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BRIEFLY

Two motorcyclists die in tragic accident on Srinagar-Jammu highway

RAMBAN, Oct 4 (Agencies): Two motorcycle riders met with a fatal accident in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, losing their lives on the spot.

The accident occurred on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway, between Tunnel T1 and Tunnel T2, just ahead of the Ban Toll Plaza area, officials said.

Authorities were alerted when news of the accident involving a motorcycle with registration number JK02DF-7590 reached them. The two riders had suffered fatal injuries, and their lifeless bodies were found in a gorge near the Ban Toll Plaza.

Upon receiving the information, a prompt response team from the local police department rushed to the accident scene. They recovered the bodies and subsequently transported them to the Mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital in Jammu to facilitate identification.

The identities of the victims are currently being ascertained, and further details regarding the accident are pending investigation.

DPAP holds meeting at the party headquarters in Sonwar, Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Democratic Progressive Azad Party, under the leadership of Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad, convened a crucial meeting at the party headquarters in Sonwar, Srinagar.

The focus of this meeting was to fortify the party's presence at the grassroots level, as we continue to strive for a more inclusive and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, attended by party leaders and dedicated members, aimed to strategize ways to empower the party at the very foundation of our democratic process. Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad emphasized the

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J&K bags 17 medals in National Rope Skipping Championship



JAMMU, Oct 4 (Agencies): In a remarkable display of talent, the J&K Rope Skipping Team

made their mark at the 24th RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship 2023 with the outstanding

performance of 17 medals including 1 Gold, 8 Silver, and 8 Bronze medals.

This championship saw fierce competition, with more than 1000 athletes representing 16 states from across India held in Nashik, Maharashtra.

Krish Mehra emerged as the star of the J&K team, securing the coveted Gold medal. Meanwhile, Kartik Saini and Amarjeet showcased their skill and consistency, earning two Silver medals each.

The Silver medal success continued with Priyasha Dogra, Nitin Kumar, Shivang Kumar, Turn to page 9

First batch of Agniveers from J&K join Indian Army



SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): The first batch of Agniveers from Jammu and Kashmir valley joined the Indian Army on Wednesday.

Army said a passing out parade for the first batch of Agniveers was

held at Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regiments (JAKLI) centre Srinagar on Tuesday.

The young Agniveers were recruited through Army Recruitment Office (ARO) Srinagar who

attended the passing out parade in a grand ceremony.

The ceremony was also attended by the parents of the Agniveers.

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Army Personnel missing after cloudburst triggers flash flood in Sikkim

GUWAHATI, Oct 4 (Agencies): 23 Army personnel are missing at Bardang near Singtam after a flash flood in the Teesta river in Lachen valley caused due to sudden cloud burst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim, according to the Defence Spokesperson Guwahati. Search operations are underway.

"Due to sudden cloud burst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim, a flash flood occurred in the Teesta River in Lachen valley. Some army establishments along the

valley have been affected and efforts are on to confirm details," the Spokesperson said in a statement on Wednesday.

Release of water from the Chungthang dam led to a sudden increase in water level upto 15-20 feet high downstream, the statement said. "This has led to Army vehicles parked at Bardang near Singtam getting affected. 23 personnel have been reported missing and some vehicles are reported submerged under the slush."

The Central Water Commission said: "As reported and noticed throughout midnight of 4th October 2023, a Lake outburst in the portions of Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim caused rise of water levels with very high velocities near about 15m/sec, crossed CWC Melli FF site measuring 227m near about 3m above Danger Level at 0600am."

"Simultaneous Flood Forecasts for both India and for Bangladesh made at 0600 hrs" Turn to page 9

Land-For-Job Scam Case | Delhi Court grants bail to Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi, Tejashwi Yadav



NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): A Delhi court on Wednesday granted bail to RJD chief Lalu Prasad, his wife Rabri Devi and their son and

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav in the alleged land-for-job scam in the railways. Special Judge Geetanjali Goel granted relief

to the accused after they appeared before the court in pursuance of summons issued against them.

The court had on September 22 summoned the accused after taking cognizance of the charge sheet filed against them and other accused, saying the evidence "prima facie" showed commission of various offences, including corruption, criminal conspiracy, cheating

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Police arrest rape accused in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday arrested a person accused of raping a minor girl in Srinagar.

A police spokesperson said on X: "One Irshad Ahmad Langoo S/o Bashir Ahmed Langoo R/o Hamdaniya Colony arrested for raping a minor girl."

Police has registered an FIR No. 97/2023 u/s 376 of IPC, sections 5(N), 6 under POCSO Act in Bemina police station.

Sold State Land to Woman, Man Chargesheeted

SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Crime Wing Srinagar on Wednesday chargesheeted a man for allegedly duping a woman of Rs 2.10 Lakh on the pretext of selling land to her.

The accused has been identified as Mohammad Ashraf Wani, a resident of Utikoo, Kawarhama Baramulla. He has been booked under section 420 511 of RPC for his involvement in the crime. The charge sheet was produced before

the Court of Sub Judge Pattan, Baramulla, for judicial determination under case FIR No. 06/2022 on 30.09.2023

"The case owes its origin to a written complaint lodged by a woman complainant alleging therein that on 01.03.2016 she purchased a piece of land measuring 07 marlas under survey NO.666, plot No. 03 situated at Utikoo Tehsil Karhama Baramulla from accused Mohammad

Ashraf Wani for Rs 2.10 lacs under a proper sale agreement," Crime branch said in a statement issued to press.

It was further alleged by the complainant that the revenue department refused the registration of the land stating that the land in question was a state land and could not be sold or purchased. Accordingly, preliminary verification No.06/2019 was initiated at Crime Branch

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'Gupkar Gathbandhan' engineering conspiracies against developing JK, says Ravinder Raina

SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): In a scathing criticism of opposition parties for their call to protest on October 10, BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina, asserted on Wednesday that the opposition parties, unified under the Gupkar Alliance, are actively conspiring against the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

During a press conference in Jammu,



Ravinder Raina highlighted that the opposition parties, brought together under the Gupkar Alliance, are growing increasingly

uncomfortable with the progress and prosperity witnessed in J&K. He claimed that these parties have been plotting against the Union Territory for a considerable period.

Raina condemned the opposition parties for their decision to organise a protest in Jammu on October 10, characterizing it as a well-orchestrated ploy to deceive the people of

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Court discharges childless couple among 6 persons in trafficking case

SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): A court here has discharged six accused persons, four of whom for selling a neonate, and two others, an issueless couple, for buying the male infant against the consideration amount of Rs 70000 in 2018.

The defense counsel for the accused persons submitted during the course of arguments that there is no material on record to prima facie suggest the commission of any offence much less the offence for which the charge-sheet has been presented against the accused persons. The counsel for the accused persons submitted that the material relied upon by the prosecution simply entail discharge of the accused persons as there is no ground for proceeding against the accused persons.

Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar Jawad Ahmad Turn to page 9

ED raids AAP MP Sanjay Singh's premises in Delhi Excise policy money laundering case

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday morning raided the premises of AAP MP Sanjay Singh in connection with the Delhi excise policy-linked money laundering case, officials said.

Some other premises of linked people were

also being covered, they said.

Mr. Singh, 51, is a Rajya Sabha MP from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). His staff members and those linked to him were earlier questioned by the ED in this case.

It is alleged that the Delhi government's

excise policy for 2021-22 to grant licences to liquor traders allowed cartelisation and favoured certain dealers who had allegedly paid bribes for it, a charge strongly refuted by the AAP.

The policy was subsequently scrapped Turn to page 9

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10TH DAY & KRIYA

With great sadness and immense pain, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Chanchal Abrol** W/o Sh. Shiv Kumar Abrol, resident of Ward No.7, Main Bazar Kathua who left for heavenly abode on 23rd Sept 2023.

The demise leaves a heartache that no one can heal and left us alone in this materialistic world.

10TH DAY rituals will be performed on 2nd Oct (Monday) 2023 at 10:00 AM at our residence Ward No. 7, Main Bazar Kathua.

KRIYA will be performed on 5th Oct (Thursday) 2023 at 12:00 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Shiv Kumar Abrol -Husband

Son & Daughters

Mr. Tarun Abrol

Miss Sheetal Sonia

Miss Romani Abrol

& All Family Members

Mob Nos: 70511-07087,
70511-96106



Smt. Chanchal Abrol

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed that S. Lachhman Singh S/o Late Gyani Suchha Singh Alam R/o 606/F, Nanak Nagar, Jammu has left for heavenly abode on 29/9/2023.

PROGRAM

Katha/Kirtan - 30/9/2023 to 05/10/2023 from 6.00 to 7.00 pm
Aramb Shri Akhand Path - 6/10/2023 (Friday) at 10.00 am (at residence)
Bhog Shri Akhand Path - 8/10/2023 (Sunday) at 10.00 am followed by Kirtan upto 11.00 am.

Antim Ardass - 8/10/2023 (Sunday) from 4.00 to 5.30 pm at Gurudwara, Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Brother & Sister-in-law

Retd. Col. G.S. Babbar & Sdn. Harbans Kaur

S. Lakhbir Singh Bawa & Sdn. Harvinder Kaur

Daughter & Son-in-law

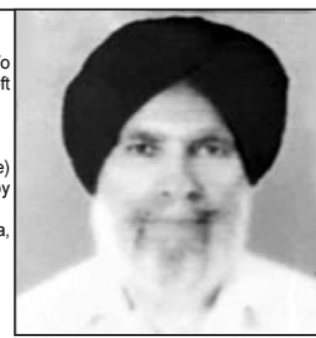
Sdn. Irvinder Kaur, Principal (10+2) & S. Arvind Singh Jt. Dir. Agriculture

Son & Daughter-in-law

S. Inderpreet Singh, Er. Nagbani School & Sdn. Gurpreet Kaur

Grand Children : Dr. Amanpreet Kaur (Registrar (Anesth) GMC)

Mr. Gursimran Singh (Er.) Miss Harshleen Kaur & Mr. Divyot Singh



S. Lachhman Singh

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Veer Ji Zadoo** S/o Lt. Sh. Ram Ji Zadoo originally resident of Purshayar Habba Kadal Srinagar at present H.No. 149 (H) Durga Nagar Sector-1, near JK Bank ATM.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on Thursday 05th of October at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 8.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Usha Ji Zadoo -Wife

Son & Daughter-in-law

Vishal Zadoo and Sheetu Zadoo

Arvind Zadoo and Monika Zadoo

Grand Children: Aayan, Kritika, Aarya



Sh Veer Ji Zadoo

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad & untimely demise of **Anil Kumar (Neeta)** S/o Late Sh Chaman Lal R/o House No 79 Narwal Pain Satwari Jammu Cantt left for heavenly abode on 26th September, 2023.

10TH DAY will be performed on 5th October 2023, 11 am Thursday.

Kriya will be performed on 6th of October 2023 Friday at 12:30 pm at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

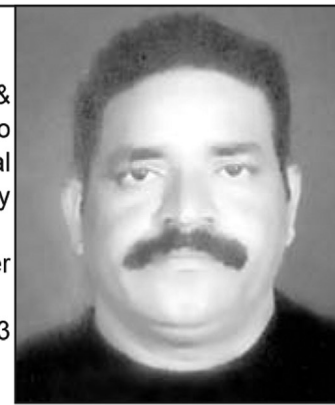
Brother and Bhabhi

Sh. Sunil Kumar (Saddar Treasury Jammu) & Smt. Rajni

Sh. Naresh Kumar & Smt. Ruhii

(DABGOTRA FAMILY)

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ANIL KUMAR (NEETA)

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad & untimely demise of **Smt. Radha Khajuria** W/o Jyoti Parkash Khajuria H. No. 74 Sector-2, JDA Housing Colony Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 25th September, 2023.

10TH DAY will be performed on 4th October 2023, 10 am Wednesday at our residence 74/2 Roop Nagar.

KRIYA will be performed on 5th October 2023, 11 am Thursday at our residence 74/2 Roop Nagar Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Jyoti Parkash Khajuria - Husband

Sh. D. N. Mehta - Father-in-Law

Smt. Tara Devi Khajuria - Mother-in-Law

Rashmi Khajuria - Daughter

Aditya Khajuria - Son

Brothers & Sister-in-Laws

Sh. B. B. Khajuria & Smt. Sunita Khajuria

Sh. Ram Pal Sharma & Smt. Bandana Sharma

Sh. C. R. Khajuria & Smt. Anjana Khajuria

Sh. K. K. Khajuria & Smt. Neena Khajuria - Uncle & Aunt

Sh. Ashok Kumar Khajuria & Smt. Santosh Khajuria - Uncle & Aunt

Sh. Ram Paul Khajuria & Smt. Neelam Khajuria - Uncle & Aunt

Late. Sh. V. V. Khajuria & Smt. Suman Khajuria - Uncle & Aunt

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Smt. Radha Khajuria

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Kamla Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Bhanu Dass Gupta (Kinnari Wale) R/o H No. 213, Mohalla Paharian, Jammu expired on 24.09.2023 (Sunday).

10TH DAY will be performed on 3rd October 2023 (Tuesday) at SHREE GEETA MANDIR SAMRITI BHAWAN, NEAR KAFAN HOTEL, BAKSHI NAGAR, JAMMU AT 10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 8th October 2023 (Friday) at our residence at H No. 213, Mohalla Paharian, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Sh. Jugal Kishore & Smt. Mohini Gupta

(Bhishi Karyana Store, Malhotra Street, Jammu)

Sh. Sanjeev Gupta (Joint Commissioner Food Safety, JK) & Dr. Jyoti Gupta

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Neelam Gupta & Sh. Subash Gupta

Smt. Seema Gupta & Sh. Parveen Gupta

Smt. Jyoti Gupta & Sh. Sunil Gupta

Smt. Chanchal Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Chaman Lal (Jethani)

Smt. Darshna Devi W/o Sh. Bhanu Dass Gupta (Devar & Devrani)

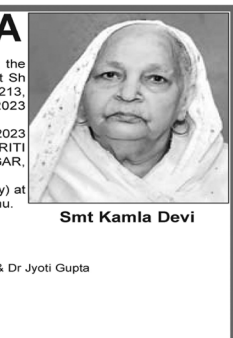
Smt. Bachno Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Kewal Krishan (Nanad)

Grand Sons & Grand Daughters-in-law

Sh. Puneet Pargal & Smt. Sheena Gupta

Sh. Krishna Mahajan

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Smt Kamla Devi

TENTH DAY/ DAHIM DOH

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Shiben Krishen Pandita** S/o Late Sh. Jagar Nath Pandita originally from Irkumoo, Kokernag currently residing at B-104, Brisk Lumbini, Sector 109, Dwarka Expressway, Gurugram on 29th September 2023.

Tenth Day/ Dahim Doh shall take place on 08th October 2023 (Sunday) at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, T. Block, Phase 1, Sector 109, New Palam Vihar, Gurugram-122017

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Sabita Pandita - Wife

Smt. Dulari & Sh. Pitambar Nath Pandita - Aunt & Uncle

Sh. K. L. Pandita (Advocate) - Brother

Sh. A. K. Pandita - Brother

Sh. B. K. Pandita - Brother

Smt. Veena & Sh. S.K. Bhat - Sister & Brother-in-Law

Smt. Sudeesh & Sh. M.K. Dhar - Sister & Brother-in-Law

Mr. Sahi Pandita - Son

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SH. SHIBEN KRISHEN PANDITA

OBITUARY /10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Jai Kishori Bhat** W/o Sh. Dina Nath Bhat originally resident of Tenggura, Pulwama A/p H. No 158, Prem Nagar New Plot, Jammu (Near Vishal Bar) on 01-10-2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 10-10-2023 at Muthi Ghat Near Director of School Education at 9.00 AM.

Grief Stricken

Sh. Dina Nath Bhat - Husband -8899181838

Sh. Janki Nath & Smt. Kishni Bhat - Devar & Devrani

Smt. Kamla Ji -Bhabhi

Smt. Raj Dulari Choudhary - Bhabhi

Smt. Sharita Ji - Bhabhi

Smt. Dulari Pandita - Bhabhi

Smt. Kanta Raina -Sister

Mr. Ramesh Kumar & Mrs. Sarfa Bhat - Son & Daughter in Law

Smt. Pinki & Mr. Ravi Kumar Pandit -Daughter & Son in Law

Smt. Jolly & Sh. Dileep Kumar Pandit -Daughter & Son in Law

Mrs. Manesha & Mr. Sumeet Veshan - Grand Daughter & Grand Son in Law

Grand Children:

Bindu, Indu, Mohit, Deepu, Niha

CONTACT NO : 9796429683, 7066596893, 9149524179, 9906163317



SMT JAI KISHORI BHAT

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Sudeesh Verma** W/o Late Sh. Sat Pal Verma, R/o M.I.G-30 Housing Colony, Udhampur, who left for her heavenly abode on 26-09-2023.

Tenth Day will be performed on 5-10-2023 (Thursday) from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM at our residence and **Kriya** will be performed on 8-10-2023 (Sunday) at Devika Ghat at 9 AM onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Rama Nand Verma (Jeth Ji)

Smt. Chanchal & Sh. Vijay Verma (Retd. CAO) (Devrani & Devar Ji)

Smt. Poonam & Sh. Rohit Verma (Daughter-in-Law & Son)

Smt. Neeru & Sh. Anil Gandotra (Daughter & Son-in-Law)

Smt. Pooja & Sh. Amit Verma (Daughter-in-Law & Son)

& Grand Children

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SMT. SUDEESH VERMA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. OM PARKASH (Tikkian Wale)** S/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram R/o H. No. 104, Raghunathpura, Shamalgar, Indira Chowk, Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 26-09-2023 (Tuesday).

TENTH DAY will be performed on 05-10-2023 (Thursday) 11:00 am - 12:00 Noon at 1:00 p.m. & Langer Prasad (1:00 p.m. onwards) at Prajapati Sabha (Kumar Sabha), Indira Chowk, Near JDA Parking.

KRIYA will be performed on 08-10-2023 (Sunday) at our residence, 104 Raghunath Pura, Jammu. Tawi.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Pooja Devi (Wife)

Sh. Baldev Raj & Smt. Binia Devi (Brother & Bhabhi)

(Sister & Brother-in-law)

Smt. Krishna Devi & Sh. Raj Kumar

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Mr. Jeet Kumar & Mrs. Seema

Mr. Vagesh

Mr. Sachin & Mrs. Riya

Mr. Sunil & Mrs. Pooja

Mr. Vicky



Sh. OM PARKASH (Tikkian Wale)

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Gandu Mal Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Devan Chand Gupta R/o Purkhoo who left for heavenly abode on 26-09-2023 (Tuesday).

Tenth Day will be performed on 5-10-2023 (Thursday) at 10.00 am at Datti Mandir Near Double Pull Purkhoo.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Sunita Gupta - Wife

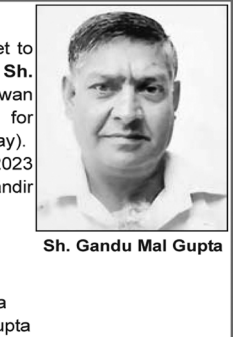
Daughters & Son-in-laws

Mrs. Deepakshi Gupta & Mr. Amit Gupta

Mrs. Meenakshi Gupta & Mr. Rajeev Gupta

Mr. Deepak Gupta - Son

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Sh. Gandu Mal Gupta

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **S. BALWANT SINGH** S/O LATE SARDAR SINGH R/O WARD NO. 13, VIJAYPUR. TENTH DAY SHALL BE OBSERVED ON 5TH OF OCTOBER 2023 AT GURUDWARA SINGH SABHA RAMGARH ROAD, VIJAYPUR FROM 9.30 A.M TO 12.30 P.M

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

SDR. AMARJEET KOUR (WIFE)

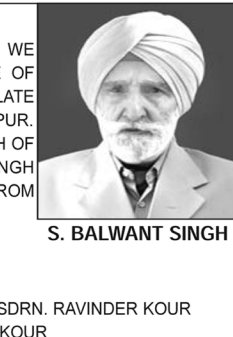
(SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW)

S. MANJIT SINGH (FORMER MINISTER) & SDRN. RAVINDER KOUR

S. GURDEEP SINGH & SDRN. SARABJEET KOUR (GRANDSONS)

JASPREET SINGH, JASDEEP SINGH, ANANDVEER SINGH (GRAND DAUGHTER) VISHALDEEP KOUR

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S. BALWANT SINGH

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our revered **Dr. Madan Mohan Gupta** S/o Late Sita Ram Gupta (Bhaderwah Wale) on Tuesday, 26th. Sep. 2023.

10th. Day will be performed on Thursday, 5th. Oct. 2023 at Gurudwara Hall, Rani Talab, Jammu at 11.30 a.m.

Kriya Will be performed on Sunday, 8th. Oct. 2023 at 12.00 Noon at our residence 76/4 Extn., Sanjay Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mona & Sanjeev Jandial - Daughter & Son-in-Law

Meenu & Kapil Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-Law

Smt. Nirmala Gupta - Bhabhi

Jyoti & N.K. Gupta - Daughter-in-Law & Nephew

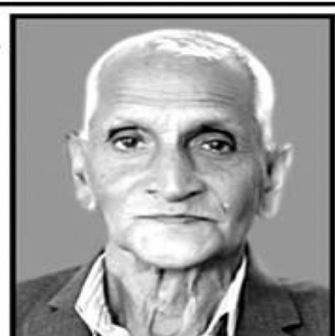
Geeta & Arun Gupta - Daughter-in-Law & Nephew

Bindu & Avinash Gupta - Daughter-in-Law & Nephew

Anu & Arvind Gupta - Daughter-in-Law & Nephew

Neelam & Vijay Nagpal - Niece & Son-in-Law

Grand Children : Abhishek, Ankit, Tanisha, Tanish, Ananya, Sameeksha, Sulaksh & Chaitanya



Lt. Dr. Madan Mohan Gupta

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10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved daughter **Gitanjali Sharma** D/o Sh. Atal Sharma and Smt. Bharti Sharma R/o H No. 154, Upper Luxmi Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu.

10th Day will be performed at our residence on 4th of October 2023 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m.

Kriya will be performed on 5th of October (Thursday) at our residence at 12.30 p.m.

Grief Stricken

LG Sinha inaugurates Branch Of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Oct 4: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday inaugurated a branch of the Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt here and said the union territory is witnessing a revival of its cultural identity and spiritual traditions which have always promoted the ideals of co-existence.

The Mutt branch and Saraswathi Bhandaram digital library have been established in Shivpora locality of the city here.

"Inaugurated Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya Saraswathi Bhandaram Digital Library and Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt Branch, Kashmir, earlier today. Hon'ble Shri @AmitShah ji has conveyed his best wishes to Sri Mutt & assured that he will personally visit Mutt's Kashmir branch," the LG said on X.

Shah was scheduled to virtually inaugurate the library, but could not attend the event due to



some preoccupations. Sinha said Shah spoke to him in the morning and said he would visit it later.

Sinha said Sri Ramanujacharya through his philosophy of 'vishishtadvaita' preached love, peace, compassion, universal brotherhood and social equality.

"Sri Ramanujacharya had deep spiritual connect with Kashmir. While composing the epic 'Sri Bhasya', he travelled to Kashmir to refer to Bod-

hayana Vritti Grantha on Brahma Sutras. When his most famous work was complete, he again visited Kashmir & dedicate 'Sri Bhasya' to Maa Sharada," he added.

Sinha said J-K is witnessing revival of its cultural identity and spiritual traditions which have always promoted co-existence of almost all major religions, spiritual streams known to the humankind and gave the ideals of humanism, communal harmony and peace to

the world.

Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt said the establishment of the branch and library was an important milestone in the history of Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is an important milestone in Kashmir's history. As peace and calm is getting established in Kashmir, it was our endeavour to establish the centre to propagate our Sanathan Dharma," he said.

TBS, JU, FICCI FLO organise workshop on 'Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success'

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: The University of Jammu's prestigious Business School organised an enlightening event, focusing on the critical theme of "Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success" in collaboration with the FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter.

The Chief Guest of the event, G. Velladurai, IEDS, Joint Director, MSME Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, highlighted the entrepreneurial opportunities in J&K, emphasising industries including sheep leather and the apple industry. He inspired the students to aim high and take on the journey towards becoming entrepreneurs. He also highlighted the various funding schemes offered by the MSME to support students in launching new projects. He gave valuable insights into the entrepreneurial landscape of Jammu and Kashmir and also shared the progress report of Udyam registrations in the region.



The event commenced with the formal welcome address by Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School, University of Jammu. He extended a gracious welcome to the guests and highlighted the relevance of the theme of the workshop for the students. He apprised the gathering about the various initiatives undertaken by TBS for student empowerment and institutional building.

Varuna Anand, Chairperson FICCI FLO, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter, ignited

the atmosphere with her fervent passion for craftsmanship and her dedication for promoting women entrepreneurs. She highlighted FICCI FLO's 'Uday Programme' that is paving the way for innovation and growth, providing a platform for entrepreneurs to thrive and succeed in the business world.

The invited speaker, CA Samriti Kohli, renowned financial expert and member FICCI FLO, began with sharing her journey as Chartered Accountant

and explained the significance of financial planning for entrepreneurial success. She emphasized on the crucial role of fund management in business operations, underlining its significance as the backbone of sustainable ventures. She spoke about the Industrial Policy of J&K and pinpointed the opportunities therein for the youth.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of the students asking pertinent questions that were duly addressed by the experts. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Amisha Gupta, Associate Professor, TBS. She expressed deep gratitude to the distinguished guests by acknowledging their valuable insights and contributions towards the event's success. The event was coordinated by Dr. Shelleka Gupta, Assistant Professor and the Management Club of TBS.

Panthers urge public to be cautious against anti-Dogra parties

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: Vilakshan Singh, President of the J&K National Panthers Party, has issued a statement to the media calling upon the public to remain vigilant regarding the intentions of political parties that are seeking to capitalize on the policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which they deem detrimental to the interests of the people. Singh expressed concerns that the BJP, in anticipation of its impending defeat in the Urban Local Body (ULB) and Panchayat elections, is delaying these elections. He emphasized that, given the BJP's inability to fulfill its promises, it is imperative for the people to explore alternatives

that are more effective rather than regressive.

Singh pointed out that the National Conference (NC), Congress, and People's Democratic Party (PDP) are the root cause of the hardships faced by the people of J&K, particularly the Dogra community. He highlighted that the NC advocates Autonomy, and the PDP supports self-rule, both of which align with the pre-1953 status when many provisions of the Indian Constitution did not apply to J&K, and special permits were needed to enter the region. Additionally, Singh mentioned that the Constitution of J&K lacked provisions related to fundamental rights, and the Election Commission of India had

no authority in J&K. He further stated that these parties oppose central government involvement in J&K and do not support a secular J&K, insinuating that they aim to transform the region into an Islamic country.

Singh also asserted that the Congress is responsible for the troubles in J&K, claiming that Article 370 was unnecessarily included in the Indian Constitution due to personal vendettas and power plays. He accused Congress and the NC of collaborating to undermine the Dogra identity, even suggesting that their actions contributed to the unfortunate fate of Maharaja Hari Singh. Singh characterized these parties as

deceptive and warned that if the people of J&K were to fall prey to their deceitful strategies, their future prospects would be dire.

Highlighting the importance of preserving the Dogra identity, Singh called on Dogras to remain vigilant, as Congress, NC, and PDP have allegedly made efforts to erode this identity. He noted that disillusioned by these parties, Dogras turned to the BJP, but the BJP has also disappointed them. Singh asserted that the J&K National Panthers Party is a viable alternative, promising to work tirelessly for the betterment of the underprivileged, regardless of caste, color, creed, region, or

religion. He assured the people of J&K that the JKNPP would strive to restore the former glory of the Dogras.

Singh emphasized the critical juncture facing the Dogra community, where political decisions could threaten their identity. He appealed to the people of J&K to support the JKNPP, a party that has consistently championed justice for the disadvantaged.

Additionally, Singh clarified that Harsh Dev Singh had attended a meeting organized by Dr. Farooq Abdullah in his individual capacity, as he had not completed the formalities required to become a member of JKNPP and is not even a primary member of the party.

Two terrorists killed in Kulgam encounter

SRINAGAR, Oct 4 (Agencies): Two terrorists were killed in a gunfight with security forces in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on

W, police said. "KulgamEncounter-Update: 02 #terrorists killed. Bodies of the killed terrorists being retrieved from the site

of #encounter. Cordon & search #operation is still in progress. Further details shall follow," said a police spokesman on X.

GDC Kunjwani organizes Induction Programme for freshers

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: Government Degree College Kunjwani IQAC, in collaboration with Career Counseling and NSS Unit, on Wednesday organized one day "Deeksharambhan Student Induction Programme" for the UG 1st Semester students of session 2023-24.

The programme aimed to welcome the newly admitted students and to acquaint them with the college's resources, faculty and different academic offerings.

The programme began

with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp along with Saraswathi Vandana. Thereafter, the Principal of the college Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, extended a warm welcome to the new students of UG 1st Semester.

Dr. Neeru Sharma from the Department of English delivered an extensive presentation about National Education Policy-2020. She highlighted the college's infrastructure, support services and the variety of courses available and explained the National

Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in detail vis-à-vis revised course structure, holistic and multi-disciplinary approach of NEP 2020.

At the end, the students had the opportunity to ask questions about NEP, academics and admissions.

Dr. Ashaq Hussain from Department of Urdu skillfully moderated the proceedings of the programme. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Arti Pandoh Gupta Convener Career Counseling and Placement Cell.

DWO protests against power cuts, prepaid meters, property tax

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: A significant protest took place today at Hari Singh Park, led by Amit Kapoor, President of Dogra Welfare Organization, to oppose power cuts, the implementation of prepaid meters, smart meter systems, and property tax. The demonstration drew a large crowd, including women, who vehemently voiced their concerns against the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (JKPDCL) and the administration led by the Lieutenant Governor (LG).



soon as these meters are installed, raising concerns about the future when electricity becomes privatized. Kapoor also called for the forgiveness of old electricity bills and the return of Jammu and Kashmir's power projects to the region. He urged people to protest in their respective areas and make their voices heard in the upcoming elections, targeting leaders who remain

silent on these issues. He accused BJP leaders of misleading the public regarding smart meters and demanded the immediate release of old age pension, along with simplifying the application process. He criticized the government for suspending old age pensions during an ongoing investigation, causing distress to the people.

Kapoor strongly criticized the LG administration for deploying

police force to forcibly install smart meters, raising doubts about their accuracy as people's bills continue to rise. Kapoor initiated the opposition against smart meters and property tax in Janipur, which has now transformed into a widespread grassroots movement. He asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have the primary right to the electricity generated in the region and should

receive free electricity. Kapoor also advocated for all power projects in Jammu and Kashmir to be returned to the state. He criticized the LG administration for its stance on property tax and called out BJP leaders for their silence on the matter, accusing the party of exploiting the people. Kapoor urged the public to respond strongly to the BJP in upcoming local body and other elections.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL SHAKTI (PHE) Division Akhnoor

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 32 OF 2023-24 Dated 26-09-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Akhnoor by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from experienced contractors of approved class.

S. No.	Name of work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost in (Rs in lacs)	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Time allowed for completion
1	Providing, installing and commissioning fully automatic gravity feed chlorination plant based on microcontroller technology with electronic chemical infusion and proportionate dosing controller along with chemical detection system and variable pressure controller by incorporating the latest electronic digital technology (complete job) at various water supply schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and other heads in Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Akhnoor	Jal Shakti PHE Division Akhnoor	27.60	500/-	55200.00	A to D	60 Days

- Date of Publishing 26-09-2023
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 27-09-2023 from 1000 (Hrs)
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 27/09/2023 (1400 Hrs) to 05-10-2023 (1600 Hrs).
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 07-10-2023 (1500 Hrs) in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Akhnoor
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Akhnoor and shall be communicated separately.
- Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and Earnest Money Deposit as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table payable at Akhnoor pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Akhnoor. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for one year. The cost of downloaded tender documents in the form of E-Challan, Treasury challan /Receipt under MH-0215-WSS (Revenue Head) shall be in separate envelop with cover marking cost document pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Akhnoor
- As per the instruction of the principal secretary to Government Finance Department J&K Srinagar vide his No. O.M.No. A/24 (2017)-61 dated 07.06.2018 regarding furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bid. The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan / receipt.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- The validity of the bid shall be 90 days from the date of opening Price Bid.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

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EDITORIAL

SPORT

INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure is needed in all kinds of sport management which supply strength to whole managing process. The availability and standard of sporting infrastructure influences public participation and quality of sports. Therefore, in order to facilitate and encourage extensive participation, high standards and safety and improved performance, attention must be paid to the available sport infrastructure. The management of infrastructure involves facilities of an acceptable standard be established to allow for the development of a range of sports disciplines.

A proper system of management is established for the management and maintenance of sporting facilities. Government ensures the availability of recreational space at schools, communities, and housing developments.

Equipments are the next steps after infrastructure in the process of management. These include all kinds of methods, techniques and proper planning. It is the duty of the government and the various sporting bodies to provide training and development opportunities to be provided to sports practitioners. To attain these ideals, attention must be given to the development of our human resources. It is done through government which established a program for the provision of technical support of approved national sporting bodies on an agreed criterion.

Scholarships are provided for sports persons to allow for exposure at a higher level of performance and to encourage professional development through education. It provides development through education. It also includes training of officials to enhance their capacity to officiate and administer sporting activities.

Special attention given to acquiring and developing resource material such as manuals, coaching kits and electronic aids, which assist in improving knowledge and advancing the technical skills of sports persons, Programmes designed to expose national sporting representatives to specialized personnel development activities, which will assist in their overall development.

Finance and sponsorship are vital requirements as with all other endeavors. The costs associated with sports continue to hinder its development and serves to discourage wide-spread participation.

Therefore, it is necessary to encourage greater financial support for sporting activities. The finances are managed with the help of the private sector and national sporting bodies which develop collaborative relationships which can realize the economic value and viability of sports. Incentives that encourage greater financial assistance for sports are offered to the private sector. Systems of assistance implemented to ensure the economic stability of rational sporting representatives.

The Infrastructure, Equipment, Finance and the Personnel requirements of the various sporting bodies are looked after by the bodies itself and with the help of the Central and state governments. Thereby the various schemes developed by the Government of India or by International authorities to assist sports activities are:

International Corporation in the field of sports and physical education took a big leap forward, providing the much needed opportunities of foreign exposure to national teams and coaching/training abroad. The Government of India procured the services of international coaches/sports persons by way of bilateral agreements under cultural exchange programmes/sports protocols with the concerned countries. The foreign coaches are paid salaries, medical expenses, air-fare, etc., during their contract/employment in India.

United Nations Volunteer (UNV) Scheme is a scheme of UNDP operating throughout the world. It seeks to accelerate the development of under developed countries by providing skilled manpower of developed/developing countries at low costs. India has been participating in it since its inception in 1971. India also contributes financially to the Special Voluntary Fund of UNDP and its present annual contribution is US dollar 15000. The 5th of December is celebrated as the International Volunteers Day

The scheme also envisages posting of social service volunteers among the countries of Asia and the Pacific region to work at grass-root level to assist in the local self-help efforts of rural areas and urban slums in participating countries. This is known as UNV (DDS-domestic Development Service) Scheme.

The Elderly have been considered a treasure of Experiences

By: Vijay Garg

In Indian culture, the elderly have been considered a treasure of experiences, but it is worrying that the elderly are now forced to face many problems including neglect and abuse from family members and society. In the Indian society, importance has always been given to the joint family, where the elders have been given the paramount place, but now due to the increasing trend of nuclear families, the neglect of the elders is increasing. In fact, in their desire to show their status in the society, some people face a big hurdle in the path of elders of their own family. Starts appearing. Such people find it against their social dignity to include elders in their happiness. Due to such conservative thinking, the feeling of affection towards the elderly is decreasing among the upper class as well as the middle class. According to a survey, about sixty percent of the elderly in India feel that they are mistreated in the society. Fifty-five percent admitted disrespect, thirty-seven percent admitted verbal abuse, thirty-three percent admitted neglect, twenty-four percent admitted financial abuse and thirteen percent admitted physical abuse. in the country. Due to the gradual breakdown of the joint family system, the 'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007' came into existence. To make this Act more contemporary and more effective, the Amendment Bill, 2019 was introduced in the Lok Sabha, in which there is a provision for disposal of maintenance application within ninety days, whereas earlier ninety days were fixed after the notice. There was no provision in the old law for misbehaving with the elderly, whereas in the new bill, there would be a jail term of three to six months or ten thousand

rupees. There may be a fine or both. According to a report by a non-governmental organization, 47 percent of people in India are financially dependent on their families, 34 percent are dependent on pensions and cash transfers, while 40 percent of the people surveyed expressed their desire to work as much as possible. The survey also revealed that 71 percent senior citizens were not working, while 36 percent were ready to work. Not only this, more than 30 percent of the elderly were ready to volunteer their time for various social works, which clearly shows that the energy of the older generation gets adequate opportunities, the economic and social picture of India can become bright. According to the report of a non-governmental organization, by 2022 the population of senior citizens in the world was 110 crore and about 14 percent of the total population. By 2050, this population is likely to increase to 210 crore and about 22 percent of the total population. The elderly population in Asia will reach 130 crore by 2050. The population of senior citizens in India is currently around 14.9 crore and according to a report it will increase to 17 crore by 2026, 23 crore by 2036 and 35 crore by 2050. Crore i.e. it is estimated to be more than 20 percent of the total population. According to the estimates of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, by 2036, every fifth person in the states of South India will be in the category of senior citizen. This increase in the elderly population will definitely impact society and the economy. In such a situation, it is the responsibility of the government to set appropriate priorities for proper care of the present and future generations. Help Age India's latest report 'Women and Aging: Are the Invisibles Empowered?' May to June 2023, 7911 women in the age group of

60-90 years were included in this survey. The organization conducted the survey among participants from both rural and urban areas in twenty states, two union territories and five metros covering various socio-economic categories and the report revealed that sixteen per cent of older women faced abuse. Out of which about fifty percent women had to face physical violence and forty-six percent elderly women had to face insult. Forty percent of participants suffered emotional or psychological abuse. A total of forty percent of the women surveyed blamed their sons, while thirty-one percent blamed their relatives and thirty-seven percent blamed their daughters-in-law. The report also revealed that despite the abuse, most of the elderly women did not report it to the police due to fear. We consider our next generation as a treasure for a better future and leave no stone unturned in their better upbringing. But while fulfilling all the responsibilities, when age started advancing and when a child starts becoming physically and financially weak, many times he becomes a victim of neglect by the family and society. Although it is said with great pride that seventy percent of India's population consists of youth, which is a big asset for the country, but the matter of concern here is whether this population will always remain young? Aging is a destiny of life, which everyone has to go through. According to various research, at the age of sixty years and above, many types of diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, lung disease, heart disease etc. The danger increases. Increasing age and decreasing immunity is a major factor in diseases. A report titled 'Health Problems of the Elderly' of the Union Health Ministry states that 25 percent of Indian elders are living with depression, 33 percent suffer from arthritis or bone dis-

ease, 40 percent have anemia, 10 percent in villages and 10 percent in cities. 40 percent have diabetes, 10 percent are suffering from hearing loss. 33 percent in villages and 50 percent in cities have hypertension, about 50 percent have weak eyesight, 10 percent Bharti if these elderly people fall somewhere and break some bone, then 33 percent are suffering from digestive system disorders. Due to generation gap and change in lifestyle, elderly people themselves are feeling isolated and insecure. Economic imperialism, globalization, liberalization and increasing industrialization have also worked to marginalize the elderly. Due to the disintegrating joint families, the elders of the house have been forced to live a lonely life. The house where elders are respected is considered more beautiful than heaven. Its Despite this, in many families the elders have to constantly suffer from the neglect of their own family members. It is very important to make such family members aware that today's youth will also grow old in the future. Whatever we are today in life, our It is only because of the elders in the house, with whose vast experiences and teachings, we are able to overcome all kinds of difficulties in life. In such a situation, if the elders are given affection and proper respect, their likes and dislikes are taken care of, then they will become very important principles for the house. In the twilight of age, one should try to be a support to not only the family members but also the society instead of neglecting them.

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FESTIVAL LOOK FOR NAVRATRAS



By: Shahnaz Husain

With an aromatic smell in the air, we just know that the festive season is here

It is the season of great enthusiasm, rituals & customs and faith while celebrating Goddess Durga with faith, fun, songs, and dance.

It is important to take care of your skin and hair during this time, to elevate your looks and enhance your confidence.

Women of all age groups find the festival fascinating and there is no stopping them as they groove to the latest Navratri songs. However, the long, tiring hours and makeup is dulling your skin. The constant sweat and pollution which the skin is exposed to during the long hours outside homes needs to be dealt with carefully. It is time for the female folk to indulge in skincare rituals for flawless, radiant skin and to look totally stunning.

While you might be ready to indulge in the festivities, are your skin & hair ready too? It is an opportunity to be at your attractive best in a traditional way in the evening when the weather is cooling down. Apart from the religious significance, the nine days festival is perfect time to get your jewellery, makeup, accessories and traditional outfits ready for Navratri.

Since this is also a chance to meet new people, it is the best time to showcase your beauty sense and dancing prowess.

So here are some quick fixes for you

to start gearing up for skin, hair make up to look gorgeous and attractive even before the festival begins.

Your skin is called the mirror of your body. During festivals like Navratri, there are bright lights. So, for your night make-up, you will need bright colours, otherwise your face will look pale.

First, cleanse the skin and apply a liquid moisturizer. For oily skin, apply an astringent lotion with cotton wool.

Wait for a few minutes. Then, cover blemishes with a concealer, before applying foundation. Or, use a lighter colour foundation on dark blemishes and then apply normal foundation on the entire face. If you wish to cover a pimple or spot, it should be done before applying foundation or powder. Concealing sticks are available for this. Using a thin brush, paint over the spot with a little concealer, or lighter shade of foundation. Then, apply a little powder.

Dot foundation on the face and blend with a damp sponge or with finger tips. Don't forget the neck. Apply loose powder, or try compact powder to set the foundation. Use foundation with beige tones, rather than pink. I feel beige suits Indian skin colour better. If you have a very fair ivory skin, go for beige with a rosy tint. If the complexion is fair, but pale (yellowish), avoid pink tones and go for beige or biscuit. Darker complexions look better with brownish beige. I feel that most Indian skin tones look better in beige or biscuit shades of foundation, rather than pink.

Or go for gold foundation for this special occasion. Dot the face with it and blend with a moist sponge, to give the skin a golden glow. When you apply make-up, remember not to smear too much or rub it. Whether it is foundation or blusher, it is best to dot it with a light touch, using a finger tip, or an applicator. It can also be applied lightly and evenly with a damp sponge.

Try tinted powders, like warm yellow tones of powder. Powder with a golden tint will also suit. It should be lightly applied. If you want a really healthy glow without the shine, go for a bronzing powder. Avoid applying too much.

It should be lightly applied, using a big powder brush.

A hint of blusher should be used on the cheeks. A powder blusher is easier to apply. Use it after you have applied powder. Apply on the cheeks and blend it outwards and slightly upwards. Then, apply light coloured highlighter on the cheekbones. Blend well.

Blusher colours for the night need not match lip colour exactly, but it should be in the same colour tone. For example, if you have worn an orange lipstick, avoid pink blush on. For fair skin, try pinks and reds. If you have a yellowish skin, avoid orange. For wheat complexions, colours like rose, coral, copper are flattering, while plum, wine, bronze may suit darker complexions.

For eyes, apply lighter brown shadow on the upper eye lid and dark brown eye shadow in the crease, to add depth. Outline the eyes with dark eye pencil or eyeliner. For a smudged effect, a dark eye shadow also works well on the upper lid, close to the lashes. Extend it a little beyond the outer corner of the eyes, slightly upwards. Smudging can be done with a sponge tipped applicator. Eye liner or dark eye shadow may be applied on the lower lid and then smudged.

Actually, dramatic and heavy eye make-up, with the black eye-lined or winged eyed look has been the trend and is gaining in popularity. It will be ruling fashion trends. Go for dark eyeliner just under the lower lashes and on upper lid close to the lashes. Extend the lines on upper and lower eyelids beyond eyes, like the 60s heavy eye make up look. Coloured liner can also be used with black eyeliner, as it is becoming a trend. Pastel eyeliners, in blue, yellow and even orange will be "in" during the coming seasons.

For Navratri make-up, you may want to try gold, silver or bronze shadow to line the eyes over your eyeliner on the upper lid. Highlight under the brows with gold, ivory or a light coloured eye shadow.

Then apply mascara. Roll-on mascara is easy to apply. While applying mascara on the upper lashes, look

downwards. Apply it both above and below the upper lashes, for a thicker look. Apply on lower lashes too. Wait for a while and apply a second coat. Then brush out the lashes, with a small eyelash brush. To make lashes appear thicker, apply powder between two coats of mascara.

Gloss is popular for the lips. Use a lip liner the same colour as your lipstick. Apply lip gloss in the centre, after applying lipstick.

For normal Indian complexion, go for warm earthy colours, like coral, wine, plum, strawberry, red and shades of red in lipstick. A dark pink or rose-red would look good too. Orange and shades of orange are very much "in," from apricot and amber, to coral and tangerine. You can find orange shades that suit most skin colours. Use orange to coral for darker skin, while orange and peachy shades suit fair skin. If you use orange, go subtle for the rest of your face. Go for light orange or beige lipstick, lilac, mauve and light pink during the day, with a hint of pearl. Clean your makeup thoroughly once you are back from dandiya DJ. Makeup products left on your skin overnight do a lot of damage to your skin particularly if you are prone to acne, pimples and rashes. Get the perfect curl on medium heat for 10 seconds only to warm up your eye lash curler. begin curling your eye lashes from the roots. Keep pressing through the length till you reach the ends of the lash hair. Once you are happy with the way the lashes have curled, you can apply a curl enhancing mascara

A Bindi is an integral part of make-up for festivals. Look for a decorative bindi, to match the colour of your dress. A bindi, studded with small sparkling stones, combined with a bright colour would be most attractive.

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DC Doda inspires youth to pursue entrepreneurship



TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Oct 4: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan today had a fervent discussion with young aspiring entrepreneurs-male and female, during an impressive interaction at Doda Hub in the District Employment and Counselling Centre.

The focus of the discussion revolved around the inception of new businesses. The DC left an indelible mark with his message of hard

work, daring calculated risks, and dedication as the bedrock for success in any business endeavour.

During the interaction with the budding entrepreneurs, Deputy Commissioner Mahajan passionately endorsed the Doda Hub as an optimal platform for launching startups. He urged the youth to steer clear of wasting precious time and embrace entrepreneurship to realize their dreams. The DC

underscored the importance of collaboration among young entrepreneurs, emphasizing that diverse ideas often lead to success in the startup realm. He advocated for meticulous planning and diligent efforts and shared inspiring anecdotes of successful business figures to motivate aspiring entrepreneurs.

In the pursuit of their entrepreneurial dreams, Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan rallied Doda's youth to

embrace hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit. The event served as a beacon of inspiration for those looking to embark on their entrepreneurial journey in the district.

While talking to the media, the DC said that Doda Hub provides a proper platform and favorable environment with all the required support system, for aspiring entrepreneurs to work on their dreams and start a livelihood venture creating job opportunities for others also.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Director Employment Doda, who is also nodal officer of the Doda Hub, District Information Officer Doda, Manujender Singh MGNF for District Doda, officials of District Employment and Counselling Centre Doda and more than 30 male and female young aspiring entrepreneurs.

Sankalp Saptah awareness camp held at Majori-Basant Garh



TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Oct 4: In a remarkable display of community engagement and commitment to better health, the Poshan Project Duda Udhampur organized a one day awareness camp as part of the Sankalp Saptah celebration at Basant Garh.

The event took place at Majori and brought together diverse members of the general public, including esteemed figures like

sarpanches, panches, children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers hailing from neighboring panchayats such as Siameri, Uperla, Chigla Balota, Chukal and Chhatrari.

With insightful sessions on Poshan Abhiyan, Anuradha CDPO Basantgarh offered a comprehensive account of the Poshan Abhiyan, shedding light on the various schemes being diligently implemented by the Poshan team. Furthermore, Anu-

radha shared invaluable nutritional insights aimed at reducing anemia among women. Her emphasis on the importance of a balanced diet during pregnancy and lactation left a lasting impact on the attendees.

The event was graced by the presence of Subhash Dogra, the District Programme Officer of Poshan Udhampur, who honored the occasion as the chief guest.

In his enlightening address, he provided a

detailed overview of the Poshan scheme and elucidated the crucial roles and responsibilities of the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and their helpers in the quest for improved nutrition and well-being.

The one-day awareness camp stands as a testament to the dedication of the Poshan Project JKUT in empowering and educating the community, ultimately fostering a healthier and brighter future for UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

DC Poonch kick starts Sankalp Saptah in Aspirational Block Mankote

TOP NEWS REPORT

POONCH, Oct 4: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin M. Choudhary today inaugurated the Ayushman Bhava Health Mela as a part of Sankalp Saptah program at the AB-HWC PHC in the Aspirational Block Mankote.

The Ayushman Bhava Health Mela offers access to comprehensive primary health care services with medicines and diagnostics and consultation of health specialists, with special priority to marginalized people for a continuum of services.

The event marked the beginning of a week-long campaign dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the resi-

dents in the region and in the Mankote block of the district. The gathering witnessed the establishment of vital healthcare facilities catering to the local community's needs, including: ANC Clinic; TB Screening; NCD Screening; ABHA Registration; Anaemia Testing; Immunization Drive; Nikshay Mitra Facility; Free Medical Checkup; Free Medicine Distribution. A stall was established for on-spot creation of ABHA ID Cards and Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards, facilitating equitable access to high-quality healthcare services for beneficiaries. 180 ABHA ID cards were generated on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the

selection of Mankote under the ABP by the NITI Aayog is a matter of pride for the whole district. He underscored the critical role the Aspirational block program will play in the lives of the local residents. He said that the government interventions in these areas will significantly improve the quality of life, providing opportunities for growth and prosperity. He passionately emphasized that Mankote, akin to many other aspirational blocks, holds immense potential, and it is the collective responsibility of citizens, community leaders, and government officials to unlock this potential and uplift the lives of its residents.

Seminar on 'Relevance of Cooperative Movement in 21st Century' held in Rajouri

TOP NEWS REPORT

RAJOURI, Oct 4: The Cooperative Department Rajouri, in collaboration with the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), on Wednesday organized a seminar on the relevance of the cooperative movement in the 21st century.

The seminar aimed to shed light on the importance of cooperatives and explore innovative ways to strengthen the cooperative movement in the Rajouri district.

The seminar was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

In his address, he underscored the paramount objective of the cooperative movement, which is "Sahkarita" - working collectively for the betterment of all. He emphasized the urgent need to revive the rural economy, recognizing that cooperative movements have played a pivotal role in the country's history in achieving this goal.

He also emphasized



the key initiatives undertaken by the Cooperative Department to revive the cooperative movement in the district. He also highlighted the computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), the establishment of Jan Ashudi Kendra for PACS, and the introduction of Common Service Centers (CSC) as notable initiatives.

He urged the members of the cooperative to actively participate and benefit from these new initiatives. Additionally, he encouraged the youth to join the cooperative movement and contribute their fresh ideas to further enhance its growth.

Distinguished guest

speaker, Prof. Dr. Parvaiz from BGSBU, delivered a captivating presentation on effective management in PACS. He shared valuable insights and strategies to improve the management practices within cooperative societies, thereby ensuring their long-term sustainability and success.

Dr. Arvind Isher, Chief Scientist at Kisan Vigyan Kendra, delivered an informative talk on Geographical Indication (GI) tagging for cooperatives. He emphasized the significance of GI tagging in enhancing the market value and recognition of cooperative products, contributing to the overall growth and profitability of the

cooperative movement. Several other members of the cooperative movement also shared their ideas and experiences during the seminar. They discussed various approaches to strengthen the cooperative movement in the Rajouri district, including capacity building programs, financial support, and the integration of modern technologies.

The seminar served as a platform for fruitful discussions, fostering collaboration, and promoting the exchange of ideas among experts, stakeholders, and participants from various cooperative societies.

The Cooperative Department Rajouri and NCUI expressed

their gratitude to all the speakers, participants, and attendees who contributed to the success of the seminar. They reaffirmed their commitment to supporting and revitalizing the cooperative movement in the district, aiming to create a sustainable and prosperous future for all stakeholders.

Among the others who attended the event were ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; CEO Education, Sul-tana Kouser; Dy Registrar CS, Adnan Rather; AD Fisheries, Both Raj; Assistant Registrar Cooperative department, representative of NCUI and others officials.

JKTJAC expresses strong discontent over unjust rationalization of teaching staff

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) has voiced its deep dissatisfaction with the recent rationalization of teaching staff carried out by the Chief Education Officer in Udhampur. In a press release issued by Vinod Sharma, the UT President of JKTJAC, this action has been strongly criticized as unjustified and detrimental to the well-being of students and teachers alike.

Vinod Sharma alleged that the rationalization process has exacerbated the hardships faced by students and teachers, as numerous primary schools have been reduced to having a single teacher, while many middle schools now have only 2-3 teachers post-rationalization. JKTJAC had proposed and demanded that each primary school with an enrollment of 10 or more students should have a minimum of two teachers, and each middle school with an enrollment of 50 or more should have a minimum of five teachers. However, this rationalization has resulted in schools with enrollments of up to 15 having only one teacher.

Sharma raised a crucial concern about how a single teacher can effectively manage a school when they are burdened with various administrative tasks, including handling multiple government online portals, daily tasks, and responsibilities such as MDM and U-Dise. This leaves them with very little or no time to dedicate to teaching the underprivileged and innocent

students.

He emphasized that such actions by the education department are likely to discourage parents from sending their children to government schools, where a single teacher is overwhelmed with administrative work and has limited time for student interaction.

Sharma also shed light on the predicament of teachers who have been transferred from one location to another without consideration for their personal difficulties, especially those appointed under the ReT scheme, whose jobs are supposed to be non-transferable as per the existing policy.

He appealed to the Director of School Education Jammu and the District Development Commissioner of Udhampur to intervene in this matter and review the rationalization process. He urged that a minimum of two teachers be provided in each primary school with an enrollment of 10 or more students, at least five teachers in each middle school with an enrollment of up to 50, and seven teachers in schools with enrollments of 100 or more, given that middle schools typically have nine classes. He also suggested that schools with fewer than 10 students should be amalgamated, and no school should be left with only one teacher.

Furthermore, JKTJAC has issued a warning that they will take to the streets to protest against this issue if it is not promptly reviewed. They assert that this unjustified process is confined to District Udhampur and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Weekly Block Diwas held at 5 locations in Doda; DC listens to people's issues at Goha Marmat

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Oct 4: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today visited the remote Tehsil Marmat of the District and presided over a public outreach programme, under the unique Block Diwas initiative of the UT administration. He, along with the team of District Administration, listened to public issues, demands, aspirations, and feedback from the public and PRIs.

While on way to Goha, the Deputy Commissioner did Shramdaan (Cleanliness drive) at Bargrann Market, seeing plastic/ other bottles and polythene spread on the roadside near the passenger shed along with all the officers accompanying him. Later the local shopkeepers also joined them.

He inspected PHC Goha and departmental stalls at the venue.

DDC Councillor, Marmat Mushtaq Ahmed Batt, Sarpanches, Panches besides a large number of people hailing from adjoining Panchayats of Block Marmat attended the Block Diwas meeting and projected several demands and problems being faced by them.

Similar block Diwas programmes were held at Panchayat Ghar Kari Chhatra, Block Bhalla, Sub District Baderwah; Panchayat Kharrangal, Tehsil Gandoh, Sub Division Gandoh; Panchayat Charota, Sub Division Assar; and Tehsil Headquarter Chiralla, Sub Division Thatthri, where PRIs, people presented their demands and concerns, to which senior administrative functionaries

responded proactively.

At the Block Diwas program in Goha, locals demanded construction of building for Government Degree College already sanctioned and the land identified, Up gradation of local Government Schools, inclusion of left out eligible families under PMAY, creation of tourism infrastructure in the area, speedy construction of Girls Hostel, establishment of fire services unit, upgradation of roads, new roads to the unconnected habitations, providing adequate staff in Educational institutions, release of Pending MGNREGA material payments, compensation for acquired land by government agencies, construction of PHC building at Goha, retaining the Marmat area under jurisdiction

of PWD Division Doda instead of PWD Division Baderwah, Detaching the area from forest Division Batote and linking it with forest division Doda, creating education zone for Marmat, uninterrupted electricity supply to the area, setting up ATM facility in Goha besides, presented various local and individual issues.

After listening to their demands and issues, the DC redressed many grievances on the spot by passing directions to the concerned officers.

He urged the public, especially youth to avail the conducive ecosystem to generate livelihood & foster development of the area.

"In October, District Employment and Counselling Centre Doda shall conduct counselling sessions in Higher Secondary Schools and

Colleges of the area to address the employment issues," he informed and motivated locals to use scientific methods to increase agricultural production with the help of concerned departments and bring their quality products to the market through cooperatives for enhanced income generation. He stressed starting agro-based startups to boost the local economy.

Responding to the demands, the DC assured the PRIs and general public of the area that all their genuine issues would be addressed in a time bound manner. The DC impressed upon the officers to inform the people about income generating and beneficiary oriented schemes launched by the Government of India and UT Govt.

Murder accused author Indrani Mukerjea being invited for a session at the Khushwant Singh Literature Festival at Kasauli has certainly raised many an eyebrow

Have literary festivals become a platform for image makeover? Asks Chander Trikha, author and former director of Haryana Sahitya Akademi, as he skims through the name of invitees for the Khushwant Singh Literature Festival at Kasauli. His question is directed at the organisers of the festival and Indrani Mukerjea, who will address a session during the three-day event starting October 13.

To put his angst into perspective, Indrani, a murder accused currently out on bail after spending about seven years in Byculla jail in Mumbai, published her memoir in July this year. A reviewer from a reputed newspaper sums up the book as, "Unbroken: The Untold Story is a celeb mom's attempt to whitewash the murder of her daughter, Sheena Bora. Indrani spent about seven stormy years in prison—including participating in a riot—until she got bail last year. Now, she is back home with a bang, as if murder is the new normal...The infamous new author is perhaps betting on a sob story with royalties to make her society royalty again... A profit-pushing publisher has amorally given her a forum and a massive promotion budget." Earlier in August, when a



leading news media page on Instagram interviewed Indrani, many labelled it as an attempt at whitewashing her public image. Netizens questioned her credentials as an author and many Instagram users commented—"God damn you guys! Find your God damn moral compass." "Crazy that she lied about her kids" and "She is throwing big words and hiding behind her faded charm. This is crazy."

Trikha, who feels literary festivals should be dedicated only to literary people, is not off the mark when he expresses concern about such festivals turning into glamour shows. Elizabeth Kuruvilla, Associate Publisher, Vintage, Penguin Random

House, agrees with him. "These days most lit fests have a bent towards the glamour quotient to pull the crowd," she says.

Coming back to Indrani's participation at KSLF, former IPS officer and author Rajbir Deswal says, "Propriety doesn't allow it, as was the case with Tarun Tejpal, who was dropped from festivals after his sexual assault allegations, although he was acquitted later. There has been a trend to invite controversial personalities, just like the sensational reality show Bigg Boss' wild card entries. Even lit fests are now falling into the trap of sensationalism. However, temperamentally it goes with Khushwant Singh's all-encom-

passing attitude to life."

While many in the organising committee of the fest are expecting the session to be 'provocative' and hence a 'crowd puller', the official statement reads that Indrani will be talking about her philanthropic work for undertrials in Indian jails.

Rahul Singh, son of Khushwant Singh, who organises KSLF, justifies it by saying, "Her book fits the theme of the festival, which is The Revolution Will Not Be Televised: Be The Change You Want To See. Also, she hasn't been convicted yet, so I guess it shouldn't stop her public life."

His argument, however, is not in sync with the public mood. Here's a sample. "If she gets a platform to share her story as gospel truth, Charles Sobhraj should also come up with a new story that his childhood was very disturbing and he was victim of conspiracy," writes an Instagram user.

The public perception maybe going against her, but Indrani is making the most of her newfound status as an 'author', giving interviews and promoting a book which should not have been celebrated in the first place, as her case is still pending in a special court.

Salman Khan says he loves being the larger-than-life action star



Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, who has completed 35 years in Hindi cinema, says he loves being the larger-than-life action star. As he is all set to celebrate his 35 years with Tiger

3, Salman said, "People who have loved me since my debut, made me realise on social media that I have completed 35 years in cinema. It is a very special moment for me, filled with nos-

algia, love, so much joy and also the pain when things didn't go as per plan. But I have loved every minute of my journey in the Hindi film industry."

He added, "I'm glad to celebrate this personal milestone with the release of Tiger 3! I know that my fans love to see me doing action and I hope Tiger 3 is the perfect gift that they have been waiting for." Salman is elated with the response that the first video asset, Tiger Ka Message from Tiger 3, garnered.

Yash Raj Films released Tiger Ka Message last week, a video that is a precursor to the trailer of the film. Salman Khan is back to reprise his role as super-agent Tiger aka Avinash Singh Rathore in Yash Raj Films' Tiger 3.

He says playing such larger-than-life characters are fun. Salman said, "I love the action genre, I love being the larger-than-life action star. It's fun..."

Arjun Bijlani's heartwarming journey with Miley Jab Hum Tum

Fifteen years had passed since the first episode of Miley Jab Hum Tum had aired, and the show remained etched in the hearts of millions. Arjun Bijlani, who had played the charming and endearing character of Mayank Sharma, was overwhelmed by the memories that had come flooding back. He couldn't believe how much time had passed since those magical days on the sets.

When asked about his memories, he said, "It was a great show, it is remembered even today. Everybody loves it so much. Even today, so many people come up to me and talk about MJHT, saying it's one of their favourite shows."

The show had not only been a stepping stone for his career but also a cherished chapter of his life. Arjun fondly remem-



bered the camaraderie he had shared with his co-stars, Sanaya Irani, Rati Pandey, Mohit Sehgal, and others. They had become a tight-knit family, both on and off the screen. But time had passed, and everyone had moved on to new projects and different phases of their

lives. Arjun, now a seasoned actor, who is seen working simultaneously for two shows, Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya Shiv Shakti and India's Got Talent, couldn't help but feel a sense of nostalgia and gratitude for the show that had launched him into stardom.

'He is much better than Sukesh': Mika Singh's jibe at Jacqueline Fernandez over Jean-Claude Van Damme pic; conman calls pop singer 'bad guy'

Alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar has issued a warning to pop singer Mika Singh in a letter sent from his confinement.

The dispute between the two personalities broke out after Mika Singh made a comment on Jacqueline Fernandez's Instagram photo featuring herself with Jean-Claude Van Damme.

Mika's comment, which read, "You are looking so beautiful...he is much better than #sukesh...", quickly gained widespread attention before Mika deleted it.

In response to this comment, Sukesh, currently imprisoned at Mandoli Jail, conveyed his disapproval through a letter made public by his lawyer, Anant Malik. In the letter, Sukesh



referred to Mika as a "bad guy" and criticised his interference in Jacqueline's life.

"Mika, I see what your trying to do, first here is the story, you are in capacity to comment on what's good for Jacqueline, I got to know about your comment, look at yourself first, you are no good because at least I have nothing to hide it's all in open, but you

there is a lot of garbage that you have, especially about your conduct with women," Sukesh wrote.

"So 'Mika' it's better you safeguard your respect and dignity, and stop poking your nose into other people's lives, when yours' itself stinks horribly. Next time you won't get such advice my friend, there would be consequences, by your garbage being out

in open and exposed, and a ton of law suits which would end you up in bankruptcy, I assure you that, Mr. #Mika Singh," the letter further read.

"Also to all those wonderful trolls, want to quote a old line from the film, Scarface, All of you are a bunch of cockroaches and you need people like me to point and tell, look, he

is the 'bad Guy'. You guys know how to hide, spread, hatred, negativity and jealousy," Sukesh further wrote.

"Guess what I am not like you, or have that problem as what I do, did is all in open and have the guts to take it all head on, and face it on my terms, so all the best, I don't give a damn," he stated.

"Lastly Jackie my baby my bomma love you like crazy don't be worried about all these negativity I am here and will deal with it. At the end its only and only one winning streak. My rockstar Missing you like crazy, can't wait," he stated while congratulating the actress on her upcoming Hollywood collab with Van Damme.

"From Maqbool to Haider, our creative journey continues to evolve," says Tabu on her bond with director Vishal Bhardwaj



Actress Tabu, who has reunited with filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj for spy thriller Khufiya, opened up on her bond with the latter, calling it truly exciting.

From the gripping narratives of Maqbool to Haider, this dynamic

duo has consistently delivered unforgettable performances. Tabu shared, "I am delighted to join hands with Vishal Bhardwaj once again in Khufiya, and our collaboration with Netflix for this intriguing spy thriller is truly exciting. Vishal's

unique storytelling has always intrigued me, and Khufiya is no exception."

On his part, Vishal said: "Tabu is undeniably an exceptional talent in the world of cinema. Her ability to immerse herself in diverse characters and bring them to life is truly awe-inspiring. In Khufiya, she once again proves her mettle by portraying the character brilliantly."

Khufiya marks an exciting departure from Vishal's usual forte, known for his exceptional work in adapting classic literature and crafting dark, intense narratives set in rural landscapes. This time, he ventures into the realm of espionage with a spy thriller that promises to be a captivating. The film also stars Ali Fazal and Wamiqa Gabbi. It will release on October 5 on Netflix.

Is Ayesha Singh participating in Jhalak Dikh Laja 11?



Ever since Ayesha Singh ended her stint in Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin, all her fans and fraternity colleagues have been playing the guessing game in terms of what's going to be her next move. Some time back, there were media reports about Ayesha Singh being the first choice for the upcoming Colors' show, titled Chand Jalne Laga.

Well, seems like it is raining offers for Ayesha after the show. If sources are to be believed, Ayesha has also been approached for the upcoming season of Jhalak Dikh Laja.

Zendaya stuns in white plunging zipper dress at Paris Fashion Week

American actor Zendaya stunned Paris Fashion Week in a white gown for the Louis Vuitton show, People reported.

For the show on Monday, Zendaya donned a floor-length white dress with a double-zipper feature down the front that zipped from top to bottom to sit front row at the fashion house's presentation.

The zip pulls were enlarged for added flair, like with Louis Vuitton's current styles.

In addition to the gold zipper, the dress had an exaggerated buckle design on the strap and a short train.

Zendaya, who was named an ambassador for Louis Vuitton earlier this year, completed the ensemble with white heels and Bulgari diamonds.

Jaden Smith, Paul Bettany, Jennifer Connelly, Gemma Chan, Cate Blanchett, and Pharrell Williams, the creative director of menswear for Louis Vuitton, were also in attendance.

In June, Williams



showed his debut collection for Louis Vuitton on the Pont Neuf bridge in Paris, creating a massive spectacle that was live broadcast and attended by some of Hollywood's biggest personalities (who also happen to be friends of the house and of Williams).

Beyonce, JAY Z, Rihanna, A\$AP Rocky, Kim Kardashian, Jared Leto, Zendaya, and others sat in the first

row, as per People.

Beyonce wore a bright gold Louis Vuitton suit. The suit was matched with a Louis Vuitton purse and large sunglasses.

Meanwhile, the 'Euphoria' actor walked to her seat in a jewelled draped unbuttoned blouse and wide-leg trousers, having made news hours before with the release of the trailer for her upcoming film 'Challengers'.

PM Modi to launch multiple development projects in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh

Will lay foundation stone of trauma centre and critical care hospital block at AIIMS, Jodhpur and dedicate IIT Jodhpur campus to the nation

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth Rs 12,600 crore in Madhya Pradesh and Rs 5,000 crore in Rajasthan during his visit to the two poll-bound states on Thursday.

In Jodhpur in Rajasthan, the Prime Minister's Office said, Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects in sectors like road, rail, aviation, health and higher education.

In Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of development projects in sectors such as road, rail, gas pipeline, housing and clean drinking water, it said.

Among the health projects for which he will lay the foundation stone in Rajasthan include a 350-bedded trauma centre and critical care hospital block at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur, and seven critical care blocks under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) to be developed across the state.

The centre at the AIIMS will



be developed at a cost of more than Rs 350 crore, it said.

The statement said the facility will bring a holistic approach in management of trauma and emergency cases by providing multidisciplinary and comprehensive care to patients while critical care blocks across Rajasthan will augment district level critical care infrastructure, it added.

The prime minister will also lay the foundation stone for the development of a state-of-the-art new terminal building at the Jodhpur airport costing Rs 480 crore and dedicate the IIT Jodhpur campus to the nation

as well.

The statement said the campus has been built at a cost of more than Rs 1,135 crore. It is a step towards providing high quality holistic education and building infrastructure for supporting cutting-edge research and innovation initiatives, it said.

Among other projects, he will lay the foundation stone of multiple road development projects to be built at a cumulative cost of about Rs 1,475 crore and also flag off two new train services in the state.

The PMO said Modi will inaugurate a light house project at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Built at a cost of about Rs 128 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban, the project will benefit more than 1,000 beneficiary families as part of his vision of "housing for all", it said.

He will also lay the foundation stone of multiple Jal Jeevan Mission projects in Mandla, Jabalpur and Dindori districts worth over Rs 2,350 crore and inaugurate a drinking water project under the same scheme in Seoni district.

These projects in four districts of the state will benefit about 1,575 villages of Madhya Pradesh.

It said he will also lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation multiple projects more than Rs 4,800 crore for improving the road infrastructure in the state.

He will dedicate to the nation rail projects worth more than Rs 1,850 crore and 352 km-long Vijapur-Auraiyan-Phulpur pipeline project built at a cost of more than Rs 1,750 crore, among several other development facilities he will launch during the visit.

HAL hands over first LCA Tejas twin-seater aircraft to IAF

LCA Tejas twin seater is a light weight, all-weather multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft



BENGALURU, Oct 4 (Agencies): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on Wednesday handed over the first LCA Tejas twin seater aircraft to the Indian Air Force.

The Bengaluru-headquartered company said the twin-seater variant has all the capabilities to support the training requirements of the IAF and augments itself to the role of fighter as well in case of necessity.

Union Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt was the chief guest during the first LCA Tejas twin seater aircraft function wherein the unveiling of the LCA

twin seater, handing over of Release to Service (RSD), Signalling out Certificate (SOC) were conducted in the presence of Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, among others.

The LCA Tejas twin seater is a light weight, all-weather multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft.

It is an amalgamation of contemporary concepts and technologies, such as relaxed static stability, quadruplex fly-by-wire flight control, carefree maneuvering, advanced glass cockpit, integrated digital avionics systems and

advanced composite materials for the airframe, HAL said.

This adds India to the list of "very few" elite countries who have created such capabilities and have them operational in their Defence Forces, it said, adding, it's another feather on the cap of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative of the Government of India.

"This historic event today will mark the achievement of a key milestone of producing an LCA twin seater which is designed with a strategic intent of graduating the budding pilots from the twin seater variants to fighter pilots", HAL said.

HAL has an order of 18 twin seaters from IAF and is planning to deliver eight of them during 2023-24. The remaining 10 would be delivered progressively by 2026-27.

Further, more orders are also expected from IAF, the company said.

8 of family killed as SUV rams into stationary truck in UP

LUCKNOW, Oct 4 (Agencies): Eight members of a family were killed on the spot when their SUV collided with a stationary truck near Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj district early Wednesday.

A child was reported to have survived in the accident but his condition was stated to be critical.

Police said the deceased family were

returning to their home in Pilibhit district after 'darshan' of Kashi Vishwanath Dham.

The incident happened around four in the morning when the SUV hit the truck parked on the side of the highway.

Among the deceased were two brothers Mahendra Pal and Damodar and their family members. They were residents of village Muzaffarnagar Dudhia Khurd under Puranpur

police station in Pilibhit district.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has expressed grief over the incident.

In a post from CM's official account on X, Yogi Adityanath has expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives in the accident.

He has directed the district administration officials for proper treatment of the injured.

Will deal with issue of immunity of lawmakers if criminality attached to acts: Supreme Court

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): A seven-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it will deal with the issue of whether immunity granted to lawmakers is available if there was criminality attached to their acts.

The bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud commenced hearing to reconsider the apex court's 1998 verdict granting MPs and MLAs immunity from prosecution for taking bribes to make a speech or vote in Parliament and state legislatures.

"We have to deal with the immunity as well and decide a narrow issue—can the immunity (to the lawmakers) be attached when there is element of criminality," a constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, at the outset, said that possibly the controversy can be narrowed down in view of the fact that the offence of bribery is complete when a bribe is given and accepted by



the lawmaker.

Now whether the lawmaker performs the criminal act is irrelevant for the question of criminality and it is a question under the Prevention of Corruption Act, rather under Article 105 which deals with the immunity available to the lawmakers, the law officer said.

The bench, referring to the 1998 judgment, said it was held that irrespective of the criminality, immunity is available to the lawmakers.

"We will ultimately have to deal with the issue of immunity," said the bench which also comprised justices A S Bopanna, M M Sundresh, P S Narasimha, J B Pardiwala, Sanjay Kumar and Manoj Misra.

Nearly 25 years after the JMM bribery scan-

dal rocked the country, the apex court had on September 20 agreed to reconsider its 1998 judgment, saying it was an important issue having a significant bearing on "morality of polity".

A five-judge bench of the apex court had decided to refer the issue to a larger seven-judge bench.

The top court had in its 1998 five-judge constitution bench verdict delivered in the PV Narasimha Rao versus CBI case held that parliamentarians have immunity under the Constitution against criminal prosecution for any speech made and vote cast inside the House as per Article 105(2) and Article 194(2) of the Constitution.

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Constitution stipulates that no Member of Parliament shall be liable to any proceedings in court in respect of anything said or any vote cast in Parliament or any committee thereof. A similar provision exists for MLAs under Article 194(2).

In 2019, a bench headed by then chief justice Ranjan Gogoi, which was hearing an appeal filed by Sita Soren, JMM MLA from Jharkhand and daughter-in-law of party chief Shibu Soren, who was an accused in the JMM bribery scandal, had referred to a five-judge bench the crucial question, noting it had "wide ramifications" and was of "substantial public importance".

Sita Soren was accused of taking bribes to vote for a particular candidate in the Rajya Sabha election in 2012. She had contended that the constitutional provision granting lawmakers immunity from prosecution, which saw her father-in-law being let off the hook in the JMM bribery scandal, be applied to her.

The three-judge bench had then said it will revisit its verdict in the sensational JMM bribery case involving Shibu Soren, a former Jharkhand chief minister and ex-union minister, and four other party MPs who had allegedly accepted bribes to vote against the no-confidence motion challenging the survival of the P V Narasimha Rao Government in 1993.

The Narasimha Rao Government, which was in a minority, survived the no-confidence vote with their support.

The CBI registered a case against Soren and four other JMM Lok Sabha MPs but the Supreme Court quashed it citing the immunity from prosecution they enjoyed under Article 105(2) of the Constitution.

Sita Soren had appealed against the Jharkhand High Court order of February 17, 2014 refusing to quash a criminal case lodged against. The CBI had accused her of accepting bribes from one candidate and voting for another.

Bengal school jobs scam: ED summons TMC's Abhishek Banerjee on October 9

KOLKATA, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee to appear before its officers on October 9 in connection with their probe into the alleged irregularities in the West Bengal teacher recruitment scam, a senior official said on Wednesday.

The probe agency also summoned Banerjee's wife Rujira for questioning on October 11, the official added.

"Our officers will question Banerjee on October 9 and his wife on October 11 in connection with the school jobs scam. Both have been asked to come to our office at the CGO Complex here," the officer told agency over the phone.

Earlier, the ED had summoned the TMC leader's parents Amit and Lata



Banerjee to appear before its officers this week in the same case.

The Diamond Harbour MP, who was asked by ED to appear before it on October 3, had skipped the summons and participated in the party's protest rally in New Delhi against the BJP-led central government demanding immediate release of central funds allegedly owed to the state.

At least 100 students of Govt physical education institute in MP fall sick; food poisoning suspected

GWALIOR, Oct 4 (Agencies): Nearly 100 students of a government-run physical education institute in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior were rushed to a hospital after suffering from suspected food poisoning, officials said on Wednesday.

The students had consumed a paneer (cottage cheese) dish, they said, adding that food at the mess (of the institute) was being examined.

Around 100 students of the Lakshmbhai National Institute of Physical Education were on Tuesday brought to the government-run Jayarogya Hospital, its superintendent RKS Dhakad said. They fell ill possibly due to food poisoning, he said.

"They had eaten paneer sabji which might have resulted in the food poisoning," he said. Some of them are seriously ill, but the situation is under control, the official said.

The institute's registrar, Amit Yadav, said some students fell ill on Tuesday and it was suspected that they suffered from viral fever. However, a medical examination found infection and by Tuesday evening, nearly 100 students fell ill, he said.

Yadav said nearly 70 of the students are doing well after undergoing medication, while all the students are under medical observation and none of them is serious. The food consumed by students in the mess is being examined, he said.

'Nothing will be found at his residence,' CM Arvind Kejriwal reacts to ED's raid on MP Sanjay Singh

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday said the ED raids on AAP leader Sanjay Singh's residence showed that the BJP was resorting to desperate measures as it stares at a defeat in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Many such raids will take place but there is nothing to be scared of, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener said.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday morning raided AAP MP Sanjay Singh's home in connection with a money laundering case linked to the Delhi excise policy, officials said. Premises of some others connected to the case are also being covered, they said.

"They have been probing the alleged liquor scam for the last year but nothing has been found yet. Nothing will be found at Sanjay Singh's residence. When someone is staring at defeat, they resort to desperate measures. That is what is happening right now," Kejriwal told reporters during his visit to the Okhla landfill site. The chief minister said such raids will only increase as the



election nears."

ED, CBI, I-T and police agencies will become active as the elections come closer. Yesterday, it was journalists and today, it is Sanjay Singh. Many such raids will happen. But there is no need to be scared," he added.

On the Supreme Court hearing his former deputy Manish Sisodia's bail plea, Kejriwal said, "The blessings of children are with him. We hope he will get justice from the Supreme Court today."

After Nanded, 23 Deaths Reported In 2 Maharashtra Hospitals In 24 Hours

NAGPUR, Oct 4 (Agencies): A government-run hospital in Maharashtra's Nagpur has reported the death of 14 patients in 24 hours, while another state-run medical facility in the city has recorded nine fatalities during the same period, officials said on Wednesday.

These figures were shared by the authorities of these hospitals close on the heels of the death of 31 patients in 48 hours at Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Nanded between September 30 and October 2, and 18 deaths reported at a government-run hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in a 24-hour

period.

The Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) Nagpur reported 14 deaths in 24 hours ending 8 am on Wednesday, an official of the hospital said.

GMCH Dean Dr Raj Gajbhiye said the hospital has a capacity of 1,900 beds and the death of average 10 to 12 patients is reported there daily.

"The patients who die at the hospital are mostly those who are last-minute referrals and requiring Intensive Care Unit (ICU) admission. Such patients are brought to the GMCH in a critical condition," he said.

Patients are admitted to the hospital from across central India, he

added.

Similarly, Indira Gandhi Government Medical College and Hospital (IGGMCH) in the city reported nine deaths in 24 hours, its senior official said.

"The deceased patients included mostly who were brought there in a critical condition. These included patients who required ventilator support," the official told PTI, adding that patients from across the Vidarbha region are admitted to the hospital.

The IGMCH has a capacity of 800 beds and it reports the death of average six patients daily, the official said.

"The hospital has sufficient stock of medicines and other facilities," the official said.

Afghanistan's Taliban needs to meet its commitments to get legitimacy: White House

Many countries are yet to recognise the Taliban set-up and have been pitching for formation of truly inclusive government in Kabul

WASHINGTON, Oct 4 (Agencies): Two days after a Taliban-appointed Afghanistan minister reiterated that 'men and women are not equal' based on Sharia, the White House has said, the Taliban needs to meet its commitments to get legitimacy from the international community.

"We've not recognised them as a governing power in Afghanistan. They want that. They want legitimacy. Then they need to meet their commitments," John Kirby, Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House, told reporters at a news conference.

"I mean, how can you effectively govern, how can you effectively have a useful economy when basically half your workforce, all women, are prohibited from being a part of that process? So, we're going to keep holding them accountable for their commitments," he said in response to a question.



On October 1, Taliban-appointed Afghanistan's acting education minister Neda Mohammad Nadim said that 'men and women are not equal' based on Sharia and expressed concerns that "attempts are being made to dismantle the current system under the pretext of addressing women's issues," according to a report by TOLO News. Nadim further emphasised the adherence to Sharia principles in the educational system.

"The Almighty Allah has distinguished between men and women. A male is the ruler, he has the authority, he must be obeyed, and the woman must accept his world. A woman is not equal to a man; however, they (Western nations) have placed her above a man," TOLO News quoted him as speaking during a meeting at Baghlan University in Afghanistan.

The Taliban seized power in Afghanistan in August 2021 and

immediately after, put a ban on women's education and also on women working except in some trades.

Many countries, including the US and India, are yet to recognise the Taliban set-up and have been pitching for the formation of a truly inclusive government in Kabul.

Asked if this (not recognising the Taliban as the governing power in Afghanistan) means that the US will not have any conversation with the Taliban, Kirby replied, "Of course not. We're still working to try to get our allies and partners in Afghanistan out. That takes conversation. It takes dialogue."

"But it's important to the United States to keep meeting our word to the people who helped us for 20 years. And does it mean that we don't still have shared counterterrorism threats? Absolutely, we do. And the Taliban has been fighting against ISIS-K, particularly inside their country," Kirby said.

Canadian allegations against India 'serious', need to be fully investigated: US

WASHINGTON, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Canadian allegations regarding India's involvement in the killing of a pro-Khalistan leader are "serious" and need to be investigated fully, the White House has said.

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), was killed in Surrey, British Columbia on June 18. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

The claims made by Canada were discussed when visiting External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan met here last week, John Kirby, Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House told reporters at a news conference here.

"The issue was discussed. We'll certainly leave it to those two countries to talk about their bilateral relationship," Kirby said in response to a question.

"We've been clear, these allegations are serious, they need to be fully investigated and of course, as we've said before, we urge India to participate actively in that investigation," Kirby said.

State Department's Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel told reporters at a separate news conference that it's

critical that Canada's investigation proceeds and the perpetrators are brought to justice.

"We also have, as we've previously said publicly and privately, urged the Indian government to cooperate in the Canadian investigation and cooperate in those efforts," he said.

The US, he said, has seen the reports on the diplomatic staffing levels for the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi.

"But I don't have anything further to offer on those reports and certainly don't want to get into hypotheticals and take this process one step at a time. As it relates to our Indo-Pacific strategy and the focus that we continue to place on the region, that effort and that line of work is going to continue," he said.

"With India, we are partners with them in the Quad and in many others, and we continue to work with them and other countries in the region on a number of important issues.

"But as I said, we take these allegations very seriously and we continue to not just work closely with our Canadian partners but have publicly and privately urged the Indian government to cooperate with Canada," Patel said.

Philippines probing ramming incident in South China Sea that killed 3 Filipino

MANILA, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Philippines is investigating a maritime incident to find out what killed three Filipino fishermen in a ramming incident that sank their boat in the South China Sea, its president said on Wednesday.

"We assure the victims, their families, and everyone that we will exert every effort to hold accountable those who are responsible for this unfortunate maritime incident," Ferdinand Marcos Jr said on the X social media platform.

Three Filipino fishermen died after their fishing boat was rammed by an unidentified foreign commercial vessel while crossing the South China Sea, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) said on Wednesday.

The incident occurred on Monday while the boat was transiting 85 nautical miles (157 km) northwest of the disputed Scarborough Shoal, it said in a statement. Eleven crew members survived when the boat sank.

"The incident is still under investigation to ascertain the details



and circumstances surrounding the collision between the fishing boat and a still unidentified commercial vessel," Marcos said.

"Let us allow the PCG to do its job and investigate, and let us refrain from engaging in speculation in the meantime," he added, referring to the coast guard.

Tensions around those waters have recently flared up after the Philippines said it removed a 300-metre ball-buoy barrier installed by China's coastguard near the Scarborough Shoal, a prime fishing spot and one of Asia's most contested maritime features.

The strategic shoal, named after a British

cargo vessel that ran aground there in the 18th century, is in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone but was seized in 2012 by China, which has maintained a constant presence of coast guard ships and fishing trawlers there ever since.

China has rejected the Philippines' version of events over the barrier, while the United States has weighed in with support behind Manila and vowed to honour its treaty commitments to defend its treaty ally if attacked.

The Philippine coastguard did not elaborate on the incident or provide details of the vessel it said had rammed the Filipino crew.

North Korea assures to counter US aggression over 'persistent' threat report

SEOUL, Oct 4 (Agencies): North Korea slammed the United States over a recent Pentagon report that labeled it a "persistent" threat because of weapons of mass destruction, saying Wednesday that it will counter any US aggression or provocations with "the most overwhelming and sustained response strategy."

Last week, the Pentagon released the unclassified version of its "2023 Strategy for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction" describing WMD challenges and methods to address them. The report stated that while China and Russia present "the principal WMD challenges," North Korea, Iran and violent extremist organizations remain "persistent regional threats" that must also be addressed.

Such US descriptions of North Korea and the North's angry response aren't unusual. But the latest exchange comes as concerns grow that North Korea is pushing for a weapons transfer deal with Russia in violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"The U.S. has just revealed its dangerous intention for aggression to seriously violate the sovereignty and security of (North Korea) and other independent sovereign states by threatening them with WMDs, and realising its wild ambition for seizing global military hegemony," an unidentified spokesperson for



North Korea's Defense Ministry said in a statement carried by state media.

North Korea's military will "counter the US imperialist aggressor's military strategy and provocations with the most overwhelming and sustained response strategy," the statement said.

North Korea's nuclear program has taken on new urgency since it enacted a law last year that authorizes preemptive use of nuclear weapons. Since the beginning of 2022, North Korea has conducted more than 100 missile tests, many of them involving nuclear-capable weapons potentially able to target the US and South Korea.

Last week, North Korea's parliament amended the country's constitution to include nuclear law, an indication that the North is further boosting its nuclear doctrine. During the parliament meeting, leader Kim Jong Un called for an exponential

increase in production of nuclear weapons and for his country to play a larger role in a coalition of nations confronting the United States in a "new Cold War."

South Korea's Defense Ministry warned in a statement Wednesday that any attempt by North Korea to use nuclear weapons would result in the end of the Kim government. It said North Korea's inclusion of the nuclear law in its constitution will further deepen its international isolation and the suffering of its people.

The Pentagon report cited North Korean nuclear law in explaining its security threat. The report said North Korea is developing mobile nuclear capabilities that place the U.S. homeland and regional allies and partners at risk.

The report also said North Korea maintains up to several thousand metric tons of chemical warfare agents and the capability to produce nerve,

blister and choking agents. It said North Korea's potential chemical deployment methods include artillery, ballistic missiles and unconventional forces.

The U.S. and South Korea have been responding to North Korea's advancing nuclear arsenal with expanded joint military exercises and temporary deployments of U.S. long-range bombers and a nuclear-armed submarine. North Korea calls such moves grave provocations that force it to further strengthen its nuclear program.

North Korea's Defense Ministry said in the statement that the term "persistent threat" is more suitable for the US, citing its intensifying military drills with South Korea and the deployment of a nuclear-armed submarine that it said carried weapons "large enough to totally destroy one state."

In September, Kim traveled to Russia's far eastern region to meet with President Vladimir Putin and visit key military sites. North Korea and Russia said the trip was meant to boost their cooperation but neither side disclosed details.

Foreign officials and experts believe North Korea hopes to obtain advanced Russian technologies to help it develop spy satellites, nuclear-propelled submarines and powerful long-range missiles in return for supplying Russia with conventional arms exhausted by its war with Ukraine.

Musk sued by ex-wife Grimes for not letting her see one of their 3 children

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 4 (Agencies): Canadian singer Grimes (Claire Boucher) has sued her former boyfriend and tech billionaire Elon Musk to establish a "parental relationship" with one of their three children.

Grimes filed a "petition to establish parental relationship" in a California court, according to court records obtained by Page Six.

"The request intends to have the court identify the legal parents of a child when they are unmarried," the report mentioned.

The identity of the child was not revealed but reports mentioned Grimes is referring to their youngest son, Tau, who was born last year.

According to Grimes, Musk will not allow "her to visit one of their chil-

dren".

Last month, Grimes posted on X that she was pursuing some sort of legal action against Musk.

"Tell Elon to let me see my son or plz respond to my lawyer," she wrote in a response to Walter Isaacson, the writer of Musk's biography.

Musk has not yet responded, according to the reports.

Musk and musician Grimes had their first son in 2020. They had a daughter via surrogate in 2021, a few months after breaking up.

Isaacson revealed in the 'Elon Musk' biography that they had a third child (named Techno Mechanicus) in 2022.

Hit by emotional scars apparently inflicted by his father early in life, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO went on to have a fluid



mix of girlfriends, former wives, ex-girlfriends and significant others, and has many children with multiple women, his biography by American author-journalist Isaacson has revealed.

The book revealed that Musk encouraged employees such as Shivon Zilis, a top operations officer at his Neuralink company, to have many children.

Musk volunteered to donate sperm to Zilis and she agreed. She had twins in 2021 via in

vitro fertilisation.

"Zilis and Grimes were friendly, but Musk did not tell Grimes about the twins", according to the book.

Grimes was upset in 2022 when she learned that Musk is the biological father of Zilis' children.

Along with the three kids he shares with Grimes and two with Zilis, Musk is also a father to the six children he shares with his former wife, Canadian author Justine Wilson.

Swedish media report that winners of Nobel Prize in chemistry may have been announced early

STOCKHOLM, Oct 4 (Agencies): Swedish media say the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences may have announced the winners of this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry prematurely.

Public broadcaster SVT said the academy sent a press release by mistake early Wednesday that contained the names of the winners.

The press release said the prize went to three US-based scientists for the "discovery and synthesis of quantum dots," according to SVT.

The Associated Press did not receive the press release.

"Unfortunately, I cannot comment on what has been published yet. What is important to know is that the Academy of Sciences has not yet met and there is no decision on who will be awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry," Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences spokeswoman Eva Nevelius said in an email.

Heiner Linke, an expert on the Nobel committee for chemistry, told Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter that no decision had been



made Wednesday morning and that if a press release had gone out it would "definitely" have been a mistake.

The prize is set to be announced at 11:45 am in Sweden (0945 GMT).

On Tuesday, the physics prize went to French-Swedish physicist Anne L'Huillier, French scientist Pierre Agostini and Hungarian-born Ferenc Krausz for producing the first split-second glimpse into the superfast world of spinning electrons.

The tiny part of each atom races around the centre and is fundamental to virtually everything: chemistry, physics, our bodies and our gadgets.

On Monday, Hungarian-Ameri-

can Katalin Karikó and American Drew Weissman won the Nobel Prize in medicine for discoveries that enabled the creation of mRNA vaccines against COVID-19.

Last year, Americans Carolyn R. Bertozzi and K. Barry Sharpless, and Danish scientist Morten Meldal were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for developing a way of "snapping molecules together" that can be used to explore cells, map DNA and design drugs that can target diseases such as cancer more precisely.

The chemistry prize means Nobel season has reached its halfway stage. The prizes in literature, peace and economics follow, with one announcement every weekday until October 9.

The Nobel Foundation raised the prize money by 10 per cent this year to 11 million kronor (about USD 1 million). In addition to the money, winners receive an 18-carat gold medal and diploma when they collect their Nobel Prizes at the award ceremonies in December.

National Integration Tour enlightens students of Padum, Zanskar Valley

Top News Report

LEH, Oct 4: A remarkable thirteen-day National Integration Tour was meticulously organized by Forever in Operations Division, under the auspices of the Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army, for a group of 25 students spanning different age groups. These students, hailing from the picturesque yet remote Lamdon High School in Padum, Zanskar Valley, Ladakh, were accompanied by three dedicated teachers. The tour commenced on 22nd September 2023 in the Kargil District and concluded on 04th October 2023 in Leh.

The primary objective of this tour was to



provide the youth from the far-flung regions of the Union Territory of Ladakh with a glimpse into the rich and diverse heritage of our great nation. Throughout the journey, these young minds explored a range of captivating destinations, including Chandigarh, Delhi, and Jaipur, where they had the privilege of visiting renowned

landmarks such as the Rock Garden, India Gate, National War Memorial, Nehru Planetarium, National Science Centre, New Sansad Bhawan, Hawa Mahal, Nahargarh Fort, and Jantar Mantar. Each location offered a unique and enriching experience, showcasing the remarkable diversity that India has to offer. Notably, for

many of the students, this tour marked their first-ever trip outside the Ladakh region, and their maiden flight in an airplane added an extra layer of excitement to their adventure.

Upon their arrival in Leh on 3rd October 2023, the students had the opportunity to engage in an insightful interaction with the Chief of Staff, Fire

and Fury Corps. They shared their enthusiastic feedback on their educational journey and experiences during the tour. In a heartfelt gesture of appreciation and remembrance, the Chief of Staff, Fire and Fury Corps, presented mementoes to the entire team as a token of their unforgettable journey.

This National Integration Tour has not only broadened the horizons of these students but has also reinforced the spirit of unity, diversity, and national integration among the future leaders of Ladakh. It stands as a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering a sense of unity and patriotism across the nation.

LPG cylinders' price slashed further for Ujjwala beneficiaries, to cost Rs 600



NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Centre has approved an additional subsidy of Rs 100 on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders for beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, in a move aimed at supporting economically disadvantaged households.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur confirmed the increase, stating that

"the beneficiaries of the Ujjwala Yojana will now receive a subsidy of Rs 300, up from the previous Rs 200."

Under the Ujjwala Yojana, eligible beneficiaries will now get an increased subsidy of Rs 300 on gas cylinders, marking an increase from the previous Rs 200 subsidy. With this, Ujjwala beneficiaries will be able to purchase gas

cylinders for a total cost of Rs 600.

This decision by the government seeks to offer relief to numerous low-income families across the nation, a timely step ahead of crucial state elections later this year and the general election scheduled for 2024.

In a previous development back in August, the price of LPG cylinders intended for domestic use was lowered by Rs 200 per cylinder for all consumers. However, the total benefit for Ujjwala beneficiaries amounted to Rs 400 per cylinder.

With the fresh subsidy approval of Rs 100, the overall support extended by the government to Ujjwala beneficiaries stands at Rs 500.

SRTC VRS employees protest, reiterate demands



Top News Report

JAMMU, Oct 4: A protest led by Dev Raj Bali, President of the VRS Union Jammu, unfolded on Wednesday near Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu. The demonstration aimed to vehemently condemn the uncooperative behavior of the constituted board committee of the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC), including its Chairman and Managing Director (MD), concerning issues faced by retired employees.

During the demonstration, participants vigorously criticized the

alleged misuse of authority by the committee and their dissemination of misleading signals to the Union Territory (UT) Government while addressing long-standing concerns, particularly the unresolved arrears of retired JKRTC employees. It was asserted that these actions had subjected retirees to significant hardship. Concerns were raised about the apparent collaboration between the MD of RTC Jammu and the constituted committee, which, it was alleged, had provided inaccurate information to the government, detrimentally affecting the careers of retired JKRTC employees.

In response to these grievances, a heartfelt appeal has been made to the Central Government to launch a comprehensive inquiry into the matter. This initiative aims to uncover the actual facts surrounding the situation and ensure that those responsible for any misconduct are held accountable in accordance with the law. Many retired employees expressed shock and dismay over the perceived mistreatment and arbitrary decisions made by the constituted committee and MD RTC.

The primary demands presented by the demonstrators included resolution of Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) arrears from June 1999 to December 31, 2005; settlement of 6th Pay Commission arrears from January 1, 2006, to March 2012 and clearance of Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears from April 2012 to March 2021.

The demonstration saw active participation from several individuals, including Sat Bhusan Singh, Surinder Singh, Ram Pal, G.S. Tohra, P.P. Singh, Rajinder Sawhney, and many others who expressed their unwavering support for the cause.

Dogra Front stages protest against non-functioning LED street lights, demands swift action



Top News Report

JAMMU, Oct 4: Dogra Front, under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta, took to the streets of Jammu to stage a protest against the malfunctioning of 35,000 LED street lights, which has plunged the entire city into darkness.

Ashok Gupta revealed that although 90,000 LED lights were installed just eight months ago, a staggering 35,000 of them are now non-operational, resulting in the city's pervasive darkness. According to the agreement with the installation company, these

lights should have been replaced within the 1.5-year warranty period, but no action has been taken to fulfill this commitment.

One of the key issues highlighted during the protest is the absence of a control room, which was supposed to be established as per the tender. This control room would have been responsible for monitoring and rectifying faults in the street lights. However, since the installation of the lights, no such control room has been established.

Gupta expressed deep concern over the safety implications

of these non-functioning street lights. The inadequate lighting has created an open invitation for criminal activities, jeopardizing the safety and security of residents and visitors alike.

Moreover, the economic repercussions of delayed or malfunctioning street lights extend beyond safety concerns. Businesses relying on evening foot traffic have been severely impacted, as potential customers choose to stay indoors due to compromised visibility. Additionally, the city's nightlife and entertainment sectors have experienced a downturn, negatively affecting the social and cultural vibrancy of the community.

Gupta urged that the responsible company be blacklisted and heavily fined to set an example, ensuring that such negligence is not repeated in the future.

The protest saw the participation of several members, including Ramesh, Sandhya, Ashish, Abhishek, Kalu, Prem, Janak, Vidya, Rampal, Naresh, Vijay, and many others, all of whom joined in voicing their concerns and demands for prompt action.

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J&K bags 17 medals in National Rope Skipping Championship

and Aradhna, all contributing to the team's impressive haul.

Not to be outdone, participants from the Jammu and Kashmir team displayed their resilience, as Aradhna, Vanshika Dogra, Saanvi Sunil, Mandar Mehta, Abhinash Singh Sodhi, Yuvraj Chib, and Nitish Singh collectively secured an impressive set of Bronze medals.

Behind this victorious team were Danish Sharma as the Chief Coach and Rudrakshit Gupta as the Coach, who guided and mentored them throughout the championship.

The entire team operated under the watchful supervision of Tarsem Sharma, the Founder/CEO of Rope Skipping J&K.

First batch of Agniveers from J&K join Indian Army

#Agniveers from #Kashmir to become part of Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry Regiments of #IndianArmy was held at JAKLI Regimental Centre, #Srinagar on 03 Oct 2023. The young Agniveers recruited through ARO #Srinagar passed out in a #grand ceremony which was also attended by their proud #Parents", Army's Srinagar based Chinar Corps said on X.

Army Personnel missing after cloudburst triggers flash flood in Sikkim

for 1400hrs. The river Teesta is flowing below Warning Level at CWC Domohani FF Station. Water Level at 0600 hrs is 84.83m and expected to cross its Warning Level within 6 hours," the Commission added.

Land-For-Job Scam Case | Delhi Court grants bail to Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi, Tejashwi Yadav

and forgery. The agency had on July 3 filed a charge sheet in connection with the alleged scam. Prasad is out on bail in this case as well as fodder scam cases.

It was the second charge sheet filed by the CBI in the case but the first in which Tejashwi Yadav has been named as an accused.

The case pertains to Group-D appointments made in West Central Zone of the railways based in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh during Lalu Prasad's tenure as the railway minister from 2004 to 2009 in return for land parcels gifted or transferred by the recruits in the name of the RJD supremo's family or associates, according to officials.

The agency registered the case on May 18, 2022 against Prasad and 15 others including his wife, two daughters, and unidentified public servants and private persons.

The CBI had filed the first charge sheet in the case in October last year against Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi and others. It was related to appointments made in the Mumbai-headquartered Central Zone of the railways.

Court discharges childless couple among 6 persons in trafficking case

after hearing the arguments of prosecution as well as the defense counsels found the material placed on record by the prosecution does not "prima facie" reveal the commission of offence punishable under Section 370 RPC (trafficking of person)

for which the charge-sheet was produced against the accused persons on 3 December 2018.

Otherwise also, the court said, there appears no ground to proceed against the accused persons "...the accused persons are discharged in this case. They shall stand relieved of their bail and personal bonds," the court said after hearing defense counsels for the accused including advocate Mohammed Abdullah Pandith, representing four accused and advocate Mustahsun Mattu for the accused issueless couple.

Among others, the counsel for issueless couple, as per GNS, had argued the child will also grow considerably and will definitely come to know by the pendency of the charge-sheet and the circumstances in which he is with the alleged accused couple, who are otherwise taking best care of the child as they are themselves issueless. Once the child would have an inkling about these circumstances, it can prove disastrous for the emotional wellbeing of the child, leading him to the feelings of confusion, identity crises and sense of betrayal, affecting his self esteem, the counsel argued.

According to the prosecution case, a woman had begotten a male baby in a private hospital here and she along with her husband sold the neonate to the issueless couple from Jammu through a broker woman and Security Guard at government Hospital here for a consideration amount of Rs 70,000.

Out of the total consideration amount, the prosecution had said that Rs 5000 were kept by the conduits (broker and the security guard) and the rest of the money was paid to the woman and her husband.

ED raids AAP MP Sanjay Singh's premises in Delhi Excise policy money laundering case

and the Delhi lieutenant governor recommended a CBI probe, following which the ED registered a case under the PMLA.

Sold State Land to Woman, Man Chargesheeted

Kashmir.

"During inquiry, it surfaced that the land under survey was a state land, which the accused Mohammad Ashraf Wani had sold to the complainant, without any right or authority. Accordingly, the case FIR No.6/2022 was registered in Crime Branch Kashmir and an investigation set into motion," it reads.

As per the evidence gathered during the investigation, it was established that the accused attempted to cheat the complainant by sale of State land by concealing the fact that he is not the actual owner of the said land.

Ultimately, on the basis of facts and circumstances that emerged during the course of the investigation, the investigation of the case was concluded as proved U/S 420, 511 RPC against the said accused person.

'Gupkar Gathbandhan' engineering conspiracies against developing JK, says Ravinder Raina

the UT. He questioned their absence during the tumultuous times when J&K was grappling with turmoil, violence, and uncertainty.

"Where were they when the entire J&K was in turmoil, witnessing bloodshed and adversity? NC, PDP, and Congress are actually feeling stifled and have now initiated a series of schemes against the

progressive development of Jammu and Kashmir," Raina asserted.

He further questioned, "Why did NC, PDP, and Congress not organise such protests when J&K was in crisis, with bloodshed on the streets, and people enduring immense hardship? Today, as J&K is advancing towards prosperity and development, these political groups have resorted to a conspiracy to mislead the public through their protest."

It's worth noting that the opposition parties in J&K, led by MP Dr Farooq Abdullah, convened a meeting in Jammu on Tuesday to discuss the prevailing political situation in the region. During the meeting, it was unanimously decided to stage a protest on October 10 against the Government of India, alleging the suspension of the Constitution in J&K and the deprivation of fundamental rights for the people of the region.

DPAP holds meeting at the party headquarters in Sonwar, Srinagar

party's commitment to the people of Srinagar and the entire region, highlighting the need to engage with the citizens at the grassroots level and address their concerns effectively.

Vice Chairman GM Saroori, a prominent figure within our party, shared his valuable insights on engaging and involving the youth in our political endeavors. He stressed the importance of nurturing young leaders who will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our party and the region as a whole.

The Democratic Progressive Azad Party remains dedicated to its mission of promoting democracy, inclusivity, and progress in Jammu and Kashmir. We are confident that the outcomes of this meeting will contribute significantly to strengthening our party's roots in Srinagar and throughout the region.

Markets fall in early trade on weak global trends, unabated foreign fund outflows

The 30-share BSE Sensex plunged 533.13 points to 64,978.97. The Nifty declined 153.35 points to 19,375.40.

MUMBAI, Oct 4 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices declined in early trade on Wednesday, extending their previous day's fall, in line with weak global market trends and unabated foreign fund outflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex plunged 533.13 points to 64,978.97. The Nifty declined 153.35 points to 19,375.40.

Among the Sensex firms, NTPC, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, Maruti, UltraTech Cement, ICICI Bank, Tata Steel and Bajaj Finserv were the major laggards.

Nestle, Hindustan Unilever, HDFC Bank and Asian Paints were among the gainers.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong were trading lower while Shanghai quoted in the positive territory. The US markets ended with over 1 per cent fall on Tuesday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 2,034.14 crore on



Tuesday, according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.10 per cent to USD 90.83 a barrel.

"Global cues are negative for markets in the near term. The sustained rise in the US bond yields, which has triggered continuous FII selling, is showing no signs of abating. The dollar index is now clearly above 107 and the US 10-year bond yield is at 4.83 per cent. This means FIIs will continue to sell and the bulls will be on the back foot," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

He further said that on

the positive side, valuations in some segments are becoming attractive and this may push DIIs (Domestic Institutional Investors) and retail investors to buy stocks in such segments.

The BSE benchmark had declined 316.31 points or 0.48 per cent to settle at 65,512.10 on Tuesday. The Nifty fell 109.55 points or 0.56 per cent to end at 19,528.75.

"Markets may continue to exhibit intra-day volatility ahead of the monetary policy announcement on Friday. The real culprit over the current pessimism is FII selling," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

RBI Monetary Policy: Central bank likely to hold rates, maintain hawkish stance

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee is expected to maintain key interest rates in its upcoming decision but maintain focus on inflation amid rising global crude oil prices and sustained economic growth.

In a survey of 71 economists conducted by news agency Reuters in late September, all but one anticipated that the RBI would keep its key repo rate at 6.50 per cent during the October 4-6 meeting, with only one economist expecting a 25 basis point hike.

While core retail prices are on a downward trajectory and the worst of inflation may be in the past, there is an expectation that the RBI will maintain a somewhat hawkish stance on inflation dynamics.



This cautious approach is driven by various uncertainties, including climate conditions, commodity prices, and global risk factors, according to economists from Yes Bank.

Radhika Rao, Senior Economist, said, "The RBI monetary policy committee (MPC) is expected to extend its hawkish pause and keep the 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance, at the upcoming policy review on October 6."

"Policymakers will weigh global (oil and US dollar) and domestic (inflation, monsoon, growth indicators) developments since the last review," she added.

Inflation watch Annual retail inflation eased to 6.83 per cent in August, down from 7.44 per cent in July, but it remained well above the RBI's comfort band of 2-6 per cent.

The central bank had previously forecasted inflation at 5.4 per

cent for 2023/24, but Deutsche Bank expects it to revise this to 5.5-5.7 per cent while keeping the GDP forecast steady at 6.5 per cent.

The persistent challenge of high inflation has brought liquidity management into focus, as raising rates to combat inflation could potentially hinder economic growth. It is likely that the RBI will continue to address this concern during the upcoming policy review.

Moreover, analysts do not anticipate a shift in the central bank's stance, which currently emphasizes the "withdrawal of accommodation." Instead, they expect ongoing measures to tighten liquidity within the banking system without adversely affecting economic growth.

There is also specula-

tion regarding the possibility of a cash reserve ratio (CRR) rate hike to manage liquidity, but some experts believe it is unlikely that the RBI will opt for such a measure at this stage. Instead, more fine-tuning of variable rate repo and reverse repo operations is expected to be used to manage liquidity.

Market participants are now looking to the second quarter of 2024 for potential rate cuts, as U.S. interest rates are expected to remain higher for an extended period.

Median forecasts from the poll conducted by news agency Reuters indicates that the repo rate will remain at 6.5 per cent for the remainder of the fiscal year, with the next anticipated move being a 25 basis point rate cut before July.

US jobseekers face tougher search despite robust market

WASHINGTON, Oct 4 (Agencies): For the past year, Taylor Simpson has been searching for a stable job while working part-time, but she is struggling to find a position she likes even though companies are hiring.

As hiring in the United States cools, jobseekers like 24-year-old Simpson have a harder time finding suitable work, even as data suggests the labour market remains strong.

The number of applications per job posting surged by around 40 per cent from a year ago on the employment platform ZipRecruiter in the second quarter, said the company's chief economist Julia Pollak.

The numbers have remained elevated in the months since, due to an increase in applicants and a drop in jobs advertised, she added.

"No one could have expected the sort of labour shortage re-hiring frenzy in 2021 to 2022 to

last," she said.

Yet, despite the cooling, the share of openings is relatively high compared with before the pandemic, noted economist Jadrian Wooten of jobs platform Monster.

"At this very moment, we're kind of exactly at the midpoint threshold," Pollak said.

Workers are quitting jobs at around the pre-pandemic rate and job growth hovers at 2019 levels.

But the market could be weaker than it seems.

Official job growth figures have been revised downwards -- on average by 47,000 -- for the past eight months consecutively.

One factor is the rapid pace of Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, which lift borrowing costs and can dampen the hiring associated with business expansion.

As it takes time for policy changes to affect the economy, compa-



nies and analysts flag uncertainty in the outlook.

If indicators like the employment of temporary workers and manufacturing overtime hours continue to fall, this could bode ill for the world's top economy.

A job market slump can trigger a cycle where Americans cut back on spending, in turn reducing demand for goods and services.

On edge Simpson, who works part-time at a general goods store to make ends meet, said she is "on edge."

Supervisors are pushing for staff to take fuller lunch breaks, she said, requiring them to clock

out from their shift and eating into hourly pay.

"I've had in the past where my hours are just reduced without my wanting to," she said of the past two years.

"And then eventually I'm just not on the schedule at all."

Such situations nudge her to look harder for another job, and she is trying to land one that allows remote work.

"In this market, everybody wants to work from home," she said, adding that such roles are "very competitive."

Ease of applying The job market has changed over the last two decades, said Wooten of Monster.

People previously had

trouble changing jobs during slowdowns -- such as in a recession -- where fewer roles were available.

"Now it's a little bit more challenging just because it's so easy to apply for jobs," he added.

"With remote work becoming an option in a lot of different industries, that allows more people to apply for jobs that they wouldn't have applied for before," Wooten told AFP.

Jobseekers could get some reprieve if policymakers signal they will start reducing interest rates.

This could boost investment and hiring, said Pollak.

Employers have been expecting a recession for over a year, "being very cautious and targeted and conservative when it comes to capital expenditures," she added.

"They have very high pent-up demand for labour," she said.

Amazon used a secret algorithm to raise prices: Report

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 4 (Agencies): E-commerce giant Amazon reportedly deployed a secret algorithm to gauge how much it could raise prices on its platform which allegedly helped the company increase its profits.

The Wall Street Journal reported late on Tuesday, citing redacted portions of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) monopoly lawsuit against the e-commerce major, that Amazon used the 'Project Nessie' algorithm to raise prices in a way that competitors would follow.

If the competing retailers maintained the lower price, the algorithm would automatically revert Amazon's to its normal price, the report mentioned.

The 'Project Nessie' allegedly helped Amazon increase its profits by artificially increasing its prices across different shopping categories.

The company reportedly stopped using the secret algorithm in 2019.

"We once again call on Amazon to move swiftly to remove the redactions and allow the American public to see the full scope of what we allege is their illegal monopolistic practices," an FTC

spokesperson was quoted as saying.

Lina Khan-led Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and 17 state Attorneys General in the US last month sued Amazon, alleging that the online retail and technology company is a monopolist that uses a set of interlocking anti-competitive and unfair strategies to illegally maintain its monopoly power.

The FTC and its state partners said that Amazon's actions allow it to stop rivals and sellers from lowering prices, degrade quality for shoppers, overcharge sellers, stifle innovation, and prevent rivals from fairly competing against Amazon.

"Our complaint lays out how Amazon has used a set of punitive and coercive tactics to unlawfully maintain its monopolies," said FTC Chair Khan.

"The complaint sets forth detailed allegations noting how Amazon is now exploiting its monopoly power to enrich itself while raising prices and degrading service for the tens of millions of American families who shop on its platform and the hundreds of thousands of businesses that rely on Amazon to reach them," she added.

Why men are more likely to experience severe Covid cases decoded

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): Scientists have uncovered biological reasons behind why men are more likely to experience severe cases of COVID-19 than women, offering a promising new strategy to prevent the viral disease.

The pre-clinical research in mice, published in the journal *iScience*, has yet to be replicated in humans, but points to the ACE2 protein as a key contributor to differences in COVID-19 outcomes between males and females.

Located on the cell's outer surface, ACE2 plays an important role in controlling blood pressure and inflammation and protecting organs from damage caused by excess inflammation.

"COVID-19 severity and mortality are much higher in males than in females, but the rea-



sons for this remain poorly understood," said study senior author, Haibo Zhang, from the University of Toronto in Canada.

The researchers noted that the gene encoding the ACE2 protein is located on the X chromosome, which means that females have two copies of the gene and males only have one.

The extra copy of the gene for ACE2 does not appear to make a difference in healthy people as the researchers found similar levels of ACE2 protein in healthy males and females.

However, following a SARS-CoV-2 infection, they observed a dramatic decrease in ACE2

in males while levels remained consistent in females.

The finding suggests that the additional copy of the ACE2 gene on the X chromosome is helping to compensate and maintain high protein levels in females.

The changes in ACE2 levels were also correlated with a drop in estrogen hormone signaling in males, which could also contribute to the sex-specific differences in COVID-19 outcomes, according to the researchers.

To test whether low levels of ACE2 were responsible for the more severe outcomes seen in males with COVID-19, the researchers devised

a therapeutic approach using an inhaler to deliver lab-made ACE2 proteins directly into the lungs.

Males who received a daily puff of ACE2 after SARS-CoV-2 infection had less virus in their lungs, less lung injury and higher levels of estrogen signaling, they said.

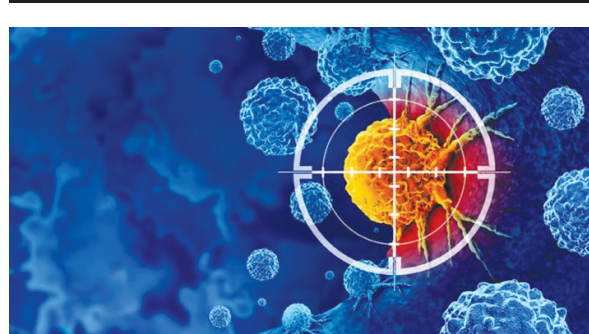
Together, these results point a clearer picture of how the extra copy of the ACE2 gene and higher estrogen levels in females work together to protect them from experiencing more severe COVID-19.

"A common misconception is that an increased presence of ACE2 receptors would result in a higher infection rate," said Zhang.

"However, the enhanced activation of ACE2 in females actually serves as a compensatory mechanism during infection that's aimed at safeguarding the lungs and other vital organs from potential damage," the researcher added.

New cancer implant technology could slash deaths by 50 per cent

Will monitor cancer and accordingly adjust immunotherapy dose in real time



NEW YORK, Oct 4 (Agencies): A team of US scientists has developed a novel sense-and-respond implant technology that could slash cancer-related deaths by more than 50 per cent.

The team from Rice University will fast-track development and testing of the implant, or "hybrid advanced molecular manufacturing regulator" (HAMMR) that aims to dramatically improve immunotherapy outcomes for patients with ovarian, pancreatic and other difficult-to-treat cancers.

HAMMR, which is

small enough to be implanted with minimally invasive surgery, will monitor cancer and accordingly adjust immunotherapy dose in real time, like a glucose monitor.

"Instead of tethering patients to hospital beds, IV bags and external monitors, we'll use a minimally invasive procedure to implant a small device that continuously monitors their cancer and adjusts their immunotherapy dose in real time," said bioengineer Omid Veisheh, associate professor at Rice.

"This kind of 'closed-loop therapy' has been

used for managing diabetes, where you have a glucose monitor that continuously talks to an insulin pump. But for cancer immunotherapy, it's revolutionary."

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health awarded \$45 million to fast-track development of the implant, which includes funding for a first-phase clinical trial within five years.

Veisheh explained that the technology is broadly applicable for peritoneal cancers that affect the pancreas, liver, lungs and other organs.

"The first clinical trial will focus on refractory recurrent ovarian cancer, and the benefit of that is that we have an ongoing trial for ovarian cancer with our encapsulated cytokine 'drug factory' technology. We'll be able to build on that experience. We have already demon-

strated a unique model to go from concept to clinical trial within five years, and HAMMR is the next iteration of that approach."

"Cancer cells are continually evolving and adapting to therapy. However, currently available diagnostic tools, including radiologic tests, blood assays and biopsies, provide very infrequent and limited snapshots of this dynamic process. As a result, today's therapies treat cancer as if it were a static disease," said Dr. Amir Jazaeri, Professor of gynecologic oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Jazaeri said the technology can transform the status quo by providing real-time data from the tumour environment that can in turn guide more effective and tumour-informed novel therapies.

Deotale-Jyothi pair wins compound mixed team gold

HANGZHOU, Oct 4 (Agencies): A supremely confident Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam dropped just one point to defeat their South Korean opponents by one-point and clinch their second gold medal in archery at the Asian Games here on Wednesday.

With this, Indian archers are set to win at least four medals from the ongoing Games, which will better their previous best show at Incheon in 2014 when they bagged a men's team compound gold, one silver and a bronze.

In a gold medal clash between the top-two seeds, the No. 1 Indian pair was near perfect and pipped So Chaewon and Joo Jaehoon 159-158.

The Indian duo entered the final with a 159-154 win over Kazakhstan. They had just one '9' and the rest were all '10s'



in the semifinals against the Kazakh pair of Adel Zhexenbinova and Andrey Tyutyun. Earlier in the day, the Indians held their nerve to beat Malaysia 158-155 and advance into the semifinals.

Kazakhstan defeated Thailand 154-152.

Earlier, the Indian pair had a strong start to take a 40-39 lead but in the second-end both of them dropped two points as the

Malaysian pair of Mohd Juwaidi Bin Mazuki and Fatin Nurfatehah Mat Salleh bounced back to draw level.

Reigning senior world champion Deotale, who was taking the first shot for India, missed the 10-ring by millimetres in the second end to put pressure on her senior teammate Jyothi.

The multiple World Cup gold medallist Jyothi also faltered to concede the second end to their

rivals by one-point (38-39).

But the duo showed grit to come up with all 10s while shooting first in the third end as a strong Mohd Juwaidi dropped his first-point of the day that helped India regain the lead (118-117).

In the deciding fourth end, the Malaysian shot first and put pressure with back-to-back 10s but the Indian duo held their composure and responded in style with as many 10s.

It was Jyothi's arrow that was bang on target, proving to be decisive as in the next shot the 32-year-old Fatin Nurfatehah hit the red-ring for an 8 to concede the match to the Indians.

The Indian archers had on Tuesday confirmed three medals to match their best-ever feat of Incheon 2014 at the continental showpiece.

India's game changers

NEW DELHI, Oct 4 (Agencies): Gill has been in stellar form and moved up to a career-high world No. 2 in the ODI rankings having scored 1,230 runs in 20 matches this year. The 24-year-old was the leading scorer at the recent Asia Cup and his partnership with captain Rohit Sharma will again be crucial. Gill is among the handful of batters with a century in each format of the international game, which includes a double-hundred against New Zealand in an ODI earlier this year.

Although a back injury has hampered his career, Pandya has become a consistent and reliable performer



with both bat and ball, always maintaining a calm and assured presence out in the middle. A middle-order batter, Pandya can be promoted if India need to accelerate their innings

or become the anchor in times of trouble. As a bowler, he is the man India turn to when they need some medium pace in the middle overs.

While India's bowling attack has no shortage of weapons, Kuldeep Yadav could prove to be the difference for the hosts with the wrist-spinner having taken 33 wickets in the 50-over format this year.

The 28-year-old's miserly bowling can put heavy pressure on batters to score, allowing other bowlers to pick up wickets.

He was named the best player at the Asia Cup, boasting an economy of 3.61 and an average of 11.44.

Asian Games: Sindhu, Prannoy sail into singles quarterfinals; India suffer setback in doubles

HANGZHOU, Oct 4 (Agencies): Two-time Olympic medallist Indian shuttler PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy sailed into the quarterfinals of the women's and men's singles badminton with straight game wins at the Asian Games here on Wednesday.

Former world champion Sindhu won the round of 16 match against Putri Kusuma Wardani 21-16 21-16, sealing it in her favour without breaking a sweat against the hapless Indonesian.

Sindhu will line up against China's He Bingjiao in the quarterfinals, and will fancy her chances against the Chinese having denied her a medal at the Tokyo Olympics two years ago.

Bingjiao won 21-10 21-4 against Rasila Maharjan of Nepal.

Prannoy also booked his spot in the quarterfinals as he beat Kazakhstan's Dmitriy Panarin 21-12 21-13.

Sindhu was excellent in rallies and dictated terms to her opponent from the get-go, and so was Prannoy, India's



best singles player at the moment who, unfortunately, could not feature in the team event final against China owing to an injury.

However, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand were knocked out in the round of 16 by Korean pair of Kim Soyeong and Kong Heeyong. The Koreans won 21-15, 18-21, 21-13.

Earlier, India's Tanisha Crasto and Sai Pratheek Krishna Prasad were also bowled out in the Round of 16 after defeats to Malaysia's Toh Ee Wei and Chen Tang Jie.

The Malaysian duo won 21-18, 21-18.

Asian Games: India win bronze medal in 35km race walk mixed team event, equaling its best ever tally at Games

HANGZHOU, Oct 4 (Agencies): Indian athletes Manju Rani and Ram Baboo secured the mixed team bronze medal in the 35km race walk event with a remarkable combined time of 5 hours, 51 minutes, and 14 seconds at the Asian Games 2023.

This victory marked a significant achievement for India, as it was their 70th medal at the games, matching their record-setting performance from the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta. India's impressive medal count in athletics now comprises 23 medals, including four gold, ten silver, and nine bronze.

This bronze medal in the 35km race walk mixed team event not only brought applause and recognition for our athletes, Manju Rani and Ram Baboo but also signaled the strong standing of



India in Asian athletics. The victory caught the attention of millions of aspiring Indian athletes and the sporting fraternity alike, given the fierce competition on the Asian turf.

The 35km race walk mixed team event saw China secure

the gold medal with an impressive clock time of 5:16:41, followed by Japan who picked up the silver medal in a time of 5:22:11. However, Manju Rani and Ram Baboo's relentless determination and spirited performance defied all odds, pro-

pellung India to its proud bronze win. This bronze triumph has significantly contributed to India's overall athletics medal tally at the Asian Games 2023, which presently stands at an impressive 23 - comprising four gold, 10 silver, and nine bronze medals. The win not only signals India's continued ascent in Asia's sporting arena but also reiterates the country's exceptional talent pool and dynamic sporting potential.

India's noteworthy performance at the Asian Games 2023, reflected in the equalization of its best-ever medal tally from the previous games, has indeed made a strong statement of its increasing dominance over the rest of the sporting world.

Asian Games 2023, Kabaddi: Indian men's team seal 37-point win vs Thailand to go top of group

HANGZHOU, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Indian men's kabaddi team showcased a spectacular performance by achieving a resounding 37-point victory against Thailand in the group match in the Asian Games 2023. The game concluded with an impressive score of 63-26, cementing India's position as a powerhouse in the sport.

Going into this match as seven-time champions, India kept the momentum from their successful campaign opener against Bangladesh surging. The game was studied with exceptional performances from the Indian Raiders, who came through with nine bonus points.

The Indian defenders equally demonstrated their mettle and strategic prowess during the game. They managed to inflict



four all-outs on the opposition, putting extra pressure on the Thai squad. Furthermore, a super tackle executed on the Thai raiders reinforced India's dominance, effectively curbing their offense.

This comfortable victory has given India a strong start in the

tournament. The Indian team outclassed the teams of Thailand and Bangladesh, winning both matches and securing the all-important top spot in the group. The Indian Kabaddi players' adept prowess and strategic performance on the field are indicative of the team's readi-

ness to clinch their eighth title in this high-stakes tournament.

The Indian squad demonstrated a comprehensive game strategy, with excellent coordination between the raiders and defenders who overwhelmed their opposition from Thailand. The precision, control, and athleticism showcased on the field underlined India's superiority in kabaddi.

The Indian men's team head coach, satisfied with the performances, expressed his confidence in the team and its potential to repeat the past success in this year's tournament. The coach emphasized the importance of maintaining this winning streak to them and praised the strong teamwork, discipline, and execution displayed by the squad.

Asian Games 2023, Squash: India's Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh win bronze medal in mixed doubles



HANGZHOU, Oct 4 (Agencies): India's Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh had to settle for a bronze medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou after losing to Malaysia's Aifa Binti Azman and Mohammad Syafiq Kamal. The Indian duo faced a tough match, eventually losing 11-8, 2-11, 9-11 in a 39-minute contest. In a match that featured Anahat and Azman, the Indians won the first game easily but faltered in the second before the Malaysians won the decisive

tie, ensuring that the mixed event would not feature an all-India final.

Earlier in the same day, Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu outperformed their Hong Kong opponents, ensuring at least a silver medal for India and advancing to the final. Dipika and Harinder rallied to beat their Hong Kong opponents 2-1 in the final of the mixed doubles squash event at the Asian Games.

While the Indians won the second game in just nine minutes thanks to Harinder and Dipika's excellent court coverage, the third game lasted 15 minutes as the Hong Kong pair attempted to stretch the decider. Even as the Indians advanced to the final, the team was concerned when the ball struck Harinder in the face after Lee's shot. The Indians won 7-11, 11-7, and 11-9 against Hong Kong's Lee Ka Yi and Wong Chi Him.

Asian Games: Dipika Pallikal Karthik-Harinder Singh Advance To Final Of Mixed Doubles Squash Event

HANGZHOU, Oct 4 (Agencies): The Indian squash pair of Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Singh advanced to the finals of the mixed doubles competition at the ongoing Asian Games in Hangzhou on Wednesday. In their mixed doubles semifinal, they beat the Hong Kong duo of Lee Ka Yi and Wong Chi Him by 2-1. The Indian team lost the first set by 7-11. However, Dipika and Harinder showed some amazing resilience and character, clinching the second game by 11-7 in a one-sided manner. In the third set, Hong Kong had a neck-to-neck competition with India, but the latter emerged victorious by 11-9 to win the match.

With this win, the duo are assured a silver medal at least.

"INTO THE FINALS! @DipikaPallikal and Harinder Pal Singh clinch victory in the squash mixed doubles! They defeated Lee/Wong from HKG with a thrilling 2-1 score in the Semifinals! With this win, they've booked their spot in the Finals, securing at least a SILVER MEDAL! #Cheer4India #JeetegaBharat #BharatAtAG22 #Hallaboi," tweeted SAI Media.

Next, Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh

will carry on India's strong Hangzhou campaign taking on Malaysia in the semifinal. They have already been assured of a medal.

Following this, the men's singles semifinal will witness India's Sourav Ghosal taking on Hong Kong's Leung Chi Hin Henry. Sourav is also assured of a medal.

Earlier on Tuesday, Dipika-Harinder registered a 2-1 victory against the Philippines' Jemyca Aribado and Robert Andrew Garcia in the mixed doubles quarterfinals in squash and assured a medal at the Asian Games.

The Indian pair raced to the finish line after a flurry of quickfire points against the Philippines pair.

Anahat Singh-Abhay Singh defeated Hong Kong's Tsz Wing Tong and Ming Hong Tang by 2-0. India dominated and sealed the game in straight two sets by 11-10, 11-8. However, in the first set, Hong Kong tried to make a comeback but the Indians made no mistake.

Later, they beat South Korea by 2-1 in the quarter-finals.

Saurav Ghosal beat Japan's Ryunosuke Tsukue in the quarterfinals by 3-0 to move to the semis.

Hopes on home turf for Bengaluru FC

BENGALURU, Oct 4 (Agencies): It's that time of the year again, when the football fever engulfs the entire nation, with fans cheering on their favourite clubs to battle it out for ultimate glory. After a disappointing start to the 2023-24 season of the Indian Super League, home favourites Bengaluru FC (BFC) are hoping the support of adoring fans at Sree Kanteerava Stadium will help them get some points on the table at their match against East Bengal FC (EBFC) this evening.

"In terms of results, we haven't had a good start to the season so far. But I think they were two difficult fixtures, away from home. And it wasn't something that we as a team were able to handle well. Hopefully, things change in the next game," says Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, the star goalkeeper and vice-captain of BFC. He further adds, "We are optimistic, and excited to play at home in front of our fans. The atmosphere and feeling you get at home is some-

thing that you can't get during an away fixture. We just need to make sure that we enjoy ourselves and give something back to the fans coming to the stadium to support us."

After an encouraging turn of form last season, the Blues finished as Runners-up in the ISL, the Super Cup and went on to take their first title at the Durand Cup. But their plans to carry on that momentum to this season hasn't worked out. "In terms of the whole team, everyone is missing our captain Sunil Chhetri. While we've done well to adapt to the circumstances, we've also had Halicharan [Narary] not being available for the first two games," says Sandhu, adding "We've had other avenues without Sunil bhai's presence. Even during the previous season, he had to miss out on a few games. So it's not like we are not used to it. But with him coming back, it gives us another option and hopefully, with his experience, we'll be in a much stronger position."

Meanwhile, emerging talent Sivasakthi Narayanan, whose impressive form last year helped turn around the team's fortunes during the later stages of the season, hopes to regain that form. "I was happy to feature in the first two games, but I wasn't able to score a goal or provide an assist. Looking forward to our first game at home, I hope I can play my part and I'm certain that we are in good shape for it and will walk away with the result we want," says Narayanan, who hails from Karaikudi. He further adds, "After I signed with Bengaluru FC I feel as though I am representing my home because of the support I have received from the fans and the club as well. The fans are something special."

Often touted as a talent capable of national and international glory, Narayanan is also compared to Sunil Chhetri favourably. But Captain Sandhu stresses that the comparison only serves to put unwanted

pressure on Narayanan. "Comparing Shiva Shakti to anyone else is putting pressure on a young talent. He's a different player and has different skill sets from what Sunil Bhai has. What Chhetri bhai has done for the club and the country is a gargantuan job to replicate. So it's not fair to put someone in that spot," he says, adding, "It's important for me to provide a platform for Shivasakthi to do his own thing, rather than expecting him to fill any void in the team."

Meanwhile, Sandhu is full of praise for BFC's 'proud fans', whom he credits for introducing football culture to the country. "We have the best fans in the city. Very proud and extremely innovative. I think fans of BFC were some of the first to bring that culture of English and European football over here and show everyone how it's done. I've never seen fans show their disappointment at the team, they've always been with us, encouraged us," he concludes.

Parth Slathia of DPS Jammu set to represent the nation in 19th Asian Roller Skating Championship-2023

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: Delhi Public School Jammu proudly announces Parth Slathia's representation in the 19th Asian Roller Skating Championship-2023. Parth Slathia, Skating Coach and an esteemed alumnus (Batch 2018-19) of DPS Jammu, has been selected to represent the nation in the upcoming 19th Asian Roller-Skating Championship-2023, specifically in the Inline Hockey event. This prestigious championship will take place in Qinhuangdao, China, from October 18th to 29th, 2023.

Parth Slathia's accolades in the field of Roller Skating are nothing short of extraordinary. He has consistently showcased his exceptional skills by securing the national level silver and bronze medals for the past four consecutive years. His outstanding achievements also include being a six-time State Champion and a five-time District Cham-



Champion in Roller Skating. Notably, during his school days, Parth had demonstrated his prowess in Inter-DPS and CBSE North Zone competitions, earning gold, silver, and bronze medals on more than five occasions, in addition to securing a bronze medal in the CBSE National Games. His representation in the 19th Asian Roller-Skating Championship-2023 is the result

of years of relentless training, hard work and passion.

The Management, Principal, and staff of Delhi Public School Jammu wished Parth Slathia the very best in his endeavour to represent our nation on the international stage. His achievement serves as an inspiration to all students and is a source of pride for the entire DPS Jammu community.

J&K Rope Skipping Team Shines in 24th RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship 2023

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: The Jammu & Kashmir Rope Skipping Team has once again demonstrated exceptional skill and determination at the 24th RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship 2023, held in Nashik, Maharashtra, under the auspices of the Rope Skipping Federation of India. The team's outstanding performance in this prestigious event has brought home a total of 17 medals, consisting of 1 Gold, 8 Silver, and 8 Bronze, making it a momentous occasion for the state.

With participation from more than 1000 athletes representing 16 states across India, this championship showcased the highest levels of competition and sportsmanship. The J&K Rope Skipping Team, led by their accomplished coaches,



Danish Sharma as Chief Coach and Rudrakshit Gupta as Coach, rose to the occasion and left an indelible mark on the championship.

Among the noteworthy medal winners were Krish Mehra, who secured the coveted Gold Medal, and Kartik Saini and Amarjeet, who clinched 2 Silver Medals each. Aradhna contributed to the Silver tally with 1 Silver Medal along

with 1 Bronze Medal. Priyasha Dogra, Nitin Kumar, and Shivang Kumar also excelled by securing 1 Silver Medal each. Vanshika Dogra and Saanvi Sunil added to the team's achievements with 2 Bronze Medals each, while Mandar Mehta, Abhinash Singh Sodhi, Yuvraj Chib, and Nitish Singh each contributed with 1 Bronze Medal. Danish Sharma, the

Chief Coach, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to all the medal winners, commending them for their outstanding performances that have brought pride and honor to Jammu & Kashmir. He also took the opportunity to express gratitude to the parents and families of the athletes for their unwavering support and warm welcome extended to the team upon their return to Jammu.

The exceptional achievements of the J&K Rope Skipping Team at the 24th RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship 2023 serve as an inspiration to budding athletes in the region. Their dedication and remarkable accomplishments underscore the immense sporting potential that exists within the vibrant sports community of Jammu & Kashmir.

Rahul Sahai, Vicky Shaw reappointed as Chairs of PHD CCI for J&K Region 2023-24

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is pleased to announce the reappointment of Rahul Sahai and A P Vicky Shaw as Chairs for the Jammu and Kashmir regions for the year 2023-24, following the successful conclusion of the 118th annual session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The decision was made by the esteemed National President of PHDCCI, Sanjeev Agarwal, who expressed his utmost confidence in their exceptional leadership abilities to guide the Chamber and advance its mission.

Rahul Sahai, a second-generation CMD of Sahai Group of Companies and the son of the late veteran business leader Ram Sahai, boasts over 25 years of extensive experience in policy advocacy and people management. He is also at the helm of the Transport Nagar Association of Jammu and has maintained a close

association with PHDCCI for nearly three decades. Sahai has previously served as the Chairman of CII J&K Council and led various organizations in the Jammu & Kashmir region. Both Rahul Sahai and A P Vicky Shaw expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Central Leadership, particularly Sanjeev Agarwal, for entrusting them with these vital roles and reaffirming their faith in their leadership capabilities. They reiterated their unwavering commitment to advancing the interests of the business community in J&K and driving economic growth in the region.

As Chairs, Rahul Sahai and Vicky Shaw are poised to continue their tireless efforts to promote collaboration, create networking opportunities, and advocate for the needs of local businesses. Their shared vision and unwavering commitment to the PHD Chamber's mission will undoubtedly enhance Jammu & Kashmir's reputation as a thriving hub for commerce and industry.

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KATRA, Oct 4: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) celebrated Gandhi Jayanti as International Non-Violence Day with a series of activities promoting the principles of non-violence. NSS volunteers came together to form a symbolic human chain, pledging their commitment to non-violence in their lives.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, the NSS coordinator. The distinguished guests for the occasion included Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, who served as the chief guest, and Dr. R. K. Mishra, Dean of



Students Welfare, who was the guest of honor. Both guests shared their insightful perspectives on the lives and contributions of our great leaders, Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.

To enrich the celebration, a documentary on Khadi, a symbol of self-reliance and non-

violence, was screened, providing attendees with a glimpse into its historical significance.

The artistic talents of NSS volunteers were also on display as Ojashvi, Suhani, and Akansha recited poems that paid tribute to the spirit of non-violence. The event was impeccably anchored by NSS

volunteers Parvalliika and Parakh Rajput.

The celebration witnessed active participation from more than 100 students, all of whom showed their dedication to upholding the values of non-violence. As a token of appreciation and to conclude the event on a positive note, refreshments were

served. This commemoration of International Non-Violence Day served as a meaningful tribute to the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, reminding the SMVDU community of the enduring importance of non-violence in today's world.

NGO Anti Crime Bureau Chairman Sham Lal Gupta meets Tehsildar Bishnah

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BISHNAH, Oct 4: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the NGO Anti Crime Bureau (Registered), and his team members extended a warm welcome to Tehsildar Bishnah, Sh. Sushil Khajuria, by presenting him with a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of his new assignment in Bishnah.

During the meeting, Chairman Sham Lal Gupta had the opportunity to discuss the various challenges faced by the local community with Tehsildar Khajuria.

Gupta took the opportunity to brief Tehsildar Bishnah about the NGO's dedicated efforts towards the betterment of society. He highlighted that the organization has undertaken numerous awareness programs, anti-drug initiatives, and distributed essential stationary items to govern-



ment schools, all aimed at serving the community.

Chairman Sham Lal Gupta emphasized that the NGO Anti Crime Bureau operates without relying on government funds, underscoring their commitment to grassroots change. Gupta also raised concerns regarding issues faced by senior citizens in the Tehsil and within the office complex.

Tehsildar Sushil Khaju-

ria, in response, informed Chairman Gupta about various government schemes designed to benefit the local populace and expressed the Tehsil Administration's commitment to working in cooperation with organizations like NGO Anti Crime Bureau to improve society.

During their discussion, Tehsildar Khajuria commended the efforts of the NGO and encouraged Chairman Sham

Lal Gupta to continue their valuable work in the future.

The meeting was attended by several prominent members, including Councillor Sahil Gupta from MC Bishnah, Ex Councillor Banarsi Dass, Vijay Kumar, Ratan Lal, Bunny Sharma, Mangal Dass, Ravi Kumar, Tushar Digra, Rohit Kumar, Akshay Sharma, Gulshan Sharma, and others.

Rajesh demands deportation of Rohingyas from Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Oct 4: The Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chairman, Rajesh Gupta appealed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to deport all the Rohingyas from the State as they are illegal immigrants. Gupta said that Rohingyas came to Jammu during Congress rule and now they have even got Voter and Aadhar Cards with the blessings of Sr Congress leader who is responsible for settled them here for his vote bank.

JWF Chief said LG administration should not allow them to settle in Jammu as they are a threat to security, law and order. Even Muslim countries of Pakistan and Bangladesh did not allow Rohingya Muslims to enter and settle there. Then is India a Dharm-shalla for all to come and settle and pose a threat



to national security and demography? According to police reports the crime rate has gone higher in Jammu these days thanks to settlement to Rohingyas.

Some Rohingyas are directly or indirectly involved in crimes. Even there are reports that Rohingyas are involved in drug trafficking and thefts. The Rohingyas are also involved in girl trafficking and they sell girls for forty thousand to fifty thousands to Kashmiri clients.

Describing the soaring

population of Rohingyas as a potential threat to the demography of Jammu Pradesh, Gupta maintained that these people living in the colonies encircling Jammu city had clandestinely managed to procure PRCs, identity cards, ration cards, water and electricity connections. The Rohingyas have found safe haven in the Jammu and Kashmir and they pose a threat to security of the people in this sensitive border state. Rohingya settlement is a threat to Jammu's demography also if serious efforts are not made to identify and deport them. Intellectual and prominent citizens of Jammu want the deportation of these refugees as they opined that their presence is a threat to Jammu's peace and demography.

Gupta appealed the Central and the J&K

UT Government to work in unison to detect and deport these illegal immigrants and the religion should not be a bottleneck in their deportation.

Rajesh Gupta said that since they are not legal immigrants, "they stand to be deported". He said they are indulging in terrorist activities.

"Rohingyas are involved in theft and other criminal activities. They are threat to national as well as regional security," he said, adding, while the Central Government wants to deport them, the State Government has no policy with regard to the deportation of these immigrants.

JWF Chief said that these people were often found involved in narcotic addiction and peddling and they also possess Aadhar Cards.