# TOP NEWS OF J&K



### BRIEFLY

#### LG Manoj Sinha expresses grief over loss of lives in Anantnag road accident

SRINAGAR, July 27 (Agencies): The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has expressed grief over the tragic road accident in Daksum, Anantnag. In a condolence message, the Lt Governor has said:

"I am deeply saddened to learn about the loss of precious lives in an unfortunate road accident in Daksum, Anantnag today. My thoughts and pravers are with bereaved family members during this hour of grief. I have issued instructions to the **District Administration** to provide all necessary assistance to the affected family".

Ladakh admin forms new committees to oversee

# Soldier martyred, Captain among 4 injured as Govt moves over 2,000 BSF **Army foils BAT attack along LoC in Kupwara**

NEW DELHI/SRI-NAGAR, July 27 (Agencies): An Army personnel was martyred and four others, including a captain, were injured as the Indian Army on Saturday foiled an attack by Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT) in Kamakari sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, military sources

said. A Pakistani intruder was also killed in the exchange of fire, they added. The BAT generally comprises special forces

personnel of the Paki-"One Pakistani intrudstan Army and terrorists. er has been killed," he

sources said.



#### "Action by Border added.

Action Team has been Two intruders managed to return to Pakifoiled by alert Indian Army troops on Saturstan-occupied Kashmir day morning in Kama-(PoK) amid the intense gunfight that lasted for kari sector," one of the hours, the sources said. They said the group of three intruders hurled a grenade and opened fire on a forward post near the Kumkadi post in Trehgam sector of the north Kashmir district.

The troops retaliated, triggering a gunfight between the two sides, the sources said, adding that five soldiers were injured in the encounter and one of them later succumbed to his injuries.

They said the injured Army personnel. including a captain, were evacuated to a base hospital.

The condition of one of the injured soldiers was **Turn to page 9** 

Five children, Policeman Among 8 **Dead in Kokarnag** Accident

ANANTNAG, July 27 (Agencies): Eight people including a policeman and five children died in a road accident on Sinthan-Kokernag route. Sub District Magistrate (SDM) Kokarnag,

# personnel from Odisha to terror-hit Jammu



NEW DELHI, July 27 (Agencies): The government has ordered the extraction of two BSF battalions, comprising more than 2,000 personnel, from Odisha to beef up security in the terror-hit Jammu region along the India-Pakistan border, official sources said on Saturday.

The decision to "immediately" move the two along the international border in the Jammu area to check infiltration of terrorists from across the frontier, apart from attacks by these elements in the hinterland. The troops of these two units are expected to be based in Samba and near the Jammu-Punjab border, the sources said.

"Two recent meetings, one in Delhi and one in Jammu, of the top security brass necessitated bolstering BSF deployment in Jammu," said a senior officer, requesting anonymity.

"There was a proposal to move two BSF battalions from Odisha to Chhattisgarh to intensify anti-Naxal operations there but these units are now being sent to Jammu, given the

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# **J&K opposition Parties'** August 7 meeting postponed

units from the anti-

Naxal operations grid to

Jammu was taken in the

wake of the recent spate

of terror attacks in the

region, the sources said.

Officials in the secu-

rity establishment said

the two Border Security

Force (BSF) units were

meant to be deployed

as the "second line" of

defence behind the first

tier of its units deployed

SRINAGAR, July 27 (Agencies): A meeting of Jammu and Kashmir's opposition parties next month to discuss several issues concern-



"National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah expressed his inability to attend the meeting scheduled for August 7 in Jammu



Police release sketches of 3 terrorists involved

#### **PMMVY** scheme

LEH, July 27 (Agencies): The Union Territory administration in Ladakh has accorded sanction for the establishment of State/UT, District, and Block Level PMMVY Committees to oversee the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme. These committees will review and monitor the scheme's progress, enhancing coordination and convergence among relevant departments.

**Police booked** notorious drug smuggler u nder PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, July 27 (Agencies): Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked notorious drug smuggler under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention order from competent authority.

A police spokesman said that notorious drug smuggler namely Wazir Ahmad Chack @ Wazir Joo son of Ali Mohammad Chack resident of Turn to page 9

JAMMU, July 27

(Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released sketches of the three terrorists responsible for the recent killing of four soldiers, including a captain in Doda district,

and announced a cash reward of Rs 15 lakh on their heads.

Doda in Jammu region has been rocked by several terror incidents since June, which is being seen by security agencies as an attempt



by Pakistan-based terror handlers to revive terrorism in the hilly district. Releasing the sketches of three terrorists, a police spokesman in Doda said they are moving in the upper **Turn to page 9** 

Suneel Ahmad Lone said a policeman along with five children and two ladies died in an accident near Arashan Daksum He said the vehicle

they were travelling in was coming from Madwa Kishtwar, adding that postmortem is being conducted at SDH Kokarnag.

ing the Union Territory, including the delegation of more powers to the lieutenant governor, was postponed on Saturday, senior CPI(M) leader MY

Tarigami said. No fresh date for the meeting, originally scheduled for August 7, has been finalised.

Tarigami said the meeting was postponed after National Conference president Faroog Abdullah expressed his inability to attend the meeting.

and suggested its postponement. As such, this meeting is postponed," Tarigami said.

The meeting was called to discuss issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir, including the amendments to the **Transaction of Business** of the

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**Govt school** teacher held for molesting minor student in Uri

URI, July 27 (Agencies): Police have arrested a government school teacher for allegedly molesting a minor student in Uri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

"We have arrested and registered an FIR against the accused under relevant sections of law and further investigation is going on," a police official said

The incident was reported by the mother of a third-grade student to Uri police.

She alleged that her daughter was molested by the teacher after school hours on Friday, reports said.

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19-07-2024 (Friday).

Missed & Remembered By:

Purna Devi W/o Nand Kishore

Kurmila Devi W/o Naresh Raj

Urmila Devi W/o Sunil Chand

Phone No: 9622760934, 7006945358

28-07-2024.

Mother & Father

Brother-in-law

Jammu.

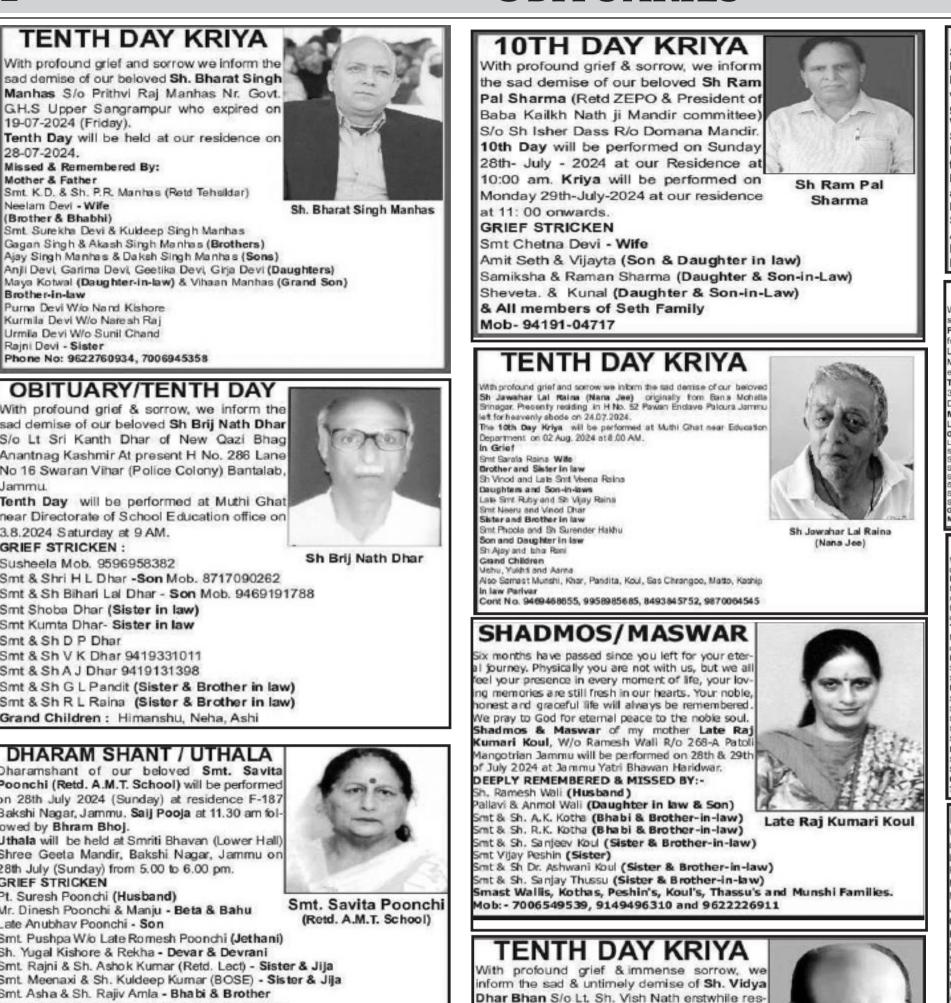
Rajni Devi - Sister

Neelam Devi - Wife

(Brother & Bhabhi)

# **OBITUARIES**

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, July 27, 2024



ly abode on 19th of July, 2024.

Smt. Surita & Sh. Vinod Kr. Bhan

Smt. Veena & Sh. Rajinder Pandita

Smt. Kiran & Sh. Ashutosh Sher

Daughters & Sons-in-law

07-2024 (Monday).

School Education at 8.30 AM.

Sh Kitan Pandita & Smt Babli Pandita -do-

Smt Meena Raina & Sh Satish Raina- -do-

Smt Veen a Bhat & Sh Sushi Kr Bhat- -do-

Mob. 9469281512, 9797362298

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education, Muthi) on 28/7/2024 (Sunday) with subsequent Mourn Gathering at 8:30 AM at the same venue. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Sumitra Bhan - Wife Sons & Daughters-in-law Smt. Suman & Sh. Vimal Bhan

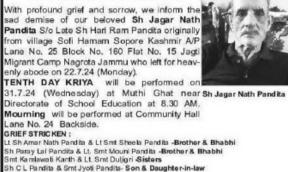
SHADMOS/MASWAR Six months have passed since you left us but you are deeply loved and missed. Our hearts still don't accept that you are not with us anymore. Your noble, honesty and gracefulness will always be remembered. We pray God to bestow you the Vaikuntha. Shadmos and Maswar of our beloved



Mother Smt. Raj Dulari shall be per-L formed at our residence 25-C, Karan Smt. Raj Dulari Nagar, Lane No. 3, Jammu on 28/7/2024 and 29/7/2024 respectively. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY Sh. Shamboo Nath Razdan and Family and All Razdans, Mahaldars, Kaks, Kouls, Rangroos and

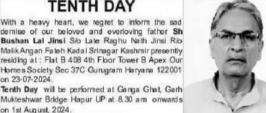
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#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**



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TENTH DAY



Deepy missed and remembered by : Sm tSanta Jinsi **(Wife)** Sm tSheeta Jinsi W/o Late Sh Piyana Lai Jinsi Daughter-in-laws and Sons Smt Sheetu Raina and Neeraj Jinsi mt Shivata Bhat and Dheeraj Jins imt Pummy Jinsi and Late Moti Lal Jins mt Sunita Jinsi and Sunil Jinsi Smt Raj Dhulari Koul W/o Lt G K Koul (Sister) Daughters and Son-in-law Smt Sunits Jinsi and Rahul Dass Smt Sarojini Koul and Karnwal Krish Grand Children : Sheen, Vansh, Sakshi





With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad femise of our beloved Smt. Anita Pandita (Bitta) D/o Late Sh. Lambodhar Nath Sharma native of VIII Hawl Pulwama, Kashmiron 22-07-2024. Mourning from Malyun Side will be held at Sec. A/2. Masjid Mohalla, Laxmipuram, Chinore, Bantalab, Jammu - 181123 upto Sunday (28-07-2024). Grief Stricken Bhabhi -



Smt. Kundan Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. Hira Lal Sharma Sister & Brother-in-law Sh, Kamal Ji Sharma & Smt, Pushpa Ji Nephews & Nieces Alok Revoo & Kiran Revoo Ashish Bhat & Purnima Sharma Bhat Rahul Sharma & Shikha Zutshi Vikas Sharma & Priyanka Gupta



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#### DHARAM SHANT / UTHALA

Dharamshant of our beloved Smt. Savita Poonchi (Retd. A.M.T. School) will be performed on 28th July 2024 (Sunday) at residence F-187 kshi Nagar, Jammu, Sail Poola at 11.30 am fi



With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Brij Nath Dhar S/o Lt Sri Kanth Dhar of New Qazi Bhag Anantnag Kashmir At present H No. 286 Lane No 16 Swaran Vihar (Police Colony) Bantalab, Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat

near Directorate of School Education office on 3.8.2024 Saturday at 9 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Susheela Mob. 9596958382 Smt & Shri H L Dhar -Son Mob. 8717090262 Smt & Sh Bihari Lal Dhar - Son Mob. 9469191788 Smt Shoba Dhar (Sister in law) Smt Kumta Dhar- Sister in law Smt & Sh D P Dhar Smt & Sh V K Dhar 9419331011 Smt & Sh A J Dhar 9419131398 Smt & Sh G L Pandit (Sister & Brother in law) Smt & Sh R L Raina (Sister & Brother in law) Grand Children : Himanshu, Neha, Ashi

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Uthala will be held at Smriti Bhavan (Lower Hall Shree Geeta Mandir, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on 28th July (Sunday) from 5.00 to 6.00 pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Pt. Suresh Poonchi (Husband) Mr. Dinesh Poonchi & Manju - Beta & Bahu ate Anubhav Poonchi - Son

Smt. Pushpa W/o Late Romesh Poonchi (Jethani) Sh. Yugal Kishore & Rekha - Devar & Devrani Smt. Raini & Sh. Ashok Kumar (Retd. Lect) - Sister & Jija Smt. Meenaxi & Sh. Kuldeep Kumar (BOSE) - Sister & Jija Smt Asha & Sh. Rajiv Amla - Bhabi & Brother Smt. Savi & Sh. Sanjeev Amla - Bhabi & Brother Grand Children : Prema & Divya Tel. No.: 8713955555, 9320 546905, 9796888788

### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the ad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Rattan Lal Langer (Retd. Head Master) R/o Ward No. 4, Akhnoor Jammu).

ident of Martand Mattan Kashmir presently at House No. 4, Lane No. 1, Adarsh Nagar (Near J&K Bank) Paloura Jammu who left for heaven-

Grand Children : Ayush, Ashish, Aryan, Himanshi, Anshu, Arushi

Mob.: 9910465014, 7889390934, 7006640142, 7006557819

Grand Children :- Akshay, Shalu, Ribu, Shibu, Uwi, Diya, Krishna, Pari, Jiya, Priya

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad,

Late Sh Hari Ram Pandita originally from Village

Sofi Hamam Sopore Kashmir A/p Lane No. 25

Block No. 160 Flat No. 15 Jagti Migrant Camp

Nagrota Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 27-

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 31-07-24

Wednesday at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of

Sh C L Pandita & Smt Jyoti Pandita-Son & Daughter-in-law

MOURNING FROM IN-LAWS

With a heavy heart we regret to inform

the sad demise of our beloved Brother in

Smt Santosh & Sh Bilu Ji Pandit- Daughter & Son-in-law

demise of our beloved Sh Jagar Nath Pandita S/o

Malik Angan Fateh Kadal Srinagar Kashmir presently residing at : Flat B 408 4th Floor Tower B Apex Ou Home's Society Sec 37C Gurugram Haryana 122001 on 23-07-2024. Tenth Day will be performed at Ganga Ghat, Garh Mukteshwar Bridge Hapur UP at 8.30 am onward on 1st August, 2024. Sh Bushan Lal Jinsi



### MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE



10th Day will be performed at Jiya Pota Mandir Akhnoor at 10.00 to 11.00 am on 28-7-24 Sunday.

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN**

#### Brothers and Bhabhis:-

Smt. Darshna Devi W/o Late Sh. Jagdish Raj Langer Smt. Kanta Devi W/o Sh. Krishan Lal Langer Daughters and Sons in law :-

Smt. Jyoti Gupta and Sh. Vija y Gupta Smt. Mohini Langar and Sh. Rajinder Gupta Smit. Rajni Langar and Sh. Naresh Gupta Smt. Pooja Langar and Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta Smt. Poonam Gupta and Sh. Vikram Gupta

#### Sons and Daughters in law :-

Smt. Ekta Gupta W/o Late Sh. Uttam Gupta Smt. Deepika Gupta and Sh. Sanjeev Gupta Smt Sheetal Gupta and Sh. Rajeev Gupta (9469050683) Smt. Sakshi Gupta and Sh. Abhinandan Gupta

### **OBITUARY / TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Bri Krishan Raina S/o Late Shri Sarwanand Raina original resident of Chandapora Habba Kadal Srinagar Kashmir at present Village Ghat, Distt Doda J&K who left for heavenly abode on 19-07-2024.

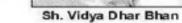
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at their residence, on 28-07-2024 (Morning) Village Ghat, Bus Stand Near Jamia Masjid Distt Doda J&K.

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt Indira Raina (Wife) Vijay Raina & Shallu Raina (Son & Daughter-in-law) Meenu Raina (Daughter) Chandrika Arora & Rahul Arora (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Smt Santosh Raina (Bhabhi) Smt Dura Ji Bhan W/o Late Sh Hira Lal Bhan (Sister) & All Nears & Dears Mobile No: 9906299241, 8825014437



Sh. Rattan Lal Langer (Retd. Head Master)



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Six Months since you left for heavenly abode but you memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere. Though the pain of losing you will never fade but your memories and love are always there with us. We devotedly pray to Almighty God to grant eternal peace to your noble soul in Heaven.

SHADMOS AND MASAWAR of our beloved Karamyogi Late Mrs Nimi Raina W/o Mr T. N Raina (original resident of Reshi Mohalla Habba Kadal Srinagar Kashmir) and 63 Lai Nagar Chanapora will be performed on July 29th and July 30th 2024 at our residence H. No 231 Sector 46 Faridabad Deeply Remembered By T N Raina (Husband)



LATE MRS NIMI RAINA

Arvind Raina and Rachna Raina Ankit Raina Anushka and Arohi Raina

Zutshi Punjabi Saraf Jawansher Bhat' Mur and all who love and care for Noble soul. ansher Bhat' Munshi's, Razdan's

### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Anita Pandita R/o H.No. 242, Sector-I, Vinayak Nagar, Muthi, Jammu on 22-07-2024. TENTH DAY will be performed at Muthi Ghat at 10:00 AM on 31-07-2024 (Wednesday). Sh. Ravi Kumar Pandita - Husband Smt. Archana and Nitin Chowdhary DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-PANDITA FAMILY

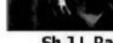


SMT. ANITA PANDITA

Brij Krishan Raina

DEEPLY STRICKEN

Sh. Nanaji Munshi & Smt Veena Smt Lalita Pandita W/o Late S. G Pandita Smt Basanti Koul W/o Late Arvind Koul



Sh J.L Raina

Sh Jagar Nath Pandita

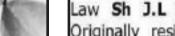
Phone Nos: 98888209640, 9873648954, 7406891991, 7982712245, 9916055502 Munshi's Koul (Kher) Pandita, Koul's Sus, Chrungoo, Mattoo & Kashyap

GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. Rohan Pandita -Son Daughter and Son-in-law

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Law Sh J.L Raina on 24-07-2024. Originally resident of Bana Mohalla

Srinagar at present residing at H. No 52 Pawan Enclave Paloura Jammu.

Sh. O.N Munshi & Smt Dulari Sh. C.L Munshi & Smt Raj Dulari

# LOCAL/ ADVT

# Shiv Sena releases poster to stay away from drugs

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir released a poster on the birthday of party chief Uddhav Thackeray and gave the message to the youth to stay away from drugs and distributed food among the poor and needy people. In a program organized at the party's state central office, party state chief Manish Sahni released a poster calling drugs the gateway to destruction and appealed to the youth to stav away from it.

He said that drugs harm not only the individual but also his family. society and entire the



nation Sahni said that the statistics of drug smuggling and drug addiction in Jammu-Kashmir are horrifying. In the last three years, there has been a

1500% increase in the use of drugs. Out of the total 13 million population of the Union Territorv of Jammu-Kashmir, an estimated 10 lakh people have become victims of

drug addiction. Jammu and Kashmir is becoming a hub of drug addiction. There are about 6 lakh vouth addicts here, out of which 90 percent are in the age group of 17-33.

He said that youth is the strength of our nation. The country whose youth is healthy, no one can stop that country from becoming Vishwa Guru (world leader) and moving on the path of progress. On this occasion, food packets were distributed among the poor and

helpless people. Shiv Sana prayed for the better health and long life of their party chief. On this occasion president Mehila Wing Meen-

akshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi. President Kamghar wing Raj Singh, Vice president Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kohli, Pawan Singh were present.

### **Chairperson DDC Ramban conducts tour of Sub Division Ramsoo; review developmental scenario**

**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN, July 27: Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Ramban. Dr. Shamshad Shan, conducted an extensive tour in various remotest panchayats to review the developmental scenario and address the concerns of the local populace in inaccessible areas of the Sub Division Ramsoo

The Chairperson was accompanied by the BDO Ramsoo, BDO Ukhral, and various other officers from the concerned departments. The visit included stops at Dargali Khowra and Panchayat Sujmanta-A,



in the New Type Primary ing of local schools and reviewed the Mid-Day Health Center (NTPHC) Meal program provided and local schools Chairperson The During the visit, local addressed various conresidents presented their grievances and key

cerns promptly, issuing on-the-spot directions to the relevant departments to resolve all genuine issues. She encouraged the locals to take advantage of job and beneficiary-oriented schemes offered by different departments, emphasizing the importance of community participation in developmental initiatives.

Assuring the community of her commitment to addressing their issues, Dr. Shan urged the residents to provide land

public interest projects, particularly the proposed road project for the area, which is expected to significantly improve connectivity and access. During her tour, the Chairperson also

for the construction of

inspected various ongoing developmental works and the functioning of different departments in the area. She emphasized the importance of efficient implementation of developmental schemes and projects like JJM and augmentation of power infrastructure to ensure the overall growth and

progress of the region.

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### **Congress Manifesto Committee holds meeting**



committee's formation,

The action plan includes

undertaking visits to all

districts within the Doda-

Udhampur Lok Sabha

constituency, which

encompasses Ramban,

Doda, Kathua, Udhampur,

at gaining a deep under-

standing of local needs

and issues. Additionally,

the committee will engage

with Non-Governmental

Organizations (NGOs),

market associations, and

various public groups to

ensure a broad and inclu-

These visits are aimed

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areas.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: A meeting of the Manifesto Committee was held at the PCC Office in Jammu, led by Co-Chairman Former MLC Naresh Gupta. This meeting was focused on formulating key initiatives aimed at the development and welfare of the Doda-Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency. Members present included Adv. Fairoz Khan, Former National

President NSUI and Former Youth Congress Working President J&K; Narinder Kajuaria; Dr. Mulkh Raj Bhamagi; Kajal Rajput; and Dr. Pardeep Kumar

The meeting commenced with an introductory briefing by Naresh Gupta, who outlined the

sive perspective. objectives, and the strategic steps for the coming sized the importance days. The committee is tasked

of community-focused development and the need for recommendawith delivering comprehensive suggestions tions that will enhance the within the next 10 days, welfare and progress of focusing on several key local communities.

The committee is dedicated to addressing the unique challenges and opportunities within the constituency to promote sustainable and equitable growth. In this regard, the general public is encouraged to contribute their suggestions, either by email or in person at the

Naresh Gupta empha-

PCC Office in Jammu. This public participation will help ensure that the committee's recommendations are comprehensive and reflective of the community's diverse needs.

### **Zone Rainawari Inter-School Tournament 2024 concludes**

#### **Top News Report**

RAINAWARI, July 27: The Zone Rainawari Inter-School (Zonal Level) Girls Under 19 Volleyball & Kho-Kho Tournament 2024 successfully concluded at GHSS Rainawari, with over 100 athletes from various government and private institutions participating. GHSS Rainawari emerged victorious in both the Vollevball and Kho-Kho tournaments, securing the titles against Greenland School and Legends School respectively.

Muzamil Dar. Zone Incharge Rainawari presented mementos to the winner and runner-up teams in the presence of all Field Staff of Zone Rainawari. He congratulated all participants and commended the dedication shown by the field staff for conducting the tournaments despite the hot and humid weather

He also extended his gratitude to the principal of GHSS Rainawari and its Physical Education staff for their unwavering support and cooperation, which played a crucial role in the success of these events.

The tournament was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Rainawari

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# NSS, NCC Units of Dogra Law College pay tribute at Balidan Stambh on Kargil Vijay Diwas

**Top News Report** 

SAMBA, July 27: In a heartfelt tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the Indian armed forces, the NSS volunteers and NCC cadets of Dogra



Law College visited Balidan Stambh on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. This visit aimed to honor the heroes of the Kargil War and to instill a sense of patriotism among the students.

The contingent of students and faculty members departed from Dogra Law College at 10 a.m. The journey to Balidan Stambh was filled with anticipation and reverence as the participants reflected on the significance of the day. They reached the solemn monument at around 11 a.m., where they were warmly welcomed by an army Personnel.

Upon arrival, the students were given an informative briefing by the army Personnel, who shared insights about the historical importance of

Balidan Stambh and the valor displayed by Indian soldiers during the Kargil War. The commemoration focused on remembering the valour of distinguished soldiers who were awarded the Param Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, and Kirti Chakra for their exceptional courage and sacrifice during

to the students.

demands, which includ-

ed the need to provide

road connectivity and

drainage systems for

the Kargil War. The visit was a profoundly moving experience for the students and faculty. They paid their respects by observing 2 minutes of silence in honor of the martyrs. Many students expressed

their gratitude and admiration for the armed forces, reflecting on the importance of duty, bravery, and patriotism. The visit not only educated the students about the historical events but also stirred a deep sense of pride and respect for the armed forces.

The visit to Balidan Stambh was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our soldiers. It left a lasting impression on the students, inspiring them to uphold the values of bravery, dedication, and patriotism. The faculty members

appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of such experiences in shaping the character and values of the students.

Dogra Law College is always committed to fostering a sense of national pride and respect for the armed forces among its students.

This visit to Balidan Stambh on Kargil Vijay Diwas was a step in that direction, providing students with a profound understanding of the sacrifices made by the soldiers and the importance of national integrity.

### Joint Camps held by Labour and FCS&CA Department for issuance of ration cards to E-Shram registrants

**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN, July 27: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, and Labour Commissioner J&K, the Department of Labour and FCS&CA conducted joint camps at various places in district Ramban in order to make e-shram workers aware about their rights and identifying those e-shram worker who do not have ration cards or they have not been added to existing family ration card. Today the camps were



there are still about 834

held at Block Rajgarh, Department have attend-Ramsoo, Khari and TSO ed camps and almost 36 office Ramban e-shram registrants have been identified in these Officials of Labour Department along with camps who already had Concerned TSOs and ration cards and Storekeepers of food

e shram registrants who had been found without ration card as per data on e-shram portal for district Ramban

ALC Ramban has requested all these e-shram registrants to visit the office of concerned TSO, or AD, FCS&CA or ALC office Ramban or may call at the given contact number in the district website, with regard to the issuance of ration card. The said list of e shram registrants has been uploaded on district administration Website.

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- 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 24-07-2024 (18:00 Hrs.)
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://iktenders.gov.in from 24-07-2024 (18:30 Hrs.) to 03-08-2024 (3:00 PM).
- З. After opening tender only successful bidder shall be asked for submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and tender fee
- The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
- The technical bid will be opened on line on 05-08-2024 at 11.00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office 5. of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur.
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur after evaluation of technical bids. The date shall be communicated separately.
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the 7. table (and for DIC/SSI/MSME registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K govt.) payable at Udhampur pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur.
- Bid security will have to be in form of CDR / FDR / BG of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year or more after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents shall be in form of Treasury Challan / e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur payable at Udhampur
- Firms who will fulfill the following parameters are eligible to participate. 9.
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- Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 07 years ending last day of ii) month previous to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:-
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  - c. One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost.
- iii) Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined.
- 10. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact site conditions
- 12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website http://jktenders.gov.in

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# **OP-ED**

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# **EDITORIAL**

### Unemployment: A Growing Challenge T T nemployment is a pervasive issue affecting

U nemployment is a pervasive issue affecting economies worldwide, and its implications extend beyond mere statistics. It represents a fundamental problem that impacts economic stability, social cohesion, and individual well-being. As we delve into the nuances of unemployment, it's essential to understand its causes, effects, and potential solutions.

Unemployment can arise from a variety of factors, each contributing to the complex nature of this issue. One major cause is \*\*cyclical unemployment\*\*, which occurs due to economic downturns. During recessions, businesses experience reduced demand for goods and services, leading to layoffs and reduced hiring. The global financial crisis of 2008 and the COVID-19 pandemic are prime examples where economic contractions led to significant job losses.

Structural unemployment is another key factor. This type of unemployment arises when there is a mismatch between the skills of the workforce and the needs of employers. Technological advancements and globalization have accelerated this mismatch, as industries evolve and certain skills become obsolete. For instance, the decline of manufacturing jobs in developed countries due to automation has left many workers without the necessary skills for the emerging job market.

Frictional unemployment, although often less concerning, also plays a role. This type occurs when individuals are temporarily unemployed while transitioning between jobs or entering the labor market for the first time. While frictional unemployment is a natural part of a dynamic economy, it can be exacerbated by factors such as inefficient job search processes or geographic mobility issues.

The consequences of unemployment are profound and multifaceted. On an economic level, high unemployment rates can lead to reduced consumer spending, which further exacerbates economic downturns. When people are out of work, they have less income to spend on goods and services, leading to decreased demand and, consequently, lower business revenues. This can create a vicious cycle where businesses cut costs, often through layoffs, which in turn increases unemployment.

On a social level, unemployment can lead to increased poverty and inequality. Without a stable income, unemployed individuals and their families may struggle to meet basic needs, such as housing, food, and healthcare. This economic strain can lead to heightened stress, mental health issues, and social instability. Unemployment can also contribute to higher crime rates as individuals facing economic hardship may resort to illegal activities out of desperation.

Additionally, long-term unemployment can erode

### Go all out to end Pakistan's low-intensity war in J&K

#### By: Lt Gen Harbhajan Singh (Retd)

(Former Signal Officer-in-Chief)

AKISTAN has not  $\boldsymbol{J}_{\mathrm{come}}$  to terms with the **L** fact that Jammu and Kashmir did not join it after India gained Independence in August 1947 and was partitioned, in spite of an invasion launched by our neighbour just two months after it came into being. Wars launched in 1947-48, 1965 and 1971 to attain the goal by force of arms also failed. So, in 1989, Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) began a separatist, jihadist, anti-minority and armed insurgency in J&K to achieve this end.

In spite of the legal accession of J&K to India in 1947, besides the conduct of elections, the grant of considerable aid and development projects, there exists a tendency among some Kashmiri brethren to lean towards Muslim-majority Pakistan, even though it is a failed and unstable state.

The true colours of the separatist movement must be seen in the light of the genocide of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990-91, the community's exodus from the Kashmir valley and the inaction of the Indian state. There was no dispute among Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims in J&K; all of them had imbibed Kashmiriyat for centuries, irrespective of their religion. Then why did this horrific cleansing take place in the

India's policy has been to block the infiltration of terrorists along the International Border (IB)/Line of Control (LoC). In 2004, a fence was constructed to that end. Terrorists who still manage to infiltrate are hunted down by the security forces – comprising Rashtriya Rifles and Central Armed Police Forces personnel – based on the intelligence gained from local informers and other means. Action is also taken against terrorist sympathisers and sleeper cells. But since the intruders enjoy some local support, they manage to carry out some attacks.

The Indian authorities are fully aware that terrorism or insurgency cannot sustain without local support. Persistent efforts have been made to win over the hearts of locals and create an intelligence network. Considerable development has taken place in the region, and tourism is booming.

However, Pakistan has dared to transform the armed insurgency/terrorist movement into a low-intensity war – ambushing and killing soldiers, attacking military units and headquarters, including the strategic Pathankot Air Force base in Punjab and targeting civilians. If this is not war, what is it? However, India still deals with it as terrorism, not a war.

No war, whether it is a lowintensity or full-scale one, can be won by defensive actions.

This is a basic principle of war and geopolitics. Top decisionmakers, both civil and military, need to realise this. In case what Pakistan is doing in J&K is considered to be just terrorism and not a lowintensity war, the paramilitary forces should handle it under the Minister of Home. And the Army should do its primary job of guarding the IB/LoC. But if the realisation dawns that a low-intensity war is indeed being waged, the Army should be directed to take the action necessary in the event of a war. This is the kind of directive that has to be issued by the Cabinet Committee on Security.

The following policy measures are recommended to deter Pakistan from continuing with attacks in J&K:

Declare the terror acts perpetrated in J&K by Pakistansponsored armed intruders as low-intensity warfare and modify the whole approach to counter it.

The life of every person residing, working or doing business in J&K should be considered precious.

Announce a policy of zero tolerance to attacks. Do the people of J&K have to live in fear and get killed for generations just because they were born or posted there and the country failed to feel their pain and protect them? If others call us a soft state, are they wrong?

Go for a step-by-step escalation across the IB/LoC in J&K through security personnel, firepower and other means in response to further attacks.

A mutually agreed ceasefire has been in force in J&K since 2003. This needs to be ended. Pakistan is misusing it by sending intruders, arms and equipment across the border.

In case Pakistan-sponsored terrorist attacks still persist, take stronger and more visible steps against more important targets, possibly with the use of air power. Some people start talking about both countries being nuclear powers the moment there is a mention of cross-LoC actions. But nuclear weapons were also there when we fought and won the Kargil War in 1999.

Pakistan must be made to understand that it will have to pay a price for every armed act in J&K and adjoining areas and that there will be retaliation.

Pakistan will mend its ways once it realises that India means business. Pakistanis, including the ISI top brass, are troublesome only as long as they do not feel the pain. Their tolerance to bear punishment is limited.

At the same time, operations should continue in the Pir Panjal and Doda areas to hunt down terrorists and their sympathisers. However, temporary relief as a result of the massive actions being taken currently should not lull us into complacency. Pakistan will bide its time and start attacks in some other area, unless we carry the fight across the IB/LoC in J&K.

India and Pakistan have to share a boundary for ages, and it is in the latter's interest to have peaceful borders. The Awam of Pakistan deserve a better life, for which a peaceful atmosphere is essential.

### Accelerate Your Career In Tech With Skill-Based Mentorship

### By: Vijay GarG

ower comes from the knowledge shared and **L** not from knowledge kept. And honestly, it's quite relevant for today's workspaces to enable healthy relationships among employees and leaders, where there is a culture of shaping the growth of individuals. We see the term employee-centric or people-centric organisation making the headlines. While it might sound like just another buzzword or a trend, it is here to stay because candidates today are much more aware and want to work with leaders who they can see as mentors, who can nurture them, and guide them through the right path. It stands true for every sector, and the tech industry isn't an exception. Management plays a crucial role in how employees feel about their work, and leaders make the management, but great mentors are the foundation of great management. So, leaders have the power to create a mentorship working environment where employees receive timely and constructive feedback, guidance and support that can further help them to improve their day-to-day skills, develop new skills, build confidence, achieve their career goals, and grow professionally. When leaders embrace mentorship roles and model mentorship behavior, it becomes a trickle down effect that is passed on from higher levels to others in positions of

power and knowledge.

Role of a Mentor in Advancing a Career

A lot depends on your mentor when you are planning to build or advance your career in any field. A mentor can provide insight into your decisions about the profession, help you think of a bigger picture, offer advice during challenging work-related situations, and guide you toward the relevant training and skills needed for your next step. For example, suppose you're already in database administration but are considering transitioning to programming. In that case, your mentor will point you in the right direction regarding what languages to learn and which management classes may benefit you most. The mentor could also provide feedback on work, helping you to identify areas for improvement and offering suggestions for how to enhance your skills. The mentor could also provide feedback on your work, assisting you in identifying areas for development and suggesting ways to improve your skills. Mentoring relationships offer invaluable expertise for professionals pursuing a career in technology - and one must leverage it.

employees, it's eliminating the company's chances to innovate and defer employee growth. Timely feedback to an employee can help them polish their skills and add value to the company in more ways than one. Modern workplaces require leaders to emphasize learning through doing. Leaders should foster a problem-solving attitude among their employees to enable them to use their knowledge and skills effectively. And it is quite possible with skillbased mentorship. A measurable and outcome-based mentorship style aims to coach and support mentees in developing skills to advance their careers. It can be a one-hour session or a long-term commitment, either in learning to code or practicing communication skills. Conducting a mentorship program has excellent potential for skill development and career growth. It's particularly beneficial when navigating non-linear paths in technology fields. Mentoring is a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship between mentor and mentee designed for the latter's growth and development. Tech mentors play a crucial role in narrowing the skills gap, ensuring individuals are equipped with the necessary knowledge and experience to pursue opportunities in their desired fields. The range of learning depends upon the relationship between the mentor and the mentee. Once the goals are mutually decided, working on a roadmap for skill-building is essential. There is a range of soft skills and hard skills you can work on with your mentee. While training for soft skills, you can work on improving creativity, persuasion, collaboration, adaptability and emotional intelligence. On the other hand, focusing on hard skills, learning about the myriad of new technologies ranging from blockchain and cloud computing to analytical reasoning and artificial intelligence is vital. But you must decide what you need to learn from your mentor based on your career goals. Conclusion Staying updated and learning new practices is essential in the fast-paced tech industry. Therefore, having a good mentor is crucial for success in tech, but seeking one out actively is important. With the job market constantly evolving, staying relevant is key. Besides the ones who are advancing their tech careers, mentors can also shape the younger generation - our future workforce - into responsible and innovative leaders across industries, including tech. Mentors can encourage STEM studies and instill responsibility and innovation in them. Investing in STEM education early on can better equip young people to make informed decisions about their future.

an individual's skills and employability. Extended periods without work can result in a loss of professional skills, making it even harder for individuals to find new employment. This phenomenon, known as "skill atrophy," can create long-lasting barriers to re-entering the job market.

Addressing unemployment requires a multifaceted approach involving both short-term and longterm strategies. On a macroeconomic level, governments can implement \*\*stimulus measures\*\* to boost economic activity and job creation. This might include investing in infrastructure projects, providing incentives for businesses to hire, and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that are often significant job creators.

Educational and vocational training programs are crucial for tackling structural unemployment. By aligning educational curricula with market needs and offering reskilling opportunities, governments and institutions can help workers transition into emerging fields. Partnerships between educational institutions and industries can also facilitate the development of relevant skills.

Support for entrepreneurship is another important strategy. Encouraging and supporting new business ventures can create job opportunities and stimulate economic growth. Governments can provide financial support, mentorship, and resources to aspiring entrepreneurs, particularly in areas with high unemployment rates.

On a microeconomic level, improving job search services and career counseling can help reduce frictional unemployment. Providing individuals with tools and resources to effectively navigate the job market can shorten the duration of unemployment spells and improve overall employment outcomes.

Unemployment remains a significant and complex challenge with far-reaching implications. Its causes are diverse, ranging from economic cycles and technological changes to skill mismatches and job transitions. The effects of unemployment impact not only the individuals directly affected but also the broader economy and society. Addressing this issue requires a comprehensive approach, combining economic stimulus, educational reform, support for entrepreneurship, and enhanced job search services. By tackling unemployment through these multifaceted strategies, we can work towards creating a more stable, equitable, and prosperous society.

Importance of Skill-Based Mentorship

Employees can learn, grow, and improve if mentor-mentee relationships are fostered in the company. If the managers and peers in the company are not providing feedback to their

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, July 27, 2024

# **LOCAL**

# Nikon new Z6III camera revolutionizes imaging with introduction of world's first partially-stacked sensor

#### **Top News Report**

LUDHIANA, July 27: Nikon India Private Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Nikon Corporation, introduced the highly anticipated Z6III at Ludhiana on Friday.

Nikon India reinforces its commitment to a fullframe mirrorless camera portfolio that is set to redefine the art of videography as well as photography

Inheriting features from the Z9 and Z8 models like in- camera RAW and N-Log videos and EXPEED 7 processor delivering high-performance and industry leading specifications. Z6III is equipped with

the world's first-ever partially-stacked CMOS Auto Focus capability for exceptional performance and is ready to outper-Commenting on the occasion, Sajjan Kumar, Managing Director of Nikon India Pvt. Ltd. said

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With its exceptional

features and unrivaled

performance, the Z6III

is ready to redefine the

videography and photog-

raphy realm for profes-

sionals and enthusiasts.

This compact sized pro-

fessional camera features

the world's first-ever par-

tially stacked sensor,

Z8 and Z9 models.

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"We are thrilled to introduce the Z6III, a highperformance full-frame mid-segment camera that inherits the spirit of inno-



making it one of the best inventions in imaging technology. Additionally, we have introduced the industry's first brightest Electronic View Finder (EVF) with a staggering resolution of 5.7M. The camera also offers superior video resolutions of up to 6K/60p, Full HD 240p, along with in-built N-Log and N-RAW support for high-quality video

#### production.

The new Nikon Z6III will become an integral tool for the creator community with its autofocus precision and the ability to freeze fleeting moments with blazing-fast 120fps Pre-Release Capture and an impressive 20fps continuous shooting rate." The participants who

attended the event got hands-on experience with the new Nikon Z6III. This event gave them the opportunity to further explore the features of the product and try the product while focussing on Live Experience Zones depicting Wedding, Fashion and Action genres present during the event. The Nikon Z6III empowers you to capture fleeting moments with precision

and clarity, thanks to the groundbreaking lightningfast EXPEED 7 processing engine. Inheriting superior performance and functionality from Nikon's top-tier models, the Z6III boasts of superior performance in low-light conditions and backlit scenes. It can detect up to 9 subject types and not only offers improved autofocus performance but also takes AF accuracy up a notch than its predecessors. With superior lowlight performance and exciting new functions that expand your creative horizons, the Z6III is the perfect partner for photographers and videographers who are ready to push boundaries and tell

for Doda. their stories with stunning

### Mohd Amin nominated as District President Jammu Kashmir Teachers forum Doda

Forum at all levels, Amin

is having vast experi-

ence as trade union

leader as well as a good

The official announce-

ment was made through

a press release issued

today by UT Secretary

JKTF Ram Krishan

Chairman Mohammad

Amin Khan and Presi-

dent Mohammad Ashraf,

Provincial President

academician

Singh.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 27: Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) nominated senior trade union leader Mohd Amin as District President for Doda.

This decision, made by Mohammad Ashraf with the Consent of Chairman Teachers Forum & Vice President AISTF M. Amin khan comes as a strategic move to reinforce JKTF's presence and address the evolving challenges faced by teachers in the region.

Amin a seasoned Senior Leader, will now assume the responsibilities of District President

This decision aims to fortify JKTF's position in the Doda and to strengthen the Teachers Jammu Sanjeet Sharma emphasized the importance of Amin leadership in strengthening the JKTF's stance in Doda. "In order to strengthen JKTF in Doda and make it more robust in dealing with the emerging challenges confronting teachers, Senior Trade Union Leader Mr Mohd Amin is appointed as the **District President Doda** with immediate effect," the official order stated. This strategic move reflects the commitment of JKTF to enhance its capabilities and effectiveness in serving the educational community. Mohd Amin extensive experience and leadership qualities are expected to contribute significantly to the Forum's objectives in the Jammu

region.

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# **Rotary Club Jammu Helping** Hands holds planting drive at KC International School



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU July 27: In line with the "Van Mahotsav" campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", the Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands took a commendable initiative in planting trees at KC International School, Jammu.

Over 300 saplings were planted with enthusiastic participation from the

a significant aspect of this campaign

Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands President, Rtn. Jaswinder Singh Kuku, along with Rtn. Karuna Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Rohit Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Prem Sharma, Rtn. Sunny Gupta, Rtn. Mengi, Rtn. Arun Gupta, Rtn. Guneet Singh, and other Rotary members, actively arranged the plants for the plantation drive. **Inter Zonal District Level Sub**roto Cup Football gets underway

#### **Top News Report**

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JAMMU, July 27: Inter Zonal District Level Subroto Cup Football U-15 & 17 Yrs Boys, Department of Youth Services and Sports District Jammu continued on 2nd day on Saturday at Synthetic Turf Parade Ground Jammu.

The tournament are being organised under the patronage of Director Youth Services and Sports JK UT Subhash Chander Chibber under the guidance of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Ved Parkash and the overall supervision of DYSSO Jammu and in charge DYSSO Jammu Harvinder Kour.



The main aim of these competitions is to select the best players/teams for the next level of competitions.

The competitions are being conducted by experts including Ajay Kumar (Convenor), Tarun Paul Singh, Jyoti Devi, Rohit Gupta, Meenakshi, Varinder Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Vijenderpal Kour and other technical officials of the department.

Today's Results: U-15 Boys:-Doon International beat Birla Open Minds School U-15: JK Public School beat Jodhamal Pub. School (Semi-Final). U-17: Jodhamal Public School beat RM Public School Jodhamal; Doon International School beat JK Public School; APS Rakhmuti beat Birla Open Minds School; Jammu Cannt beat Jammu Sanskriti School; Doon International School beat

### Lecturers 'Forum Calls on Sunil Sharma, former Minister

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, July 27: A high power delegation of All J&K +2 Lecturers Forum led by District President, Pardeep Koul, had a long meet with Sunil Sharma, former Cabinet Minister and a popular & very powerful political face.

The forum comprising of Pardeep Koul, Suresh Mattoo and Daleep Badyal had a significant and result-oriented meet with Sharma with special focus and emphasis on regularisation of Incharge lecturers, Adjustment of unadjusted I/C lecturers and grant of ACP.

Koul said that after the grant of one-time exemption order in permissions by former Administrative Secretary, Piyush Singla, there is an urgent need of sustained and continuous efforts at the highest level to put a full stop to these long pending issues of the lecturer fraternity.

The forum leaders said that Alok Kumar, Administrative Secretary SED, has been approached by the top leadership of the as he has indepth knowl-Manoj Sinha to expedite edge of the main issues the regularisation process of the lecturer fraternity. without going into unnec-The forum leaders essary formalities. He furexplained to the former ther said that Alok Kumar Minister that though was an upright officer who

Kumar is expected to resolve the issues, particularly the issue of issues. regularisation but delay in the submission of onetime exemption files from DSEJ to Administrative Department, has been hampering the process of early convening of DPC of Incharge lecturers for

regularisation. Sunil Sharma, responding to the burning demands raised by the Forum leaders said that and being at the forefront he knew the matter well to address the issues of

has all the capabilities to resolve these pending

Sharma said that he would ensure that justice is delivered to the lecturer fraternity on priority so that they could deliver better for the society and the nation.He said Modi Govt. at the centre is committed to fast track justice delivery system. Koul thanked the former Minister for his support

school children, marking

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degradation.

Rtn. Karuna Gupta

informed the students

about the critical need

for tree plantation in the

context of ongoing global

warming and stressed the

urgent measures required

to combat environmental

The school manage-

ment and Principal Anu-

pama Sinha expressed

their heartfelt gratitude to

the Rotary Club Jammu

Helping Hands for their

invaluable contribution to

Jammu Cannt (Semi-Final).

the lecturer fraternity

# Wildlife Protection Department organizes Plantation Drive

ensuring the campaign's

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K organised a Mega Plantation Drive at Lakkar Mandi on Saturday in Compartment 1/P of Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary. During the plantation drive 130 tress of species of Ficus religosa (Peepal), Ficus glomerata (Fig) and Ficus benghalensis (Bhargad) are planted in Co. 1/P of Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary under CAMPA 2024-25 on the theme of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GOI "Ek Pad Maa Ke Naam".

People Foundation For Save Peepal, Manda Morning Walkers Association, NGO (Himalayan Avian Society) Govt. Degree College Parade, Crescent Public School Janipur along with other sister organisation of Forest Department such as Territorial Forests, Social Forestry, Forest Protection Force. Ecology, Department of Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K Forest Research Institute, Forest Development Corporation are participated in the plantation drive.

On the occasion of planation drive of Ficus species particular concept of creating "Peepal Van" is an initiative of

Department of Wildlife Protection under the guidance of Sh. Sarvesh Rai, IFS, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K and under the supervision of Dr. Kumar M.K, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests / Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu.

Sarvesh Rai, IFS, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K during the occasion brief about the concept of creating "Peepal Van" for habitat improvement for wildlife, as most of species of ficus are keystone species which provide shelter, food to birds and

wildlife animals. Further Vishav Murti Shastri (Retd. Vice Challencer Kendriya Sanskrit Vidalya, a Padam Shree Awardee also emphasise on religious and spiritual importance of Peepal (Ficus benghalensis) provide mental stability.

Later on Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K also participated in the plantation drive.

Other Senior Officers of Forest Department present during the plantation drive are Senthil Kumar, IFS, APCCF, Nodal Officer FCA, K Romesh Kumar, IFS, CCF-Jammu, S. Rakesh Kumar,

IFS, Director, DEER, Dr. Kumar M.K, IFS, CCF/ Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu

Bishan Dass Thakur, Chief General Manager, Forest Development Corporation, Ifit Ara, DCF Wildlife (HQ), Meeraj-uldin, Joint Director, FPF, Vijay Kumar, Wildlife Warden Jammu, Harpreet Kaur, DFO-Resreach Jammu, Pankaj Raina, DFO, ETF Jammu, Anil Kumar Attri, Additional Director Jambu Zoo, Saleem-ul-Haq, Technical Officer to Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu.

### TBA Jammu requests FM to extend IT Return filing date upto August 31

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Tax Bar Association (TBA), Jammu, an apex body representing tax lawyers for over 60 years, submitted the letter to Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister Government of India, requesting an extension of the Income Tax Return filing deadline from July 31, 2024 to August 31, 2024.

"This request arises due to several issues currently affecting taxpavers and professionals using the Income Tax Department's portal," the letter stated. "Since June 2024, there have been persistent

technical issues with the Income Tax Portal, including difficulties accessing Form 26AS, AIS, TIS, and other critical documents. For the past 20 days, users have faced login issues, and new assesses have struggled to register due to system overload. Additionally, the generation of One-Time Passwords (OTPs) for e-verification has been problematic, causing delays in return filings. There are also instances where taxes paid via UPI are not credited to the taxpayer's PAN despite being debited from bank accounts. These disruptions have significantly hampered the

filing process," it stated. It added, "The Income Tax Portal's responses have led to confusion regarding the application of increased rebate limits under both tax regimes. The higher turnover limits under sections 44AD and 44AB, combined with other provisions like TDS, GST, and new reporting requirements under section 43B(h), have increased the complexity of return preparation. Discrepancies between AIS/TIS and Form 26AS further complicate filings. often resulting in errors and rectification notices." "The deadline for filing

Income Tax Returns for

non-auditable cases and salary returns coincides with the due date for TDS returns on 31st July and the last date for GSTR-3B under GST. Additionally, it aligns with the deadline for GST appeal filings. This overlap strains taxpayers and professionals who must manage multiple compliance requirements simultaneously," the letter further stated. It added, "The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is experiencing increased militant activ-

ity, particularly in Reasi,

Kathua, Doda, and Kash-

mir. These disturbances

have hindered the collec-

tion of necessary informa-

tion from banks and other sources, further complicating the return filing process.

"In light of these challenges, we humbly request your intervention to extend the Income Tax Return filing deadline to August 31, 2024. This extension would significantly alleviate the difficulties faced by taxpayers and professionals, fostering a more efficient and supportive environment for tax compliance," it stated and added, "We appreciate your consideration of this matter and kindly request prompt action to address these issues.'

### DC Leh convenes meeting to discuss 'Stop Diarrhoea' Campaign

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LEH, July 27: Deputy Commissioner Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, convened a meeting to discuss the Stop Diarrhoea Campaign and National Deworming Day, initiatives by the Health Department of Leh.

Dr Rinchen Angmo, State Consultant/Nodal Officer MCH Ladakh, presented the overview on Stop Diarrhoea Campaign, titled "Diarrhoea ki Roktham, Safai aur ORS se rakhen Apna Dyaan." The campaign will last for two months from 1st July to 31st August 2024.



The purpose of this meeting is to form a District level committee for monitoring these initiatives. She highlighted childhood diarrhoea is preventable and there should be no death due to diarrhoea. Goal, objectives, pre-campaign planning, and IEC activities were discussed, stressing multi-sectoral involvement like various depart-

ments like Women and Child, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Urban Development/Municipalities, and Education dept also play vital role in diarrhoea control program and for

successful implementation of the Campaign. Dr. Angmo also gave an overview of the National Deworming Day, which is conducted bi-annually in Leh Ladakh in the month of March and September, differing from other states due to the local school calendar. Deputy Commissioner Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, directed the concerned departments

reach and impact. The meeting was attended by key officials including the Chief Medical Officer Leh, Chief Education Officer Leh; District Social Welfare Officer Leh; Dy. CMO Leh; Dsitrict

for extensive dissemina-

tion of these materials to

maximize the campaign's

to collaborate effectively and emphasized the crucial role of IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) activities in spreading awareness. He urged

panchayat Officer RDD Leh; AD (P) RDD Leh; State Consultant/Nodal Officer MCH Ladakh; Child Development Project Officer ICDS Leh; **Executive Engineer PHE** Department Leh; Other concerned officials and officers.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# Jacqueline, Riddhima walk the ramp for Isha Jajodia at India Couture Week 2024

Jacqueline Fernandez and entrepreneur Riddhima Kapoor Sahni turned muses for Isha Jajodia's latest collection 'Roseroom, which she showcased on the second day of the Hyundai FDCI India Couture Week in New Delhi.

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The collection was filled with intricate designs and ranged from sarees to gowns, depicting miniature embroidery, rhinestones and floral work.

Inspired by the grandeur of French architectural landmarks with a blend of modern feminine strength, the designer managed to bring the essence of the same in the attires. Fernandez, 38, took to the runway in a black embroidered mermaid gown adorned with a black veil stretching behind. She completed the look with a massive stone necklace and a high bun.



Sharing her experience of walking for Jajodia, she said, "I love her work. I've been wearing her beautiful dresses, sarees, and gowns for a very long time. I'm a fan of hers. Sahni, 43, walked in an ivory lehenga with a

floral design and pearl beads on it. "It was surreal and the most amazing experience. Isha's (Jajodia) is a friend and when she asked me to walk for her, I was just over-excited and I knew she would put me in something that is very

down my street." Meanwhile, designer Suneet Varma made a stunning impact on the second day as his collection, Nazm, left a lasting impression. T

he show began with a nazm, recited by Varma's mother, Indira Varma, setting a poetic tone for the evening. The collection drew inspiration from the music of the seventies and eighties, an era close to Varma's heart. "It's actually inspired by music from the seventies and eighties in particular since that's the era I grew up in and have always loved," Varma said.

### Shweta Tiwari plays the 'IT' girl on Aapka Apna Zakir



Popular comedian Zakir Khan is all set to entertain audiences with his new show Aapka Apna Zakir. Set to air soon on Sony Entertainment Television, the show promises to be a delightful blend of humour and heartfelt life lessons. Along with Zakir, the show boasts a talented crew, including Shweta Tiwari. Shweta is all set to play the 'IT' girl on the show, who is always one step ahead of the game.

Shweta shared, "I am excited to do a show like this after a long time, wherein viewers will get to see a new side of me. Comedy is currently evolving as a genre and I've always enjoyed being at the epicentre of change.

When I was approached for Aapka Apna Zakir, I instantly said yes. Each episode will feature Zakir's signature storytelling style, where he shares anecdotes from his own life and the lives of people he encounters. These stories are filled with wit.

### Diljit Dosanjh says his track **Muhammad Ali celebrates resilience**

Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh, who has released his latest track, Muhammad Ali, has said it celebrated resilience and empowerment. For his latest song, Diljit has joined forces with rapper NLE Choppa.

The track is touted to be an urban pop anthem, designed to be both invigorating and motivational. It encourages listeners to dance, dream, and defy the odds, while the music video blends cultures with an infectious rhythm.

About the collaboration, Diljit said, "Muhammad Ali celebrates the spirit of resilience and empowerment. Collaborating with NLE Choppa on this anthem has been incredibly inspiring. I'm thrilled to share another vibrant Punjabi sound with the world." Diljit has been instrumental in bringing Indian and Punjabi culture to the international stage. Earlier, he made Ed Sheeran sing in Pun-



jabi during the latter's tour in Mumbai. Recently, he had a sold-out Dil-Luminati Tour spanning the US and Canada. His recent appearance on The

Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon further solidified his international stature. NLE Choppa, at just 21, has already made a significant impact on the music scene. About the

track, he shared, "This

### At an event in the national capital, young actress Sanya Malhotra underlined the importance of balancing stardom and wellness

Actress Sanya Malhotra, best known for her roles in Dangal and Jawan, is making waves in both the entertainment and wellness industries. Recently named the ambassador of Human Mobile Devices (HMD), she is also preparing for the screening of her film Mrs at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2024, which will take place from August 15 to 25. Despite her busy schedule, Malhotra remains committed to her health.

Sanya, who prioritises health alongside her thriving acting career, attended the launch of Yakult's new Light Mango flavour in the national capital. Dressed in a butter-yellow outfit that matched the theme of the new flavour, she charmed attendees with her radiant smile. Addressing the audience, Sanya expressed concern over rising lifestyle disorders. "There



is great concern about lifestyle disorders due to erratic schedules, poor the increasing rise in

nutrition, stress, lack of adequate sleep, pollution, and generally poor gut health," she said. Sanya also talked about her personal health routine, "I take my daily dose of probiotics to keep my gut healthy. Beyond brand

endorsements, Sanya's acting career is also thriving. Her film Mrs. directed by Arati Kadav, is set to be a highlight at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2024 (IFFM). Both Malhotra and Kadav are expected to attend the festival.

Mrs explores the intricate life of a woman, portrayed by Sanya, who is a trained dancer and teacher.

The film delves into her journey of self-expression amidst societal expectations imposed on her marital life. It is the Hindi

remake of the critically acclaimed Malayalam film The Great Indian Kitchen, featuring Kanwaljit Singh and Nishant Presented by Jio Studios in association with Baweja Studios, Mrs is produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Pammi Baweja and Harman Baweja. Sanya has previously won the Best Actress award for the film at the New York Indian Film Festival and been nominated for Best Actress at IFFM 2024

Dahiya in pivotal roles.

The actress is also set to make a special appearance in the upcoming film Baby John, where she will star alongside Varun Dhawan and Jackie Shroff.

Baby John is a Hindi action film directed by Kalees and produced by Atlee, Murad Khetani, and Jyoti Deshpande under Jio Studios, Cine1 Studios, and A for Apple Productions.

With a perfect blend of career achievements and a focus on health, Sanya continues to inspire her fans, both on and off the screen.

### The young cast of the show Mishri promises a fresh blend of emotions and entertainment from the lanes of Mathura

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The track pays homage

to the legendary boxer

Muhammad Ali's power

and charisma. Muham-

mad Ali is available on

all major audio stream-

It's a love triangle, where the hero is forced to marry a girl against his wishes. Right, so what's new? Isn't the idiot box replete with dramas based around the same premise? Yet, Colors' show Mishri, which took off earlier this month, has something fresh to offer. For one, the sizzling chemistry between the lead stars -Namish Taneja as Raghav and Meghna Chakraborty as Vaani. Another, the performance of young star Shruti Bhisht, who essays the role of Mishri.

Set in the holy city of Mathura, the plot revolves around the pleasant presence of Mishri who brings happiness and fortune to others, while struggling with her own set of misfortunes. Hailing from Garhwal, young artiste Shruti Bhist, who essays the role of Mishri, has worked in the famous OTT show Family Man, and is well-known for her characters in television shows like Baal Veer, Ek Nayi Choti Si Zindagi and Hitler Didi. She says, "There are a lot of similarities



between my real-life persona and the character of Mishri. Like her, I do not like confrontations and avoid unnecessary arguments, yet I speak my mind and make sure that my opinion is heard. Also, both are really hard working and have been through the grind. So, this similarity helped me essay the role with

relative comfort. Shooting the show in Mathura was a whole new experience and a memory for a lifetime.

Namish Taneja, who has been a part of the television industry from a very young age and seen in shows like Swaragini, Ikyawann, Vidya, Main Maike Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte

Rahiyo, among others, has earned a name through his versatile performances. About this show, he says, "The story of Mishri is what attracted me and the most interesting part was that we were actually made to go to Mathura to understand the lifestyle of the people there! I always try to improve

my performance with each project and had a great time essaying this role. Meghna and I have been in this industry for some time and share a great bond, whereas Shruti reminds me of times when I started my career. We all are having great fun shooting for this show."

Meghna Chakraborty agrees, "Indeed the vibe on the sets is amazing. We are all giving it our best and hope the audiences like our characters." Having started her career with Bengali show Joto Hashi Tato Ranna, she next bagged the protagonist's role in the film Desert Tears, which portrayed persecution of women in rural India. Meghna, whose Hindi credits include Badi Devrani, Imlie, Krishna Chali London, and others, adds, "It's not just a love triangle, but much beyond that. All three of us essay characters that are based on family values. The sisterhood of Vaani and Mishri will be really fun to watch. Also, Mathura was amazing to explore." This young brigade is

#### sure out to prove a point!

### Shekhar Kapur reflects on 'filmmaking losing its innocence', hopes 'Masoom' touches hearts



Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur reminisced about his directorial debut 'Masoom', questioning whether filmmaking has lost its 'innocence'.

Reflecting on his journey, he expressed his desire to retain humility and emotional creativity as he embarks on the production of 'Masoom - The Next Generation'.

Shekhar took to Instagram and shared a throwback picture of actor Jugal Hansraj from 'Masoom' and penned a heartfelt note.

He wrote, 'Has filmmaking lost its innocence? My relationship is with my audience. Masoom was my first film. I had not studied film, nor trained, nor assisted anyone. I had no experience... Yet no one questioned me. No one but my editors and my creative team asked me a single question. And so Masoom was born of pure instinct... of pure emotionality... pure story telling... And of innocence, as innocent as @

thejugalhansraj is in the still above from Masoom. And of naivety. And of 'not knowing'.

He continued, 'Of searching for emotional answers to shots as they were being conceived... scenes as they are being conceived... as they are being shot...Films evolve as they take shape. They are not manufactured... they are created from the heart... they are created by pain and laughter and tears from the heart ... of the actors, of the director, and films that touch the audience heart are born of humility.. from the acceptance of 'not knowing'. When all of this comes together ... you get a film that lasts decades. That still moves audiences three generations later ... '

'As I now move into production of Masoom-the next generations, pray for me. Pray that I can find humility, pray that I can be emotionally and creatively naive, pray that my heart still can reach out to you. Pray that I have not become too arrogant by success .. pray that the the modern new ways of film making and does not interfere with what I call the 'heart instinct'.'

'For I am told by many of my filmmaker friends today is that there is too much 'mind instinct' that is being inflicted upon them in the process of production of their films! The best films are from the heart... I need your blessings,' added Kapur.

The 1983 movie 'Masoom' is an adaptation of the 1980 Erich Segal novel 'Man, Woman and Child'.

The film stars Naseeruddin Shah and Shabana Azmi in lead roles.

It also features Tanuja, Supriya Pathak and Saeed Jaffrey in pivotal roles, while Jugal Hansraj, Aradhana and Urmila Matondkar were the child actors.

# **NATIONAL**

# Viksit Bharat by 2047 ambition of every Indian, states can play active role to achieve this aim: PM **Modi at NITI Aayog meet**

#### Modi is chairing the 9th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog

NEW DELHI, Jul 27 (Agencies): Making India a developed nation by 2047 is an ambition of every Indian, and states can play an active role in achieving this aim as they are directly connected with the people, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

Modi is chairing the 9th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog.

"Viksit Bharat @ 2047 is ambition of every Indian. States can play an active role to achieve this aim as they are directly connected with the people," NITI Aayog said in a post on X quoting Modi.

Modi further said this decade



is of technological and geopolitical changes, and also of opportunities.

"India should grab these opportunities and make our policies conducive for international investments. This is the



The meeting focuses on making India a developed nation by 2047. It aims to foster participative governance and collaboration between the Centre and state governments, enhancing the quality of life for both rural and urban populations by strengthening the delivery mechanisms of government interventions

The council, the apex body of NITI Aayog, includes all state chief ministers, lieutenant governors of Union Territories, and several Union ministers. Prime Minister Modi is the chairman of NITI Aayog.

The meeting also focusses on recommendations of the 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in December last year.

### Bengaluru paying guest murder case: Accused arrested in Bhopal

missioner B Davanan-

da said the accused

has been identified and

picked up from Madhya

He is being brought to

Bengaluru on a transit

To a query about

the motive behind the

murder, he said, "We

don't know it yet. He has

to be brought here and

then we have to take his

police custody and thor-

ough investigation and

interrogation has to be

conducted... only then

further details can be

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BENGALURU, Jul 27 (Agencies): The Bengaluru police have arrested the prime suspect in the murder of a . 24-year-old woman at a Paying Guest (PG) accommodation here on July 23.

Abhishek was arrested in Bhopal where he fled after committing the gruesome murder of Kriti Kumari.

"Yes, he has been arrested," a senior police officer said on Saturday. Addressing reporters,

Bengaluru Police Com-

On Friday, the video of the chilling incident went viral.

According to police, Abhishek had sneaked into the PG accommodation and killed Kriti from Bihar.

In the video, the man is seen walking into the corridor of the paying guest accommodation holding a polythene bag. He then knocks on the door and, later, drags a woman out. The victim resists the attack, but is soon overpowered by the murderer, who slits her throat and runs away.

Upon hearing the loud noise, other women in the building rush to the spot, but could not save her.

Kriti was working in a private firm in the city, they added.

### West Bengal ex-minister Biswanath **Chowdhury dies at 82**

KOLKATA, Jul 27 (Agencies): Former West Bengal minister Biswanath Chowdhury died at a state-run hospital in Kolkata on Saturday morning, officials said.

Chowdhury, who was an eight-term MLA, was battling cancer. He was 82.

"He was admitted to the SSKM Hospital last week, and he breathed his last at 6.42 am today," an official said. Chowdhury, a leader of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), was the MLA of Balurghat in Dakshin Dinajpur district.

He was the minister for jails and social welfare from 1987 to 2011. Expressing grief,

CM Mamata Banerjee announced a half-day holiday in all state government offices as a mark of respect for the former minister.



"I am saddened by the demise of former state minister Biswanath Chowdhury. Although he was a leader in the opposition party, we had a very good relationship. On hearing about his illness, we admitted him to SSKM Hospital and

arranged for treatment. But none of the efforts worked. My sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues on this sad day," she posted on X. "As a tribute to the

memory of the former minister, there will be a half-day holiday today in all state government offices, corporations, etc, which are open," she said.

Banerjee is at present in New Delhi to participate in the NITI Aayog meeting.

RSP's general secretary Manoj Bhattacharva said Chowdhury's mortal remains would be taken to his hometown of Balurghat for final rites.

### 3 dead after 4-storey building collapses in Navi Mumbai; 2 rescued from under rubble

MUMBAI, Jul 27 (Agencies): Three persons were killed and two others injured after a four-storey residential building collapsed in Navi Mumbai's CBD Belapur area early on Saturday, officials said.

The two injured persons were pulled out alive from under the rubble after the incident that occurred at 4.50 am in Shahbaz village, they said, adding that the scale of the tragedy could have been bigger had 52 other residents of the building not been evacuated in time after cracks were noticed in it in the wee hours.

"The four-storey building with 13 residential units and three shops collapsed early this morning. A man and a woman who were trapped under the rubble were rescued and admitted to a hos-



pital," Navi Mumbai **Municipal Corporation** (NMMC) Commissioner Kailas Shinde said. The National Disas-

ter Response Force (NDRF) and the personnel of the civic body's fire brigade launched a rescue operation. Around noon, the body of a man was recovered from under the debris, while the bodies of two others were recovered hours later, a civic official said

The deceased were

identified as Mohammad Miraj Altaf Hussain (30), Miraj Saif Ansari (24) and Safique Ahmed Rahmat Ali Ansari (28). Their bodies were sent to a government hospital for post-mortem, he

said. According to the municipal commissioner, the collapsed building was 10 years old. A probe will be conducted into the cause of the crash.

Talking to agency, NMMC's divisional fire officer Purushottam Jadhav said, "In the wee hours, some residents noticed cracks in the building and alerted the authorities about it. The fire brigade team reached the spot and evacuated 52 residents, including 13 children, from the building. The structure collapsed sometime after that." Two persons - Lal

Mohammad (22) and Rukhsana (21) - were rescued from under the rubble around 6 am. The authorities later learnt that one person was feared trapped under the debris and the rescue teams tried to call him on his mobile. but in vain. Later on, they came to know that two of his friends were also with him at that time, he said.

A dog squad also assisted the rescue teams, the NDRF offiister Eknath Shinde, who was in Delhi for Niti Aayog's governing council meeting, spoke to the Navi Mumbai municipal commissioner and directed him that necessary assistance be provided to the injured and affected persons, an official release by the Thane district administration said.

Meanwhile, Chief Min-

cial said.

The NDRF said final search is being carried out and the work of removing the debris is underway.

Earlier this week, heavy and incessant rains lashed Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Raigad and parts of the Maharashtra capital metropolitan region. However, the showers have taken a break in the past two days.

### Boy rapes younger sister after watching porn, kills her; mother, 2 sisters help in cover-up 13-year-old brother

REWA (MP), Jul 27 (Agencies): Police probing the April 24 rape and murder of a 9-year-old girl in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa, have found that her teenage brother sexually assaulted her after watching a pornographic video on mobile and then killed her, following which his mother and his two elder sisters helped in the cover-up, an official said

The police cracked the case and detained the victim's 13-year-old brother, their mother and sisters aged 17 and 18 after interrogation of 50 people, intense questioning of the accused persons and on the basis of technical evidence. he said on Saturday.

Providing details of the case, Superintendent of Police Vivek Singh said, "A nine-year-old girl was raped and strangulated to death under Jawa police station limits on April 24, following which the police had registered a case and started a probe." "The body of the victim

was recovered from the courtyard of her house where she was sleeping at the time of the incident," he said. After the intense inter-

rogation of the family members, it came to light that the victim's

had slept beside her at night. It was found that the teenage boy raped his sister after watching obscene videos on the mobile phone, he said.

When the victim threatened to tell this to their father, the boy stranguled her and later woke up his mother and confided in his mother. She then found that the victim was still alive. On seeing that, the accused again strangled her,

Singh said. In the meantime, his two elder sisters also woke up and all of them changed the spot of their bed before informing the police to mislead

the probe.

However, they finally admitted to their crime after being repeatedly interrogated, he said. Further legal steps are being taken after detaining the boy, his two sisters and their mother, the official said.

"The police received information on April 24 morning that the body of the girl was lying in the courtyard of the house. Evidence relating to rape and murder were found in the post-mortem report and an SIT team was constituted for the probe," Singh said. In order to mislead the investigators, the family members had told the police that the girl died after being bitten by a poisonous insect, he said.

The probe revealed that there was no sign of anybody entering the house, and family members also denied hearing any sound during the night, he said.

"After collecting technical evidence and interrogation of 50 people, police found repeated changes in the statements of the family members. On the basis of suspicion, they were intense-

ly interrogated, following which they admitted the crime," the SP said.

### 'My mic was muted as I spoke in NITI meet', alleges Mamata **Banerjee; govt issues fact check**



microphone discrimination. BJP ruled states and

of states ruled by par-

ties having alliance with

the BJP were allowed to

speak for 15 to 20 min-

utes without any inter-

ruption," Banerjee said.

She said Chief Min-

isters of Assam and

Chhattisgarh were

allowed to speak for 10

to 15 minutes. Chan-

dranabu Naidu, CM of

Andhra Pradesh, spoke

"I was the only CM

from an Opposition

party present in the

meeting. They ought to

have been happy about

it and allowed me to

speak," Banerjee said.

Banerjee said the

treatment meted out to

her was "an insult to all

regional parties".

for 20 minutes.

way here under the presidentship of Prime Minister Natendra Modi, walked out of the meeting after her microphone was allegedly switched off abruptly when she was in the middle of saying something.

"I have walked out of the meeting. I am boycotting it. I shall never attend a NITI Ayog meeting in future," Banerjee told reporters after emerging from the

Banerjee said when asked to speak at the meeting, she said, "The union government must not discriminate between states".

"A government cannot be run like this. It must treat all states as equal,"

Opposition parties earlier alleged that the Budget allocations were tilted in favour of Andhra Pradesh and Bihar since the BJP government in Delhi is dependent on the support of the ruling parties of these two states.

Congress also issued a statement saying Chief Ministers of Congress ruled states would not be attending the NITI Ayog meeting to protest against the discriminatory nature of the latest Union Budget.

Meanwhile, the government has issued a rebuttal over the West Bengal Chief Minister allegations.

BJP MP and spokesperson of the party's West Bengal unit Shamik Bhattacharya described Banerjee's leaving the NITI Ayog meeting on Saturday in a huff as a "drama based on a weak script". CPI(M) MP Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya also described Mamata Banerjee's abruptly exit from the meeting as "theatrics"

"All the Opposition CMs are boycotting the meeting. What was the compulsion of Mamata Banerjee's to attend it?," he asked.

### Uttarakhand rains: Mother, daughter buried alive in Tehri Garhwal landslide

DEHRADUN, Jul 27 (Agencies): The incessant heavy rainfall in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand for the past three days has led to a series of landslides, with the latest incident occurring in Toli village, Bhilangana block. Tehri district

A mother and daughter were crushed to death in their sleep as their house was buried under the debris of a landslide that struck late on Friday night. Other family members managed to escape with their lives by fleeing the scene in the dead

#### of night.

Following the landslide incident, teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), police, and revenue police have rushed to Toli village to carry out rescue operations.

Meanwhile, all schools in Bhilangana block have been closed due to heavy rainfall. The administration has also appealed to villagers in sensitive areas to remain vigilant and exercise caution. Speaking to agency, Ramesh

lage, recounted the events of the tragic incident: "Last night, around 2:30 am, heavy rainfall pounded the area. During this time, the house of local resident Veerendra Lal was hit by a landslide. The wall of the house was damaged due to the landslide, which occurred behind the building. Veerendra's wife, Sarita Devi, 36, and their 15-year-old daughter, Ankita, were buried alive under the debris while they were sleeping inside."

Jirwal, the head of Toli vil-

Inspector Kavindra Sajwan of SDRF told this newspaper, "After a grueling search and rescue operation that lasted for an hour and a half, the SDRF team recovered the bodies of

the two missing women." According to sources in the Disaster Management Department, the junior high school building in Tingarh village has been completely damaged due to the landslide. Additionally, the pedestrian bridge connecting Vishan village to Dala village has been washed away.

meeting.

NEW DELHI, Jul Banerjee said. 27 (Agencies): West Banerjee said her Bengal Chief Minister was Mamata Banerjee, the switched off as soon as only Opposition CM to she raised the issue of take part in the NITI Ayog meeting under-"Chief Ministers of

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# Kamala Harris officially declares her candidature for US presidential elections

Harris took to social media X, and emphasised that in November, her people-powered campaign will win

WASHINGTON, Jul 27 (Agencies): US Vice President Kamala Harris signed the forms, officially declaring her candidature for the US presidential elections, assuring that her people's-powered campaign will win in November.

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Harris took to social media X, and emphasised that in November, her people-powered campaign will win.

She further reiterated that she would work hard to earn every vote.

"Today, I signed the forms officially declaring my candidacy for President of the United States. I will work hard to earn every vote. And in November, our people-powered campaign will win," Kamala Harris said in her post

The upcoming US presidential election on November 5 will see Vice President Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee, follow-



ing Biden's endorsement. Earlier on Friday, former US President Barack Obama publicly endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for the US presidential post after Joe Biden exited the race recently.

Obama said he and former US First Lady Michelle Obama will do everything they can to make



election in November. In a post on X, Barack Obama

said, "Earlier this week, Michelle and I called our friend @Kamala-Harris. We told her we think she'll make a fantastic President of the United States, and that she has our full support. At this critical moment for our country,

we're going to do everything we can to make sure she wins in November. We hope you'll join us." Earlier on Wednesday, Actor and prominent Democratic fundraiser George Clooney publicly endorsed Harris for the US Presidential post.

While addressing the nation from the Oval Office earlier this week, US President Joe Biden thanked Kamala Harris, calling her a "great vice president." "She's experienced. She's tough, and she's capable. She's been an incredible partner to me and a leader for our country. Now the choice is up to you, the American people," Biden said. Moreover, White House Press Secretary, Karine Jean Pierre emphasised that no one is more qualified to step in as the Democratic Party's presidential nominee than US Vice President Kamala Harris.

### Israel orders evacuation of area designated as humanitarian zone in Gaza

KHAN YOUNIS (GAZA STRIP), Jul 27 (Agencies): Israel's military ordered the evacuation Saturday of a crowded part of Gaza designated as a humanitarian zone, saying it is planning an operation against Hamas militants in Khan Younis, including parts of Muwasi, a makeshift tent camp where thousands are seeking refuge.

The order comes in response to rocket fire that Israel says originates from the area. It's the second evacuation issued in a week in an area designated for Palestinians fleeing other parts of Gaza. Many Palestinians have been uprooted multiple times in search of safety during Israel's punishing air and

ground campaign. On Monday, after the evacuation order, multiple Israeli airstrikes hit around Khan Younis, killing at least 70 people, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, citing figures from Nasser Hospital. The area is part of a 60-square-kilometer

(roughly 20-squaremile) "humanitarian zone" to which Israel has been telling Palestinians to flee to throughout the war. Much of the area is blanketed with tent camps that lack sanitation and medical facilities and have limited access to aid, United Nations and humanitar-

ian groups say. About

1.8 million Palestinians

are sheltering there,

according to Israel's

estimates. That's more

than half Gaza's prewar population of 2.3 million.

The war in Gaza has killed more than 39,100 Palestinians, according to the territory's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count. The UN estimated in February that some 17,000 children in the territory are now unaccompanied, and the number is likely to have grown since.

The war began with an assault by Hamas militants on southern Israel on October 7 that killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and took about 250 hostages. About 115 are still in Gaza, about a third of them believed to be dead, according to Israeli authorities.

### **Kim Jong Un calls** for 'people's paradise' on **Korean War anniversary**

SEOUL, Jul 27 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for the building of a "people's paradise", as Pyongyang marked the anniversary of the end of the Korean War on Saturday.

The three-year Korean War ended 71 years ago on July 27, 1953 with a ceasefire that has never been replaced by a peace treaty.

Pyongyang regards the conflict as a victory, and the anniversary as a public holiday.

Kim said that it was the "sacred mission and duty of our generation" to "reliably defend our ideology and social system" and "build a



the Tower of Friendship

commemorating the

Chinese People's Lib-

eration Army soldiers

who fought alongside

North Korean forces,

Pyongyang's state

media also said young

North Koreans cele-

brated the anniversary,

vowing to "to inherit the

soul of the victorious

wartime generation".

KCNA said

people's paradise". according to Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency.

The North Korean leader also hailed China's support during the war and said the "friendship established as the ties of kindred would be firmly carried forward". He visited memorials honouring the veterans of the war, including

# The Philippines says a cargo of oil has started to leak from a tanker that sank in Manila Bay

MANILA, Jul 27 (Agencies): The cargo of industrial fuel oil on a tanker that sank in stormy weather in Manila Bay has started to leak in small amounts, the Philippine coast guard said Saturday.

Authorities were scrambling to start a delicate undersea operation to siphon off the highly toxic shipment from the sunken vessel, which has remained intact, to avert a major environmental crisis.

The 65-meter (213-foot) tanker Terra Nova sank was carrying about 1.4 million liters (370,000 gallons) of industrial fuel oil stored in watertight tanks when it got lashed by huge waves, apparently developed engine trouble then took on water after leaving Bataan province west of Manila for a domestic trip.

The crew struggled to steer the tanker back to port but it sank early Thursday. Sixteen crewmembers were rescued but one drowned, coast guard

#### spokesperson Rear Adm. Armando Balilo said.

Divers have reached the tanker, which the coast guard earlier said is lying at a relatively shallow depth of 34 meters (111 feet), and saw small amounts of the cargo leaking out of a valve of one of a number of separate compartments, although the tanks were intact.

An oil slick near the rough seawaters where the tanker sank off Bataan province's Limay town has now lengthened to 12-14 kilometers (7-9 miles), Balilo said, citing an aerial inspection. But, he added, the slick is not highly viscous and not deeply black in color, indicating there is still no major leak.

The leaking oil may have come both from the small tank that powered the ship's engine and from the tanker's cargo, he said.

"It's really an oil spill now," Balilo said. "The amount is minimal and manageable and,

hopefully, it will stay that way until we can start the siphoning."

The oil spill was being carried by sea currents toward towns in the provinces of Batangas and Cavite, south of Manila, which were advised to prepare to contain any oil that may reach their shores

A town in Bataan province has indefinitely banned fishing in waters which could have been contaminated by the leak, the coast guard said.

The sunken tanker's owner has contracted a private company to siphon the cargo, an operation that could start on Sunday and take a week to complete, Balilo said.

Three coast guard ships with personnel and equipment for oil spill containment have been deployed and have started laying floating booms in the affected waters.

Balilo compared the magnitude of the possible oil spill to

one caused by the sinking of another Philippine oil tanker, the MT Princess Empress, which was carrying much less fuel oil cargo, in February last year off Oriental Mindoro province south of Manila. That spill took about three months to contain, caused massive damage to coral reefs and mangroves in a region known for its rich biodiversity, and affected tens of thousands of fishermen and beach resorts.

Manila's shoreline is a major tourism and business hub, where the main seaport, a historic public park, the U.S. Embassy, upscale hotels and restaurants and huge shopping malls are located. Land reclamation projects are also underway in the bay for upscale entertainment and tourism complexes with casinos.

The bay for years has been notorious for its pollution but famous for its picturesque sunsets

### Japan's Sado gold mine gains UNESCO status after Tokyo pledges to exhibit dark WWII history

TOKYO, Jul 27 (Agencies): The UNESCO World Heritage committee on Saturday decided to register Japan's controversial Sado gold mine as a cultural heritage site after the country agreed to include it in an exhibit of its dark history of abusing Korean laborers during World War II.

The decision signals an improvement in ties between Tokyo and Seoul.

The mine on an island off the coast of Niigata in northern Japan operated for nearly 400 years and was once the world's largest gold producer before closing in 1989. It was also linked to Japan's wartime abuse of Korean laborers

Committee members, including South Korea, gave unanimous support to the listing at Saturday's annual meeting in New Delhi, India. They said Japan provided additional information, made all necessary amendments to the plan and consulted with South Korea over the mine's wartime history. The Japanese delegate told the meeting that Japan has installed

new exhibition material "to explain the severe conditions of (Korean laborers') work and remember their hardship."

Japan acknowledged that Koreans were put to more dangerous tasks in the mine shaft, which caused some to die. Many of them were also given meager food rations and nearly no days off. A memorial service for

all the workers at the Sado Island gold mines will be held annually at the site, Japanese officials said.

Japan's Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa said in a statement that she was "truly delighted" by Sado island's designation, underscoring its "extraordinary value as an exceptional cultural heritage." But the minister avoided referring to the mine's history.

The South Korean delegation said the country expects Japan to keep its pledge to be truthful to history and to show "both the bright and dark side" of the Sado mine in order to help improve relations over the long term.

In Seoul, South Korea's foreign ministry called on Japan to continue living up to its promises on the mine and take additional steps to sustain the momentum in improv-

ing bilateral ties. Japan had to demonstrate a commitment to face its wartime atroci-

ties in order to gain support from South Korea, which had opposed the UNESCO bid because of the wartime abuse of Korean laborers. Such disputes over history that have consistently strained bilateral ties. Seoul has said some Koreans brought to Japan during its 1910-1945 colonization of the

Korean Peninsula were put to forced labor at the mine.

Historians say Japan used hundreds of thousands of Korean laborers, including those forcibly brought from the Korean Peninsula, at Japanese mines and factories to make up for labor shortages, as most working-age men were sent to battlefronts across Asia and the Pacific. Sado was among them.

Japan's government has long been criticized for its reluctance to discuss wartime atrocities, including the sexual abuse of Asian women known as "comfort women" and Korean forced laborers.

Japanese authorities have hailed the Sado Island mine for advancements in mining

technology before and after industrialization but made no mention of its connection to the abuse of Korean laborers during WWII.

Japan initially hoped to get the Sado Island mine listed as a World Heritage site last year but filed documents were deemed insufficient and needed more information.

The International Council on Monuments and Sites, which advises the UNESCO committee, in June called on Japan to give a fuller account of the Sado mines. However, the requested information mostly pertained to technical details, though it recommended that the site to reflect the full history of the mine. Another controver-

sial Japanese site was granted UNESCO recognition in 2015. Gunkanjima, or Battleship Island, in Nagasaki prefecture, was a former coal mine site recognized as important to the Meiji Industrial Revolution in Japan. South Korea protested that the site omitted mention of Koreans toiling on the island, which triggered a UNESCO decision urging Japan to present a more balanced history.

### **US Secretary of State Antony Blinken set for** talks with Chinese foreign minister in Laos

VIENTIANE, Jul 27 (Agencies): US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Laos on Saturday, where he will attend a regional meeting and hold talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, part of a multi-nation Asia visit aimed at reinforcing regional ties in the face of an increasingly assertive Beijing. The top US diplomat is due to meet his Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) foreign ministers meeting being held in Vientiane. Blinken has prioritised promoting a "free and open" Asia-Pacific region -- a thinly veiled criticism of China's regional economic, strategic and territorial ambitions.

During a series of ASEAN meetings, "the Secretary's conversations will continue to build upon the unprecedented deepening and expansion of US-ASEAN ties", the State Department said in a statement shortly before Blinken touched down in Vientiane.

This is Blinken's 18th visit to Asia since taking office more than three years ago, reflecting the fierce competition

between Washington and Beijing.

He notably arrives two days after the foreign ministers of China and Russia met with the 10-nation ASEAN bloc -- and each other on the sidelines of the summit. Wang and Sergei Lavrov had discussed "building a new security architecture for Eurasia", according to Moscow's foreign ministry.

The pair also agreed to jointly "counter any attempts by extraregional forces to interfere in Southeast Asian affairs", it said.

China'S key political and economic partnership with Russia

China has a strong political and economic partnership with Russia, with NATO members labelling Beijing as a "key facilitator" of Moscow's involvement in the war in Ukraine.

Wang and Blinken would "exchange views on issues of common concern", China's foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said.

Blinken is expected to "discuss the importance of adherence to international law in the South China Sea" at the ASEAN talks, according to the US State Department. Stormy seas

The talks come at a time of high tensions in the South China Sea, where a series of clashes have taken place in recent months between Philippine and Chinese vessels at flashpoint reefs. The temperature

between Manila and Beijing remains high, despite a deal last week on resupplying Filipino troops stationed on a disputed reef.

"We hope China would implement the agreement. I think that would be an important step forward in diffusing tensions and hopefully lead to other areas of cooperation on the South China Sea," said the Philippine foreign secretary Enrique Manalo told reporters in Vientiane late on Friday. Beijing claims the

waterway -- through which trillions of dollars of trade passes annually -- almost in its entirety despite an international court ruling that its assertion has no legal basis

China lashed out earlier this year after Blinken said that Washington was ready to defend the Philippines if its forces, ships or aircraft came under attack in the South China Sea. Beijing has insisted

that the United States has "no right" to interfere in the South China Sea. The two countries also remain at loggerheads over trade, human rights and the status of the self-ruled island of Taiwan, which China claims sovereignty over. Blinken will visit Hanoi to offer condolences after the death of

Nguyen Phu Trong. Blinken is scheduled to travel to Hanoi on Saturday evening to extend US condolences to Vietnamese officials after the passing of communist leader Nguyen Phu Trong. The trip will see him visit Vietnam, Laos, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore and Mongolia.

ASEAN ministers are expected to issue a joint communique at the end of their three-day meeting.

One diplomatic source said that the statement is being held up by lack of consensus over the wording of paragraphs on the Myanmar conflict and disputes in the South China Sea.

Myanmar's junta has been banned from highlevel ASEAN summits over its 2021 coup and crackdown on dissent but has sent two bureaucrats to represent it at the Laos talks.

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# **Educator's conclave on NEP, CUET & Career Counseling organized**

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tial to overhaul the current

educational paradigm.

She elaborated on the

new 5+3+3+4 curriculum

structure designed for

students aged 3 to 18,

highlighting its focus on

foundational literacy, criti-

cal thinking, and creative

Awasthi stressed the

necessity of integrating

technology and vocational

training to equip students

with the skills required to

thrive in a rapidly evolving

She also noted the

NEP's objective to univer-

salize primary education

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He further said the prin-

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gress "helped us unite as

We have to keep up with

our fight for the restora-

tion of our infringed rights

and on another front we

have to ensure the well

being of our people. Ours

is the party that defines

the soul of Jammu and

Kashmir, he said.

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Radha Foundation, a charitable organisation with founder directors namely S.S. Nathyal and Tanvi Nathyal, formed in memory of Radha Nathyal is dedicated to create awareness about the subject matter & thus the enclave. The attendees included S.S Nathyal, Tanvi Nathyal (founder directors) and Rajesh Mishra as head Management team. Sandhya Awasthi, Principal of DPS Greater Noida was guest of honour.

The event drew numerous principals, lecturers, and educational luminaries, all gathered to delve into the NEP 2020's transformative vision and its far-reaching implications for India's educational landscape

S.S Nathyal along with Tanvi Nathya inaugurated the seminar with a compelling keynote address,



emphasizing the NEP 2020's five guiding pillars: Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability.

She articulated how these principles are set to revolutionize the education system, fostering an inclusive and high-quality educational environment that aspires to establish India as a global knowledge superpower.

Nathyal's underscored the policy's alignment with the aspirational goals of the 21st century, aiming to modernize India's educational framework and governance.

Sandhya Awasthi pro-

and achieve foundational literacy across all primary and secondary schools by 2025

The seminar's discourse extended to the critical role of career counseling in today's educational milieu. Experts elucidated how career counseling is pivotal in helping students comprehend their strengths, interests, and values, thus enabling informed career decisions and smooth transitions.

The debates included on subjects CUET, NEP with multifaceted benefits of career counseling, including heightened self-awareness, a broadened spectrum of career options, improved market alignment, and refined job search skills, were highlighted as indispensable for student success.

Moreover, discussions addressed the challenges inherent in implementing the NEP 2020, such as the adaptation required by

educators to new teaching methodologies and the potential difficulties students might face in transitioning to the updated system

Despite these challenges, the consensus was overwhelmingly positive regarding the NEP 2020's potential to foster an equitable and vibrant knowledge society, thereby driving national growth and prosperity.

Attendees departed with a profound understanding of the NEP 2020's visionary potential and the essential role of career counseling in shaping India's educational future. The seminar underscored the collective commitment to nurturing a robust educational ecosystem that prepares students to meet both national and international challenges with confidence and competence. The conclave concluded with vote of thanks by S. S. Nathyal.

Jammu's Youth United: Standing shoulder to shoulder in Modi's 24x7 Vision for 2047



MLA Ashwani sharma

and Bjp senior leader

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Jammu North, under the leadership of President Rajat Singh Manhas, successfully organized a Yuva Sammelan for the Assembly Constituency Nagrota. The event witnessed significant participation from the youth, who were eager to engage with their leaders and discuss the future of their constituency. The main chief guest of

trict president jammu north omi khajuria, who addressed the gathering and highlighted the benefits of the abrogation of Article 370, emphasizing its positive impact on the region's development and integration with the rest of the country. Gupta's address resonated with the youth, who showed enthusiasm and support for the government's initiatives. Arun Prabhat, Presdent the programme was Ex BJYM Jammu Kashmir

also a key speaker at the event, discussed the pivotal role the BJYM youth wing plays in empowering the youth and their critical involvement in the upcoming assembly elections. He underscored the importance of youth participation in shaping a prosperous and progressive future for Jammu and Kashmir. Other notable BJYM leaders present at the event included Pankaj Sharma, Tarun, Maheshwar Singh, Amit Sharma, Naresh Sudan, Sumit Thakur, Diljit Chib.

### **INDI** Alliance will come to power after **Assembly Elections : Tara Chand**



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Senior Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand has said that India Alliance will form the government after the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir as people have come to know that party in Power only serves the interests of Crony Capitalists and not the Common man.

Addressing public meeting in Dori Gulaba

and anti poor, anti youth and anti farmers Government.

> Tara Chand lashed out at the ruling Party for total betrayal with people of J&K in which Jammu has suffered the most in every sphere.

Our identity, Status, rights and resources have been snatched and moreover our democracy has been taken away. People have been left at the mercy of bureaucrats who are accountable to none and danc-

### Drug abuse awareness program held by NILM NGO

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: National Incredible Literacy Mission (NILM) J&K in collaboration with the Directorate of school education Jammu organized a drug abuse awareness and prevention program in Govt High School Raipur of Bhalwal zone in Jammu district

Speaking with media personal Thakur K.D Kurhan Chairman NILM told that we are organizing awareness programmes to spread awareness against the ill-effects of drugs menace among the school students.

He added that our organization is committed to do all efforts to uproot drugs from our Jammu and Kashmir.

For this Thakur K D Kurhan Chairman NILM requested to the general public of J&K to play their role to contribute society. During the programme Project Director NILM Jammu gave a detailed lecture over drugs addiction treatment through Yoga. He further added that drugs are degrading youth of the JK UT and he requested the youth to never get indulge in the company of those student who are consuming tobacco ,cigarette and alcohol these are injurious to health,

#### he added that drugs start from small things like smoking and ends with destruction . He added that " Drugs give you wings to fly temporary ,but eventually ,they take away the blue sky.

During the programme Narender Kumar Langer Headmaster of Govt. High School Raipur ,Bhalwal appreciated the working of NILM NGO. He added that this kind of awareness will be beneficiary for school children to remain vigi-

lant over such sensitive issues Speaking on occasion Sheetal Devi Guest Lecturer and counsellor informed the gathering that youngsters get inspired through movies and film industries which are promoting evil things of society .She added that drugs are the most dangerous things which can destroy the whole family of addicted person Tilak Raj Parihar master gave a intellectual speech and presented vote of thanks at the end of programme. Chanderkanta, Sakshi Sharma and Anmol Sharma of school also actively participated in the programme. The staff members of NILM NGO including Pooja Sahu, Sheetal Devi, Neeraj Singh remain present during the occasion.

### **Innovation Hub at Jodhamal takes** an unprecedented leap

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: The recently established Innovation Club at Jodhamal Public School takes an unprecedented leap as the students of the Hub create a buzz through their innovation and achievements. The seven club members amongst then have 1 British Patent, 4 Indian Patents, National BalPuraskar, Lady Diana award and many other International & National Awards

The individual achievements of the founding student-members of the School's Innovation Hub. In a remarkable achievement, Karman Singh, a student at Jodhamal Public School, has secured the British patent for his groundbreaking invention — an innovative Smart Dustbin equipped with Monitoring and Categorized Waste Disposal. He also has 2 Indian Patents. Thus, Karman Singh becomes one of the youngest recipients of the British patent in India, the achievement catapulting him in a different league of innovators altogether. Al Hana Babar has bagged two Indian patents, Al Hana's device integrates cutting-edge technologies such as Blockchain, IoT (Internet of Things), and AI (Artificial Intelligence) to revolutionize the textile industry's logistical processes. Her second patent is for a wave energy harvesting device that consists of robust wave energy converters and hydrostatic



pressure sensors. The wave energy converters in the device efficiently capture the kinetic energy from ocean waves. Recipient of the Prad-

han Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar and the prestigious Diana Award instituted and awarded by the British Royal family. Harmanjot Singh once again created a stir in the state by winning the grand finale of Smart India Hackathon Junior. Smart Hackathon is the world's biggest innovation model competition.

Sarthak Gupta from

is the largest science talent search examination for New India, organized by VijnanaBharati (VIBHA) in partnership with VigyanPrasar and NCERT Inspired by Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi's visionary concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Jayendra Singh Jasrotia, from Jodhamal Public School has developed and designed a web-site titled: "Atmanirbhar Jammu"

The website reflects the self-reliant image of Jammu province of J&K

Block khara Balli of Chaamb Constituency today, Tara Chand said that ruling Party has downgraded and divided the historical State into UT and deprived people of their valuable rights of people of J&K, who are worst sufferers of the policies of the government in last ten years and there is no elected government for several years.

He said that mood of people in J&K and elsewhere in the country is to replace this pro rich ing to the tunes of their Prominent among those political masters. The present on the occasion unemployment is at the Sahil Sharma Secretary PCC, Vijay Chib, Madan peak, the price rise is touching the sky and lal Sharma Senior Vice Common man is made to President Jammu Rural, pay taxes and fees from Bodh Raj Sharma, their noose. Government Dwarka Nath Sharma, Ex has only opened liquor BDC Chairman, Jagdish Shops and deprived the Rai Sharma Block Presilocal people of their busident, Rajkumar Sharma ness, Jobs and Contracts Block President, Gautam while poor people, daily Sharma, Desraj Sharma, wagers, anganwadi, Chunni Lal Sharma, asha workers, Contractu-Tarsem Singh, Subash als, temporary and other Sharma Naib Sarpanch. employees are betraved. Sanjeev Sharma, Man-He said that Congress jeet Sharma, Vipin party believes in an inclulachotra and others.

Iodhamal has won the prestigious MIT App Inventor Appathon 2023 in the People's Choice Category. The competition was hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the App Inventor Foundation saw participants from all over the world coming together to build apps with the power to change society. Ryan Lamba of Class XII from Jodhamal School has bagged Rank 1 at National Level in the prestigious Vidyarthi Vigyaan Manthan With a focus on develop-

ing young scientific minds,

Aaditya Singh Sambyal inches a step closer to his dream to explore the space; gets appreciation by the ISRO scientist. He has brought laurels to the school by attaining a Second position in the most coveted International Space Olympiad Competition.

Thus the Innovation Hub at Jodhamal School has created an atmosphere of 'out of the box' thinking allowing the students to explore, experiment and create something which is socially useful and benefits the mankind.

### Soldier martyred, Captain among 4 injured as Army foils BAT attack along LoC in Kupwara

stated to be "critical", the sources said. Govt moves over 2.000 **BSF** personnel from **Odisha to terror-hit** Jammu

current situation," the officer added. The BSF guards more than 2,289 kilometres of the international boundary that runs along Jammu, Punjab, Rajasthan and Guiarat in India's western flank.

The Jammu region accounts for 485 kilometres of this border, interspersed with dense forests and mountainous terrain. About a dozen BSF battalions are deployed along the international border region in Jammu.

Security in the Jammu area has come into focus following a series of terror attacks in Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Kathua and Doda districts this year that have led to the killings of 22 people, including 11

security personnel and a village defence quard member.

Five terrorists were killed in two encounters in Kathua and Doda districts last month.

One BSF battalion, the sources said, was being withdrawn from Malkangiri district and the other from Koraput district of Odisha on the directions of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Prior to the extraction of the two units, both the districts had four battalions each, deployed as part of anti-Naxal operations duty.

The officials said deploying replacements for these two battalions was a decision that would be taken later.

The deployment of BSF troops in the "second line and depth" areas along Jammu and other parts of the international border has been a long proposed plan after officers of the force and experts pointed out that such a backup would help check infiltration and terrorist activities in the hinterland.

The Jammu area is vulnerable to crossborder tunnels and its dense forests and mountainous terrain make it an ideal ground for terrorists to launch attacks against civilians and security forces.

The infrastructure for the "second line" deployment will have to be created over the next few months and years and, till

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that time, the new two units will man the Jammu international border, a senior officer in Jammu and Kashmir said.

### Police release sketches of 3 terrorists involved in Doda attack, announce cash reward

reaches of the district especially in Dessa forest where an army captain and three soldiers were killed in a gunfight during an anti-terror operation on July 16.

J&K Police announced a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh on each of these three terrorists, the spokesperson said, appealing to the general public to provide information about them and assured that the identity of the informer will be kept a secret.

Police shared over a dozen phone and mobile numbers, including that of senior police officers and control room for people to reach out.

Besides the deadly encounter in Dessa forest, at least 10 security personnel have been injured in separate terror attacks at Chattergalla pass, Gandoh, Kastigarh, Ghadi Bagwah forest between June 12 and July 18.

Three terrorists were killed in a day-long operation in the Gandoh area of the district on June 26. Contact Information: SSP Doda: 9541904201 SP HQRS Doda: 9797649362, 9541904202 SP OPS Doda: 9541904203 DYSP DAR Doda: 9541904205 DYSP HQRS Doda: 9541904207 SHO PS Doda: 9419163516, 9541904211 SHO PS Dessa: 8082383906 IC PP Bagla Bharat: 7051484314, 9541904249

PCR Doda: 01996233530, 7298923100, 9469365174, 9103317361

### **J&K opposition Parties**' **August 7 meeting** postponed

Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2019.

The amendments delegate more powers to the lieutenant governor on matters related to decisions on police, officers of all-India services such as the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS), and sanctioning prosecution in various cases.

All political parties, except the BJP, have criticised the amendments.

### **Police booked**

#### notorious drug smuggler under PIT **NDPS Act in** Baramulla

Trikanjan Boniyar, District Baramulla has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority.

"The booked drug smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu," he said.

Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against the said drug smuggler and was involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Trikanjan, Boniyar, Nowshera & other areas of District.

Despite his involvement in many FIRs, he did not mend his activities and was again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth, the spokesman said.

General public of Baramulla appreciated the role of Police for their action against drug peddlers. Police' consistent actions against the drug peddlers should reassure the community members that police is making all efforts to keep our society free from drug abuse."

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# **Heritage school organises 'Science Behind** Science' event to explore, experiment

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JAMMU July 27: Heritage School Jammu organized an exciting and fun- filled Science event -Science behind Science, which commenced from 10th July in the Primary and from 22nd July to 26th July for the Secondary classes. The students had a wonderful opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of science which goes beyond the confines of a textbook. There were numerous activities designed to inspire curiosity and foster critical thinking and creativity. The activities were also aimed to integrate artistic skills with scientific concepts and knowledge.

In the Secondary area, the highlights of the week were the series of engaging activities tailored to different age groups. Poster making for classes VI to VIII saw mass participation, it gave an opportunity to budding artists to showcase their understanding of scientific concepts through vibrant posters.

Students of Class IX had an inter-House Collage and Rangoli-making competition. This activity demonstrated their proficiency in science and highlighted the power of creativity in communicating complex ideas in a simplified manner.

Exhilarating quiz competitions were held across classes VI to IX. Students



from classes VI to IX participated in an inter-House debate on matters affecting human society. Meanwhile, the Primary Wing of Heritage School embarked on the Science Month initiative buzzing with an incredible array of activities that provided our young explorers with amazing experiences and valuable learning opportunities. Starting from July 10th, 2024, students from classes I to V engaged in diverse activities such as yoga, aerobics, quizzes, spin the wheel, speaking activities, coloring activities, show and tell, role play and poem recitation. The event will continue for the Primary, till the end of the month. The activities were designed to ignite curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of scientific principles in a fun and interactive manner

Pradhan, Principal Heritage School and Vice Principal Ms. Rashmi Thakur graced the Finale. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp to invoke the blessings of almighty followed by the finale event of Role Play. Students through their thought-provoking role play posed critical questions about the ideal role of humans in preserving Mother Earth. Their portrayal underscored the need for reflection and immediate action towards achieving harmonious

coexistence. The Principal felicitated the winners of various events at the end of the grand finale. The Poster Making competition yielded outstanding results, with the first position being secured by Aayat Tariq (Grade 6), Sanvi Kundal (Grade 7), and Saanvi Sharma (Grade 8). The second position was jointly awarded to

Aarya Sharma (Grade 6), Maayukhi Mahajan (Grade 7) and Kavya (Grade 8). The third position was shared between Tejas Mahajan and Ashree Jandial (Grade 6), Ridhvan and Aadya-Mahajan (Grade 7), and Anwita Singh and Aditya Singh (Grade 8).

Dignity House, represented by team members Kashvi Choudhary, Samaira Mahajan, Kibreya and Sharanya Mahajan, secured first place in the Inter House Rangoli Competition. Culture House, represented by team members Ruhani Choudhary, Lakshika Majotra and Mohd. Rhidwan Bhat, was the winner of the inter- House Collage Making Competition. Winners of the Science Quiz for Grade 6 were Vivaan Gupta, Vihaan Sharma, Aman Ali, and Usman ChoudSharma were awarded first place in the Inter House Science Quiz for Grade 7. Shaurya Singh, Varun Nayyar, Siya Kaushal and Amay secured the first position from grade 8. Additionally, Gurnek Singh, Reedun Rajput, Mishti Sharma, and Jhanvi Raina received first place in the Grade 9 Science Quiz.

The first position in the Debate was shared between Vivvan Gupta and Kavisha Singh (Grade 6), Priyal (Grade 7),Namasyu Kaushal (Grade 8), and Aayan Gupta (Grade 9). The second position was secured by Krishang Gandotra (Grade 6), Sanvi Kundal (Grade7) Navya (Grade 8) and Jhanvi Raina (Grade 9). The third position was awarded to Ashree Jandial (Grade 6), Krisha Jasrotia (Grade7), Siya Kaushal (Grade 8) and Ravinav Kundal (Grade 9). In his address to the school, the Principal praised the entire Science Department for their outstanding organization of the event and applauded the students

for their enthusiastic participation. He emphasized the school's commitment to continue to organize similar programs in future. The event culminated with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Jyotsana hary. Kanish Taq, Sanvi Malviya, Head of the Sci-Kundal, Ishika Singh ence Department. Mehta and Rishaan

### **KCPS students plant trees** on Van Mahotsav 2024



### AIIMS Jammu: Unveiling "Future of Healthcare" in J&K – sharing its Vision

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: AIIMS Jammu, the "first AIIMS facility" in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, embodies the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, serving as a beacon of healthcare excellence, advancing research, elevating medical education, and championing a patientcentric, evidence-based healthcare model under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).

Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu, held a press meet to share his vision for healthcare in Jammu & Kashmir and to highlight the upcoming OPD services at AIIMS Jammu.

He showcased the facility's cutting-edge technology and stateof-the-art infrastructure, emphasizing their role in enhancing patient experience.

He informed the media about appointment scheduling, available radio-diagnostic services, and the 24/7 diagnostic lab, noting that initially only OPD services will be available, with IPD, elective surgeries, and other services to follow soon.

The Director began his address with heartfelt gratitude, stating, "Conceived on November 7th, 2015, AIIMS Jammu's foundation stone was laid on February 3rd, 2019, and its grand inauguration was graced by the Prime Minister on February 20th, 2024. We are deeply grateful to Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, for his visit on July 7, 2024. His presence and guidance have been a source of immense pride and inspiration, marking his first visit to any AIIMS since becoming Health Minister."

The Director conveyed deep gratitude towards the State Governance under the leadership

House and Residential Complexes to enhance staff satisfaction and productivity".

"Seeing is believing", Media personnel were guided through various facilities within the Academic Block, including the Poison Information Centre, Central Digital Library, Lecture Halls, Cafeteria, and the College of Nursing. A tour of the world-class Convention Centre was followed by a visit to the Outpatient Department (OPD), where they observed the registration counters, Patient Care Managers, PC Coordinators and the innovative "Indoor Navigation System" designed to assist patients in locating their departments. The introduction of this system was particularly

praised, as it represents a first for AIIMS institutions The media conclave continued with visits to diagnostic facilities, including 3-Tesla MRI, 128 sliced CT, and digital X-ray services, as well as the 24x7 Diagnostic Lab. The tour included a visit to the Ayush Block, which serves as a screening facility for

walk-in patients, the Emergency Services, ICU, Operating Theatres. The tour continued with visits to the Jan Aushadhi, Amrit Pharmacy and Night Shelter.

The state-of-the-art facility, which the media had the privilege of touring, boasts cutting-edge technology and modern infrastructure designed to offer world-class medical services. Prof. Gupta emphasized that these advancements are integral to enhancing the patient experience, ensuring that residents of Jammu & Kashmir receive the highest quality of care. Prof. Gupta shared that

AIIMS Jammu is currently focused on launching its OPD services, detailing appointment procedures, available radiodiagnostic services, and operational aspect of the 24/7 diagnostic lab, all designed to ennance

An unmatched digital library, not available in any other AIIMS facility, will be open 24/7, and dedicated mentors support at every step of the learning journey". The Director emphasized that AIIMS Jammu fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, integrating AYUSH with modern technology, IIT, IIM, IIIM, and Naturopathy, supported by international partnerships. This creates an innovation hub where ideas thrive. Currently, AIIMS Jammu is advancing 81 research projects, including 41

are shaped into medical

leaders. With smart lec-

ture theatres, advanced

laboratories, and simu-

lation labs, it fosters

intellectual curiosity

and skill development.

extramurally funded, 29 intramurally funded, and 11 student research projects.

The director conveyed, "AIIMS Jammu aims to achieve complete healthcare digitalization within a year, progressing through four key milestones. It promotes women empowerment through equal opportunities, supportive work environments, gendersensitive policies, and specialized leadership programs."

The director expressed, "At AIIMS Jammu, a substantial portion of our workforce hails from the local region of Jammu & Kashmir, constituting 58% of the total staff, while those from other regions make up 42%. In terms of employment types, outsourced staff predominantly comprise local residents at 99%, with only 1% from outside regions. Among senior residents, 92% are from Jammu & Kashmir, contrasted with 8% from other areas. Faculty members also show a significant local presence, with 59% from Jammu & Kashmir and 41% from other regions. Gender representation across key roles is diverse: women hold 49% of faculty positions,

On 26th July, the concluding day of the Sec-

ondary area, Mr. Akash

**Every State getting due Budget share,** no room for politics: Dr Jitendra

#### **Top News Report**

CHENNAI/JAMMU, July 27 : In a scathing attack on the Opposition, without naming the ruling DMK party which had given a Bandh call in Tamil Nadu today to protest against the union Budget, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said, every State including Tamil Nadu is getting its due Budget share and that there is no room for

879 crore to 6,362 crore, underscoring the central government's commitment to enhancing the state's transportation infrastructure. Economy's potential, the

Addressing the Blue Minister for Earth Sciences emphasized Tamil Nadu's strategic advantage with its extensive coastline. The budget includes substantial sup-

a 157.58% increase in Grants in Aid compared to previous periods. The allocation of Rs 50,873.76 crore highlights the central government's dedication to supporting Tamil Nadu's economic growth and development. Responding to DMK's allegations of neglecting

#### Tamil Nadu in the current budget, the Minister

cant increase in financial support, with a 94.95% rise in tax devolution and

politics

The Minister addressed the media here today, unveiling key provisions of the Union Budget 2024-25 and also highlighted significant benefits for Tamil Nadu. He described the budget as forwardlooking and aligned with Prime Minister Modi's vision for India 2047.

Earlier, Dr Jitendra also addressed and held an interactive session on the Budget with prominent intellectuals, opinion makers, trade leaders, chartered accountants, Economy scholars and others.

The Minister said that Tamil Nadu has received among the highest railway budget allocation among all the States, with a total of 6,362 crore. The State also benefited from the introduction of 6 Vande Bharat trains and the development of 77 model Amrit Rail stations. The railway budget for Tamil Nadu has seen an eightfold increase compared to the UPA era, rising from

sector and the Deep Sea Mission, aimed at leveraging the state's maritime resources for economic growth. The BJP government has prioritized these sectors to boost the Blue Economy, providing new opportunities for sustainable development and economic diversification in Tamil Nadu.

He further emphasized that the Modi government has prioritized empowering women-led governance. The focus has shifted from merely encouraging women's participation to actively supporting women-led government initiatives. To this end, the budget has earmarked Rs 3 lakh crore to advance this crucial objective.

The Minister highlighted that, in a move to significantly boost the startup ecosystem, the Centre has announced the abolition of Angel tax in the Current Budget.

share in the Union Budget 2024-25 reflects a signifi-

port for the Fisheries clarified that the State has indeed received its due share. He criticized the DMK government for being unresponsive and failing to utilize the opportunities provided. He also highlighted the state government's neglect of water resources. Minister Singh emphasized that under PM Modi's leadership, there has been a shift towards equitable

distribution of resources among states. He added that Tamil Nadu is receiving budget allocations in various sectors that are either on par with or exceed those of other states In conclusion, the minister emphasized that the Union Budget 2024-25

sets a robust framework for Tamil Nadu's continued growth and prosper-Tamil Nadu's overall

ity, showcasing the central government's strategic vision for the state's development through targeted financial support and transformative **Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 27: KC Paryavaran Sadan, the environmental club of KC Public School, organized a successful plantation drive at Paloura Pond Area of Jammu city on Friday to celebrate Van Mahotsav Festival 2024. The event saw active

participation from students, staff, local residents and distinguished guests that including Ex-Corporator Surinder Gupta, Forest Range Officer Rajesh Gupta, Block Officer Manohar Singh, Suleman Choudhary and renowned sportsperson Ambedkar Gupta.

The club members planted trees and engaged in weeding activities to support the growth of the new saplings. This hands-on effort by KCPS students highlights the importance of environmental conservation and

community involvement in the mission of saving Mother Earth Notably, this is the site that students of KCPS Environment Club visited two years ago for a plantation drive and have frequently been visiting it to monitor progress of the saplings they had planted there. It was heartened to see that the plants are thriving well, demonstrating the positive impact of their continuous effort. On this occasion, the participants also took a moment to remember

the sacrifices of the soldiers on Kargil War Divas in order to honour their bravery and dedication in the service of their motherland. The event amply demonstrated the dedication

and enthusiasm of everyone involved in their commitment towards creating and sustaining a greener and healtherenvironment.

**Implement Women Reservation Bill henceforth : Bhanu Mahajan** 

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Bhanu Mahajan, Senior Vice President J&K Pradesh Mahila Congress on Saturday demanded immediate implementation of Women Reservation Bill guaranteeing 33 per cent reservation to womenfolk in the country.

Addressing a press conference along with her team comprising office bearers of Mahila Congress here at party headquarters, she criticized the central government for shelving the aforesaid bill after passing the same in the par-



liament. She said that there is no fun in passing a bill and

not implementing the same. She said that the decision to linger on the implementation of this bill has exposed the ruling party as this is nothing but sheer deception and cruel injustice with the women of the country. Citing the statements made by Rahul Gandhi,

lot. She also raised the issue of skyrocketing inflation which has disturbed the budget of women house makers thus giving them a tough time. She said that the gov-

ernment has utterly failed to set things right as price rise is becoming out of control with each passing day and those running the government are totally indifferent.

She asked the government to come up with a scheme like the one proposed by the Congress party viz. Mahalakshmi by depositing Rs one lakh

in the accounts of financially weaker families to help them survive and live a dignified life. She also demanded reservation for SC, ST and OBC women under women reservation bill to deliver justice to these entities belonging to deprived sections of the society. She announced that Mahila Congress shall be holding protest demonstrations at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi under the leadership of Alka

Lamba, All India Mahila Congress President, and at all districts across the nation besides Gherao of Parliament on July 29.

of Lt. Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha, for his unwavering support, encouragement, and cooperation at every step.

Prof. (Dr.) Gupta shared his visionary plans for the future of healthcare in Jammu & Kashmir, reassuring that the imminent dedication of OPD services marks a significant advancement in the region's healthcare infrastructure.

The Director made a comprehensive presentation on AIIMS Jammu, emphasizing the institution's achievements and future plans. In his address, Prof. Gupta introduced the media to the exclusive features of AIIMS Jammu, which are set to redefine healthcare delivery in the region.

The director mentioned, "The institute will be equipped with 750 beds, including 193 ICU beds, 20 ultra-modern OTs and features 50 departments with nearly 20 super-specialties. It will offer unparalleled healthcare with stateof-the-art facilities and technology, supported by a dedicated healthcare team. Its outreach through telemedicine and technological innovations extends care to even the most remote communities"

The Director added, "AIIMS Jammu is committed to a green, ecofriendly township with diverse amenities, like Sports Complex, J&K Bank, SBI Bank, Shopping Complex, Mess, crèche facility, Guest convenience and efficiency for the community, ensuring timely and accurate diagnostics and treatment. Prof. Gupta also out-

lined future plans for the expansion of services. While the initial phase will concentrate on OPD care, subsequent phases will introduce a wider range of services, including inpatient department (IPD) care, elective surgeries, and various other medical specialties. This phased approach is strategically planned to ensure a smooth and gradual rollout of additional services, addressing the evolving healthcare needs of not only of the people of J&K, but also for that of Leh, and other neighbouring states like Punjab and

Himchal Pradesh. Prof. Gupta shared that on the academic front, AIIMS Jammu, permits an annual intake of 100 MBBS students and 60 B.Sc. Nursing students. The MBBS intake has grown from 50 (in 2020 batch , 61 (2021 & 2022), 62 (in 2023) to a proposed 100 for 2024, with B.Sc. Nursing consistently admitting 60 students annually. Additionally, AIIMS Jammu currently offers 45 Post Graduate seats across Medicine, Surgery, and Dentistry, with Super Specialization courses (DM/MCh) expected to commence in January 2025.

He further added, "The institute offers an exceptional educational environment, where students 62% of senior resident roles, and 80% of nursing staff positions. Overall, women represent 45% of the workforce, while men account for 55%."

The press meet served not only as an introduction to the new facilities but also as an opportunity for AIIMS Jammu to reinforce its commitment to transparency and community engagement. Prof. Gupta's vision reflects a broader goal of elevating healthcare standards in the region and improving access to high-quality medical services for all residents.

The Director asserteded that with its unique infrastructure, exceptional talent, and forward-thinking approach, AIIMS Jammu is committed to making quality healthcare a universal right. As an Institution of National Importance, AIIMS Jammu embodies the spirit of a "Global Village," offering a unified "One Campus" solution that represents hope, trust, and progress for students, researchers, and patients worldwide.

The director concluded the meet saying, "I, personally and professionally, am thankful to the people of Jammu for their unwavering support, the Government of India for their steadfast trust, and my team for their dedication and commitment. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to the media, the fourth pillar of democracy and the nation's voice, for their invaluable role in this AIIMS journey of continued progress and hope."

# **SPORTS**

# Dravid's emotional message to Gambhir, 'welcome to most exciting job in world'

#### Rahul Dravid's tenure as head coach ended on a high note with a T20 World Cup 2024 victory

NEW DELHI, Jul 27 (Agencies): As the Indian cricket team prepares for their whiteball series against Sri Lanka, starting on July 27, a significant transition in leadership has taken place. Former head coach Rahul Dravid shared an emotional message to Gautam Gambhir, marking the beginning of a new era for Indian cricket. Rahul Dravid's tenure as head coach ended on a high note with a T20 World Cup 2024 victory. Under his guidance, the Men in Blue, led by Rohit Sharma, triumphed over South Africa in a thrilling final in Barbados. Reflecting on his time with the team, Dravid expressed his gratitude for the unforgettable memories and friendships he forged. His heartfelt message to Gambhir underscored the significance of the coaching role and the immense pride he took in his accomplishments.

In the video message posted by BCCI on 'X', Dravid welcomed Gambhir to what he described as "the most exciting job in the world." He reminisced about his successful stint, which concluded with a memorable evening in Mumbai, and wished Gambhir similar luck and experiences. Dravid highlighted Gambhir's passion, dedication, and resilience, traits he observed during their time as teammates and Gambhir's



tenure as a mentor in the Indian Premier League.

"Hello, Gautam, and welcome to the most exciting job in our world as coach of the Indian cricket team. It's been three weeks since I ended my stint with the Indian team in a manner that was beyond my dreams, both in Barbados, and then a few days later on that unforgettable evening in Mumbai. More than anything else, I will treasure the memories and friendships I made in my time with the squad. As you take over the role of India Coach, it is what I wish for you as well. I also hope that you'll have the availability of fully fit players in every squad. Good luck with that.

"I also wish you that little bit of luck. As you know, that all of us coaches need to make us look a little bit wiser and smarter than we actually are. As your teammate, I saw you giving it your all on the field. As your batting partner and fellow fielder, I saw your resilience and your refusal to surrender. Across many IPL seasons, I noted your desire to win, your assistance to work with younger players, and your drive to extract the best out of your team on the field," Dravid said. Dravid's message was not just

a farewell but also a source of guidance. He acknowledged the high expectations and intense scrutiny that come with the job, emphasizing the importance of support from players, staff, and fans. Dravid urged Gambhir to maintain a positive attitude, even in challenging times, and to remember the passion and dedication that drive Indian cricket.

"I know how dedicated and passionate you are about

Indian cricket, and I'm sure you will bring all these qualities into this new job. As you know, the expectations will be high and the scrutiny will be intense. But even in the worst of times, you will never be alone," Dravid advised. "From one Indian cricket coach to another, one last thing. In the most heated of times, exhale, take a step back, and even if it's difficult for you, crack a smile. Whatever else happens, that will shock people."

Gautam Gambhir was visibly moved by Dravid's words. In his response, Gambhir expressed his admiration for Dravid, calling him the most selfless cricketer he had ever played with. Gambhir vowed to carry forward Dravid's legacy with honesty and transparency, aiming to make the entire nation proud.

"Look, I don't know how to react because this message means so much to me. And the reason is not because it comes from the person who I've succeeded now or taken over from, but from a person who I've always looked up to when I was playing," Gambhir said. "I've always felt that thing. And I said it in a lot of my interviews. I think the most selfless cricketer I've actually ever played with, Rahul Bhai has done anything and everything what Indian cricket needed."

### Suryakumar Yadav breaks silence on Hardik Pandya's role, **Captaincy change in T20Is**

PALLEKELE (SRI LANKA), Jul 27 (Agencies): India's new T20I captain doesn't intend to change anything as he replaces Rohit Sharma as India's T20I captain. Surya, attending his first press conference as the full-time captain of the Indian team, gave insights into his approach as the skipper, and what changes he wishes to bring to the side in the shortest format. Speaking to the media, Surva shed light on Hardik Pandya's role in the team, now that he is no longer the vice-captain or captain. Surya also shared his admiration for his predecessor Rohit Sharma, who quit the format after a victorious T20 World Cup 2024 campaign.

"Hardik's role has always been the same. He is a very important player for the team. The way he performed in the World Cup, I hope he will continue to do the same," Surya told reporters.

"The same train will go ahead; only the engine has changed and the bogies remain

unchanged," Suryakumar said on the eve of the first of the three T20Is against Sri Lanka here. "Nothing changes; the brand of cricket remains the same. It (the captaincy role) doesn't change anything. It has given me an added responsibility. It is good that now I can do a 'walk the talk'," he added. Survakumar is expect-

ed to continue the Rohit Sharma leadership model in T20ls. Surya, who also played under the Hitman at Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League, plans to take the learnings he took from Rohit forward. "What I have learned from Rohit is that he was always a leader on the ground and off it," he said. "He was not just a captain - there is a lot of difference between the two. He was a leader who stood in the middle of the group and showed people the way. How to play T20 cricket and how to win a tour-

nament? That is what I have learned from him," he asserted. "I got to learn a lot of things from different captains I played under and obviously, Rohit Sharma, I have been playing with him for the last six years. There is a lot of learnings taken from him and in my own style, we will take the ship forward," he said.

"Three players have retired (and) it will be difficult to fill the shoes. But new players have obviously practiced a lot and played a lot," he said. "They are already doing well when they play franchise cricket and they have also done very well in the matches they played for India. I have a lot of faith in them that they will do well."

"I think it is a complete swap. If you say 2014, it is almost 10 years now. In 10 years, a lot of things will change. You become a different person altogether. You get to learn a lot of things. I am also a completely changed man now," he said. "In 2016, I got married. So, absolutely, you have to change after that as well. But yeah, things are completely different now," he added.

### **Olympics: India's Arjun-Ramita,** Sandeep-Elavenil fail to reach shooting mixed final

PARIS, Jul 27 (Agencies): India's quest for a medal on Day 1 of the Paris 2024 Olympics faced a setback as both Indian pairs in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event failed to secure a spot in the finals. The Indian teams, Elavenil Valarivan and Sandeep Singh, and Ramita Jindal and Arjun Babuta, finished outside the top four, which was necessary to advance to the medal rounds. Ramita Jindal and Arjun Babuta came closest to qualifying but ultimately finished in sixth place with a score of 628.7. They narrowly missed out on a top-four position, falling just one point short of Norway and Germany, who both scored 629.7 to advance to the bronze medal match. Elavenil Valarivan and Sandeep Singh ended their campaign in 12th place, achieving a total score of 626.3. Despite



their efforts, they were unable to compete There is also more with the higher-scoring shooting action in the qualification rounds. teams featuring Arjun Singh Each shooter fired 30 shots in the competi-Cheema, Sarajbot tion, and the combined Singh, Manu Bhaker, score determined the and Rhythm Sangwan in the 10m air pistol team's standing. The events. top four teams from Later in the day, the the qualification round Indian men's hockey move on to the medal team faces a crucial rounds, with the top two competing for gold opening clash in the group stage against and the third and fourth-New Zealand. With placed teams battling for bronze. China (632.2), tough fixtures ahead, Korea (631.4), Kazakha slow start is not an stan (630.8), and Geroption. Lakshya Sen, many (629.7) made the Satwik-Chirag, and Ash-10m air rifle mixed team wini-Tanisha will also medal matches. India 1 compete in badminton finished 12th (626.3) group-stage matches.

and India 2 (628.7) 6th.

### Women's Asia Cup final: Dominant India face Sri Lanka; eye eighth title

DAMBULLA, Jul 27 (Agencies): Defending champions India will look to translate their overwhelming dominance in the Women's Asia Cup to a recordextending eighth title while facing a feisty Sri Lanka in the final here on Sunday.

India have lorded over their opponents in this continental showpiece - hammering Pakistan by seven wickets and followed it up with facile wins over UAE (78 runs), Nepal (82 runs), and Bangladesh (10 wickets). India's top-order batters and

bowlers fired in tandem, not giving their rivals even an iota of chance to mount a fight. Openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma have scored well in excess of 100 runs and at a healthy strike-rate of over 140, giving India solidity and quick starts alike at the top. But the management could be even more pleased with the way bowlers responded to the challenge, particularly Deepti Sharma and Renuka Singh. Deepti is the leading wickettaker of this event with nine wickets and Renuka is third on the chart with seven scalps. But their economy rate across four matches has been brilliant - 4.37 and 4.31 respectively. It ensured that the opposition batters have no breathing space at



the top or in the middle-overs. three innings. The think-tank will hope that phases when Renuka and

Rushmi Gunarathne, a distant second for them with 91 runs. Their bowling too offers a similar story. Except off-spinner Kavisha Dilhari (7 wickets, economy 5.35), other Lankan

bowlers have failed to make an impact as yet. In that context, the Islanders will require a quick all-round improvement against a settled India to have a smidgeon of

But it also has a bleaker side

to it. Apart from Athapathuthu,

none of their batters have

scored over 100 runs with

chance even to stretch them. Teams (from): India: Harman preet Kaur ©, Smriti Mandhana (vc), Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Dayalan Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil, Sajana Sajeevan. Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu ©, Anushka Sanjeewani, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Hasini Perera, Ama Kanchana, Udeshika Prabodani, Vishmi Gunarathne, Kawya Kavindi, Inoshi Priyadarshani, Sugandika Kumari, Achini Kulasooriya, Kaveesha Dilhari, Nilakshi De Silva, Sachini Nisansala, Shashini Gimhani.

Deepti often operate.

It has also aided other bowlers, as batters often look for relief shots against them, and left-arm spinner Radha Yadav offers a prime example.

She has taken six wickets at an economy of 5.5, while feeding on the success of her senior colleagues' success.

While there is no palpable worry in the Indian camp, they may just be a tad concerned about the lack of batting time for skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues.

Harmanpreet has batted just twice in three matches, even though she made a riveting 66 in one of them, while Rodrigues is yet to hit the top gear here in

these experienced campaigners can find their range, if the situation comes to that.

"They might not have got that much time in the middle. but everyone is working hard at nets. I am sure they will fire when the time comes," wicketkeeper batter Richa Ghosh had said

On the other hand, Sri Lanka too are undefeated in this event and they also have scored the biggest victory in terms of runs - a 144-run toweling of Malaysia in the group stage.

The primary reason behind their supremacy is the fine form of skipper Chamari Athapathuthu, the leading runscorer here with 243 runs.

# Crisis man Charith Asalanka takes up new challenge

PALLEKELE (SRI LANKA), Jul 27 (Agencies): Charith Asalanka is one of the likeable stars in the cricketing world. The Sri Lankan is the kind of guy who comes across as polite, composed and, at times, awfully kind, because he actually is all of those things. So much that even if you are rooting for his opponents, you would want Asalanka to do well.

If you are his teammate, you know that there is someone who will celebrate and enjoy your success more than you do; that you are going to get a hug from Asalanka every time you contribute to the team on the field... that when things get ugly with a top-order collapse, you have the lefthander to bank on.

In a team that's been through one turmoil after another — whether it is on or off the field — Asalanka, in the past three years, has been the one constant source of joy. His rise, since his debut in 2021, is nothing short of phenomenal. From being an inconsistent No 3 batter to quickly transforming into a reliable finisher at No 5, he really has come a long way. He has been,

in many ways, Sri Lanka's crisis man. The latest crisis he has been assigned to resolve post the uninspiring T20 World Cup performance is the top leadership role to take the team forward.

The good thing about this challenge is that he likes it, and he wants to excel at it. What also gives him the confidence that he could do so is that he has always been a leader and has led Sri Lanka at U19 levels. He truly believes that he can rally his teammates and rise to the occasion.

But he also knows he has to lead by example. "Yes, it is a challenge for me," Asalanka tells this daily in a virtual interaction facilitated by Sony Sports Network. "I believe that I can do this, but it's a new challenge, a new chapter in my life. I just got it as an opportunity to give something for my country. So I think it's really, really, really important to get the boys together, and raise their morale and their confidence as the captain," he adds.

Players' confidence and support are something Asalanka enjoys. After all, as said earlier, he is one of the most likeable



personalities there is. He has always been individually talking to players, wanting to ensure they give their 100 per cent. Only this time he will be doing it as a captain. Now, this is where his famous hug comes into picture. Asalanka knows the importance of that hug he gives his players on the field, and it has taken more prominence now that he's the captain. "That hug is very important as a captain. Where it came from.. when I was watching cricket matches as a child, I used to watch Australians celebrate. The way they celebrate and shake in the head. I just love that. And I used to do the same.

"It's very important. When things are not going our way, that's the time the captain has to say something and lift their morale. Captain has to lift their confidence. So I think those kinds of little things can make a difference. Personally, I believe that a captain can change their momentum, change their feelings. And that's why I believe those kinds of little things will make a big difference in games."

Now, Asalanka is not all about morale and feeling positive. There's more to him, especially as a captain. He is pragmatic and puts forward an interesting outlook to his job — that a cricket team is a bunch of players and their individual performance is what he needs. "I just want to make a good,

professional individual performance. That's my main goal," he says, before adding, "to create a good team, we should have good individual players. Only then, we can become a consistent side. So, I'm talking to individuals, me and the coaches are having chats and (then) we bring in players individually to discuss what their needs, what we think about them. So I want to bring good professional cricketers up to the level. So far I have a few, but I want to make a few more to bring this team really up."

The first challenge he is up against are the T20 WC-winners, India. They, too, are a team in transition, and have a new captain and coach — Suryakumar Yadav and Gautam Gambhir, respectively. Asalanka knows what to expect from them and is ready for it. "My first goal is to win the series as always. We all know that they have a good side, good individual players. So it will be challenging for us. But as a captain, I want to make sure that my players are doing well and their mindset is up to the mark to challenge India."

# **LOCAL**

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Meanwhile Atharva

Foundation Educational

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Sunil Rane so that they

can live self-reliant with

dignity and respect. The

foundation is also com-

mitted to work for noble

initiatives like girl edu-

cation in rural areas of

India, helping the fami-

lies of martyrs, women

empowerment and pro-

moting sports.

men," informed Rane.

# 25th anniversary of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' **Atharva Foundation donates 3 ambulances for** ex-servicemen, martyred soldiers families' welfare

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: On the 25th anniversary of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas', Atharva Foundation president and Borivali, Mumbai MLA, Sunil Rane handed over three ambulances for the welfare of ex-servicemen.

In the presence of Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Baisji, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Army officers and Atharva Foundation Vice Chairperson Varsha Rane, three ambulances were handed over to athe exservicemen and families of martyred soldiers of the North-Eastern states. Atharva Foundation

has also donated ambulances to the Rajya

pur, Assam, Sikkim, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh in the past years. Sunil Rane said. "We

Plan. On the basis of the

2011 census in Jammu

Kashmir, the population

of SC and ST is about

20%, so on that basis a

separate budget of Rs

8855 crore should have

been kept for the special

development in the over-

all development of these

communities," Kalsotra

Ever since the budget

is being presented, he

said, the present govern-

ment has for the first time

removed the names of

SC/ST from the budget,

said.

Sainik Boards of Manilances, pay tribute to all the mar-

tyrs. Keeping in mind the health of our soldiers and their family members living in Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura, we are providing ambu-

"Under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign, we are also distributing laptops to our daughters to help them move ahead and excel in the field of education.

## DLSA organizes legal awareness program for prisoners at District Jail Bhaderwah

#### **Top News Report**

BHADERWAH, July 27 On the directions of Justice Tashi Rabstan, the Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bhaderwah organized a legal awareness program for prisoners at the District Jail Bhaderwah here on Saturday. The program was aimed to educate the prisoners on their legal rights and bail procedures. The programme was held under the supervision of Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority and under the guidance of Ramesh Lal (Sub Judge), Secretary DLSA Bhaderwah whereas on the occasion Supdtt Distt Jail Habibullah Naik was also prersent

Resource Person of the Programme Advocate Mond Majid Malik Panel Lawyer DLSA, a legal expert, imparted awareness, clarifying doubts and providing valuable insights to the prisoners. He explained the process and benefits of plea bargaining to the prisoners, enabling them to understand the option of negotiating with the prosecution. The prisoners were made aware of their fundamental rights, including access to legal aid, medical facilities, and humane treatment. He informed that Section 436 of the CrPC mandates the release of an indigent or poor person on bail without the requirement of surety. It allows the person to execute a bond to appear before the court without



asking for any surety. The court shall consider any person unable to provide bail within seven days from the date of their arrest as indigent or poor. The principle is that

bail, rather than jail, is the rule and depriving a person of liberty is the last resort.

Panel Lawyer also informed them about the bail provisions and the role of Under Trial Review Committees in expediting the trial process

Resource Persons interacted with jail inmates and also discussed all the provisions pertaining to Plea

and BSA 2023.

Lawyer of DLSA informed added that additionally, prisoners have the right to be informed about the grounds of their arrest, access to bail, and to be released on probation for good conduct.

The principle of bail over jail is emphasised, especially for indigent or poor prisoners. These rights of prisoners safeguard the fundamental principles of justice, fairness, and human rights, ensuring that even individuals in custody are treated with respect and due process under the law, Advocate Mohd Majid Malik said.

Advocate Mohd Majid Malik also said that Sec-Bargaining lucidly along tion 273 of the CrPC provides that all evidence with its practical aspects. and statements must be He also explained the recorded in the presence importance of securing of the accused or their the Rights of Prisoners lawver and explained & various bail provisions Section 309(1) of the provided by the Code of Criminal Procedure in CrPC which provides that in every inquiry or the light of recent Apex trial, the proceedings Court Judgments and shall be held as expedialso threw light on new three criminal laws which tiously as possible. included BNS, BNSS Section 303 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) empowers The rights of prisoners prisoners to be defendin India are enshrined in both the Constitution ed by a lawyer of their and the Code of Crimichoice. Section 304 of the CrPC provides that nal Procedure. These rights include the right to in certain cases, legal aid be treated with dignity, is to be provided at the access to legal represtate's expense. He also threw light sentation, a speedy trial. on Article 20(2) of the medical examination to prevent torture, and the Constitution of India which guarantees that right to be present during no person shall be prostrial proceedings, Panel ecuted and punished for

the same offence more

than once.

### **Bharat Vikas Parishad celebrates Plantation** Drive, Tulsi Vitran, Kargil Diwas

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 27: Bharat Vikas Parishad Trikuta Nagar held a significant and multi-faceted event at the Trikuta Nagar Sector 3 Park, located behind Wonder World School.

This event was a blend of three meaningful activities a Plantation Drive, Tulsi Vitran, and Kargil Diwas observance.

The Plantation Drive was a key highlight of our event, aimed at contributing to environmental conservation and promoting greenery in our community.

They planted numerous saplings in the park, which will not only beautify the area but also play a crucial role in improving air quality and fostering

ecological balance. Members and volunteers actively participated in this green initiative, demonstrating our commitment to a sustainable environment.

As part of our cultural and spiritual engagement, BVS members conducted a Tulsi Vitran. Tulsi, or Holy Basil, is revered in our traditions for its medicinal and spiritual benefits. They distributed Tulsi plants to attendees, emphasizing its importance in our daily lives and its role in promoting well-being. In commemoration of Kargil Diwas, They hon-

ored the bravery and

sacrifices of our armed

forces. This day is a trib-

ute to the soldiers who

laid down their lives in

the Kargil conflict, and our observance included a solemn remembrance of their valor and dedication. They paid respects and expressed gratitude to these heroes, reinforcing our patriotic spirit.

They extended thanks to the B.B. Sharma, Prant President, for his leadership and guidance and Arun Sharma, National Executive Member, for his support and coordination. Additionally, They expressed heartfelt gratitude to all our members who attended the event and made it a success. Vanita Kohli (President), Kalpana Chopra (Secretary) and Ritu Gupta (Treasurer) Bharat Vikas Parishad Trikuta Nagar Branch were also pres-

### **BSF organizes Medical Camp at Frontier** Jammu for families of BSF Troops BSF troops.

as well as Dr. Iqbal Singh,

offering essential medi-

and dental care.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 27: Frontier Hospital BSF Jammu, in association with Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) Jammu and Indira Gandhi Government Dental College (IGGDC) Jammu, under the aegis of BSF Wives Welfare Association (BWWA) and the guidance of Smt. Sunita Boora, BWWA Head Jammu Frontier, organized a medical camp for the families of

The event was overseen Specialist doctors from by DIG Medical Jammu GMCH Jammu, includ-Frontier, Dr. Sukhjinder ing Dr. Malvika Sharma, Singh. On the occasion, Registrar and Ophthalhe said that the Jammu mologist, and her team, frontier has always been at the forefront of orga-Head of Public Health nizing such medical Dentistry at IGGDC camps, reinforcing BSF's Jammu, participated dedication to supporting in the camp. The event the health and welfare of highlighted BSF's comthose who serve our bormitment to the well-being ders. He also thanked Dr. of its troops' families by Malvika Sharma and Dr. Iqbal Singh for providing cal services and educatheir services to the BSF tional sessions on eve troops in a professional manner

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### 'Government's big game with the SC/ST of country in 2024-25 budget'

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisation President, R K Kalsotra flanked by Ramesh Sarmal, Dr Ramesh Kaith, Suraj Parkash Ashok Birpuri, Rattan Lal Bhagat, Hari Ram Bhagat all executive members, apprised the media persons on the recently announced Central and State Budget and said that for the first time, the Government

of India has not made a to make sure that neither

separate provision in the

2024-25 budget which is announced to be Rs 1.48 lakh crore without (SCP) Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)

This is the first time that on the basis of the population which is 22.5% of SC/ST at National level, a separate budget of 33000 crores should have been kept for the exclusive development in all over development of these communities, Kalsotra said.

Rs "This time, 44278 crore has been announced in the budget of 2024-25 for UT-Jammu Kashmir, in that too no separate provision has been made for (SCP) Special Component Plan and (TSP) Tribal Sub the flute is played. Kalsotra further said that earlier governments used to misuse and divert SCP and TSP funds of SC ST and opposition parties and SC ST used to protest against the government but the present government has ended this fight. Now whether the government spends some of the budget on the development of SC ST or not, no one will blame the government. He demanded from

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Government to not discard the old practice of bifurcation of SCP & TSP & Govt should rectify and re-announce the share of SC/ST under SCP & TSP for their exclusive and all over development.

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# DPS Jammu students bag gold medals in national swimming competition

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, July 27: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning gold medals in National Swimming Competition organized by Jammu Kashmir Swimming Association

(JKSA) held on 13th July, 2024 at K.C. Sports Club Jammu. Musa Pervaiz Malik (IX-F) -gold medal in 50 mts. free style & gold medal in 100 mts. free style; Manha Pervaiz Mailk (VI-J) - gold medal in 50 mts. free

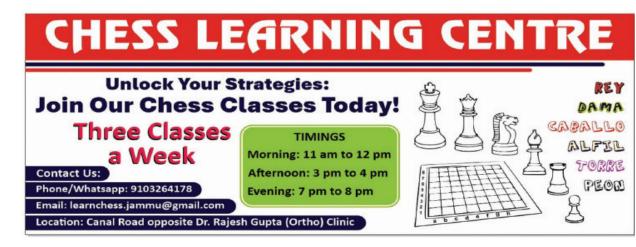
style & gold medal in

100 mts. free style.

Students have also been selected for 50th Junior National Aquatic Championship to be held from 6th to 11th August, 2024 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The Management DPS Jammu under the esteemed leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Dis-

tinguished Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh, Director, S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated the entire team members and their coach, Ravinder Deonia. Further, they also extended their best wishes to all of them for their future endeavours.



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