast and Jammu and Kashmir -- are becoming peaceful."

The Narendra Modi government has made strict laws while maintaining a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism, the home minister told a gathering after paying homage to martyrs on Police Commemoration Day at the National Police Memorial.

The government has also worked towards making the best antiterrorism force in the world by setting up the "Police Technology Mission" for modernisation of the police force, he said.

Shah said that the



Modi government has introduced three Bills in Parliament for a comprehensive overhaul of the criminal justice system. The three legislation will replace 150-year-old laws and guarantee all due Constitutional rights to every citizen, the minister said and added that the proposed laws will also reflect Indianness. "There has been a 65

per cent fall in terror, Left Wing Extremism and insurgency incidents in the Northeast, thanks to the efforts and achievements of police personnel," Shah said. He said be it fighting

terrorists, preventing crime, maintaining law and order in front of huge crowds or protect-

ing people by acting as a shield during disasters, police personnel have proved themselves in all situations.

Referring to the role played by police personnel in a disaster, he said that in the past, through the NDRF (National Disaster Response Force), personnel of different police forces have earned a name across the world in disaster management.

"No matter how big the disaster is, when NDRF personnel reach there, people get confidence that now there is no problem as the NDRF has arrived," he said. Shah said the Modi

government is working towards improving sevsacrifices made by

duty.

eral schemes being run for the welfare of police personnel by making changes to them from time to time.

The Modi government is dedicated to the welfare of all personnel and is concerned for their safety, he said. Paying tribute to

36,250 police personnel who laid down their lives while serving the nation since independence, he said this police memorial is not just a symbol but a recognition of the sacrifice and dedication of police personnel towards nation building. On October 21, 1959, 10 policemen died in the line of duty during an ambush laid by heavily armed Chinese troops at the Hot Springs in Ladakh. Since then, every year, October 21 is observed to honour these martyrs and all other police personnel who died in the line of

In recognition of the

police personnel and their paramount role in preserving national security and integrity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the National Police Memorial (NPM) in Chanakyapuri here to the nation on Police Commemoration Day in 2018.

The memorial comprises a central sculpture, the 'Wall of Valour' and a museum.

The central sculpture, which is a 30-foot high granite monolith cenotaph, stands for strength, resilience and selfless service of police personnel.

The 'Wall of Valour', on which the names of martyrs are engraved, stands as a steadfast acknowledgement of the bravery and sacrifice of police personnel who have laid down their lives in the line of duty since independence.

The museum is conceptualised as a historical and evolving exhibition on policing in India.

# **Rajnath Singh inaugurates military heritage** festival; launches project 'Udbhav'

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday launched a project that aims to promote indigenous discourse in the Army by integrating India's ancient strategic acumen into contemporary military domain with a focus on making the force "future-ready".

Singh also inaugurated the first edition of the Indian Military Heritage Festival in Delhi that has been organised to celebrate India's rich military culture and heritage, especially to showcase the "unmatched bravery" of the armed forces in the security of the nation.

About the project 'Udbhav', the defence ministry said it is designed to weave a strategic vocabulary and conceptual framework that is deeply embedded in India's philosophi-



explored treasures of India's strategic thought and military history," it said in a statement. It said the present-day military concepts, prevalent globally, have been largely shaped by the research and doctrines of western armies and they do not

through panel discussions by eminent scholars, practitioners and serving as well as retired officers.

Chief of the Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari were among the dignitaries present at the event.

Talking to reporters, Singh said the Indian Military Heritage Festival, which showcases the unmatched bravery and invaluable role of the armed forces in the security of the country in the last few decades, will inspire the youth of the nation.

It will also make them enthusiastic to know more about the Indian military and their gallant deeds, he said.

The ministry said the festival seeks to create a "benchmark" in the domain of public engagement with military history and heritage. The festival will showcase military culture through military band performances, including the Army symphony band presentation and brass band displays, and a cultural evening. An exhibition to highlight and celebrate select milestones and achievements in the nation's long and illustrious military history is being organised in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Heritage.





KANKER, Oct 21 (Agencies): Two Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Saturday, a senior official said.

The face-off took

place around 8 am in a forest located under Koyalibeda police station limits when a team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG), a unit of the state police force, was out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspec-

yet to be established, the official said, adding that a search operation is still under way in the nearby areas.

Three constituencies in Kanker district are among the 20 assembly seats that will go to polls in the first phase of the two-phased elections in Chhattisgarh to be held on November 7.

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US' Federal Trade Com-

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1,30,000 from his bank

accounts on different

dates during the period

August 30, 2022, to

September 9, 2022, and

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spokesperson said.

cal and cultural heritage.

"It sets the stage for a robust, progressive and future-ready Indian Army that not only resonates with the nation's historical military sagacity but is also attuned to the demands and dynamics of contemporary warfare and diplomacy," the defence ministry said.

"The project signals a series of in-depth research, discussions, studies, and engagements to delve into and disseminate the

wholly suffice the unique, localised requirements and the rich cultural-strategic legacy of the Indian Army.

"Through the project, the Indian Army acknowledges that the nation is a treasure trove of ancient texts and manuscripts that delineate sophisticated, varied and contextually rich strategies in statecraft, warfare and diplomacy," the ministry said.

"This project is a significant

laboration of the Indian Army and the United Service Institution of India

Project 'Udbhav' is a joint col-

concepts, building upon and

enhancing existing strategies

while intertwining them with the

rich, diverse tactical and stra-

tegic wisdom encapsulated in

historical documents," it said.

The ministry said the Indian Military Heritage Festival aims to celebrate India's rich military culture and heritage, which has evolved over the centuries, through conversations, art, dance, drama, story-telling and exhibitions.

It said the festival will primarily bring forward different understandings and perspectives

# **Online fraud against US citizen:** Cryptocurrency worth USD 9,30,000 seized by CBI from Ahmedabad-based man

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): The CBI has seized cryptocurrency worth more than USD 930,000 (around Rs 7.7 crore) from an Ahmedabad-based man who allegedly cheated a US-citizen posing as a senior executive of a multi-national company's fraud department, officials said.

Based on inputs from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the United States, the CBI filed an FIR against Ramavat Shaishav, who allegedly contacted the US citizen over the phone and introduced himself as "James Carlson" from the fraud department of Amazon, they said.

During searches, the CBI found 28 Bitcoin, 55 Ethereum, 25,572 Ripple and 77 USDT in Shaishav's e-wallet. These were transferred



to the government's wallet at the time of the seizure, the officials said.

He allegedly convinced the victim that his account on Amazon was being accessed by unscrupulous elements, and that his social security was being used from four different states to open accounts on the e-commerce platform. "It was also alleged that

the accused induced the victim to withdraw cash from his bank accounts and deposit the same in Bitcoin in the RockitCoin ATM Wallet, and also shared a QR code falsely informing

deposited the same in the Bitcoin address provided by the accused," the official said.

This amount was allegedly misappropriated by Shaishav.

"Searches were conducted at the premises of the accused in Ahmedabad which led to the recovery and seizure of cryptocurrencies viz, Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple, USDT, etc. worth USD 939,000 (approx) from the crypto wallets of the accused, and incriminating material," the spokesperson said. The role of two accomplices of Shaishav, who are also based in Ahmedabad, has surfaced. The CBI also searched their premises and it leading to the seizure of mobile phones, laptops containing incriminating material and other digital devices.

# **Suspected Maoist Kill BJP Worker In Chhattisgarh's Mohla Manpur**



RAJNANDGAON, Oct 21 (Agencies): A Bharatiya Janata Party worker was killed allegedly by unknown gunmen in the Maoistaffected district of Mohla Manpur in Chhattisgarh, a top police official said on Saturday. Police have suspected the role of Maoists behind the murder in the pollbound state.

Rainandgaon Inspector General (IG) Rahul Bhagat said the police force, Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), District Reserve Guard (DRG), and others immediately reached the spot after receiving

the information.

"In the Mohla Manpur Ambagarh Chowki district, under the Aundhi police station, Birjhu Taram was killed by unknown gunmen ... Since last night, proceedings have been ongoing on the incident," IG Bhagat told ANI on Saturday.

The incident took place on Friday evening.

"We have started the investigation," IG said, adding that the blockade has been imposed on all the routes for travel

"The area is Maoist-affected, and we have gotten a few rounds of cartridges from the spot. It is a possibility that Naxalites may have executed this," he said.

Earlier during the day, two Maoists were killed following an exchange of fire with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Saturday morning, a top police official said.

The official further said that the District Reserve Guards recovered two bodies of Maoists, along with arms and ammunition. in the Gome Jungle of Koylibeda police station limits today at 8:00 am.

"Kanker DRG recovered two male naxal dead bodies along with an INSAS rifle, one 12-bore rifle, and other arms and ammunition after an escalation of force (EoF)," said P Sunderraj Inspector-General, Bastar.

Polling for 20 seats in the 90-member Chhattisgarh Assembly will be held on November 7 while votes for the remaining 70 seats will be cast in the second phase on November 17.

The counting of votes in Chhattisgarh, along with those in four other poll-bound states, has been scheduled for December 3.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# 'Palestine will never die': Thousands in Australia join pro-Palestinian march over Gaza

Protesters demand an end to Israel's bombardment of Gaza

SYDNEY, Oct 21 (Agencies): Thousands took part in a pro-Palestinian march in Australia's biggest city, Sydney, on Saturday, getting last-minute approval amid concerns after some protesters at an earlier rally had chanted anti-Jewish slogans

Protesters worldwide on Friday demanded an end to Israel's bombardment of Gaza after nearly two weeks of intense air and artillery strikes that authorities in the narrow strip say have killed 4,100 people.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Friday to "fight until victory" in Gaza, signalling no pause in his military's bombardment and expected invasion of the

under an Israeli siege.

ing into Gaza.

roughly 3,000 tons of aid, which

had been positioned near the

crossing for days, began head-

Israel blockaded the territory

and launched waves of punish-

ing airstrikes following the Oct.

7 rampage by Hamas militants

Many in Gaza, reduced to

eating one meal a day and

without enough water to drink,

are waiting desperately for the

aid. Hospital workers were also

in urgent need of medical sup-

plies and fuel for their genera-

tors as they treat huge numbers

of people wounded in the bomb-

ings. Hundreds of foreign pass-

port holders also waited to cross

from Gaza to Egypt to escape

The opening came hours after

Hamas released an American

woman and her teenage daugh-

ter, the first of some 200 cap-

tives to be freed after the mili-

the conflict.

on towns in southern Israel.



Egypt-Gaza border crossing opens, letting

desperately needed aid flow to Palestinians

enclave over Hamas's October 7 attack, which 1,400 in Israel and seized hostages.

In Sydney, Australia's biggest city, around 15,000 people attended Saturday's march, organiser Palestine Action Group said, with demonstrators chanting "Palestine will never die" and waving Palestine flags. Police, including officers on horseback, patrolled the event that closed city streets, and a police helicopter circled overhead. Police said no arrests had

been made, and Palestine Action Group spokesperson Amal Naser said the march was peaceful.

A rally outside the Sydney Opera House two days after the Hamas attack had ignited heated debate after a small group were filmed chanting "Gas the Jews".

Pro-Palestine rallies were also scheduled on Saturday in state capitals Brisbane, Perth and Hobart, Palestine Action Group said, after thousands attended largely well behaved rallies around Australia last weekend. The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the top group for Australia's Jewish community, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Saturday.

#### **"We Have A Difficult Stretch Ahead": Antony Blinken Writes** To Staff On Israel-Hamas War

included a relentless

bombing campaign of

At least one State

Department offi-

cial has quit over the

Biden administration's

approach to the conflict.

The official, Josh Paul,

said on LinkedIn he left

over "policy disagree-

ment concerning our

continued lethal assis-

Blinken's letter was

not a response to the

reports of frustrations

within the department,

a source familiar with

In his letter, Blinken

described his recent

trip to the Middle East,

which saw him bounce

between Israel and

several Arab countries,

visiting some several

tance to Israel."

the matter said.

the crowded enclave.



WASHINGTON, Oct 21 (Agencies): Secretary of State Antony Blinken has acknowledged the emotional toll that the war between Israel and Hamas has taken on US diplomats amid media reports of internal dissent over Washington's handling of the conflict. Blinken sent a letter to all State Department employees noting the "challenging" circumstances affecting the US diplomatic corps, some of whom feel the "ripples of fear and bigotry" the conflict has generated.

US leaders including President Joe Biden and Blinken have pledged unwavering support for Israel, publicly blessing the country's reprisals for Hamas' shock raid from the Gaza Strip on October 7, which have not only been challenging professionally, but personally," he wrote in the letter, which agency obtained.

The United States, he said, mourns the loss of "every innocent life in this conflict.'

"That is why President Biden has made clear ... that while we fully support Israel's right to defend itself, how it does so matters," he added, referring to the need to respect "the rule of law and international humanitarian standards.

"Let us also be sure to sustain and expand the space for debate and dissent that makes our policies and our institution better," Blinken wrote.

"We have a difficult stretch ahead. The risk of greater turmoil and strife is real."

This week, the Huffington Post claimed that State Department employees were unhappy with US policy towards the conflict, with one telling the publication that there was "a

"I know that, for many of you, this time has

#### mutiny" in the works. Hamas attacked Israel in part to stop a historic agreement

times.

WASHINGTON, Oct 21 (Agencies): President Joe Biden said that he thought Hamas was motivated to attack Israel in part by a desire to stop that country from normalising relations with Saudi Arabia.

"One of the reasons Hamas moved on Israel ... they knew that I was about to sit down with the Saudis," Biden said at a fundraising event. The US president indicated that he thinks Hamas militants launched a deadly assault on October 7 because, "Guess what? The Saudis wanted to recognise Israel" and were near being able to formally do so. Jerusalem and Riyadh had been steadily inching closer to normalisation, with Biden working to help bring the two countries together, announcing plans in September at the Group of 20 summit in India to partner on a shipping corridor. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met Biden on the sidelines of the UN General

with Saudi Arabia: Biden

Assembly in September and told him, "I think that under your leadership, Mr President, we can forge a historic peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia." The Saudis had been

where Palestinians have long resided.

from their home in suburban CAIRO, Oct 21 (Agencies): The border crossing between Chicago to Israel to celebrate Jewish holidays, the family Egypt and Gaza opened on said. They were in the kibbutz Saturday to let desperately of Nahal Oz, near Gaza, on needed aid flow to Palestinians running short of food, medicine Oct. 7 when Hamas and other militants stormed into southern and water in the territory that is Israeli towns, killing hundreds More than 200 trucks carrying and abducting 203 others.

The family had heard nothing from them since the attack and were later told by U.S. and Israeli officials that they were being held in Gaza, Natalie's brother Ben said.

U.S. President Joe Biden spoke with the two freed hostages and their relatives. The International Committee of the Red Cross, which transported the freed Americans from Gaza to Israel, said their release was "a sliver of hope."

Relatives of other captives welcomed the release and appealed for more people to be freed.

Hamas said in a statement that it was working with mediators "to close the case" of hostages if security circumstances permit. The group added that it is committed to mediation efforts by Egypt, Qatar and other countries.

Qatar said it would continue its dialogue with Israel and Hamas in hopes of winning the release of all hostages "with the ultimate aim of de-escalating the current crisis and restoring peace." Associated Press reporters saw two large explosions in northern Gaza early Saturday, and rockets set off air raid sirens in a nearby Israeli town. A potential Israeli ground assault is likely to lead to a dramatic escalation in casualties on both sides in urban fighting. More than 1,400 people in Israel have been killed in the war --mostly civilians slain during the Hamas incursion. Palestinian militants have continued to launch unrelenting rocket attacks into Israel — more than 6,900 projectiles since Oct. 7,



according to Israel.

More than 4,100 people have been killed in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry run by Hamas. That includes a disputed number of people who died in a hospital explosion earlier this week.

Speaking to lawmakers about Israel's long-term plans for Gaza, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant laid out a three-stage plan that seemed to suggest Israel did not intend to reoccupy the territory it left in 2005.

First, Israeli airstrikes and "maneuvering" — a presumed reference to a ground attack ---would aim to root out Hamas. Next will come a lower intensity fight to defeat remaining pockets of resistance. And, finally, a new "security regime" will be created in Gaza along with "the removal of Israel's responsibility for life in the Gaza Strip," Gallant said. Gallant did not say who Israel expected to run Gaza if Hamas is toppled or what the new security regime would entail. Israel occupied Gaza from 1967 until 2005, when it pulled up settlements and withdrew soldiers. Two years later, Hamas took over. Some Israelis blame the withdrawal from Gaza for the five wars and countless smaller exchanges of fire since then. The humanitarian crisis has worsened for Gaza's civilians every day since Israel halted entry of supplies. Two days after Israel announced a deal to allow Egypt to send in aid, the border remained closed Friday as Egypt repaired the Rafah crossing, damaged by Israeli strikes.

Over a million people have been displaced in Gaza. Many heeded Israel's orders to evacuate from north to south within the sealed-off enclave on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. But Israel has continued to bomb areas in southern Gaza where Palestinians had been told to seek safety, and some appear to be going back to the north because of bombings and difficult living conditions in the south.

Gaza's overwhelmed hospitals were rationing their dwindling resources.

Generators in Shifa Hospital,

tant group's Oct. 7 incursion into Israel. It was not immediately clear if there was any connection between the two.

The release came amid growing expectations of a ground offensive that Israel savs is aimed at rooting out the militant group, which has ruled Gaza for 16 years. Israel said Friday it does not plan to take long-term control over the tiny territory. home to some 2.3 million Palestinians

Hamas said it released Judith Raanan and her 17-year-old daughter, Natalie, for humanitarian reasons in an agreement with Qatar, a Persian Gulf nation that has often served as a Mideast mediator.

The two had been on a trip

Gaza's largest, were operating at the lowest setting to conserve fuel while providing power to vital departments such as intensive care, hospital director Mohammed Abu Selmia said. Others worked in darkness. The lack of medical supplies and water make it difficult to treat the mass of victims from the Israeli

strikes, he said. The Palestine Red Crescent Society said it had received a threat from the Israeli military to bomb Al-Quds Hospital. It said Israel has demanded the immediate evacuation of the Gaza City hospital, which has more than 400 patients and thousands of displaced civilians who sought refuge on its grounds, it said.

insisting on protection and expanded rights for Palestinian interests as part of any broader agreement with Israel. An agreement would have been a feat of diplomacy that could have enabled broader recognition of Israel by other Arab and Muslimmajority nations that have largely opposed Israel since its creation 75 years ago in territory

But talks were interrupted after Hamas militants stormed from the blockaded Gaza Strip where Palestinians live into nearby Israeli towns.

The October 7 attack coincided with a major Jewish holiday. It led to retaliatory air strikes by Israel that have left the world on edge with the US trying to keep the war from widening, as 1,400 Israelis and 4,137 Palestinians have been killed. Hamas also captured more than 200 people as hostages after the initial assault.

#### **US Sanctions 3 China-Based Firms Over Supplying Missiles To Pakistan**

WASHINGTON, Oct 21 (Agencies): The United States is imposing sanctions on three China-based companies that it said on have worked to supply missile-applicable items to Pakistan's ballistic missile program.

A US State Department statement identified the firms as General Technology Limited, Beijing Luo Luo Technology Development Co Ltd, and Changzhou Utek Composite Company Ltd.

It said General Technology had worked to supply brazing materials used to join components in ballistic missile rocket engines and in the production of combustion chambers; Beijing Luo Luo had worked to supply mandrels and other machinery, which can be used in the production of solid-propellant rocket motors, the U.S. said.

The third firm, Changzhou Utek Composite, had worked since 2019 to supply D-glass fibre, quartz fabric, and high silica cloth, all of which have applications in missile systems, the statement said.

"Today's actions demonstrate that the United States will continue to act against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery, and associated procurement activities of concern, wherever they occur," the statement said.

# **Ex-PM Nawaz Sharif lands in Pakistan after four years of exile**

ISLAMABAD, Oct 21 (Agencies): Pakistan's thrice-elected former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was returning home Saturday on a special flight from Dubai, ending four years of self-imposed exile in London as he seeks to win the support of voters ahead of parliamentary elections due in January.

Sharif is expected to address a massive homecoming rally in the eastern city of Lahore later Saturday and his return comes as Pakistan experiences deepening political turmoil and one of its worst economic crises.

"Today I am going to Pakistan after four years and I am feeling very happy with the grace of Allah," Sharif told reporters before leaving for Islamabad from Dubai. He had arrived in the United Arab Emirates on Friday from there last week from London. He said he wished the situation in the country had improved in his absence. He left Pakistan in 2019, two years after he stepped down after being convicted in a graft

He said Pakistan's economy and political situation both declined in recent years, according to multiple videos shared by his Pakistan Muslim League party on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter

But he added: "As I have said earlier, I leave everything to God. I have left everything to God."

He said he made more than 150 court appearances after his ouster in 2017.

Sharif has been a fugitive since he failed to appear before a Pakistan court in



2019, when he was allowed to travel abroad by his successor. Imran Khan, to receive medical treatment after he complained of chest pains. Sharif later prolonged his stay in London, saying his doctors were not allowing him to travel. Sharif's main political rival, Khan was arrested in August after a court convicted and sentenced him to three years in a graft case.

Sharif, talking to reporters in Dubai, said he hopes Pakistan can again reach a path of development. "There is a ray of hope and the ray of hope should not be lost. With the grace of God, we are able to fix the situation," he said.

Sharif's comments came two days after a federal court in Pakistan granted several days of protection from arrest to Sharif in graft cases, clearing the way for him to return home from self-imposed exile

in London. Thursday's decision by the Islamabad High Court was a major boost for Sharif and his party, which is struggling to counter the popularity of Khan, who was ousted through noconfidence in April 2022 but remains the leading popular opposition political figure despite his conviction and imprisonment.

Sharif is also facing multiple legal challenges. In 2020, an anti-graft court in Islamabad

issued a warrant for his arrest after he failed to return home. The same court on Thursday suspended that arrest warrant until Oct. 24. Another federal court has granted Sharif bail until Oct. 24, giving him protection from arrest until then

Sharif was convicted in 2018 and sentenced to 10 years in prison in a corruption case involving purchases of luxury apartments in London. His party became hugely unpopular after Khan's removal when Nawaz Sharif's brother Shehbaz Sharif replaced Khan, a former cricketer turned politician.

Shehbaz Sharif failed to improve the economy, though he saved Pakistan from default.

His tenure ended in August. A caretaker government is currently in power and it will hold the vote in January.

# Saudi Arabia after travelling

case

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# **YRS pays tribute to Maharaja Gulab Singh**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 21: On the occasion of 231st Birth Anniversary of first Dogra Ruler and Founder of State Jammu Kashmir, Ladakh and Tibatian, Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) paid tribute to Maharaja Gulab Singh at their Statue in SMGS Hospital Shalimar Jammu.

YRS reached the statue and paid tribute with flowers and raiseD the slogans of "Maharaja Gulab Singh ji Amar rahe, Dogra Rulers Zindabad and Jai Jammu Kashmir " and remembered the contributions of Maharaja Sahab for Jammu and Kashmir.

Surinder Singh Gilli Ex President YRS along with Mukesh Singh Sr Vice president, Vikramjeet Singh Vice president,

Balbir Singh Senior member, Avtar Singh Jammu Distt. president, Sanjay Singh Samba distt. president, and other members Akash Singh, Udayveer Singh, Deepak Singh, Sunil Shan,

Daljit Singh, Sethu Singh Daljit Singh, Anil Singh paid tribute. Gilli said the Maharaja Gulab Singh is the founder of State and the due to thinking of Maharaja Sahab J&K is a princely

State and only state which is not ruled by British Government and J&K is the biggest independent state at that time and Administration of JK UT describes their contributions in the educational books as the future generations knows about our Rulers and warriors.

While briefing the media Vishal Singh Spokesperson YRS briefs that the contribution of Maharaja Gulab Singh is unforgettable and the people of J&K, Ladakh has to be remembered their contributions and on the occasion of Functions of our Rulers and warriors, everyone has to be paid tribute and remembered them as due to these heroes Jammu and Kashmir has a historical and glorious past.

#### 6000 take part in Navaratri 'Dandiya Masti' event



#### **Top News Report**

LUDHIANA, Oct 21: As many as 6000 people participated in 'Dandiya Masti' programme during Navaratri celebrations at Central Park, Omaxe Royal Residency, Ludhiana on Saturday night.

The event was filled with dance, music, food delicacies and energetic traditional Gujarati folk dances Garba and Dandiya Raas by Dandiya artists from Gujarat that truly celebrated the spirit of the festival.

Preetika Bhasin the finalist of Star

Voice of India 2019 and Habit Taneja finalist of Star Parivar also gave live performances during the occasion.

During the occasion, various contests like cutest smile (girls), best dressed male and female, best dressed couple, junior garba guru (girl), cutest couple of the evening, garba king and queen, garba gurus of evening and star performer of the evening were also held.

Jatin Goel, Executive Director, Omaxe Group said that the people's support and enthusiasm made Omaxe Dandiya celebration a truly memorable experience for all.

#### 'Job Scams in J&K demand accountability' Give Deptt wise, year wise bifurcation of

# backdoor appointments: Harsh Dev

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 21: Seeking stern punitive action against the delinquent Ministers and Bureaucrats for Job scams in J&K as divulged by the Chief Secretary recently, Harsh Dev Singh Former Education Minister and State President JKNPP sought complete disclosure of all such backdoor appointments indicating the names of deptts concerned, year of such appointments and approving authority in

each case. It is shocking that 2.5 lakh backdoor appointments, as stated by the LG and Chief Secretary, were made in the past with not a single approving authority having been penalized till date, lamented Singh. He said that the Chief Secretary's initiative would be truly appreciable if the scamsters were brought to book and punished under law. He was addressing a press conference in Jammu

today Terming backdoor appointments as the biggest sin against educated youth and official impropriety of the highest order, Singh said that such a dacoity committed on the rights of meritorious students needed to be sternly dealt with and most exemplary punishment inflicted upon the delinquent authorities. He said that any appointment made without public notification and without a proper selection process affording



opportunities of par-

ticipation to the com-

peting candidates in

the said process was

illegal as per law and

repeated judgements

of the Supreme Court.

He said that though it

may not be possible to

rescind all such appoint-

ments but the authori-

ties who made them

without following the

norms of equity and in

defiance of proper pro-

cedures needed to be

made accountable and

Harsh Dev Singh, who

is known for making

statements based on

facts and figures, said

that the number of daily

wagers was almost

doubled between 2014

and 2018. He divulged

that the number of daily

wagers was 62000

in 2014 but it rose to

punished.

SPO's were appointed through backdoor as per the replies given in legislative assembly in 2017-2018.

And interestingly the officers who made such appointments were rewarded with prize postings rather than punishing them. Will the govt initiate action on this? The answer is 'no' because the blue-eyed officers made them to favour their political masters as a measure of quid pro quo. And moreover there is ample truth in the maxim that criminals in Khakhi and Khadi never get caught. Drawing the attention of the authorities towards large scale backdoor appointments in J&K Bank, the NPP President reminsiced that even the erstwhile

ments whose details were readily available but the helmsmen chose not to act for reasons best known. Shockingly, in Health deptt, the Hospital Development Fund meant for providing facilities to patients was used for backdoor appointments with none to take cognizance. "And then there have

been thousands of 'ghost workers' spectral entities having no corporeal existence but still paid out of the state exchequer. And yet none to take note with mere loud exhortations made by helmsmen without any follow up action. All such announcements however have evoked only cynicism in view of the frequency with which they were made but forgotten each time. The present chief secretary has however evoked some hope but it remains to be seen as to how successful his initiatives turn out to be. After all it is not easy to catch the big fish who though have indulged in such dubious trades

# Hamani, Suraj Singh, Prajakta enthrall audience at devotional song competition



**Top News Report** 

KATRA Oct 21: All India Devotional Song Competition as part of Navratra Festival being organized by SMVD Shrine Board, Deptt. of J&K Tourism,Mh1 in association with in association with J&K Bank, Nice Gems, Diviniti, Nidheesh Builders Jammu Pvt.Ltd., Pure Roots, Vishwayatan Yog Ashram Complex with active support of **District Administration** and the local host Community, began today at Yog Ashram Complex in the evening by lighting of the traditional lamp by Zonal Head J&K Bank Raiesh Gupta .in presence of Celebrity Singers Himani Kapoor, Suraj Singh,108 Sh.Ramesh Baba ji,Chairman All India Devotional Song

Committee and Presiprizes of 10,000, 5,000 dent Hotel Association and 3,000, respectively Rakesh Wazir, Vice Presby special invitees of the ident Ajay Kotwal, J&K event. Bank Cluster Head

Celebrity singer Ravi Sharma, Avinish Himani Kapoor who Sharma, parshottam is known Indian film playback singer as well Raina, Naresh Raina as a devotional singer Whereas on 5th day who sang Bollywood's and last day of presong like Jogi Mahi of liminary rounds Juhi film Bachna Ae Hasee-Singh already a famous no, Meri Awargi of film Good boy Bad boy, Dum Dum Band Baja Barat etc. has a long list of film songs which she has sung mesmerised the audience with her presence and her presentation. Likewise celebrity singers Suraj Singh and Prajakta Shukre too gave their perfor-

mances and the people

were seen totally getting

involved on their songs

and enjoyed them fully.

Rakesh Wazir Chair-

man of the competition while speaking on the occasion said that top film and music personalities from Bollywood would Judge the Final of the Competition going to be held on 23rd besides performing their as well and live telecast of the event is available on Mh1 till final and asked the people to see this event in large while coming at venue. The Devotional Song Competition was adjudged by the panels of experts in music including Renowned Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma HOD Govt. Degree College Sunni Shimla and Dr. C L Verma Ex. Chairman Post Graduate University of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Usha Kher Phd in music from Delhi University and renowned singer.

110,000 in 2018 as revealed in the legislative assembly in response to an AQ of MLA Akhnoor. Who made these appointments of additional around 50,000 daily rated/contingent workers during the currency of ban and that too in a period of four years in BJP-PDP rule is the most pertinent question, remarked Singh. Pointing towards the brazen defiance of procedures in police appointments, Singh said that over 4500

Governor SP Malik had pointed out that over 3000 appointments of favourites were made on monetary and extraneous considerations during 2017-2018 but still the govt chose to bury its head in the

sand. Likewise massive backdoor appointments culture was witnessed in Industries deptt, SICOP, SIDCO, J&K Cements Ltd, corporations, Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Forests, Health, PHE, Power and various other depart-

and manipulations but are enjoying the patronage of New Delhi and its bumptious leaders", asserted Singh.

Harsh Dev Singh further challenged the govt to prove even a single backdoor appointment having been made during his tenure as Education Minister. Only he can question others whose own track record is clean, said Singh urging upon the govt to put the details of all backdoor appointments in public domain.

singer from Jammu took Ist Position and got its entry into Semi Final to be held on 22nd Oct. whereas Anmol Raja from Hoshiarpur and Lalit Bhardwaj from Jammu stood 2nd and 3rd position was shared by Raghav Bhatyar from Jammu, Chetan Sanmotra from Katra and Kritika from Jammu shared 3rd position jointly and got their entry into quarter final and were provided with the cash

etc.

#### Fight against terrorism reaching to its logical conclusion in J&K: DGP **Dilbag Singh**

#### said.

The DGP said that over the past few years, the situation has witnessed a sea change in Kashmir. "J&K is on the path of peace and development," he said. The J&K police chief paid rich tributes to the fallen heroes stating that so far 1606 policemen were killed in line of duty.

"Today, we stand with our martyrs and pay them rich tributes. J&K and the entire nation is highly indebted to them," he said, adding that the entire police force stands with the families of police martyrs.

Meanwhile, J&K police organised a blood donation camp in which 200 policemen participated and donated blood.

#### 5-year term of elected representative of JMC to end on October 30, SMC on November 5

the tenure of all the municipal committees including Budgam, Chadoora, Chrare-Sharief, Khan Sahib and Magam ends on November 12.

In South Kashmir's Anantnag district, the term of municipal council Anantnag and municipal committee Achabal would come to end on October 28 ,while the tenures of representatives in municipal committees including Ashmuqam, Mattan, Pahalgam, Bijbehara and Qazigund ends on November 14.

According to official data, the term of representatives in Dooru-Verinag Municipal committee ends on November 01. In Kokernag, the term is ending on October 31.

The term of elected representatives in Kulgam and Devsar municipal committees is ending on October 29, while in Yaripora, the term is ending on November 04, 2023. The term of elected representatives in Pampore municipal committee is ending on December 26, while the tenure of Tral municipality is coming to an end on November 29.

The term of lone municipalities in Shopian and Ganderbal districts is coming to an end on October 29 and November 08, respectively.

#### FROM PAGE 1 Feels good to donate blood that can save someone's life: Special

donation camp, symbolizing their dedication to community welfare.

**DG CID RR Swain** 

#### Vinod Kumar is new SSP **Jammu, Joginder Singh SSP Udhampur**

earlier, the officer is relieved from the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to enable him to take up the new assignment at the centre", reads an order.

Besides appointment of Vinod Kumar as SSP Jammu, the order reads that Swarn Singh Kotwal, IPS, SDRF Ist Batallion, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Director, Special Security Force, J&K, Vice Joginder Singh.

Joginder Singh, Special Security Force, J&K, on the other hand is transferred and posted posted as Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur, vice Vinod Kumar.

#### Police crack Patiala

#### murder case; accused was in relation with victim's wife

Harpreet Kaur, wife of the victim, planned the murder. We have arrested the wife," said the SSP.

"The wife of the deceased has been arrested and she has confessed that she was in touch with Gurtej for the past few vears," said CIA in- charge Shaminder Singh.

Balbir had married Harpreet after divorcing his first wife.

According to the police, Balbir Singh (68), a resident of Sant Nagar area, was going to the nearby park for a morning walk when the incident took place on Thursday.

"As he reached Passey Road near the Patiala Media Club, someone stabbed him in the neck. The attack took place around 5.40 am," said DSP (City) Sanjeev Singla.

The SSP said they got some clues about the victim's wife and cracked the case in two days.

"The CIA staff zeroed in on the involvement of Gurtej and his arrest led to his two associates who had accompanied him during the crime. Also, the role of the vic-

#### tim's wife came to the fore," the SSP said. **Kashmir BJP brings back** two expelled leaders

former MLC and one of the party's founding members in Kashmir, Sofi Yousuf.

In addition to bringing in two leaders from Jammu, Manzoor Bhat, a disgruntled leader, was replaced by Sajid Yousuf Shah as the BJP's Media in charge for Kashmir. The discontent had severely disrupted the party's activities in Kashmir for nearly two months.

#### Govt has made better winter preparations this year: Div **Com Kashmir**

said and added, "Electric transformers have already been moved to important areas to meet out the demand in infavorable weather conditions".

He said ration supplies have also been sent to districts to stock it for winters while as in hilly areas the supplies will be sent by November 15. He added that Sonamarg Power Grid will also get power supply in winters as authorities have ensured supply from Z-Mode this year.

# **BUSINESS / HEALTH**

# Akasa Air CEO 'dead set against' no-poaching pact for pilots: Report

Akasa Air CEO Vinay Dube firmly opposed the idea, highlighting that pilots, like any other employees, should have the freedom to work for any airline of their choice.

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): Low-cost carrier Akasa Air's CEO Vinay Dube said he is completely against the idea of having no-poaching agreements among airlines in the wake of the recent pilot crisis at the airline.

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The airline chief told news agency PTI that he is "dead set against" the idea of having any such agreement between airlines, asserting that it would not be right.

Until recently, the airline had been facing a pilot crisis after 40-odd pilots unexpectedly resigned and left without serving their notice periods. Dube, however, indicated that the airline is slowly recovering from the turbulence it faced earlier this year.

He told the news agency that the airline has expanded its pilot roster from around 330 in April to over 450 today.

"We had about 330 pilots in April. Approximately, 40 went away without (serving) notice



period or with one day, two days or less than 24 hours. Today, we have little over 450 pilotsâ€æ between April and today, we have probably added about a third of additional pilots despite a small number leaving," Dube told agency.

'Pilot issues behind us' Vinay Dube acknowledged that the abrupt exits in which some pilots left without notice were unprecedented, resulting in flight cancellations and a dent in the carrier's market share.

Legal actions have been initiated against the pilots involved.

However, Dube believes that there is no need for industrywide measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

"We have obtained iudicial clarity, so I don't believe any further actions are necessary. The issue is behind us, and we are now focused on growth," Dube said, adding that Akasa Air plans to expand its network by 10 per cent in December and over 33 per cent by March.

"We have the clarity now and it says that pilots need to respect the contractual notice period," Dube noted.

'Dead set against no-poaching pact'

When asked about the possibility of a no-poaching agreement among airlines for pilots, Dube firmly opposed the idea, emphasising that pilots, like any other employees, should have the freedom to work for any airline of their choice

"Not at all. Absolutely not. I am dead set against it. I think pilots like any other employees

should be completely allowed to work with whatever airline they want and I don't believe that the airlines should collude on this topic at all. I don't think there is a need and I don't think it is right," he said.

Akasa Air currently operates approximately 700 weekly flights and aims to have a fleet of 25 planes by the end of the fiscal year.

Dube also praised the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its efficient support throughout the airline's journey, despite some initial challenges. "From the very beginning, we

got our AOC (Air Operator Certificate) and the airline started in less than 24 months. That is as efficient as it gets from the regulatory perspective. It is just that the judicial order that was passed lacked a bit of clarity from their perspective which were able to get subsequently. I would not say they were not helpful because they were incredibly helpful and efficient."

refusing refunds by adjusting them with tax dues dating back to 10-12 years, Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Nitin Gupta said outstanding demands must be adjusted, regardless of their age. In an exclusive inter-

action with this paper, Gupta said that there is no time limit for the collection of demand and clarified that even cases dating back several years can still be pursued.

NEW DELHI, Oct 21

(Agencies): Brushing

aside the criticism that

the tax department is

Gupta said that if a case from 2005-06 is decided in the present, relief or rejection, will be granted accordingly. He emphasized that all necessary demands will be raised, and appeals will be processed, irrespective of the year in question.

There is no time limit to that. If you open a case today, you will create the demand today. Whatever demands have to be raised will have to be raised, appeal effect will have to be irrespective of whether it pertains to 2002, 2003 or 2004-05," Gupta said.

year': CBDT Chairman Nitin Gupta

'Can raise tax demand for any

"The taxpayers are given the opportunity by the tax department by sending them the demand notice, and the taxpayer can respond to that. Taxpayers should avail the opportunity and come up with the claim that he has paid the demand or facts of the matter. It could be that he paid the demand but it has not been entered into the system," he said

Gupta further added that if the refund is smaller than Rs 5000, then the tax department releases the refund, even if there is a demand," he added. Gupta expressed confidence in the government's ability to achieve the direct tax collection target for the current fiscal year.

government collected Rs 100 crore in tax deducted at source (TDS) from crypto exchanges over the past six months till September. Gupta further said that tax rates for High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs) at 39% are comparatively lower than those in the US, UK, and other developed countries. He affirmed that the government has moved forward with the new tax regime and does not anticipate changes in the old regime.

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#### 'Borrowing for consumption good for economy': Monetary Policy Committee

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): The members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) took solace in the fact that inflation pressures are waning and domestic demand remains robust, revealing the minutes of the MPC meeting held from 4th to 6th October. The MPC decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5% even though its policy statement reeks of hawkishness. Many members of the committee cited the drop in net financial savings as an indicator of strong demand, and therefore, were not too concerned on the growth front. The net financial savings in FY23 dropped to 5.1% compared to 7% in pre-pandemic levels. While many raised concerns over the drop in net financial savings, MPC members see it as a positive sign. According to Dr Ashima Goyal, it was household financial liabilities that increased from 3.8% of GDP in 2021-22 to 5.8% of GDP in 2022-23, resulting in a 2.1% fall in net financial savings. "The rise in financial liabilities implies a rise in household physical investment and shows the interest sensitivity of demand in India, with a youthful population borrowing to

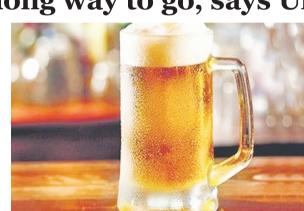
"This willingness to consume at the cost of reducing savings is very important because it is household consumption that has been propping up the economy in the face of headwinds from fiscal consolidation, weak external demand and tepid capital investment," noted Prof Jayanth R. Varma.

Goyal, though, cautioned against sudden rise in household debt, even if it is low by international standards. "It is best to restrain over-enthusiasm in good times and thus avoid a crash. Prudential tightening, such as raising LTV ratios or risk weights, would be preferable to raising policy rates more," she said. Most members were of the view that given the likely global slowdown, and normal monsoon price pressures are moderate. However, they were mindful of the global fuel and energy prices volatility and firming up of some food commodity prices. "Inflation prints for September and October will need to be monitored carefully to look out for the moderation that our projections anticipate. If we tame inflation durably, we will prepare the ground for a long innings of strong and stable growth," says deputy RBI governor Michael Debabrata Patra.

#### Some relief for beer makers as raw material prices ease, but long way to go, says United Breweries

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): The beer industry in India continues to be buffeted by high prices of barley, glass and packaging material as it tries to stagger back to its legs from the sharp blows it received over the last one year, going by comments from India's largest beer-maker United Breweries Ltd.

Beer makers like United Breweries have been struggling to protect their profits since late 2022, when the price of barley, a key ingredient in beer making, started climbing due to lower-thanexpected crops. Barley prices increased over 40% between October 2022 and March 2023, partly due to the Russia-Ukraine war.



Adding to their woes, prices of other inputs such as glass and packaging material - also started going up in an inflationary environment late last year. Although inflation is softening, said the management in a quarterly interaction with inves-

tors, the prices were far from stable and could still threaten the recovery path.

"The inflation is still there but it has been softening in this quarter, but volatility remains ... but the softening is helping our gross margins.." Radovan Sikorsky, Chief Financial Officer of United Breweries, said on a conference call with investors

To deal with spiralling input prices, the company was forced to undertake multiple price hikes of its beer brands. At the same time, stiff competition has limited its ability to fully offset the impact through pricing actions. Besides barley, prices of glass bottles have also by their prices in sync with rising energy and transportation costs. This had a drastic impact on United Breweries, which sells over 120 million cases of beer annually. Packaging costs also shot up due to inflated prices of

paper, plastic and cardboard. "The cost of glass bottle is a combination of both the actual price of the bottle and the returnability of it. A combination of these two has an impact on the variable cost. In the case of bottle pricing we havent seen any real nataka.

movement, so we are still under pressure and have to work through it with our suppliers.." the CFO said.

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Even as costs have started moderating, the company has also taken hope in the improvement in sales and revenue.

"There have been good results in the second quarter. Volumes were up 7%..net sales were up by 12% even with price increase in states such as Rajasthan, UP, Karnataka and Maharashtra," Sikorsky said. Another positive aspect of the quarter, he added, was the continued growth in premium products such as Heineken Silver, particularly in states like Kar-

# **First bloodless heart** transplant in Asia performed by doctors in Ahmedabad

NEW DELHI. Oct 21 (Agencies): In a groundbreaking medical achievement, doctors at Marengo CIMS Hospital in Ahmedabad successfully performed Asia's first bloodless heart transplant.

acquire assets," noted Goyal.

The patient, 52-yearold Chandraprakash Garg, who was suffering from Ischemic Dilated Cardiomyopathy and end-stage heart failure, underwent this innovative procedure.

The donor was a 33-year-old individual who tragically lost their life in a road traffic accident

Bloodless heart transplant surgeries are exceptionally intricate and require extensive expertise. They involve meticulous assessment and control of blood loss, ultimately eliminating the need for blood transfusions. This is a significant advancement as blood transfusions can lead to potential risks and complications

During high-end surgery, blood transfusion can lead to potential risks and complications. Blood is also an organ and transfusion is considered to be an organ transplant in itself, to be



Excellence by adopt-

ing the bloodless heart

Meanwhile, Cardio-

thoracic Anesthetist Dr.

Niren Bhavsar, who was

also part of the proce-

dure, highlighted the

importance of continu-

ous monitoring of the

patient's vital signs and

other parameters, man-

aging blood pressure,

and coagulation param-

The experts noted

that because there was

no blood transfusion,

many of its deterrent

effects were not seen

in the postoperative

period, leading to a

smooth recovery for the

patient. They expressed

pride in this remarkable

achievement, stating

it as a significant step

towards solidifying the

hospital as a Center of

Excellence.

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transplant technique.

completely monitored and controlled.

was discharged in just nine days, a stark contrast to the typical 21 to 24 days of hospital stay for conventional heart transplant patients. This zero-transfusion approach significantly reduces short- and long-term complications associated with transfusions, shortens hospital stays, and enhances overall clinical outcomes

Dr Dhiren Shah, who led the surgery, stated that a blood transfusionfree heart transplant represents a remarkable milestone in cardiac surgery and showcases the significant strides made in surgical techniques and technology. He also mentioned the establishment of a Hemostasis Center of

**Pig heart transplant** recipient reaches 1-month mark, pushing through physical therapy

WASHINGTON, Oct 21 (Agencies): It's been a month since a Maryland man became the second person to receive a transplanted heart from a pig-and hospital video released Friday shows he's working hard to recover.

Lawrence Faucette was dying from heart failure and ineligible for a traditional heart transplant when doctors at the University of Maryland School of Medicine offered the highly experimental surgery.

In the first glimpse of Faucette provided since the September 20 transplant, hospital video shows physical therapist Chris Wells urging him to push through a pedalling exercise to regain his strength.

"That's going to be tough but I'll work it out," Faucette, 58, replied, breathing heavily but giving a smile.

The Maryland team last year performed the world's first transplant of a heart from a genetically altered pig into another dying man.

David Bennett survived just two months before that heart failed, for reasons that aren't completely clear although signs of a pig virus later were found inside the organ.

Lessons from that first experiment led to changes before this second try, including better virus testing. Attempts at animal-to-human organ transplants called xenotransplants - have failed for decades, as people's immune systems immediately destroyed the foreian tissue

Now scientists are trying again using pigs genetically modified to make their organs more humanlike.

In Friday's hospital video, Faucette's doctors said the pig heart has shown no sign of rejection.

"His heart is doing everything on its own," said Dr. Muhammad Mohiuddin, the Maryland team's cardiac xenotransplantation chief.

A hospital spokeswoman said Faucette has been able to stand and physical therapists are helping him gain strength needed to attempt walking.

Many scientists hope xenotransplants one day could compensate for the huge shortage of human organ donations. More than 1,00,000 people are on the nation's list for a transplant, most awaiting kidneys, and thousands will die waiting.

A handful of scientific teams have tested pig kidneys and hearts in monkeys and in donated human bodies, hoping to learn enough for the Food and Drug Administration to allow formal xenotransplant studies.

# Study reveals why some men don't produce enough sperm

#### For 10 per cent of infertile males, little or no sperm are produced



NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): New research has shed light on what may be going wrong in the process of sperm formation, helping explain why some men do not make enough sperm to fertilise an egg.

Millions of couples worldwide experience infertility with half of the cases originating in men

For 10 per cent of infertile males, little or no sperm are produced. The new study from

the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in the US, in collaboration with the Welcome Centre for Cell Biology at the University of Edinburgh in the UK, may lead to potential theories on possible treatments.

"A significant cause of infertility in males is that they just cannot make sperm. If you know exactly what is wrong,

there are technologies emerging right now that might give you a way to fix it," said Stowers Investigator Scott Hawley. In most sexually reproducing species, including humans, a critical protein structure resembling a lattice-like bridge needs to be built properly to produce sperm and egg cells.

The study, published in the journal Science Advances, discovered that in mice, changing a single and very specific point in this bridge caused it to collapse, leading to infertility and thus providing insight into human infertility in males due to similar problems with meiosis. Meiosis, the cell division process giving rise to sperm and eggs, involves several steps, one of which is the formation of a large protein

structure called the syn-

aptonemal complex.

"A significant contributor to infertility is defects in meiosis. To understand how chromosomes separate into reproductive cells correctly, we are really interested in what happens right before that when the synaptonemal complex forms between them," explained Hawley Lab and Wellcome Centre investigator, Owen Davies.

The authors used a precise gene editing technique to make mutations in one key synaptonemal complex protein in mice, which allowed the researchers, for the first time, to test the function of key regions of the protein in live animals.

Just a single mutation, predicted from the modeling experiments, was verified as the culprit of infertility in mice.

"We focused on a tiny little region of one protein in this gigantic structure that we were pretty sure could be a significant cause of infertility," said Hawley.

"What is really exciting to me is that our research can help us understand this really basic process that is necessary for life," Billmyre added.

Notably, the patient

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# **SPORTS**

# IND vs NZ, World Cup 2023: New Zealand's dominance over India in ICC tournaments

NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): As the Rohit Sharma-led Indian team gears up to face New Zealand in their fifth group match of the ICC ODI World Cup this Sunday, they have their sights set on overcoming their historical struggles against the Black Caps in significant International Cricket Council (ICC) tournaments.

New Zealand have demonstrated its status as one of India's most formidable adversaries in ICC tournaments time and again. This was particularly evident in the World Test Championship (WTC) final in June 2021 and then in the group match in the ICC T20 World Cup 2021. While India have consistently beaten challenging opposition in ICC events over the past decade, they have been unable to decipher the enigma that is the Black Caps.

The Kiwis do not rely on individual brilliance; instead, they function as a cohesive unit and consistently exceed expectations in ICC tournaments. Their track record in ICC events is a testament to their reliability, and it would be unwise to dismiss their chances of reaching the final four.

Remarkably, the last time India managed to defeat New Zealand in an ICC tournament was in the 2003 World Cup, under the leadership of Sourav Ganguly, with a seven-wicket victory. Since then, India has suffered defeats in every encounter against the Black Caps in ICC events. This time around, the task at hand won't be any easier for the Men-in-Blue. 2007 T20 World Cup: INDIA's

ONLY LOSS

India's only defeat in the 2007 T20 World Cup came at the hands of New Zealand.



11). When India batted on a

challenging, turning pitch, they

encountered difficulties and

lost wickets right from the start.

Only MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli,

and Ashwin managed to reach

double figures as India was dis-

missed for a mere 79, marking

their worst T20 World Cup bat-

2019 ODI World Cup: INDIA

The 2019 World Cup semi-final

loss to New Zealand turned out

to be the last international match

of legendary India captain MS

Dhoni. Dhoni scored a gritty

half-century in the Manchester

semi-final but failed to help India

New Zealand won the toss and

elected to bat, putting up a total

of 239/8 in their 50 overs across

two days. In reply, India faced

an early setback as their top

order, including Rohit Sharma,

Virat Kohli, and KL Rahul, strug-

gled against the disciplined New

Zealand bowling attack. They

were reduced to 5/3 and later

24/4, with the wickets shared

among Trent Boult, Matt Henry,

Ravindra Jadeja played a

valiant knock of 77 runs off 59

balls, and MS Dhoni provided

some hope with a patient 50.

However, wickets kept falling

and James Neesham.

BOW OUT IN SEMI-FINAL

ting performance.

qualify for the final

The BlackCaps were given the opportunity to bat on a favorable pitch, and their batsmen rose to the occasion. Led by Brendon McCullum (45 off 31), Craig McMillan (44 off 23), and Jacob Oram (35 off 15), New Zealand posted a formidable total of 190 runs. India's openers launched an aggressive assault, amassing a brisk 76-run opening partnership in just 5.5 overs, with Gautam Gambhir contributing 51 off 33 and Virender Sehwag 40 off 17. However, the middle order failed to provide substantial support, causing the eventual champions to fall just 10 runs short of the Kiwi target.

2016 T20 World Cup: NZ STUN INDIA

India's campaign at the 2016 World Cup at home got off to a disastrous start as New Zealand stunned them with a 47-run victory. Opting to field first after Kane Williamson won the toss, India's top three bowlers, Ravichandran Ashwin, Suresh Raina, and Ashish Nehra, made quick inroads, reducing New Zealand to 35/3 in under 7 overs.

However, New Zealand managed to post a total of 126 thanks to Corey Anderson (34 off 42), Mitchell Santner (18 off 17), and Luke Ronchi (21\* off required run rate continued to climb. Eventually, India were bowled out for 221 in the 49th over. 2021 World Test Champion-

ship final: NZ BEAT INDIA New Zealand became the firstever ICC World Test Champions after securing a dramatic eightwicket victory against India during the thrilling final hour on the reserve day at the Hamp-

shire Bowl. India's batsmen struggled to find their rhythm in the morning session, facing a familiar opposition, albeit with the red Dukes ball. They were bowled out for a mere 170 runs on a day that should have favored the batsmen, in a match affected by unpredictable weather conditions. The Black Caps chased down the fourth-innings target of 139 in 53 overs through a classy unbeaten 52-run knock from captain Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor's 47-not-out run knock.

2021 T20 World Cup: INDIA LOSE AGAIN

New Zealand bowlers Trent Boult and Ish Sodhi took five wickets, restricting India to 110/7 after opting to bat first in Dubai's Super 12 clash. Southee dismissed Rahul (18), while Sodhi got Sharma (14) and Kohli (9). Pandya (23) and Jadeja (26\*) offered some resistance, but Boult's final over claimed two crucial wickets.

In response, Guptill fell to Bumrah (2/19). Mitchell (49) and Williamson added 72 runs for the second wicket. With 15 needed, Guptill departed, and Conway joined Williamson to complete the chase as India suffered another loss to New Zealand in the ICC tournament.

# England hope for Stokes boost to revive World Cup campaign against South Africa

MUMBAI. Oct 21 (Agencies): England would hope to have their star all-rounder Ben Stokes back for their World Cup clash against South Africa here on Saturday as both teams seek a course correction after shock defeats in their previous outings. Having recorded the highest total of this competition (428/5) previously, South Africa crumbled against the Netherlands in a raintruncated game in Dharamsala for their first loss in the competition. Similarly, England too caved in to pressure when Afghanistan brought out their best with the ball in Delhi. England may have a 4-3 record over South Africa in 50-over World Cup history but it is the Proteas who have had a better run in this edition. South Africa sizzled at the start of the tournament beating Australia and Sri Lanka by more than 100 runs but their second consecutive defeat in ICC events to the Netherlands showed the Proteas' vulnerability

A defeat to the Dutch notwithstanding, South Africa will have enough confidence in their ranks to outgun England, who are struggling almost in all departments and are yet to put a collective effort on the field.

under pressure.

World Cup's first upset. With scores of 43, 20 and 9 in three matches so far, Buttler has not made a mark on the tournament in conditions he has extensive knowledge of. If Buttler is a concern in

the middle-order. I iam

but he is only a travelling reserve with no set plan of making a comeback to top-flight cricket.

Consistency is never a trait associated with Temba Bavuma the batter but the diminutive player has led his side

against the Dutch. The World Cup jamboree finally arrives at the venue of the 2011 edition's final, the Wankhede Stadium,

at the venue of the 2011 edition's final, the Wankhede Stadium, where ball tends to do a bit but the flatness of the surface in general combined with shorter boundary lengths make it a batting paradise. The outfield here was relaid here after it hosted the IPL earlier this year. Squads:

# Warner, Marsh give Aussies 62-run win over Pak

"Once we got the pace

of the wicket, we tried to

set it up for the incoming

batters," Warner said. "It

helps when you hit it off

the middle. Marsh and I

tried to bat till 35 overs

and we thought we

could go big in the back

But the rest of Aus-

tralia's batting order

collapsed with the last

six wickets falling for 38

runs while Pakistan's

Shaheen Shah Afridi

In response, Pakistan's

Abdullah Shafique (64)

and Imam-ul-Haq (70)

finished with 5/54.

half," he added.



stand.

BENGALURU, Oct

21 (Agencies): Australia beat Pakistan by 62 runs in a high-scoring World Cup group game here today to get their campaign back on track with a second straight win thanks to centuries from their opening pair of David Warner and Mitchell Marsh.

Pakistan won the toss and put Australia in to bat but skipper Babar Azam's hopes of taking early wickets quickly evaporated when Warner (163) and Marsh (121) went all guns blazing to put on a 259-run laid the platform for the chase with a 134-run opening partnership but the rest of the top-order failed to build on promising starts as they were bundled out for 305.

Spinner Adam Zampa was the pick of the Australia bowlers as he cleaned up the middleorder to finish with figures of 4/53 to move Australia up to fourth — level with fifth-placed Pakistan on four points but with a better net run rate.

"That was great," Australia captain Pat Cummins said. "Pretty tough playing here but good to get a win. Proper from the openers, it set the tone and we want to take the game on like that. The key in ODIs is to carry on. You get one breakthrough and it looks tough for the next guy. Batting for long, like our openers did, was great. Zampa has been awesome. Showed his class, he's a wicket-taker," he added.

#### World Cup 2023: Rashid Khan meets MS Dhoni ahead of Afghanistan's group clash against Pakistan

CHENNAI, Oct 21 (Agencies): Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan caught up with former India captain MS Dhoni in Chennai ahead of his side's World Cup 2023 clash against Pakistan. Rashid took to Instagram to share his photo with MS Dhoni and captioned it, "Always a pleasure to meet you Mahi bhai@mahi7781."

Rashid Khan, known for his effective legspin, has been instrumental in Afghanistan's performance in the World Cup 2023. He played a crucial role in Afghanistan's victory over England, ending with a three-wicket haul. Despite facing some challenges, such as a lack of support from



Afghanistan claimed their most famous victory by defeating England's world champions by 69 runs in a masterclass under the Delhi floodlights. This marked Afghanistan's second win in the World Cup in 18 games, the first being against Scotland during the 2015 campaign. The team started off strong with a 114-run opening stand between is deeply passionate about cricket.

Rashid Khan, who was shortlisted to the Gujarat Titans for INR 15 crore ahead of the 2022 IPL grand auction, continues to be a key player for Afghanistan. His contributions on the field and his commitment to helping his home country off the field, including donating his match fees for the tournament

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England have been largely rusty and inconsistent despite having a dangerous squad on paper. They are likely to have the services of their "spiritual leader" Ben Stokes for the game at Wankhede. Stokes missed the first three games due to a hip injury.

"Ben trained really well last night. It is great to see him back. He obviously brings a lot on the field and with his presence and leadership skills as well as someone who is always good to turn to," said England captain Jos Buttler on the eve of the game. Jos Buttler's men took a battering at the hands of New Zealand in the tournament-opener and despite bossing over a feeble Bangladesh, they were bludgeoned by Afghanistan in the

en Livingstone's returns of on- 20, 0 and 10 in three matches give England on more headache in the lower order.

Joe Root and Dawid Malan have been England's best batters with the former getting two fifties and the latter a century, but they would know more is needed from their batters collectively against a high quality South African

bowling attack. Reece Topley (five wickets) will be crucial for England with the ball as neither Mark Wood's express pace (three wickets) nor Adil Rashid's spin (four wickets) has helped their cause much. England's most successful bowler in the 2019 edition with 20 wickets, Jofra Archer, linked up with the squad in Mumbai on Thursday

admirably over the last year.

With back to back hundreds, Quinton de Kock has made it clear that he wants to leave an indelible mark in his last World Cup for South Africa. Aiden Markram and Rassie van der Dussen are also in-form and can do both — consolidate or accelerate -depending on the situation.

South African bowlers have been collective in their efforts. Kagiso Rabada's (seven wickets) brilliance and Marco Jansen's (six wickets) variation can pose problems for the batters but more will be needed from Lungi Ngidi (four wickets).

They will look to avoid bowling too many slower balls against the England lower-order after the ploy misfired badly

England: Jos Buttler (c & wk)), Moeen Ali, Gus Atkinson, Jonny Bairstow (wk), Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, David Willey, Mark Wood and Chris Woakes. South Africa: Temba Bavuma (c), Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock (wk), Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen (wk), Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Andile Phehlukwayo, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Rassie van der Dussen and Lizaad Wil-

liams.

his teammates during the match against New Zealand, Rashid's performance has been commendable.

Gurbaz and Zadran against New Zealand. Their performance has been a source of pride for the nation, which to the relief effort following a devastating earthquake in Afghanistan, make him a true global superstar.

# ISL: Traffic curbs in Kochi on October 21

KOCHI, Oct 21 (Agencies): Kochi City police will regulate traffic in the wake of the Indian Super League football match between Kerala Blasters FC and North East FC on Saturday. People coming to watch the match from Fort Kochi and Vypeen should park their vehicles on Chathiyath Road and use public transport modes to reach the venue in Kaloor.

Fans coming from Thrissur, Malappuram, Perumbavoor and North Paravoor should park their vehicles on the premises of Aluva Metro Station or Container Road in Mulavukad and Kalamassery before using public transport modes to reach Kaloor.

Spectators from Idukki, Kottayam and Alappuzha should park their vehicles

on the premises of Tripunithura, Vyttila and Petta Metro Stations and use public transport modes to reach Kaloor. Buses carrying people coming to watch the match will not be allowed to enter the city limits. Vehicles towards Edappally, Cheranalloor, Aluva, and Kakkanad will be diverted to Elamakkara Road from Kaloor Junction after 5 pm.

Similarly, vehicles coming to Ernakulam city from Cheranalloor, Edappally, Aluva, Kakkanad and Palarivattom areas will be diverted through SA Road starting from Vyttila Junction.

Strict action would be taken against people who park their vehicles on the roadside affecting traffic movement.

# **Badminton: Sindhu enters Denmark Open semifinals**

ODENSE (DENMARK), Oct 21 (Agencies): Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu showed glimpses of her old self, dishing out a compact game to storm into the semifinals of the Denmark Open Super 750 tournament with a comfortable win over World No.19 Supanida Katethong.

The two-time Olympic medallist, who has endured a winless phase this season, displayed her immaculate retrieving skills and exemplary net play to outshine Katethong 21-19 21-12 in 47 minutes and make it to a second semifinal in two weeks.

She had reached the semifinals

at Arctic Open Super 500 last week in Finland.

Sindhu will face either Spain's three-time world champion Carolina Marin or Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei next.

It hasn't been exactly smooth sailing for Sindhu in this tournament as she took three games to get rid of her opponents -- world no 28 Kristy Gilmour and world no 7 Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the first two rounds.

Coming into this match, the Indian enjoyed a 3-2 record against the Thai but the twin losses at the India Open 2022 and 2023 editions would still hurt Sindhu, as it came in front of her home crowds.

But on Friday, the 28-year-old somewhat erased those memories as she matched her technically sound opponent in every department and managed to limit her errors to come up trumps.

Katethong tried to make Sindhu move around the court with her pushes to the back and then drawing her to net. But Sindhu was up for it and kept at it during the fastpaced rallies. She played some cross-court forehands to good effect. The Indian did miss a couple of points for misjudgement at the backline but that didn't matter as she grabbed an 11-8 lead with a cross-court smash.

After the change of ends, the Thai erred in the forecourt few times to allow Sindhu dominate the proceedings. The Indian was up 19-12 in a jiffy. The Thai played some precise shots on the lines to threaten Sindhu's supremacy.

The Indian was also guilty of making unforced errors as Katethong recovered to 17-19. However, the Indian crushed the revival with an on-the-line return to grab three game points and sealed the opening game after Katethong floated a cross-court wide.

In the second game, Katethong struggled with her length and sprayed the shuttle long and wide as Sindhu was up 5-1.

Two precise returns, and a lucky net chord, helped Katethong to draw level at 5-5.

Sindhu however managed to eke out a 9-6 lead. The Thai seemed to step up the pace and made it 8-9 after unleashing a straight smash. Katethong set up the points well but failed in execution as Sindhu again led 11-9.

The Hyderabadi looked more aggressive as she had all the answers to the questions her opponent threw at her. She mixed her half smashes, drives and drops to keep gathering points as Katethong fell into a pool of errors, especially in her pursuit to go for the lines. The result was that the Indian was up 16-10. With the Thai going long again, Sindhu moved to 18-11. She produced a cross court forehand to gather another point and soon grabbed eight match points. Sindhu sealed it comfortably with another trademark crosscourt smash.

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# SaMaPa Awards 2023 announced

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JAMMU, Oct 21: SaMaPa ® (Sopori Academy of Music And Performing Arts), a leading cultural organization and music academy of India has announced the names of the recipients of this year's prestigious SaMaPa awards, the exclusive national level honours pertaining to J&K. The announcement was made by Pt. Abhay Rustum Sopori, the International award winning Santoor maestro & composer and General Secretary of SaMaPa, who revealed that the award will be presented during the 19th Annual SaMaPa Sangeet Sammelan, the top most classical music festival of Delhi and one of the most prestigious festivals of the country, on 3rd, 4th and 5th November 2023 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi, SaMaPa is a cultural movement, which has translated from a deeprooted vision of the Founding Chairman, the great music legend late Pandit Bhajan Sopori, the Saint of Santoor & King of Strings, in creating a unique, unbiased and empowering national level platform for presentation, propagation, and teaching of traditional music and performing arts for the artists and the young talents. SaMaPa Vitasta

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eran Pakhawaj maestro Pandit Dalchand Sharma (Delhi) for his lifetime contribution to Hindustani Classical Music (Pakhawaj). The award is presented to the eminent and legendary musicians of India who contribute significantly in propagating and preserving the cultural heritage of our country. The Samman has been named after the historical river Vitasta (Jhelum), a symbol of love, harmony, art, culture and Shaivite - Sufi Saint tradition of Kashmir, which represents the cultural ethos and rich heritage of J&K. SaMaPa Kala Vardhan Samman 2023 is being conferred upon

SaMaPa Nund Rishi Samman 2023 is being conferred upon Shri Shri Shahnaz Rasheed (Jammu and Kashmir) for his immense contribution to the field of Kashmiri Literature as a Poet and a Translator. The award has been named after Sheikh-Ul-Alam, the great Saint of Kashmir and a spiritual leader whose contribution to Kashmiriyat is enormous. The award is given to personalities with enormous contribution and path-breaking works in folk and Dr. Rosalin Patasani regional culture in fields

Mishra - Parichay Founlike compositions, singdation (Odisha) for the ing, theatre, films, docuimmense and unparalmentaries, sculpture and leled contribution to the other performing arts or field of art and culture. light music. The award is presented SaMaPa Acharya Abhinavgupt Samman to eminent personalities, cultural philanthropists, visionaries and institu-

2023 is being conferred upon Shri Avtar Krishtions who go beyond the en Mota (Delhi) for his

immense contribution to the field of Kashmiri art and culture as a Writer and a Columnist. The award is in the name of Acharya Abhinavgupt of the 10th century from Kashmir who has been an unmatched thinker, aesthetician. philosopher and an unparalleled commentator of Bharatmuni's Natyashastra. The award is presented to music critics, musicologists, scholars and journalists in appreciation of their extraordinary work by writing music and art reviews, books and iournals, and to scholars who have done exceptional research work in the field of art. culture & languages. SaMaPa Sangeet

Tejasvi Samman 2023 is being presented to Dr. Prabhakar Kashy-(Chandigarh) & ap Dr. Diwakar Kashyap (Khairagarh) for their achievements and contribution to Hindustani Classical Music (Vocal). The award has been instituted to acknowledge those individuals who are contributing significantly in the field of music at National and International level with their extraordinary talent and are the promising 'Legends in making' of Indian music.

SaMaPa Yuva Ratan Samman 2023 is being conferred upon Shri Viraj Joshi (Pune), grandson of Bharat Ratna Pt. Bhimsen Joshi, in recognition of his conspicuous talent and achievements in the field of Hindustani Classical Music (Vocal). The award has been instituted to recognize, encourage and felicitate the young generation artists of the country who are doing exceptionally well in their respective fields.

SaMaPa Award of Excellence 2023 is being conferred upon Ms. Sadhna Shrivastav for her immense contribution to the field of art and culture as a Television and Stage Presenter, and Documentary Filmmaker. The award has been instituted to honour those personalities who have done exceptional work in the field of audio and video production, direction of commercial and non-commercial documentaries and films, sound engineering, script writing, cultural photography, programme presentation and compering, and also instrument making.

**National Police Day TOP NEWS REPORT** VIJAYPUR, Oct 21: The Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur solemnly observed

National Police Day on October 21, 2023, to pay heartfelt homage to the brave police martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice for the national security and sovereignty of our beloved country. The occasion witnessed a Commemoration Day Parade by police contingents in honor of the fallen heroes. Addressing the gather-

ing, Shri Shiv Kumar, an esteemed Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and the Principal of PTTI Vijaypur, provided insight into the historical significance of National Police Day. He recounted a tragic event that occurred on October 21, 1959 when the Chinese army launched an attack on a patrolling Police party of the Central Police Force, led by Sub-Inspector Karan Singh, while performing their duties along the Indo-Tibetan Border. In the face of adversity, the police party displayed exemplary courage, with 10 police personnel making the supreme sacrifice, and another 10 sustaining injuries. This act of valor has been etched in the annals of our nation's history. In remembrance of

this brave episode, the nation observes Police



Commemoration Day every year to honor the memory of the police martyrs. Since 2006, this significant day has been officially designated as National Police Day, signifying the recognition and reverence for the sacrifices made by our law enforcement personnel.

**PTTI Vijaypur Observes** 

Principal Shiv Kumar also read aloud the names of 188 police officers and officials, including eight from Jammu and Kashmir State, who lost their lives in the line of duty during the current year. Their dedication to upholding the safety and security of our nation serves as an inspiration to all.

Following the tribute, a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the Martyr's Smarak (Samadhi). The event was graced by several distinguished individuals, including Dhushyant Sharma, Vice Principal PTTI Vijaypur; Zia-UI-Haq, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Outdoor); Devinder Gupta, Deputy Superintendent of Police (R&D);

Kuldeep Raj, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Indoor/Tech); Khushwant Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Admn.); Inspector Vishal Kumar (CDI); Inspector Javed Hussain (RI); Inspector Anil Kumar; Inspector Ram Lal; Inspector Kanwal Raina, Inspector Mulkh Raj, Inspector Vivek Kalsotra, Inspector Bhopinder Singh, Inspector Pawan Kumar, Inspector Himanshu Dutta, Sub-Inspector Sulinder Singh (SM Outdoor), Narinder Kumar, all NGOs, staff, and other personnel

In addition, the ceremony was attended by esteemed members of the community, including Tajinder Kour (Sarpanch), Moni Sharma (Ex-Sarpanch), Rakesh Sharma (Lecturer), Ajay Verma (Master), Chudu Ram (Retired Police Officer), Raj Kumar, Ashok Kumar, and others, who joined in paying their respects by laying floral wreaths and showering flowers at the Martyr's Smarak.

Two NCC Cadets from GDC Kishtwar shine at All India Thal Sainik Camp & Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat National Level Camp JAMMU, Oct 21: An



# One day awareness camp organized at NCC Nagrota

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informative one-day awareness program was recently conducted at Aryan Public Senior Secondary School R.S. Pura, organized by Civil Defence, Jammu, and executed under the vigilant supervision of Dy.SP Anita Pawar, the Deputy Controller of Civil Defence Jammu. This



Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden of Civil Defence Jammu, Smt. Meenakshi Raina, the School Coordinator, Ram Dayal Saini, S.I Incharge Training of Civil Defence, and various other dedicated staff members of the Senior Secondary School. Their active participation and support underscored the importance of such initiatives in educating and preparing the youth to respond effectively to potential crises. The one-day awareness camp organized at Aryan Public Senior Secondary School R.S. Pura stands as a testament to the commitment of Civil Defence, Jammu, in promoting safety, knowledge, and preparedness within the community, particularly among the younger generation.

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KISHTWAR, Oct 21: Two dedicated and exemplary NCC Cadets from GDC Kishtwar represented the Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh Directorate in two prestigious national camps, showcasing their remarkable talent and bringing immense pride to their institution. These outstanding young individuals displayed their mettle at the All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC) and the Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat National Level Camp.

The All India Thal Sainik Camp, a highly anticipated event in the NCC calendar, took place in New Delhi from September 19th to September 30th, 2023. This prestigious camp witnessed the participation of 1,547 Cadets from 17 NCC Directorates, including 867 Boys and 680 Girls. The camp involved intense competitions in various disciplines, such as shooting, obstacle training, map reading, and other professional training activities.

LCPL Muskan Bhagat and LCPL Anjana Parihar, both hailing from 2 J&K (I) COY NCC BHA-DARWAH and representing GDC Kishtwar, secured their place in this esteemed camp. LCPL Muskan Bhagat showcased her exceptional shooting skills by clinching the 5th position in the Inter-Directorate Service Shooting competition. LCPL Anjana Parihar excelled in obstacle training, earning her a well-deserved spot at the camp. Additionally, 10 NCC Cadets from GDC Kishtwar participated in the Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat National Level Camp held at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota from October 3rd to October 14th, 2023. Organized by the 4th J&K Bn under the aegis of NCC Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh Directorate, this camp saw the participation of approximately 500 cadets. LCPL Muien Raja, a

remarkable talent from

GDC Kishtwar's 2 J&K

(I) COY Bhadarwah,

achieved a momentous

feat by securing first

place in four events, which included solo song, group song, NIAPbest singer, and the Cultural program.

Dr. Jyoti Parihar, the Principal of GDC Kishtwar, commended the outstanding performance of the NCC cadets and encouraged them to continue working with dedication and sincerity. She emphasized that participating in national-level camps like AITSC and Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat is a significant morale boost for the cadets. Dr. Parihar also expressed her gratitude for the tireless efforts of ANO 2 J&K (I) COY NCC BHA-DARWAH, Lt. Dr. Madhu Bala, and Lt. Akshay Sharma. In recognition of their remarkable achievements, the participants

dents.

were honored by the College Principal. GDC Kishtwar is incredibly proud of the extraordinary accomplishments of its NCC cadets, who have not only made their institution proud but also left an indelible mark at the

national level

initiative aimed to equip students with essential knowledge on First Aid, CPR, Choking, Firefighting, and drug addiction prevention, as experts from Civil Defence shared valuable insights with the participating stu-

During the program, Civil Defence experts delivered engaging demonstrations on these



crucial topics, offering practical guidance that can prove instrumental during emergencies. The core objective of this awareness program was to educate students on preventive measures to be adopted during both natural and man-made

disasters The event also featured an insightful lecture by Civil Defence Experts, who shared their expertise and knowledge with the students. Sh. Neeraj Gupta, the Principal of the Senior Secondary School, expressed his deep appreciation for the significant role played by Civil Defence in raising awareness about disaster management and

First Aid. The event witnessed the presence of several esteemed individuals, including Sh. R. Vijay

# DLSA Bhaderwah holds awareness programme on RTI Act

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BHADERWAH, Oct 21: **District Legal Services** Authority (DLSA) organized a one day awareness programme on RTI Act in the premises of **District Court Complex** Bhaderwah here today. Panel Lawyer Advocate Mohd Majid Malik spoke on the various aspects of RTI Act 2005 and also shared some important landmark judgements of Supreme Court of India that ushered an era of future RTI movement in country for the benefit of marginalized persons of society. Adv Mohd Majid Malik spelt out the historical relevance of RTI and upholding it in the realm



of rule of law in contemporary society. He aware about the true usage of RTI law and discussed the jurisprudential niceties in

order to make the said law a living reality and added that knowledge is power and information is oxygen for this knowledge information which

helps us to take right decision at the right time. He said that RTI is a statutory mechanism to give information that is existing and available in

the manner and form in which it is held with the public authority. All PLVs of DLSA and litigants also participated in the camp.

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