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BRIEFLY

Ex-Bengal CM Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee passes away

KOLKATA, Aug 8 (Agencies): Former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee passed away here on Thursday.

He was 80 and is survived by wife and son. The octogenarian Marxist leader was suffering for long owing to age-related ailment and breathing trouble.

During the Left Front's 34-year rule in the state, Bhattacharjee was the second and last CPI(M) chief minister, who was in office from 2000 to 2011.

The veteran Marxist leader, who had a huge influence in the Leftist movement in Bengal, was admitted to a private hospital a number of times before being shifted to home in South Kolkata.

West Bengal Assembly's Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari said, "I am deeply saddened to learn that former West Bengal Chief Minister Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharya has left for his heavenly abode. Condolences to his family members and admirers. I pray that his soul finds eternal peace. Om Shanti."

Man dies after falling from mobile tower in central Kashmir's Budgam

SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): A 35-year-old resident of Lasjan area of Srinagar died after falling from a mobile tower at Cheki-Kawoosa in central Kashmir's Budgam district, officials said Thursday.

An official told news agency-Kashmir News Corner (KNC) one person namely Waseem Sadeeq Bhat, 35, S/o Mohammad Sadeeq Bhat R/o Lasjan Srinagar fell down from the tower at Cheki Kawoosa Budgam while working on it on Wednesday evening.

"He got seriously injured and was moved to SKIMS Soura hospital Srinagar for treatment, where he succumbed," the official said, adding that after completion of medico legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family members for last rites.

Several political parties meet ECI, demand early Assembly elections in J&K



SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): The representatives of several political parties on Thursday met Election Commission of India (ECI) at SKICC here, who demanded early Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

The political parties

whose representatives met include NC, PDP, BJP while as the discussions were underway when this report was filed.

National Conference (NC) five-member delegation headed by Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani met ECI

and demanded early assembly election in the region.

"Today we are here to meet ECI. It is good the poll body has arrived here to listen us, and we are hopeful the right decision will be taken now." Wani told reporters, and added, "The

people of Jammu and Kashmir are waiting for an elected government for last ten years".

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) delegation also met Election Commission of India and apprised them about the problems facing by people at grassroots level in absence of an elected government.

"We put forth our demand before ECI. We impressed them to hold Assembly elections without any further delay," PDP senior woman leader Asiya Naqash said.

Speaking to reporters, BJP senior leader R S Pathania said that it is our hope that free and fair elections should be held and biggest voter

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No permission required for participating in Aug 15 celebrations in Srinagar: Div Com Bidhuri



SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Thursday said that there is no permission required for participating in Independence Day celebrations at Bakhshi Stadium Srinagar on August 15.

Bidhuri made these remarks during his visit to Pratap Park Srinagar to inspect the ongoing work of the Balidan

Stambh, a memorial being constructed in the memory of martyrs who have offered sacrifices for the nation.

"I got many calls and queries about need of a permission to attend the Independence Day function at Bakhshi Stadium. Let me clarify there is no need for any sort of permission or invitation. Event is open for the general public and children. Just carry an I-D proof and be on time," Divisional Commissioner Kashmir said.

He also said that people can also visit Balidan Stambh by August 15 along with kids to pay tributes to those who laid down their lives for the

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Tarigami aghast over 'Selective Demolition Drive' in Pahalgam

SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): CPI (M) leader Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami has voiced serious concern over the high-handedness of Pahalgam Development Authority (PDA) officials against selective demolition drive and urged them not to favour the rich and punish the poor.

"The residents of Pahalgam for ages together have been the custodians of its serene ambience, the faulty policies have made them suffer; that too badly at a huge cost," Tarigami said.

Tarigami demanded an amicable and holistic solution to the issues of the people of Pahalgam. Besides, PDA must ensure that nobody should be allowed to disturb the fragile ecology of Pahalgam.

One at home, two others at hospital: woman gives birth to triplets in Tangmarg

SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): A joyous moment was witnessed at the Sub-District Hospital (SDH), Tangmarg when a 30-year-old woman successfully delivered triplets without the need of a cesarean or C-section, doctors and officials said.

The woman, hailing from the remote area of Baba Rishi in north Kashmir's Baramulla experienced labour pain at her house, following which a local asha (nurse) was called who was able to assist the woman in delivering the baby. However, the placenta still appeared to carry something, BMO Tangmarg, Dr. Zahoor told Greater Kashmir.

The SDH Tangmarg then received a call about the situation, following which they sent an ambulance to bring the woman to the hospital, Dr. Zahoor said.

At the SDH, woman was worked upon by some experienced doctors including senior consultant gynaecologist, Dr. Zainab Drabo, making the woman deliver other two babies naturally, without any complications, said Dr. Zahoor.

"Everyone including mother and babies are fine," Zahoor said.

However, they are presently admitted at the hospital for precautionary measures. "We will observe them till tomorrow, and if everything remains fine, they will be

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Fresh batch of over 500 pilgrims leaves Jammu for Amarnath Yatra



JAMMU / SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): More than 500 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu for the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas amid tight security

on Thursday, officials said.

More than five lakh pilgrims have already offered their prayers at the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine during this year's yatra, surpassing

the 4.5 lakh devotees who paid obeisance at the naturally-formed ice lingam last year.

The 41st batch of 574 pilgrims left the base camp at 3:30 am in a convoy of 17 vehicles escorted by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and police, the officials said.

All the pilgrims opted for the shorter but steeper 14-kilometre Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The traditional 48-kilometre route passes through Pahalgam in Anantnag district. The annual yatra

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Duo from Punjab posing as fake police officers, held in Sgr

SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): Two residents of Punjab who were posing as fake police officers were arrested in Srinagar city late Wednesday night, officials said here.

An official said that two residents of Punjab were arrested in Srinagar city on Wednesday for impersonating police officers.

He added that the duo, was found roaming in Nehru Park, Srinagar. Moreover, the police

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Senior Cop resigns to contest JK assembly Polls



SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): Amid possibilities of elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the political activities in the region have ramped up.

In a significant move, Senior Superintendent

of Police (SSP) Mohan Lal, a 1999 batch KPS officer, has tendered his resignation to the J&K Home Department, signalling his intent to join the electoral fray.

Sources reveal that Mohan Lal is currently in discussions with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), aiming to secure a nomination to contest from the Schedule Caste reserved Akhnoor assembly seat.

The BJP is reportedly considering fielding the seasoned police official,

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GREAT TRIBUTE

Respectful and rich tribute to a great and pious lady
SMT. BEHAN JEE w/o Late Sh. Kanya Lal Bhan,
originally from Chandpora / Chanapora, Srinagar – Kashmir presently at Manpada, Thane West, Maharashtra, who left for heavenly abode on 3rd August, 2024 at Thane West.
Our heartfelt condolences and full sympathies to Bhayia.
Kalpana Jee, Didi, Simi & all bereaved
FROM
Kaju, Tathee & Baita Jee



BEHAN JEE

KRIYA/RASAM PAGDI/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Narpal Singh** son of Th. Gian Singh resident of 253 Rehari Chungi, Jammu on 23/07/2024.
Kriya shall be performed at our residence at 12 Noon on Thursday 08/08/2024.
Rasam Pagdi/UTHALA shall be held at Trikuta Yatri Bhawan Ambpalla opp SBI Bank Karan Nagar from 5 to 6 pm on Friday 09/08/2024
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Divijay Singh - Son
Daughters and Sons in Law
Neelu Jammal & Rajesh Singh
Sugandha & Manish Pathania
Mehika & Param Dev Singh
Bhabhi and Brother
Smt. Chaya Devi W/o Th. Jagmohan Singh
Smt. Susheel & Prof. Jaipal Singh
Smt. Geeta Raja W/o Sh. Virender Singh Raja - Sister
Nieces-in-Law & Nephews
Smt. Pooja & Ajay Singh
Smt. Ritu & Ajaat Jammal
Smt. Neeli & Amitpal Singh
M.No. 7006 598794



Sh. Narpal Singh (Retd DySP)

SAD DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform everyone the sad and untimely demise of **Mr. Peer Abdul Rehman S/o Kh Mohd Abdullah Peer R/o Baghat Barzulla** on 5th August 2024. He was suffering from a brief illness and passed away peacefully in his sleep.
His **Fateh Khawani** will be held on 9th August 2024 at his ancestral graveyard Zindshah Masjid at 2.30 pm.
BEREAVED
Zarina Rehman (Wife)
Nazia Rehman, Sana Rehman (Daughters)
Ghulam Nabi Peer, Manzoor Ahmad Peer (Brothers)
Contact: 9906471030, 9906471009



Mr. Peer Abdul Rehman

TENTH DAY DUA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Mr. Abdul Haq Mirza S/o Late Ghulam Ghaus** on 31st July 2024, Residence H.No. 838, near Eid Gah Ramzanpura, Janipur, Jammu.
Tenth Day Dua shall be performed on Friday 09-08-2024 at 1 PM at our residence H.No. 226, Mohalla Afghana, Kachi Chowni, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Shahid Parvez & Shakeela Begum
Rameez Mirza & Humera
Mobile No. : 8716926962, 9419222069



Mr. Abdul Haq Mirza

KRIYA/UTHALA

With Profound Grief & Sorrow We Regret To Inform The Sad Demise Of Our **Sh. Balwant Raj Gupta Ji S/o Late Sh. Daulat Ram Mahajan R/O Karbi Niwas, 726 New Plots, Jammu** on 27-07-2024.
KRIYA will be performed on 8-08-2024 (Thursday) at our residence at 12 Noon.
UTHALA will be performed on 09-08-2024 (Friday) at Gurudwara Shree Kalgidhar Sahib Rehari Chungi at 5 to 6 pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Late Smt. Swam Kantia Gupta -Wife
Daughter-in-Law & Son:
ARCHANA & CHANDER SHEKHAR GUPTA
Daughter & Son In Law:
Anoopma & Er. Raj Kumar Gupta (Retd. Supd, Engineer)
Brother & Bhabhi:
Late Smt. Sushila & Late Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta.
Smt. Padma & Sh. Vijay Paul Gupta (Nishitar)
Sister in Law & Brother in Law:
Smt. Prabhika Gupta & Er. Jagdish Gupta
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Dr. Sandeep & Er. Seta Sharma
Grand Daughter-in-law & Grand Son
Urvasi & Er. Sandharsh Shekhar Gupta



Er. Balwant Raj Gupta

Grand Son: Er. Sudhanshu Shekhar Gupta
Great Grand Son: Saitej & Sayansh
KabsonPharma
Kabson Medicine Traders.
Kanak Mandi, Jammu
9419186822, 9419233750,
9596656395, 9086366231

BARKHI

A year has gone by without you, but it seems like yesterday you were here. Your memories are always in our hearts and you are missed beyond measure.
Barkhi of our beloved **Lt. Sh. Anil Gupta S/o Late Sh. Mulkh Raj Gupta** will be performed at our residence H.No. 314, Vikas Lane, Taleb Tilo, Jammu on 09 August 2024 (Friday) at 12.00 Noon.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Sandhya Gupta (Ex. Corporator Ward No. 15) - Wife
Brother & Sister in Law:
Lt. Shri Jagdish Raj Gupta & Smt. Sudershna Gupta
Sh. Ravinder Gupta & Ramesh Gupta.
Sh. Ravi Gupta & Sheetal Gupta.
Sister and Brother in law:
Smt. Neelam Gupta & Katar Gupta.
Smt. Pinky Gupta & Ravinder Gupta.
Smt. Poonam Gupta & Ashwani Gupta.
Sons & Daughters-in-law:
Ankit Gupta & Swati Gupta
M/S Shriya Collections
M/S Bharat Shawl Emporium
M/S Anil Collection
M/S Shiv Electronics
M/S Gupta General Store
P.h. No. 7006290899 / 7006125847



Lt. Sh. Anil Gupta

10TH DAY & 13TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt Santosh Devi Parihar** Wife of Lt. Sh. Krishan Lal Parihar & Mother of Sh. Ranjit Parihar at our residence W.No. 10 Shiv Nagar Near Devika temple Udhampur.
10th Day will be performed on 09-08-2024 (Friday) at 11 AM at our residence W.No. 10, Shiv Nagar, Near Devika temple, Udhampur.
Kriya will be performed on 12-08-2024 (Monday) from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon at Devika Ghat Udhampur.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Son and Daughter in law
Sh. Ranjit Parihar & Smt. Sarita Parihar
Grand Sons
Suryansh Singh Parihar & Shivansh Parihar
Daughters & Sons in law
Smt. Sneha Lata & Sh. Rishi Kumar
Smt. Sunila Devi & Late Sh. Ashok Kumar
Smt. Swaran Chouhan & Sh. Sanjay Chouhan
Smt. Kanchan Devi & Sh. Raj Kumar
Smt. Seema Parihar & Sh. Parvesh Kumar Parihar
All Parihar & Sen Parivar
Ph: 9419162127, 7006948374



Smt. Santosh Devi Parihar

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we express the sad demise of our beloved **Mrs Yashasvi Raina W/o Ramesh Kumar Raina, Flat No. 24, Block No. 1, Lane No. 01, Jagti Township, Nagrota Jammu.**
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Sunday, 11th of August 2024 at 09:00 AM at Muthi Ghat, Near Director School Education.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Mohan Rani Raina (Mother-in-law)
Sh. Ramesh Kumar Raina (Husband)
Miss Karnyakshee Raina (Daughter)
Mr. Kritartha Raina (Son)
Mrs. Sunita Kumari Raina (Sister-in-law)
Sh. Pankaj Raina (Brother-in-law)
Smt. Sunita Kaul (Sister-in-law)
Sh. Nara Ji Kaul (Brother-in-law)
Deeply missed by: Mehak, Nikhil, Lucky & Nuvish.
Contact: 9796652917, 7006129964, 9419608757.



Mrs. Yashasvi Raina

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief, we announce the demise of our beloved **Smt. Phoola Ji Kaul W/o Lt. Sh. Soom Nath Kaul.** Originally from Dalseer, District Anantnag, Kashmir, she resided at House No. 314, Lane No. 3, Suryavanshi Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu. She left for her heavenly abode on 31st July, 2024.
The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 09th August, 2024 at 8.30 A.M. at Muthi Ghat, near Director Education Muthi, Jammu.
We pray for her soul to rest in eternal peace.
Grief Stricken
Sh. Vijay Kumar Kaul & Smt. Renu Kaul (Son & Daughter-in-Law)
Sh. Krishan Kumar Sharma & Smt. Pammil Sharma (Son-in-Law & Daughter)
Sh. Veena Ji Kaul W/o Lt. Sh. Bansilal Kaul (Sister-in-Law)
Sh. Jagar Nath Kaul & Smt. Asta Ji Kaul (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)
Grand Children
Ms. Sushmita Sharma W/o Sh. Abhishek Sharma
Muskan Sharma, Namrita Kaul, Hritik Kaul, Shreen Sharma
In Mourning and Deeply Remembered by:
KAUL, RAINA AND SHARMA PARIVAR.
Phone: 7006549242, 7006335849, 7006460963, 7006181887



Smt. Phoola Ji Kaul

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With deep grief and heartbreak, we are saddened to inform that our beloved Mother, **Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida)** has left us for heavenly abode on 5th August 2024, originally from Badiyer Baba, Srinagar, Kashmir (presently residing at Ahmedabad, Gujarat).
Her sudden demise has created a void in our family which can never be filled but she will forever live in our hearts, guiding and inspiring us as always. May her noble soul stay in eternal peace.
MOURNING is being held at S-710, Officer City 1, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, UP 201017.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Ngambodhi Ghat (Kashmiri Ghat), Delhi on Wednesday, 14th August 2024 at 8:00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Mrs. Heena & Mr. Tarun Kaw (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Mrs. Deepthi & Mr. Kunal Kak (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Grand Children: Om & Hannah
Fondly Remembered By:
Samrat Kaw, Pajnu, Mattu, Kaul, Mattoo & Zutshi Parivar
CONTACT NUMBERS: 9979882161 (Tarun Kaw), 9419209633 (M.K Kaw)



Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida)

Obituary/Tenth Day

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt Santosh Kaul** wife of Sh. Bushan Lal Kaul originally from village Vessu Distt. Anantnag.
Mourning is being held at Community Hall Lane No. 1 Jagti.
Tenth Day will be held at Muthi Ghat on Thursday 15th of Aug. 2024 at 8.30 AM.
Grief Stricken
Sh. Bushan Lal Kaul -Husband
Mrs Nancy Bhat W/o Late M L Bhat -Sister
Sh. Shadi Lal Kaul & Jeeta -Brother & Bhabhi
Sh. Deepak Kaul & Sheeta -Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Witty & Sh. Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Veena & Sh. Manoj Sapru -Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Neetu & Sh. Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Baby & Sh. Surrender Hangshu -Daughter & Son-in-law
Phone Nos. 7006675916, 7889911387



Smt. Santosh Kaul

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

We are sad to share the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Ram Sarup Sharma.**
Rituals will be performed as per below:
10TH DAY will be performed at 10:30 am on 7th August 2024 at our residence.
KRIYA will be performed at 12 noon on 8th August 2024 at our residence.
UTHALA will be performed on 9th August from 3pm -4pm at Shiv Mandir, Vikas Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Veena Sharma (Wife)
Anil Sharma & Rupali (Son and Daughter in law)
Arjuna & Navin Sharma (Daughter and Son in law)
Mr & Mrs. Tikraj Sharma (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr & Mrs. Jugal Kishore Sharma (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr & Mrs. Vijay Kumar Sharma (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr & Mrs. Vipin Kumar (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr & Mrs. Kasturi Lal Sharma (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr & Mrs. Kewal Krishan Sharma (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr & Mrs. Yash Paul Sharma (Brother & Bhabhi)
PANOTRA FAMILY (JAMMU & DALSAL)



RAM SARUP SHARMA
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RESIDENCE: 1/18 VIKAS NAGAR, SARWAL, JAMMU
PH: 8289012383, 9419221822

10TH DAY /ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the untimely demise of our beloved **Mrs. Manpreet Kour** W/o S. Pushpinder Singh & Daughter-in-law of Lt. Smt. Jawant Kour & Lt. S. Anril Singh (of Dogwar Terwan, Poonchi) R/o H.No. 37-Subash Nagar, Near Gandhi Chowk, Jammu.
Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 9th August (Friday) at 9.00 am at our residence.
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 11th August (Sunday) at 9.00 am at our residence.
Shabad Kirtan and Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurudwara Shri Kaljinder Sahib, Rehari from 10.30 am to 12.00 Noon followed by **Guru Ka Langar.**
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sdn. Balbir Kour W/o Lt. S. Surinder Singh Sohi (Mother)
S. Pushpinder Singh (Husband) (Deceased) (Husband)
Ms. Rasho Preet Kour (Daughter)
Mr. Amanjit Singh (Son)
Brother-in-laws & Sister-in-laws
S. Gucharan Singh & Smt. Swarnjeet Kour
S. Sarabjeet Singh & Smt. Ranandeep Kour
Brothers & Sister in-laws
S. Harmeet Singh & Smt. Svirinder Kour
S. Harpreet Singh & Smt. Jagjeet Kour
Mob.: 9419126306, 9149505717



Mrs. Manpreet Kour

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

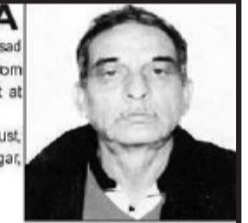
With deep grief and heartbreak, we are saddened to inform that our beloved Brother / Father **Shri TEJ KRISHAN KALLA** has left us for heavenly abode on 2nd August 2024, originally from Purnahar Habba Kadai, Srinagar.
His sudden demise has created a void in our family which can never be filled but he will forever live in our hearts, guiding and inspiring us as always.
May his noble soul stay in eternal peace.
MOURNING is being held at our residence: House No 43 (OLD), JMC 427, Near Sharda Public School, Topsherkhanian, Jammu.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Muthi Ghat on Sunday, 11th August 2024 at 8:30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Dulari Kalla (Wife)
Smt. Raj Kumari Kalla & Sh. Vijay Kumar Kalla (Bhabhi and Brother)
Smt. Netra & Sh. Rohit Kalla (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Smt. Sneha Kalla Handoo and Sh. Manish Handoo (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Sh. Deepak Kalla (Brother)
Grand Children: Dana, Trisha and Advait
CONTACT NUMBERS: 9419141549, 7006899302, 9419198886.



SHRI TEJ KRISHAN KALLA

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

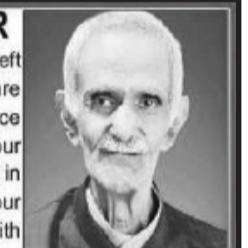
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our dear **Shri. Sham Lal Koul** originally from Hawarad Chowagam (Kulgam) Kashmir at present at Faridabad (Haryana) on 31st July 2024.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Friday 9th August, 2024 at 8:00 am at Murad Nagar, Canal Murad Nagar, UP.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Shakuntla Koul - Wife (8527556705)
Bansi Lal & Ratanji Koul - Brother & Sister-in-law
Maharaj Krishan & Ashaji Koul - Brother & Sister-in-law
Shivani & Sh. Jagdish Ji (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Sunita & Sh. Mohit Raina (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Ari & Sh. Rishi Ji (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Shana & Sh. Raj Nath Dhar (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Santosh & Sh. Bhanu Lal Dhar (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Sara & Sh. Surinder Koul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Samast Gash Koul Parivar / Saraf Parivar (Anantnag)
H.No. 2040, Block-C, Sainik Colony, Sector -49, Faridabad
Contact Nos.: 9818162922, 9654088191



Shri. Sham Lal Koul

SHADMOS & MASWAR

Six months have passed since you left for heavenly abode. Physically you are not with us, but we feel your presence and blessings in every moment of our life. Your loving memories are fresh in our hearts and the fragrance of your love and affection will always be with us. We pray to God for eternal peace to the noble soul.
Shadmos & Maswar of our beloved father **Late Shri Triloki Nath Mirza** will be performed on 09th Aug and 10th Aug 2024 at our residence (Janipur).
Deeply Remembered and Missed By:
Smt. Makhi Mirza (Wife)
Daughters and Son-in-Laws
Grand Children and All Near and Dear Ones
Mob. 9419181142, 9906332605



Late Shri Triloki Nath Mirza

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Roop Krishen Raina S/o Lt. Triloki Nath Raina** originally resident of Seer Jagir Sopore Baramulla Kashmir At present Block 118, Flat 21 Lane 20 Jagti Township Nagrota who left us for the heavenly abode on 31.07.2024.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Education Department on 9.8.2024 at 9 AM
GRIEF STRICKEN
Usha Raina (Wife)
Laksh Raina (Son) Mob. 6005062568
Shriya Raina (Daughter) Mob. 7889956690
Brothers & Sister's in law
Smt. Rachna ji & Sh. Ramesh Raina Mob. 9419899756
Smt. Sunita Raina & Lt. Sh. Anil ji Raina
Smt. Meenakshi Raina & Sh. Rajesh Raina



Sh. Roop Krishen Raina

BARKHI

THE SADDEST MOMENT IS WHEN THE PERSON WHO GAVE YOU THE BEST MEMORIES, BECOMES A MEMORY.
A YEAR HAS PASSED BUT STILL WE FEEL YOUR PRESENCE EVERYDAY.
BARKHI OF OUR BELOVED **LT SH NIRMAL KISHORE MAHAJAN** SHALL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2024 AT OUR RESIDENCE NEAR ATTA CHAKKI, KHALKI KARLAI, UDHAMPUR
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY
MAHAJAN FAMILY
9419296060



LT SH NIRMAL KISHORE MAHAJAN

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Justice Bhat convenes meeting on Reservation Policy for ALC

Top News Report

LEH, Aug 8: Chairman, Reservation Commission for Actual Line of Control (ALC), Ladakh, Justice Bansi Lal Bhat convened a key meeting with Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson in the Conference Hall of the Council Secretariat today.

Justice Bansi Lal Bhat accompanied by Additional Secretary, Reservation Committee for ALC, Tsering Motup briefed H'CEC and the attendees on the status and progress made by the committee in formulating a reservation policy for residents living



adjacent to the Actual Line of Control.

Emphasizing inclusive development, Justice Bhat highlighted that the committee's aim to alleviate the hardships faced by the residents in border areas. He stated that the

primary objective of the meeting was to inform stakeholders about the committee's work and to gather suggestions and objections from all concerned parties.

Justice Bhat stressed the necessity of estab-

lishing criteria to ensure that reservations are provided to the intended beneficiaries while excluding those who are not eligible.

During the meeting, CEC Gyalson, Executive Councillors and Council-

lors presented their submissions and feedbacks to Justice Bhat.

The meeting was attended by Dy. Chairman Tsering Anghuk; Executive Councillor for RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor, Minority, Ghulam Mehdi and Councillors from border areas including Councillor, Nyoma, Ishey Spalzang; Councillor, Korzok, Karma Namdak; Councillor, Chushul, Konchok Stanzin; Councillor, Kungyam, Thinles Nurboo; Councillor, Panamik, Tsering Sangdup; Councillor, Skurbuchan, Lhundup Dorje and other concerned officials.

EC Team's visit shows Centre ready to hold assembly polls in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said the visit of an Election Commission team to Jammu and Kashmir shows the Centre's willingness to hold assembly elections in the Union Territory.

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The three-member EC team led by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar arrived here this morning to review preparedness for assembly polls, weeks before the Supreme Court's September 30 deadline for holding elections in the Union Territory.

"If they were not ready (for assembly elections), I do not think the prime minister (Narendra Modi) or home minister (Amit Shah) and all the other ministers would have announced that elections will take place," Abdullah said.

"If they were not ready, they would not have said so and that is why the Election Commission is coming," Abdullah said, responding to a question about the Centre's readiness to hold assembly elections.

Asked if the polls would change the situation on the ground as the powers of the Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor were increased recently, the NC leader said, "We have to watch how that situation unfolds. It's



going to be a state and it can't be run by one lieutenant governor.

"He is the viceroy of Delhi, and the viceroyship died in 1947. If they want to create new viceroys, then good luck to them," he said.

Abdullah said Kashmir is the country's starting point and there will be a problem in all of India if those ruling from Delhi continue with their current policies.

"I warn the other states to be careful. Today, we are on the chopping board, tomorrow, you all will be on the chopping board," he said.

Asked whether he will be the party's chief ministerial candidate, he said the NC's first priority was to win the election.

"First, we must win the election. The party that wins will decide who will be the chief minister. It is a democratic country," he said.

If given the choice, would he be willing to become the chief minister, Abdullah said, "I do not know. It is a question of time."

On his son Omar Abdullah losing to independent candidate Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid in the Lok Sabha polls, the NC chief said the person (Rashid) chanting pro-freedom slogans emerged victorious which should act as a warning for Delhi.

"It is a warning for Delhi that the man (Rashid) who won... What was his slogan? 'Hum kya chahtay Azadi' (we want freedom). So, there is a movement that does not want to be a part of Pakistan or India... Let us be honest about it. How much will you hide such things? It is for them to decide," he said.

The NC lost the Baramulla seat in north Kashmir to Rashid, who is currently lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail in connection with a 2017 terror funding case. The party had won the seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Centre may restore J&K Statehood and conduct elections by October: Ramdas Athawale

SRINAGAR, Aug 8 (Agencies): Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale on Thursday said that the Centre may restore the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir before October this year.

While addressing a press conference in Srinagar, Athawale said that the legislative Assembly Elections may also be held in October. It is important to note that the Supreme Court of India in December last year directed the Election Commission of India to hold the Legislative Assembly Elections in J&K by 30th September of 2024.

However, Ramdas Athawale today said that the polls are scheduled to be held in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Chattisgarh before October. And that before October, statehood can be restored and elections would also happen in



October, he said.

He amplified Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement which he had made at the time of the abrogation of Article-370 that the centre would restore the statehood to J&K.

While appreciating the high voter turnout in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 in the region, Athawale said that the tourism has flourished since the special provision was revoked in August 2019.

"More than 2.11 crore tourists including foreigners have visited here. People don't fear going

to Kashmir now. Earlier, they wanted to come but terrorism was stopping them from arriving here. Now LG told me peace is prevailing despite some incidents," he said.

According to him, they have given over 2 lakh pre and post-matric scholarships to SC and above 84000 scholarships to OBC students in J&K. "SC and OBC constitute 8 percent each in J&K, but there is not a single SC family in Kashmir," he added.

The Union Minister further informed that a total number of 74-cases were registered under Atrocities Act against SC and OBCs.

He said that presently, there are 16 old-age-homes across J&K and that the government plans to open one in each district. The minister said that his party Republican Party of India will field at least 10-15 candidates in Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly polls.

DECC Ramban organizes one-day job fair

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Aug 8: The District Employment and Counselling Centre (DECC) cum Model Career Centre in Ramban organized a job fair yesterday, attracting hundreds of job seekers for vacancies in sectors such as Civil, Health, Insurance, Hotels, Mechanical, and Banking.

Assistant Director Employment Ramban, Amit Kumar, presided over the event, emphasizing the Employment Department's role in tackling unemployment and connecting youth with potential employers. He encouraged participating companies to maximize youth engagement and create career opportunities.

The event also featured a Counselling and Guidance session. The AD highlighted the department's efforts to link job seekers with employers, while Career Counseling Officer, Aamir Hassan, discussed the JK Employment Portal and various self-employment schemes. Young Professional Lovepreet Singh,

explained the National Career Service and its offerings.

The job fair saw over 200 job seekers applying for more than 400 vacancies. Nine employers, including LIC, Kapahi Contracts Pvt Ltd, and Upper Hills Restaurant, participated, with 60 applicants shortlisted and two receiving on-the-spot appointment letters. Additionally, 200 candidates registered with the employment department during the event.

Promote health through Yoga and lifestyle: Dr. Jain

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: In today's world, where stress, sedentary lifestyles, and chronic illnesses are increasingly prevalent, there is an urgent need for sustainable solutions to enhance overall health and well-being.

Responding to this need, Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) and the Indian Yoga Association have organized health awareness programs at various locations, aimed at promoting health through the integration of yoga and a balanced lifestyle.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, the State Yoga Commissioner, President of VKMI, and Chairman of the Indian Yoga Association, addressed the audience, emphasizing the profound impact of yoga on physical, mental, and emotional health. He highlighted how yoga, a practice rooted in ancient wisdom, incorporates mindful movement, breath control, and meditation to effectively reduce stress, improve flexibility, and increase strength.

Dr. Jain stressed that when yoga is coupled with healthy lifestyle choices—



such as balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, and stress management—it holds the potential to significantly enhance overall health and quality of life.

Ashok Gupta, Vice President of VKMI and Bharat Vikas Parishad, actively participated in the event, drawing attention to the benefits of laughing yoga in clearing mental and emotional blockages. He elaborated on the key components of well-being, including mindfulness, stress management, nutrition, exercise, sleep hygiene, and mental health strategies, which collectively empower individuals to take control of their health and well-being.

The event was further enriched by contributions from various distinguished guests. C. M. Sharma, Chairman of HLF Higher

Secondary School, shared his views on the significance of integrating yoga and healthy lifestyle practices into daily routines. Abhinandan Jain, Vice President of the Association for Welfare of Senior Citizens, and Arihant Jain, Founder General Secretary of the Vardhman Jain Society, also shared their perspectives, emphasizing the role of community support in fostering health and well-being.

Jawahar Lal Jain, Ex-General Secretary of SS Jain Sabha, Gandhi Nagar, and Ravinder Jain, Former President of Gandhinagar Jain Sabha, highlighted the cultural and traditional aspects of yoga, underscoring its relevance in modern times.

Pardeep Jain, Director of Jainco Automobile Agency, and Narinder Wadhera, a social activist, discussed the broader

societal benefits of promoting health through yoga and lifestyle modifications.

The event also featured the celebration of the 68th birthday of Jaininder Jain (Pinki), President of SS Jain Sabha, Trikuta Nagar, President of Vardhman Jain Society, Rainka Parwar, and President of the Wholesale Maniyari Association. The birthday was celebrated with enthusiasm and joy, symbolizing the community's spirit and unity.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Chander Mohan Sharma, State Coordinator of Annamalayee University. His heartfelt gratitude towards all participants and organizers highlighted the collaborative effort that made the event a grand success.

These health awareness programs underscore the vital role of yoga and a balanced lifestyle in fostering holistic well-being. They encourage individuals to embrace practices that lead to healthier, more fulfilling lives, demonstrating the timeless wisdom and contemporary relevance of yoga in today's fast-paced world.

Dir Agr Jammu inaugurates Training Program on Promotion of Apiculture

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: The Apiculture Development Scheme, Jammu, under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension SAME (ATMA) scheme, organized a One-Day Training Program on "Promotion of Apiculture" at Baba Jitto, Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo, Jammu. The programme was inaugurated by the Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen.

The training program witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 100 farmers, women from self-help groups and entrepreneurs across the Jammu District. Director Reen highlighted the

significance of apiculture in enhancing honey production, marketing and generating income for farmers. He underscored the department's commitment to supporting apiculture through HADP and other related schemes.

In his address, Director Agriculture A.S. Reen emphasized the benefits of apiculture, including honey production and the other products such as pollen, wax, venom, propolis, and royal jelly. Director highlighted several key initiatives under HADP offering 35 bee hives worth Rs. 1.4 lakh with an 80 percent subsidy for farmers. Additionally, a bee-keeping equipment manufacturing unit is available with a cost of Rs.

5 lakh and a 50 percent subsidy, while Customised Hiring Centers (CHCs) for pollination and honey processing units are offered at a 50 percent subsidy. He also emphasized the importance of issuing I-Cards for beekeepers to address migration-related issues and announced incentives for migratory beekeeping, maximum up to Rs. 7,500 per migratory for distances up to 300 km. These measures aim to enhance apiculture practices and support the beekeeping community effectively.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers and entrepreneurs eager to learn and adopt apiculture as a viable livelihood option.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION UDHAMPUR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT JSPHEM/UDHR/ 230F 2024-25 DATED 03-08-2024

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur, on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms who have sufficient experience in the relevant field of electro-mechanical/ electrical works.

Sl.	Name of the work	Qty	Name of Division	Cost of Tender Document / Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Bid validity
1	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of 10000 GPH x 21-29 meter head mono submersible pump set alongwith allied works at pumping station Chenani stage-0	01 job	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	Rs. 500.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	(Rs. 3000.00) 2% (in case of non-registered firms)Or (Rs. 1500.00) 1% (in case of firms registered with DIC / SSI / MSME)	90 days
2	Design, fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning of 140 ampere LT control panel alongwith allied works at pumping station Chenani stage-1 st		Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	Rs. 500.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	(Rs. 4000.00) 2% (in case of non-registered firms)Or (Rs. 2000.00) 1% (in case of firms registered with DIC / SSI / MSME)	90 days
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- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **05-08-2024 (11:00 PM)**
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **05-08-2024 (11:30PM) to 13-08-2024 (3:00 PM)**.
- 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 **14-08-2024 at 11.00 A.M** or any other subsequent date in the office 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 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

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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.
 - Average Annual financial turnover during the last 3 years, ending 31 March of the previous financial year, should be at least 30% of this estimated cost.
 - Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 07 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:-
 - Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost
 - Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimate cost.
 - One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost.
 - Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact site conditions.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

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SMART
METERING

The installation of smart meters in the Power Development Department (PDD) represents a significant technological advancement in electricity management and distribution. Smart meters, equipped with advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), offer a range of benefits that can revolutionize the power sector, particularly in regions like Jammu and Kashmir, where efficient energy management is crucial.

Smart meters are electronic devices that record the consumption of electric energy in intervals of an hour or less and communicate this information at least daily back to the utility for monitoring and billing. Unlike traditional meters, which require manual reading, smart meters provide a two-way communication channel between the meter and the central system. This real-time data exchange enables utilities to manage electricity distribution more effectively.

Smart meters eliminate the need for estimated billing by providing precise data on electricity consumption. This accuracy helps in building trust between the utility and consumers as the bills reflect the exact usage, preventing disputes over billing discrepancies.

By providing detailed insights into energy usage, smart meters empower consumers to monitor and manage their electricity consumption better. This awareness can lead to more energy-efficient practices, reducing overall demand and conserving energy resources.

Utilities can use the data from smart meters to understand consumption patterns and peak usage times. This information is crucial for load forecasting and managing the distribution network efficiently, minimizing the risk of blackouts and ensuring a stable supply of electricity.

Smart meters enable the detection of outages or faults in the system in real-time. This capability allows for faster response times from maintenance crews, reducing downtime and improving the reliability of the electricity supply.

The data from smart meters can facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources into the grid. By understanding consumption patterns, utilities can better manage the variable supply from renewable sources like solar and wind energy, promoting a more sustainable energy system.

The implementation of smart meters in the PDD of Jammu and Kashmir can address several challenges faced by the region. These include issues related to energy theft, inefficient billing practices, and high distribution losses. The introduction of smart meters aligns with the broader goals of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Rooftop Solar Yojana (RSY), aiming to enhance the quality of life in remote and underserved areas.

The deployment of smart meters requires significant infrastructure development, including the establishment of a robust communication network. The government and utilities need to invest in upgrading the existing infrastructure to support smart meter technology.

Educating consumers about the benefits of smart meters is crucial for successful implementation. Awareness campaigns and workshops can help in addressing concerns and promoting the adoption of smart meters among the populace.

The initial cost of installing smart meters is high, which might be a deterrent for both the utility and consumers. However, the long-term benefits, such as reduced operational costs and improved energy efficiency, outweigh the initial expenditure.

Ensuring the privacy and security of consumer data is paramount. The PDD must implement robust cybersecurity measures to protect against data breaches and ensure that consumer information is handled with the utmost confidentiality.

The adoption of smart meters is a step towards the modernization of the power sector in Jammu and Kashmir. It aligns with the government's vision of creating a digital and efficient energy ecosystem. As technology evolves, smart meters will play an increasingly critical role in achieving energy sustainability and reliability.

The integration of smart meters in the PDD represents a transformative approach to energy management. By addressing the challenges and leveraging the benefits, Jammu and Kashmir can pave the way for a more efficient, reliable, and sustainable power distribution system, ultimately contributing to the socio-economic development of the region.

Sudan's challenge is to clean and reform UPSC

By: Dilip Cherian

Preety Sudan has her work cut out for her as she steps into the role of UPSC chairperson. Taking over from Dr Manoj Soni, who resigned unexpectedly amidst a storm of controversy, she faces the daunting task of restoring the commission's credibility. Mr Soni resigned for personal reasons and left five years before his term was scheduled to end. His departure coincided with a scandal involving trainee IAS officer Puja Khedkar, who is accused of fraudulently taking the civil services examination 12 times, well beyond the permitted attempts. This scandal has severely tarnished the UPSC's image, and Sudan's leadership will be crucial in navigating the aftermath. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Caste, data & sub-quotas: No wriggle room for PM Advertisement A retired 1983-batch IAS officer from the Andhra Pradesh cadre, Ms Sudan brings a wealth of experience. Having served as the Union health secretary during the Covid-19 pandemic, she was instrumental in shaping the country's response to one of the most significant health crises in recent history. Appointed as a member of the UPSC in 2022, Ms Sudan now steps into the chairperson's role with the

formidable challenge of steering the commission towards greater transparency and much-needed reforms. Also Read - K.C. Singh | India-Bangla ties adrift as Hasina flees from Dhaka Her tenure, which will last until March 2025, is relatively short, but the expectations are high. The UPSC, once a symbol of integrity in Indian bureaucracy, now finds itself in desperate need of a larger cleansing. Ms Sudan's experience, particularly her strategic acumen displayed during the pandemic, will be essential in restoring trust and ensuring that the UPSC emerges stronger from this crisis. Also Read - K.C. Singh | India-Bangla ties adrift as Hasina flees from Dhaka Surprise shake-up at BSF In a move that took many by surprise, the ministry of home affairs suddenly removed BSF director-general Nitin Agrawal and his deputy, special DG (west) Y.B. Khurania, sending them back to their state cadres without warning. Agrawal, from the 1989 Kerala cadre, had only been in the top job since last June, while Mr Khurania, a 1990 Odisha cadre officer, was in charge of the BSF's operations along the Pakistan border. Also Read - Sunil Gatade | Gadkari's letter to Sitharaman on GST: Sign of turmoil in BJP? This abrupt move has set tongues wag-

ging, with many wondering what's really behind it. The timing is especially curious – Mr Agrawal was still two years away from retirement, so the decision has left many puzzled. Some believe it's a response to the recent spike in militant activity in Jammu and Kashmir, a region where the BSF is on the frontlines. There were already whispers that Mr Khurania might be heading back to take on the role of director general of police (DGP) in his home state, but the sudden removal of both officers at the same time has fuelled speculation that this could be about more than just routine transfers. With rising concerns over border security, especially with increasing infiltration incidents, some think this shake-up could be a direct response to those challenges. The government hasn't said much about the reasons behind the move, but it's evident that the situation is far from straightforward. As events unfold, we'll likely get a better sense of what prompted this unexpected change in leadership at the BSF. Modi confidant becomes Puducherry L-G President Droupadi Murmu recently appointed new governors for several states, including Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Telangana, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh.

The lieutenant governors of Puducherry and Chandigarh were also changed. Among these appointments, the most intriguing is that of K. Kailashnathan, one of Gujarat's most influential bureaucrats, who has been named lieutenant governor of Puducherry. Kailashnathan, widely known as KK, has been a pivotal figure in the administrative corridors since his retirement as additional chief secretary of Gujarat in 2013. His appointment now as the lieutenant governor of Puducherry underscores his continuing importance to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. KK's administrative journey is marked by his seamless transition from retirement to becoming the chief principal secretary to the chief minister of Gujarat, a role specifically created for him. During his tenure, he served under four chief ministers – Narendra Modi, Anandiben Patel, Vijay Rupani, and Bhupendra Patel. Despite this, KK has consistently been seen as a trusted confidant of Mr Modi, effectively acting as a vital link between Ahmedabad and New Delhi. KK's influence in Gujarat's administrative landscape has been enduring, and his latest appointment merely highlights the trust and reliance that the central leadership continues to place in him.

Increasing dangers of nitrogen pollution

By: Vijay Garg

Nitrogen is an essential element, but excessive levels of nitrogen can harm ecosystems, human health, and the economy. The Green Revolution was a significant agricultural transformation that began in the 1940s and 1950s, introducing high-yield crop varieties, irrigation, and fertilizers to increase food production. The Green Revolution achieved its goals, but it had unintended environmental consequences, including nitrogen pollution. to yield moreFarmers used large amounts of nitrogen fertilizers, which often exceeded the soil's ability to absorb it. Excessive use of nitrogen fertilizers has led to nitrogen pollution of soil, water and air, disruption of natural nutrient cycles, loss of biodiversity, and negative effects on human health. Nitrogen pollution causes 'eutrophication' (excessive growth of algae) in waterways, dead zones (low oxygen levels) in aquatic ecosystems, soil erosion and acidification, air pollution.Nitrogen (nitrogen oxides, particulate matter), climate change (nitrous oxide is a powerful greenhouse gas), nitrogen pollution, respiratory problems (asthma, lung disease), cancer risk (nitrosamines, a byproduct of nitrogen reactions), Neurological effects (nitrogen dioxide exposure) have occurred. Water treatment costs have increased due to nitrogen pollution. Crop yields and agricultural productivity have declined, infrastructure has been damaged, and healthcare costs have increased. twentiethFor centuries, the effects of nitrogen on the environment were not well understood. With agriculture's focus on produc-

tized increasing crop yields while ignoring the environmental impacts of intensive fertilizer use. Insufficient data and lack of monitoring made it difficult to characterize nitrogen pollution and its effects. Nitrogen pollution was not a topic of public concern, and education on the topic was limited. Economic growth and development were given priority over environmental concerns. CimiHowever, global cooperation to address nitrogen pollution was limited, hindering collective action. However, in recent decades, increased scientific understanding, increasing public awareness, and policy developments have helped to understand nitrogen pollution. Efforts continue to improve with increased focus on sustainable practices, regulation, and international cooperation. Governments around the world have implemented various programs to reduce nitrogen pollution. US National Nutrient ManagementThe policy encourages states to develop nutrient management plans to reduce nitrogen pollution in waterways. The EU's 'Nitrogen Reduction Programme' sets targets for member states to reduce nitrogen emissions from agriculture and industry. The Fertilizer Management Act of the Government of India regulates fertilizer use and promotes efficient practices to reduce nitrogen pollution. Such programs are being run in different countries. This program regulation, make efforts to reduce nitrogen pollution through education and incentives. Sustainable agricultural practices, industrial process improvement, waste water management etc. are adopted to reduce nitrogen pollution. Reducing nitrogen pollution requires a multi-pronged approach, with individu-

als, communities and governments working together. Nano Urea is a promising innovation, which is a synthetic fertilizer containing liquid nitrogen packaged in a small bottle. Urea contains maximum nitrogen at 46.6 percent. nano urea oneIt is a nanotechnology-based fertilizer that provides nitrogen to crops more efficiently, thereby reducing excess nitrogen that pollutes the environment. The nanoparticle of Nano Urea releases nitrogen only when the plant needs it. The efficiency of Nano Urea means farmers can use lower application rates, reducing the total amount of nitrogen released into the environment. Nano urea improves soil health by promoting beneficial microorganisms and reducing soil acidification. This can help improve air quality, which can contribute to reducing nitrogen pollution. Governments and regulatory bodies should establish guidelines and standards for the safe use and environmental impact of nano urea. Continued research is needed to understand the long-term effects of nanourea on ecosystems and the environment. The cost and availability of nano urea must be competitive with conventional fertilizers to encourage widespread adoption. Overall, nitrogen pollution in nano ureaIt has the potential to be a valuable tool in reducing climate change, but its impact will depend on responsible development, deployment and management. Some strategies can be adopted to reduce nitrogen pollution: Farmers should be advised to use sustainable agriculture, precision agriculture and crop rotation. Advice on upgrading waste water

treatment infrastructure, advice on implementing nitrogen removal techniques, promotion of water conservation, industrial processes, advice on implementing efficient combustion techniques, use of nitrogen reduction catalysts, optimizing industrial processes to reduce nitrogen emissions, vehicle emissions, promoting electric and hybrid vehicles, implementing emission controls and catalytic converters, encouraging sustainable transportation options, implementing proper waste disposal and recycling, garbage Advice, education and awareness of reducing food waste and organic matter in dumping, raising awareness of nitrogen pollution, development and implementation of policies to regulate nitrogen emissions,Encouraging sustainable practices through incentives and education, implementing soil conservation, conservation tillage and no-till farming, planting nitrogen-fixing legumes, promoting soil health and carbon sequestration. Promote water-efficient practices, fix leaks and upgrade infrastructure, encourage water-saving technologies. Improving existing technologies and practices, encouraging sustainable agriculture and industry innovation. By implementing these strategies, nitrogen pollution And can reduce its harmful effects on the environment, human health and economy.

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NCC Wing GHSS Budhal organises Cleanliness Drive

Top News Report

BUDHAL, Aug 8: NCC wing Govt. HSS Budhal conducted cleanliness Drive in school premises and surrounding the school as well as plantation Drive named "Ek Ped Shaheedon ke Naam" under the banner of Swachhta Pakhwada, in this connection with the celebration of 77th National Independence Day.

The event took place under the esteemed supervision of Principal Govt. HSS Budhal Rajesh Kumar.

Lecture Mukesh Kumar delivered a fruitful lecture



about the role of NCC in Nation Building whereas all staff members played a vital role in organising the event.

The event attracted numerous enthusiastic

participants who cleaned whole area of school. Participants not only had an opportunity to clean the premises but also engaged in the meaningful act of planting trees.

At last ANO Shakeel Ahmed Dar highlighted how such initiatives cultivate a sense of responsibility among students to maintain a clean campus environment. In his

address to the students he laid stress on the importance of cleanliness of our surroundings.

He further emphasized that cleanliness is not only the physical, it is also the social and mental well being that helps in maintaining good personality and building a good impression on others. He advised the students that cleanliness imbibes good character by keeping their body, mind and soul clean and peaceful.

He emphasised on the scope and incentives of NCC to all students to join the NCC wherever they find opportunity.

Ensure safety of Hindus in Bangladesh: Shurveer Jammu Sangathan urges Centre

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: The Shurveer Jammu Sangathan (SJS) on Thursday held a strong protest and raised slogans against the Bangladesh under the leadership of Arun Seekay (President SJS) at Muthi Jammu.

Aggressive protesters were holding placards with slogans and demanded Indian Govt should take immediate diplomatic steps to protect Hindu community and their homes, temples and shop.

Terming the situation 'sensitive', the SJS said it was the responsibility of the world community to take effective action for



the safety of minorities and protection of human rights in Bangladesh.

SJS also urged the Central government to take every possible step for the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh that is witnessing unrest.

Those who were present in this protest includ-

ing Ravi Tangotra (Vice President SJS), Rahul Suddan, Sumit Brar, Ashok Chaudhary, Rahul Sharma, Shiva Kumar, Ravi, Madan Lal, Randeep, Dheeraj Koul (Youth President), Arun Sharma, Ajeet Kumar, Bunty Bara, Deepan and others.

GDC R S Pura hosts Intra-College Quiz Competition



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Department of Political Science and History of GDC R S Pura jointly organized a Quiz competition on "Freedom Struggle and National Heroes" within the college premises for the celebration of 77th National Independence Day on Thursday under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the College.

During the competition an online questionnaire was shared with the students to test their knowledge and understanding about India's Freedom

struggle and its Unsung Freedom Heroes.

In this Quiz 50 students of the college participated. Among the participants, Jhanvi Majotra, Tanisha Choudhary and Bishaka Sharma were adjudged as 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner of the competition.

The observers of the team were Dr. Savtenter Kour, HOD History and Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, HOD Political Science, and Prof. Vijeeta Anand, Assistant Professor Pol. Science.

The Principal of the college shared her valuable words with the stu-

dents and said that the struggle of our freedom fighters are the source of inspiration to us as they teach the value of love for the country and always worked for the betterment of the nation behind the scene.

She lauded the efforts of the organizing team and the students. The faculty members namely Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Kiran Pathania, Dr. Harpreet Kour, Prof. Neelam Kumari, Prof. Jai Mala Thakur, Dr. Savleen Kour and Dr. Roopali Salathia also were part of the proceedings of the competition.

GDC Kishtwar celebrates I-Day with Quiz Competition

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Aug 8: Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar organized an intra-college Quiz Competition as part of its ongoing 15-day Independence Day celebrations.

The event witnessed fervent participation from nearly 70 students, showcasing their knowledge

and pivotal national milestones. Team D, comprising Amanullah, Uzma, Payal, Taseena, and Mehvish, emerged triumphant, displaying exceptional knowledge and quick reflexes.

Their commendable performance earned them the coveted title of Quiz Champions. The competition was meticulously organized

Dr. Zahoor Din, Dr. Tabasum Saleem, and Prof. Ashfaq Ahmed, diligently judged the competition. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Dr. Bilal Ahmed, Prof. Ajeet Kumar, Prof. Jaideep Kumar, Prof. Om Raj, and Prof. Sheikh Mohd Usman, who enthusiastically encouraged the



and enthusiasm. Four teams battled it out in a fiercely contested competition comprising two rounds and a thrilling knock-off buzzer round.

The quiz questions delved deep into India's glorious history, focusing on the freedom struggle

under the expert guidance of Dr. Yasar Ahmed and the overall leadership of Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal. Their dedication and support were instrumental in making the event a resounding success.

A distinguished panel of faculty members, including

participants.

The quiz competition served as a powerful platform to instill patriotism and nationalism among the students. The college remains committed to organizing such events that contribute to the overall development of the students.

GDC R S Pura organises cleanliness drive at IB Raghunath Temple



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Ongoing Swachhta Pakhwada activities in collaboration with NCC organized Cleanliness Drive at International Border Raghunath temple under the patronage of the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour.

Students of all semesters participated with full vigour and enthusiasm. Students cleaned the temple thoroughly and also came to know the history of the temple. The oldest temple of jammu is at Suchetgarh Border has his own historic presence, students enjoyed the visit at temple and also to the zero line international Suchetgarh Border, R. S. Pura.

While addressing the students, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour emphasized the importance of patriotism and the historic importance of the temple being the responsible citizens of the country, we should be proud of our culture and history. Principal also appreciated the efforts of the students.

The programme was organized by Dr. Roopali Salathia, Covener Swachhta Pakhwada activities. Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, HOD English, Dr. Raj Kumari, HOD Hindi and Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, HOD Dogri. Dr. Chanchal Angrad, Dr. Shivani Manchanda and Dr. Rakesh Choudhary were also present.

Dimple warns to sit on hunger strike for restoration of J&K state before assembly election



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, led a strong protest during the visit of Chief Election Commissioner Rajeev Kumar and the full election bench on their three-day visit to J&K.

The protesters demanded the announcement of election dates, immediate assembly elections, the restoration of J&K's statehood before the elections, and the with-

drawal of powers from the Lieutenant Governor (LG) and Chief Secretary (CS) to empower the J&K assembly, Chief Minister (CM), Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), and voters.

Addressing the protesters, Dimple emphasized that Jammu Kashmir has been without an elected government for the past ten years.

He urged the Chief Election Commissioner to immediately announce the election dates and restore statehood before

the assembly elections. Dimple alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is attempting to keep the people under control by allocating powers to the LG and CS, making the state assembly, CM, and MLAs powerless.

Dimple called on the Prime Minister and Home Minister to fulfill their commitments to restore full-fledged statehood to Jammu Kashmir before the elections.

He highlighted the suffering and disappoint-

ment of the people, particularly the youth, under the current administration.

He accused the BJP of enslaving the people of J&K and appealed to all political parties to unite against the BJP to preserve Jammu Kashmir's identity, culture, and demography.

Dimple vowed to continue the fight for the reversal of powers given to the Chief Secretary and LG, and for the restoration of a full-fledged J&K state with full powers to the CM and assembly, adhering to the conditions of the Instrument of Accession. He also warned that he would sit on a hunger strike if statehood is not restored before the assembly elections.

Other leaders present at the protest included Sachin Soi, Satpal Sharma, Rupesh Bhat, Bunty Dogra, Anmol Anand, Arjun, Sahil, and Shiv Kumar.

DDC member Saima Jan appeals youth to keep away from drugs

Top News Report

MANDI, Aug 8: DDC member Saima Jan expressed concern over the prevalence of drugs in the region and appealed to the youth to keep far away from drugs as they would irreparably destroy their life and families.

She said the management of academic institutions has a special responsibility to ensure that such



drugs do not find entry into their campuses or their vicinity.

"For the sake of our people and the future of the J&K, I solicit everyone's full cooperation against the drug menace," the DDC said in a statement here.

"Since youths are the primary targets of drug traffickers, parents must be extra vigilant to detect any sign of such abuse by their wards," she added.

GDC Budhal launches Plantation Drive under Swachhata Pakhwada

Top News Report

BUDHAL, Aug 8: As part of Swachhta Pakhwada 2024 initiative of Government of India, the NSS and NCC units of Government Degree College, Budhal, launched a Mega Plantation Drive on campus in collaboration with the Forest Department, Kandi, Rajouri, and Sharma Plant Nursery, Siot, Sunderbani, both of whom donated the saplings.

This drive aims to plant approximately 300 diverse saplings by 15th of August 2024, each chosen for its unique ecological benefits. On Thursday, the first day of the drive, about 50 plants were successfully planted, marking a promising start to this environmental campaign.

This drive, which is being organized under the theme "Ek Paudha Maa Ke Naam", emphasizing the importance of

planting trees in honor of mothers and highlighting the nurturing and life-giving parallels between mothers and trees, saw an overwhelming participation of students and staff with more than 50 students taking part.

The principal of the College, Prof. M.A. Dar appreciated the efforts put in by the NSS and NCC Units of the College in organizing this event. He emphasized that

planting trees is a powerful metaphor for growth and progress, mirroring the journey of our nation since gaining independence.

He further highlighted that each sapling represents the continuous development and prosperity of our country, reminding us that, like these young plants, our nation has grown and thrived through the dedication and hard work of its citizens.

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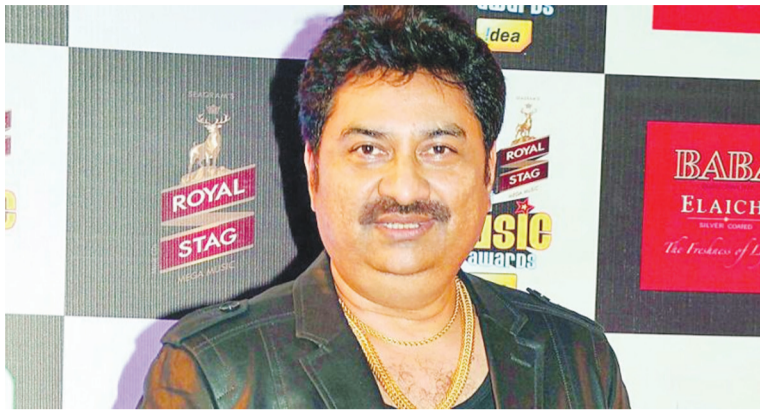
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Kumar Sanu says he gets 'respect' from the industry but 'no work'

Kumar Sanu's voice that made the '90s all the more special for all music enthusiasts. He has been mesmerising listeners for decades now. And while the audience still cherishes his old classics like Chura Ke Dil Mera, Do Dil Mil Rahe Hain, Chori Chori Jab Nazrein Mili amongst hundreds more, currently they don't get to hear him playback too often.

The singer's last feature film song was Dard Karara in the 2015 release Dum Laga Ke Haisha. His voice also came in the recreation of Aankh Maarey in Simmba in 2018.

Ask Sanu why we don't hear him more often in films, and he replies, "Mera journey abhi tak



bahut achha raha hai, everybody respects me in the industry. Par sabse badi baat hai ki log respect toh dete hain, pyaar dete hain, hamara gaana bhi sunte hain... I don't know why they are not using my voice for

more songs in Hindi films."

As we prod him to elaborate, he adds, "Yeh question mann mein hota hai. When they are showing so much love when I am in front of them (why not make me sing too). I don't know

if it is real or not. Whatever it may be, they definitely give respect for sure."

Sanu recently performed at a host of sold out live shows in the United States. Asserting that there are still takers for voices from his generation, he tells us, "Agar hum gaa sakte hain, toh humse kyun nahi gawaate? Inke (makers) ke mann mein kyun nahi aata? I am doing shows, I have a fan following. Everywhere I go I see shows are being sold out. Public demand hai. I am also bringing another set of live shows in October and November this year. Agar industry wale samajh jaayein toh achha baat hai, nahi toh unka durbhagya hai."

Tusshar Kapoor says 'certain section' of the industry wants to pull him down



Tusshar Kapoor made his OTT debut with Dus June Kii Raat. The actor was recently in conversation with agency during the promotional rounds of the show, where he opened up about his career and shared that he feels there is a 'certain section' in the film fraternity that does not want to see him succeed.

During the interview, Tusshar said, "Sometimes, I do feel why this certain section cannot

accept me once and for all. And I think that section is part of the fraternity that wants to keep pulling you down. It's sad and true, but I have grown out of it. Thankfully, I have an audience that doesn't judge you no matter what you've done or what you've not. People do keep talking about the pros that one has of coming from a film family; I did have my share. But, I also faced a lot of cons and constant scrutiny. I was

put to the test time and again as a new student. I am game to fight this because it also keeps me on my toes."

'There have to be ups and downs'

He went on to add, "Thankfully, I have a son now who is my stress-buster. I look at life in a way where I am focussed and positive. Also, I am into fitness and Buddhism keeps me sane. All of this together keeps me going. I firmly believe that there's light at the end of every tunnel. There have to be ups and downs, otherwise life will be very boring. I am just grateful to be still here speaking to you all about my projects. That makes it all worth it."

Dus June Kii Raat also stars Priyanka Chahar Choudhary and is directed by Tabrez Khan.

Salman Khan's swag on point in AP Dhillon's 'Old Money' teaser

Finally, the official teaser of actor Salman Khan and singer-rapper AP Dhillon's upcoming song 'Old Money' is here.

Taking to Instagram, Salman treated his fans with the teaser. Interestingly, the full track is set to be released on August 9.

The teaser opens with AP Dhillon sleeping with his head resting on a car. Then, his friend wakes him up with the news, "AP, wo mil gaye aur khabar pakki hai." They both rush to catch someone and then Salman makes his swag entry. The video ends with AP Dhillon's laughter.

Sharing the teaser, Salman captioned it, 'Old Money out on August 9th @apdhillon.' Recently, the 'Brown Munde' hitmaker took to his Instagram and dropped a motion poster of their upcoming venture.

The text on the video read 'Old Money' by AP Dhillon and added, 'Did you miss me?'

Tagging Salman, Sanjay Dutt, and rapper-songwriter Shinda Kahlon on it, AP penned, 'I know you didn't see this one coming...'

The motion art video included pictures of Salman and Sanjay with AP Dhillon.

It's a big treat surely for the fans of Bollywood stars Salman and Sanjay.

The actors, who have earlier worked together in films like 'Saajan' and 'Chal Mere Bhai', are now expected to be seen together in Indo-Canadian singer AP Dhillon's musical project 'Old Money'.

Expressing excitement about the collaboration earlier, Salman gave a shout-out to AP Dhillon.

'Singer toh tha he acha, ab AP as an actor. Bring it on singing action star,' Salman wrote on his Instagram Story.

Salman's post hinted that AP may have explored acting with



this project.

AP Dhillon has inked a groundbreaking deal with Republic Records in alliance with Universal Music Canada.

Dhillon's first release on the label will be 'Old Money', a new single and video arriving August 9, 2024, with a new album, 'The Brownprint', following two

weeks later, on August 23.

Last year, AP Dhillon came up with his docu-series 'AP Dhillon: First of a Kind' that gave audience a glimpse into his journey. The project majorly focused on how he migrated to Canada and soon established himself as a leading singer, despite the hurdles he faced.

On International Cat Day, Laapataa Ladies actor Pratibha Ranta says 'billiyon ne dogs ka...'

On International Cat Day, Pratibha Ranta shares how her two adopted cats, Theo and Musha, have become integral parts of her life. The 23-year-old actress, known for her breakout film Laapataa Ladies, reflects on her experience with her feline companions, noting that while many people view cats as moody, she has a different story to tell.

"It depends on the upbringing you give them," Ranta explains, "If you give them affection, they give it back. If I am crying, they come and sit next to me; that's their way of comforting you. Maine apne billon mein yeh notice kiya hai. Billiyon ne dogs ka market tohda kam kar diya hai as they are so low maintenance." She plans to dedicate more time to them today, as the year has been particularly busy, "I will get them nicely groomed," she adds.

Ranta, who hails from Shimla, reveals that her upbringing with animals has profoundly impacted her. "Nature meri life



ka important part raha hai. The affection I would get from animals... it helps you as a person. We still have a cow at our house. The ghee at our house comes from the farm directly. I have always realised the value of animals," the actor says, adding, "Mumbai mein value zyaada realise honi shuru ho gayi because here, it gets difficult for people to give time to their pets. There's an entire expense that comes along."

Ranta also mentions that she

initially felt unprepared to settle down in Mumbai, which led her to consider adopting a pet. "I originally was thinking about dogs," she says.

However, her journey to becoming a cat lover began two years ago when her sister discovered a stray kitten during a costume trail. Ranta recalls, "It was love at first sight when I got a picture of her. I asked my sister to get it home and we will figure something, maybe give it up for adoption."

"I didn't know whether I would

be able to take care of it or not. The kind of affection that a kitten gives you is overwhelming, and that (care) soon became a part of my life," Ranta shares, while also mentioning that her wonderful experience encouraged her to adopt another cat.

The naming of her cats is a story in itself. "My first cat was just 20 days old when it came into our lives, so it was hard to tell its gender. When I went on vacation to Goa, I left it with friends for care. At that time, the cat was in poor condition—hairless and covered in scratches, and we had it on medication. When we returned a week later, the cat was all groomed, and for a moment, we wondered, 'hamara hi billa hai na?' Our friends then told us that it was a male. Initially, we had named it Mushka, but since it sounded a little too feminine, we changed it to Musha. The other cat is named Theos, which means 'God's gift,'" she concludes with a smile.

Alia Bhatt to shoot for 'Alpha' in Kashmir in September

Actor Alia Bhatt will resume filming for the second schedule of her upcoming spy thriller 'Alpha' in Kashmir in September 2024. The shooting for the much-anticipated film began in the first week of July in Mumbai at YRF studio.

Now, Agency, has exclusively learnt that the second schedule of the film will take place in the picturesque locales of Kashmir this September. A source close to the project informed us, "After wrapping up the Mumbai schedule, the team will be heading to Kashmir for the next schedule. The Kashmir schedule is a short one, which will begin by the end of August and wrap up by the first week of September."

Directed by filmmaker Shiv Rawail, 'Alpha' promises to be an edge-of-seat drama. The film revolves around a gripping narrative centred on espionage and international intrigue. To prepare for her role, Alia has undergone rigorous training in high-intensity action sequences and stunts.

In 'Alpha,' the 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani' actor will be seen in the role of a super-agent. Besides her, Sharvari Wagh will also share the lead role. Earlier, Sharvari shared an Instagram post with Shiv announcing the start of filming for the movie.

With such a stellar lineup, expectations are



high for 'Alpha' to continue the legacy of suc-

cess within the YRF Spy Universe.

Taylor Swift cancels Vienna Eras Tour concerts for safety after terrorist plot foiled

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift had to cancel three of her shows in Vienna in the light of two men being arrested in an ISIS-connected terrorist plot against her upcoming concerts.

The suspects arrested earlier on Thursday included a 19-year-old who pledged his allegiance to ISIS and was living with his parents in the town of Ternitz, as well as another man, reports Variety.

Both were arrested after police raided the 19-year-old's home and found various chemicals and substances. Residents of Ternitz were

allegedly evacuated and roads were closed during the raid.

In a post from Austrian concert promoter Barracuda Music, organisers wrote: "Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour Vienna Shows were cancelled due to government officials confirming a planned terrorist attack.

With confirmation from government officials of a planned terrorist attack at Ernst Happel Stadium, we have no choice but to cancel the three scheduled shows for everyone's safety."

As per Variety, the target of the



attack was Vienna's Ernst Happel Stadium, where Swift was scheduled to perform on Friday and Saturday nights as part of her Eras Tour.

Vienna State Police Director Franz Ruf and Police Chief Gerhard Purstl said during a news conference that both men had been radicalised through the internet and apparently had specific plans on how the attack was to be carried out.

Purstl claimed that the concrete danger had been "minimised," but that an "abstract danger"

remained, which prompted the cancellation of the shows. Ticketholders will receive refunds in the next 10 days.

News of the suspected terrorist attack comes just days after a "terroristic threat" delayed Morgan Wallen's concert in Kansas City on Friday.

The man was arrested in connection with the threat posted on social media that he was targeting two men who were backstage with Wallen, suggesting those men were Swift's boyfriend Travis Kelce and Patrick Mahomes.

PM to visit Wayanad on Saturday amid calls for disaster declaration

NEW DELHI, Aug 8 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Kerala's Wayanad district on Saturday in the wake of the tragic landslide disaster that has claimed the lives of 417 people.

PM Modi will take stock of the situation in the landslide-hit Chooralmala and Mundak-kai villages in the district. After visiting the landslide-affected areas, PM Modi is expected to visit a relief camp, where more than 10,000 people are currently lodged.

PM's visit comes after several MPs from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra, including the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, have asked the Centre to declare the Wayanad landslides a "national disaster." This declaration will ensure the release of additional funds for relief and rehabilitation, among others.

Speaking during Zero Hour in Parliament, Rahul Gandhi on



Wednesday also demanded higher compensation for the people affected.

"I saw it with my own eyes. I visited many different places where the disaster took place. In some cases, an entire family is gone, with just one person remaining, sometimes an adult or a child," he stated.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan stated that the state will ensure the people affected by

the landslides will be provided with world-class rehabilitation facilities.

"We will ensure world-class rehabilitation. Our goal is to implement a resettlement model that can serve as an example for the nation and the world," the Chief Minister stated.

The visit also comes at a time when members of the ruling party are engaged in a blame game with the state government. Earlier on August 1, Union

Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the Centre had given Kerala an "early warning" of the heavy rains.

Refuting Shah's claim, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said, "The central government should also realise that there are serious issues pertaining to climate change.

In the past, did we witness extreme rainfall like what we are seeing now? We need climate change mitigation efforts. When something like this happens, you can't just try to shift blame onto others and shrug off responsibility. Like I said, I don't think this is the time for the blame game."

Countering the Chief Minister's claim that no orange alert was issued ahead of the massive landslides in Wayanad, the Centre stated that an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall was issued on the afternoon of July 29 and was valid until July 30.

CBI arrests probe agency ED official over 20 lakh bribe



NEW DELHI, Aug 8 (Agencies): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday arrested an Assistant Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for accepting bribes of 20 lakh in the national capital.

The arrested ED official has been identified as Sandeep Singh Yadav. He was accepting a bribe from a jeweller in lieu of giving relief to the jeweller's son in the case registered in ED.

A senior CBI official

confirmed that the ED official has been arrested from the Lajpat Nagar area in Delhi.

CBI received a complaint and acting on the same, a trap was laid and the ED official was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe.

CBI is in the process of getting an FIR registered in the case, said officials.

More updates on the matter are awaited.

Notably, in Aug 2023, the CBI arrested an Assistant Director of ED along with six other officials for accepting bribes of 5 crore to save Delhi businessman Aman Dhall in the Delhi liquor scam case.

Opposition strongly opposes Waqf bill, calls it 'draconian'; Rijju defends it

NEW DELHI, Aug 8 (Agencies): The opposition on Thursday protested against the introduction of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha, with Congressressress MP KC Venugopal calling it "draconian" and an "attack on the Constitution".

Soon after Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju sought to introduce the bill, Venugopal -- who had submitted notice to oppose its introduction -- accused the government of violating freedom of religion and attacking the federal system through it.

"This is a draconian law and a fundamental attack on the Constitution," Venugopal said.

He said people taught the BJP a lesson for its divisive politics but it was continuing with the same, keeping in mind

the upcoming assembly elections in states such as Haryana and Maharashtra.

Samajwadi Party MP Mohibullah Nadvi said the bill was against freedom of religion.

He said appointing non-Muslims in the central Waqf council and other such bodies was violative of the rights of Muslims.

Opposing its introduction, Trinamool Congressressress (TMC) MP Sudip Bandhopadhyay said the bill was divisive, anti-constitutional and anti-federalism.

"This is against the Constitution, a religious minority and federalism. It shuns justice in every possible way," DMK MP Kanimozhi said, opposing the bill's introduction.

Reacting to the opposition, Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said there was no inter-

ference with freedom of any religious body in Waqf bill, and no article of Constitution was violated.

Rijju in Lok Sabha, said, "The Waqf Act, 1995, did not serve its purpose, I want to tell the Congressressress that these amendments are being brought to achieve what you couldn't."

He said the joint parliamentary committee recommended that the Waqf Act, 1995, should be re-looked; and that the opposition is opposing just for the sake of politics.

He said, "The opposition is trying to mislead Muslims; many MPs told me privately that Waqf boards were captured by mafia, but now they are opposing the bill."

Rijju said the Waqf (Amendment) Bill was brought after extensive consultations.

Top Court to hear petition seeking postponement of NEET-PG 2024 tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Aug 8 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday said that it will hear the petition tomorrow seeking to reschedule the NEET-PG 2024 due to the allocation of "highly inconvenient" exam centres and concerns about the normalisation of marks.

Advocate Anas Tanwir, who is appearing for the petitioners, has mentioned the plea before the bench led by the Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and sought an urgent listing of it.

CJI Chandrachud assured that the matter will be listed for hearing tomorrow. NEET-PG 2024 is scheduled to be held on August 11.

The candidates have approached the Supreme Court and preferred seeking directions to the respondents to reschedule the NEET-PG 2024 Examination on the ground that the petitioners and many similarly placed candidates have been allocated cities that are highly inconvenient for them to reach, further seeking details of the formula for normalisation of the four sets of question papers, and seeking clarity on ensuring that the normalisation formula



is disclosed to the candidates, thereby eliminating any possibility of arbitrariness in the process.

The petitioners said that the allocation of test cities was made on July 31 and the specific centres are scheduled to be declared on August 8. The petitioner, while appreciating that the same has been done to curb any malpractice in the examinations, however, given such short notice, it has become highly difficult for students to make arrangements for their travel to their specific cities.

The petitioners submitted that more than two lakh students are scheduled to appear in the examination.

The examination is scheduled to be held in 185 test cities, therefore resulting in the non-availability of train tickets as well as the hiking of airfares due to dynamic pricing, thereby making it almost impossible for a large number of students to reach their test centres, the petition said.

The petition further submitted that the respondent had announced the date of the

examination will be on August 11 and that it would be conducted in two batches.

"The fact that the examinations will be conducted in two batches and that the formula for normalisation is unknown to the candidates thereby causing an apprehension to the petitioners herein. There is a likelihood that one batch of candidates may face a more difficult question paper than the other batch. Therefore, it is prayed that the formula for normalisation should be disclosed before the conduct of examinations thereby ruling out any fear of arbitrariness," the petitioner said.

The petition was filed by Anas Tanwir, an Advocate on Record (AOR).

Various students including Vishal Soren have urged the court to conduct the exam in a single batch to ensure a uniform and fair testing environment for all candidates.

The petitioners have urged the top court to rectify Examination Centre Allocation Issues and ensure that test centres are allocated more equitably and transparently at nearby places.

Supreme Court agrees to hear plea challenging Bombay HC order upholding Hijab ban on August 9

NEW DELHI, Aug 8 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday decided to hear the appeal filed by a group of college students, challenging the Bombay High Court's order upholding the ban imposed on a private college in Mumbai on wearing of hijab, nakab, burkha, cap, etc.

The lawyer for the petitioner on Thursday pleaded to the top court, led by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud, to hear the case today as the NEET PG exams were scheduled to start today. Upon hearing this, the CJI asked him, were you being stopped from appearing in the exam? To this, the counsel said that if students do not adhere to the uniform, then please hear it today.

The bench also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, besides the CJI, assured the petitioners that it would hear the matter on August 09.

Bombay HC say that dress code is within the college premises only. Primarily, the authorities of the NG Acharya &



DK Marathe College, in Mumbai, had prescribed a dress code prohibiting their students from wearing hijab, nakab, burkha, stole, cap, etc., on campus.

Against this order, nine female students of the college filed a petition before the Bombay High Court, challenging this dress code.

Hearing these pleas, the HC's two-judge bench, led by Justice AS Chandurkar and Justice Rajesh S Patil, on its order on June 26, refused to entertain these by saying that the insistence for following the dress code is within the college premises and the petitioners' freedom of choice and expression is not otherwise affected.

Subsequently, these students moved to the top court by filing an appeal challenging the

HC's order.

The petitioners challenged the dress code on the grounds that restriction on hijab, nakab, burka etc. in the campus violates their fundamental rights. "Under the dress code, the dress of the students is expected to be formal and decent and should not reveal the religion of any student," the plea said.

Pointing out that the college was wrong in its order in trying to make a dress code, the plea of the students said that the dress code was arbitrary and discriminatory. "It infringes upon their right to choose their attire, their right to privacy, and right to expression under Article 19(1) (a) and their right to freedom of religion under Article 25 of the Constitution."

Varanasi Ghats submerged as Ganga river swells due to heavy rain

VARANASI, Aug 8 (Agencies): Heavy rains in Uttar Pradesh have led to the water levels in the Ganga river rising and submerging Ghats here on Thursday morning.

Anand, a pilgrim from Delhi, said that due to heavy rains, he was not able to visit the Kashi Vishwanath temple and have the blessings of Lord Shiva.

"I had come here from Delhi to visit the temple and take the blessings. However, it's been raining here a lot and we have been asked not to go out. Yesterday, a house had collapsed and now the Ghats have submerged here.

Although the river is still flowing below the danger mark, the water has entered the houses in the Baghada, Salori and Rajapur areas of Varanasi.

Visuals from Prayagraj also emerged where people were seen using boats to commute.

"The situation in Prayagraj has been bad. The rising water levels in the Ganga have led to waterlogging and water entering our houses.

Our daily life activities have come to a halt" said Shyam Pandey, a resident of Prayagraj.

Shukla, another resident said "We are facing issues because of the rising water levels. We have been using boats to commute to places. The children are not able to school as well," he said.

The water level in the Ganga River rose due to incessant heavy rain in hilly areas and water from dams was also released in many places.

According to the Central Water Commission report, the water level of River Ganga has been rising at the rate of four centimetres per hour and will further rise in the coming days.

The connectivity between the Ghats of Ganga has been broken due to the rise in water level. Water has also been surging in the temples on the banks of Ganga.

The venue of the Ganga Aarti in Varanasi has been changed and nowadays it is performed on the rooftops.

BJP working like real estate company: Akhilesh Yadav on Waqf bill



LUCKNOW, Aug 8 (Agencies): The Waqf (Amendment) Bill is just an excuse to sell land in the interest of BJP members, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said on Thursday and claimed that the saffron party was working like a real estate company.

He also suggested that the BJP rename itself to the "Bharatiya Zameen Party".

In a post on X, Yadav said the bill that seeks to amend provisions of the Waqf Act, 1995, were merely an excuse.

"The target is to sell defence, railway, Nazul land. Waqf board lands are just another link in the chain of 'schemes for the benefit of BJP members' after defence land, railway land, Nazul land," he said in Hindi.

"Why doesn't the BJP openly write: 'Issued in the interest of BJP members,'" Yadav added.

"A guarantee should be provided in writing that Waqf Board lands will not be sold."

Attacking the saffron party, Yadav said the BJP was working like a real estate company.

He added, "It should change its name by writing 'zameen (land)' in place of 'janata (people)' -- Bharatiya Zameen Party."

Yadav has already announced that the Samajwadi Party would oppose the bill, accusing the BJP of trying to snatch the rights of Muslims.

"The BJP's only work is to divide Hindus and Muslims, snatch the rights of Muslim brothers and work on how to snatch the rights given to them in the Constitution," he had said.

The bill, which seeks to amend the law governing Waqf boards, has proposed far-reaching changes in the present law, including ensuring the representation of Muslim women and non-Muslims in such bodies.

It also seeks to rename the Waqf Act, 1995, as the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995.

According to its statement of objects and reasons, the bill seeks to omit Section 40 of the current law relating to the powers of the board to decide if a property is Waqf property. It provides for a broad-based composition of the Central Waqf Council and the state Waqf boards and ensures the representation of Muslim women and non-Muslims in such bodies.

The bill also proposes the establishment of a separate board of Auqaf for the Bohras and Aghakhans.

The draft law provides for the representation of Shias, Sunnis, Bohras, Agakhans and other backward classes among Muslim communities.

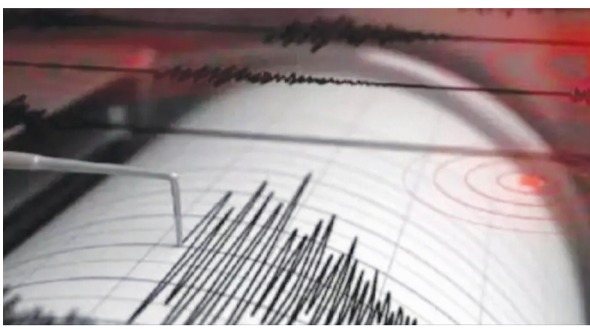
2 massive earthquakes hit Japan within a minute, tsunami alert in several areas

TOKYO, Aug 8 (Agencies): Two powerful earthquakes with a magnitude of 6.9 and 7.1 struck Japan, shaking the southwestern islands of Kyushu and Shikoku on Thursday. Authorities have issued a tsunami warning for several regions and are closely monitoring the situation, as reported by public broadcaster NHK.

A tsunami advisory has been issued for Miyazaki, Kochi, Oita, Kagoshima, and Ehime prefectures. In Miyazaki prefecture on Kyushu, 20-centimeter-high waves had already been observed, reported news agency while citing NHK.

Tsunamis of up to one metre were expected to arrive or have arrived in some coastal areas in Kyushu and Shikoku islands, news agency reported, citing NHK.

Taking to X, the Japan Meteorological Agency stated, "Tsunamis will strike repeatedly. Please do not enter the sea or



approach the coast until the warning is lifted."

Soon after the quakes, NHK reported that the first waves had reached the coast of Miyazaki, but more were expected.

The earthquake occurred less than 20 miles off the coast of Miyazaki, according to the United States Geological Survey. As per the agency, a powerful earthquake of magnitude 7.1 followed less than a minute later.

According to the NERV, an earthquake monitoring agency in Japan, the quake was reported in the Hyuga-Nada Sea.

NHK reported that while nothing had top-

pled inside its Miyazaki offices, people on the second floor were struggling to maintain balance. The police chief of Nichinan in Kyushu noted that no buildings in the area seemed to have collapsed, as per the broadcaster.

Additionally, the Kyushu Electric Power Company confirmed that its nuclear power plants were functioning normally.

Shikoku Electric Power Company also stated that there are no problems at the Ikata nuclear power plant in Ehime Prefecture, NHK reported. It said there is no change in the values at monitoring posts that measure radiation levels in the surrounding area.

Nobel laureate Yunus arrives in Bangladesh to take over as interim leader

Bangladesh's next leader Muhammad Yunus has arrived home from an overseas trip

DHAKA, Aug 8 (Agencies): Bangladesh's next leader Muhammad Yunus arrived home Thursday from an overseas trip and will take office later in the day, as he looks to restore calm and rebuild the country following an uprising that ended the 15-year, increasingly autocratic rule of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Yunus landed at Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Thursday afternoon and was welcomed by the country's military chief, Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman, who was flanked by navy and air force heads.

Some of the student leaders who led the uprising against Hasina were also present at the airport to welcome him. They had earlier proposed Yunus as interim leader to the country's figurehead president, who is currently acting as the chief executive under the constitution.

In his first comments after his arrival, he told a news briefing that his priority would be to restore order.

"Bangladesh is a family. We have to unite it," Yunus said, flanked by the student leaders. "It has immense possibility."

He urged all to stop violence and promised not to resort to any repressive measures against anyone.

Security was tight at the airport to ensure Yunus' safe arrival, as the country has experienced days of unrest following the downfall of Hasina on Monday. President Mohammed Shahabuddin will administer the oath-taking ceremony on Thursday night when Yunus is expected to announce his new Cabinet.

Before leaving Paris, where he was attending the Olympics, Yunus appealed for calm in Bangladesh amid tensions over the country's future.

Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy, who acts as an adviser to his mother, vowed Wednesday that his family and the Awami League party would continue to be engaged in Bangladesh's politics — a reversal from what he'd said earlier in the week after Hasina stepped down Monday and fled to India.



Yunus was named as interim leader following talks among military officials, civic leaders and the student activists who led the uprising against Hasina. Yunus made his first public comments in the French capital on Wednesday before boarding a plane to return home.

Yunus congratulated the student protesters, saying they had made "our second Victory Day possible," and he appealed to them and other stakeholders to remain peaceful, while condemning the violence that followed Hasina's resignation.

"Violence is our enemy. Please don't create more enemies. Be calm and get ready to build the country," Yunus said.

Bangladesh's military chief, Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman, said in a televised address on Wednesday that he expected Yunus to usher in a "beautiful democratic" process.

Yunus, who was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for his work developing micro-credit markets, told reporters in Paris: "I'm looking forward to going back home and seeing what's happening there, and how we can organize ourselves to get out of the trouble that we are in."

Asked when elections would be held, he put his hands up as if to indicate it was too early to say.

"I'll go and talk to them. I'm just fresh in this whole area," he said.

A tribunal in Dhaka earlier on Wednesday acquitted Yunus in a labor law violation case involving a telecommunication company he founded, in which he was convicted and sentenced to six months in jail. He had been released on bail in the case.

The president had dissolved Parliament on Tuesday, clearing the path for an interim administration that is expected to schedule new elections.

Yunus has been a longtime opponent of Hasina, who had called him a "bloodsucker" allegedly for using force to extract loan repayments from rural poor, mainly women. Yunus has denied the allegations.

In a span of weeks since July 15, more than 300 people died in violence in Bangladesh. Rising tensions in the days surrounding Hasina's resignation created chaos, with police leaving their posts after being attacked. Dozens of officers were killed, prompting police to stop working across the country. They threatened not to return unless their safety is ensured. The looting of fire-arms was also reported in local media.

The chaos began in July with protests against a quota system for government jobs that critics said favored people with connections to Hasina's party. But the demonstrations soon grew into a broader challenge to Hasina's 15-year rule, which was marked by human rights abuses, corruption, allegations of rigged elections and a brutal crackdown on her opponents.

Joy, Hasina's son, said in a social media post on Wednesday that his family would return to politics and not give up following attacks on the Awami League party's leaders and members. Many see Joy as Hasina's successor in a dynastic political culture that dominates the South Asian nation's politics.

On Monday, Joy had said Hasina would not return to

politics after she stepped down. But in a video message posted on his Facebook page on Wednesday, he urged party activists to rise up.

"You are not alone. We are here. The family of Bangabandhu has not gone anywhere," he said.

Hasina's father, independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, is fondly referred to in Bangladesh as Bangabandhu, which means "friend of Bengal."

"If we want to build a new Bangladesh, it is not possible without the Awami League," he said.

"The Awami League is the oldest, democratic, and largest party in Bangladesh," Joy added. "The Awami League has not died ... It is not possible to eliminate the Awami League. We had said that our family would not engage in politics anymore. However, given the attacks on our leaders and activists, we cannot give up."

Overnight into Thursday, residents across Dhaka carried sticks, iron rods and sharp weapons to guard their neighborhoods amid reports of robberies. Communities used loudspeakers in mosques to alert people that robberies were occurring, as police remained off duty. The military shared hotline numbers for people seeking help.

The quick move to select Yunus came when Hasina's resignation created a power vacuum and left the future unclear for Bangladesh, which has a history of military rule, messy politics and myriad crises.

Many fear that Hasina's departure could trigger even more instability in the densely populated nation of some 170 million people, which is already dealing with high unemployment, corruption and a complex strategic relationship with India, China and the United States.

Hasina, 76, was elected to a fourth consecutive term in January, in an election boycotted by her main opponents. Thousands of opposition members were jailed before the vote, and the U.S. and U.K. denounced the result as not credible.

Death toll from 6 weeks of monsoon rains jumps to 154 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8 (Agencies): The death toll from nearly six weeks of monsoon rains and floods across Pakistan has risen to 154, officials said Thursday, as downpours continued in much of the country, inundating some villages.

More than 1,500 homes have been damaged since July 1, when the monsoon rains began, the National Disaster Management Authority said. Orchards in remote areas of the southwestern Baluchistan province were damaged, and rains flooded many streets in the eastern city of Lahore.

The Pakistan-administered portion of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir has also been battered by rains,

causing landslides.

Many of the 154 deaths occurred in the eastern Punjab and northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, according to the disaster agency and provincial authorities.

Pakistan is in the middle of the annual monsoon season, which runs from July through September.

Scientists and weather forecasters blame climate change for heavy rains in recent years.

So far this year, Pakistan has received less rain than in 2022, when climate-induced downpours swelled rivers and inundated at one point one-third of the country, killing 1,739 people and causing \$30 billion in damage.

Pelosi says it's her life goal to ensure 'that man' Trump never steps in the White House again

WASHINGTON, Aug 8 (Agencies): Nancy Pelosi's influence can be seen all across the Democratic Party shake-up that in a few short, agonizing weeks has reengineered the 2024 presidential ticket and the race for the White House.

It was Pelosi who publicly encouraged President Joe Biden to make a decision about his reelection campaign when he had already insisted he had no plans to step aside. Once he exited and endorsed Kamala Harris atop the ticket, it was Pelosi who was a big fan of her future running mate, Tim Walz.

For the House speaker emerita the upheaval is less about Biden, a friend of 40 years, and more about Republican Donald Trump, the former president she refers to as "Bozo," "a snake-oil salesman," "what's his name" and the "Creature from the Black Lagoon."

"How can I say this in the nicest possible way: My goal in life was that man would never step in the White House again," Pelosi said, slapping the table with every word.

Pelosi spoke with reporters and columnists about her new book, "The Art of Power, My Story as America's First Woman Speaker of the House," which calls for an end to political violence in the U.S. But it's this final unwritten chapter of Pelosi's career that shows the soft power she still wields that can change the course of history.

Over and again, Pelosi declined to detail her conversations with Biden during this tumultuous period, or if the conversations happened at all. The two have not spoken since he bowed out of the race.

"At some point, I will come to terms with my, to peace, with my own role in this," she said.

"I think that part of all of our goals in this was to preserve his legacy, a fabulous legacy, that would go right down

the drain if Bozo got elected to the White House."

Some details, though, have come into view as Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries all had private talks with Biden as he made his historic decision to end his campaign.

Pelosi said it was not her intention to put Biden on the spot when she showed up on his favorite morning news program in early July, after his dismal debate with Trump, and suggested he make a decision about his reelection bid.

Biden had just written a letter to Congress, insisting he was pressing on after a number of rank-and-file Democrats started saying publicly he should bow out of the race. It was not well received, she said.

Not only the White House but control of Congress is at stake this November. Pelosi had been hearing from worried lawmakers and she herself did not see a "path to victory" for Biden.

"I was really asking for a better campaign," she said.

But, she acknowledged about his options ahead, "it was open, in my view."

Pelosi had told Biden early on she didn't want him on the debate stage with Trump. She thought it was beneath him to stand alongside Trump, who had declined to debate his own Republican colleagues during his primary sweep to the GOP nomination. And she knew Trump would use the venue to be "telling all his lies" unchecked.

"I just thought it'd be like doggy-doo and you're going to get it on your shoe and you're all going to smell like him," she said.

But she said Biden was very confident and assured her he could handle Trump on stage. "I know you can handle it,"



she told him. "But why?"

On debate night, Pelosi settled in at her apartment in Washington to watch and as soon as Biden walked onstage it was disconcerting, she said.

"I was shocked."

Pelosi said she had "never seen" Biden like that.

Pelosi explained her longstanding advice for debating: Clear your mind. Don't bog yourself down with details. Rest up. Be yourself.

Whatever the question is, "you respond whatever way you want. You own it."

It was clear none of that happened with Biden.

"He's the president of the United States, a person who for decades has understood a vision of our country based on values, knowledge, issues, therefore judgment about all of it, with more empathy in his heart than anyone," she said. "Who needs to prep him?"

Pelosi said publicly at the time that she wanted to know if this was an episode with Biden, or a condition?

She made it clear she wanted a more aggressive campaign "so people could see his strength."

Simply rehashing past accomplish-

ments as Biden was doing is important, she said, to show voters you know how to accomplish goals. But elections are really about what you're doing next.

"Elections are about the future," she said. "Finish the job."

None of this rematch with Trump would have been possible if the Senate had voted to convict, rather than acquit, him on the impeachment charge of inciting the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol, because it would have made him ineligible to seek the White House again. Pelosi blames that outcome on Senate Republican leadership and calls it shameful.

As crowds surge to rallies this week for the new Harris-Walz ticket in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan, Pelosi marvels at the energy and enthusiasm flowing to Democrats, particularly from young people.

Pelosi said she thought any of the potential vice presidential contenders would have been great choices. But she has made no secret of her enthusiasm for former House members — which Walz is — to counter the way she believes White House administrations tend to be more deferential to the Senate.

While some were calculating which vice presidential hopeful would best help Democrats in the swing states, Pelosi said the question for Harris was: Who will help you govern? She said she did not put in a good word for Walz, but put in a good word for all the contenders.

Asked if Democrats would win control of the House, she said, "That's the plan."

Asked if her book title was an intended nod at Trump's "The Art of the Deal," she said, "Nothing that I do has anything to do with him, except his downfall."

Russia seeks to jail US Russian woman over \$50 donation to Ukraine



MOSCOW, Aug 8 (Agencies): Russian prosecutors have requested a 15-year prison sentence for a dual US-Russian national charged with "treason" for making a donation to a pro-Ukraine organization.

Ksenia Karelina, who lives in the United States, was arrested in February while visiting family in Russia, accused of providing financial assistance to the Ukrainian army.

"The prosecution requested a sentence of 15 years imprisonment in a general regime penal colony," Russian state-run news agencies quoted Karelina's lawyer, Mikhail Mushailov, as saying Thursday.

She donated around \$50 to a US-based pro-Ukraine charity after Russia launched its full-scale military offensive in 2022, US media reported, citing her family and employer.

Russia's FSB security service accused her of collecting money that was "used to purchase tactical medical supplies, equipment, weapons and ammunition for the Ukrainian armed forces." Russian state media reported she pleaded guilty in a court hearing in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg. The verdict will be delivered next Thursday, the court's press service told agency.

Moscow has launched dozens of criminal cases against Russian citizens it accuses of supporting or collaborating with Kyiv.

Karelina, in her early 30s, is just one of a string of US citizens and dual nationals that have also been targeted.

Last week Russia released three of them — journalists Evan Gershkovich and Alsu Kurmasheva, as well as ex-marine Paul Whelan — in the largest East-West prisoner swap since the Cold War.

IWC New Gen Jammu organizes awareness camp on breastfeeding

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JAMMU, Aug 8: IWC New Gen Jammu, under the leadership of President Manpreet Gandhi and Secretary Ritu Sharma, organized a medical awareness camp on breastfeeding at the Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The event featured valuable insights from Dr. Amandeep Anand, Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, and club members on the importance and benefits of breastfeeding, nutrition for lactating mothers



and babies, and correct breastfeeding techniques. Mothers of newly born babies had the opportunity to raise various queries, which were addressed by

the panel of doctors present. The session was highly beneficial in updating the knowledge of the participating women. Additionally, nutritious

items such as fruits, biscuits, corn flakes, almond jaggery rusk cake, and flavored milk bottles (in seven different colors) were distributed to the

mothers and children. Fifteen members, including the current and past presidents, attended the camp. The expenses for the event were personally shared by the club members. The mothers provided positive feedback, acknowledging the significant role such camps play in the overall development of women. Club members expressed their appreciation for the hospital authorities' support in organizing the event and contributing to its success.

District Anantnag Wushu Championship concludes

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ANANTNAG, Aug 8: Three days District Anantnag Wushu Championship concluded. Approximately 650 students from different clubs and schools participated in the championship. The opening ceremony of the championship was held on 5th August whereas the closing ceremony of the championship was held on 7th August 2024. In the valedictory function, DySP Asif Mujtaba SDPO Bijbehara was

the chief Guest on the occasion, he distributed Prizes among winners and congratulated District Anantnag Wushu Association for organising the 03 days wonderful event and providing platform for the Wushu aspirants to prove their metal in the championship. He also lauded J&K Sports Council for raising Infrastructure across the J&K and to groom the sports at grass root level. Earlier, Ajaz Hassan the District Secretary presented the welcome address, in which

he briefed the guests and the wushu aspirants about the wushu development in the district, he appealed to all the parents to encourage their wards towards sports in order to make them mentally and physically fit. Manager Indoor of the J&K sports council was the guest of honour on the occasion. Pertinent to mention here that the women folk are inclined to sports now due to the scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Women League Championships.

GDC Thannamandi holds book exhibition on India's Freedom Movement

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THANNAMANDI, Aug 8: As part of the ongoing 15-day Independence Day celebrations, Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi organized a special book exhibition on India's Freedom Movement cum distribution of for best readers here today. The event was organized under the patronage of Dr. Mohd Farooq, Principal of College. The program was meticulously coordinated by Anuj Bali, Librarian of GDC Thannamandi, who welcomed the attendees and set the tone for the day's proceedings. The event aimed at promoting the significance of reading and acknowledging the contributions of our freedom fighters, was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members. Dr. Mohd Farooq, emphasized the significance of such exhibitions in nurturing a culture of

reading among students. He lauded the efforts of the library in organizing the event and encouraged students to engage with books, especially those that shed light on the rich history and heritage of India. Dr. Nazam ul Islam, Head of the Department (HOD) of Islamic Studies delivered an insightful lecture on the importance of books. This was followed by a compelling address by Dr. Nazakat Hussain, HOD of History, who highlighted the crucial role of book reading in understanding the sacrifices and contributions of our freedom fighters. To motivate more students and inculcate love for reading and to explore the wealth of knowledge available in the college library, an annual best reader award instituted to recognize active participation of students in the library in which Tayaab Ahmed Dar of B.A 6th, Reeba Choudhary of B.A 4th and Amreen Qureshi of B.Sc 2nd Semester

received best readers award for the academic session 2023-24. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ashaq Malik, HOD of Botany, who expressed gratitude to the Principal, faculty, and students for their support and participation. A large number of students and faculty members participated in the event. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Naseem Ahmed, Rakesh Puri, Physical Director, Dr. Sheraz Ahmed, Dr. Asif Lone, Dr. Gulshan Rashid, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr. Goher Iqbal, Prof Romy Dar, Dr. Nagina Kouser, Prof Rizwana Kouser, Prof Supriya Gupta, and library staff - Rayees Ahmed, Ahsan Ahmed, Sugra Jabeen, Ajaz Ahmed whose presence added to the gravitas of the occasion and underscored the college's commitment to fostering a reading culture.

KDP Wing of DPAP demands Jal Shakti Department take over water supply scheme of Jagti

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JAMMU, Aug 8: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), represented by President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, and Youth President Naveen Gosien, has issued a joint statement demanding that the Jal Shakti Department take over the water supply scheme of the Jagti Migrant Camp. They expressed dismay over the department's non-compliance with Government Order NO.381 of 2021, dated April 21, 2021, which has resulted in private contractors providing irregular and unhygienic water to over 25,000 camp residents and incurring substantial monthly costs to the government. The leaders emphasized the need for the Jal Shakti Department to assume control of the water supply scheme to ensure regular and clean water for the camp residents and to eliminate financial losses caused by the private contractors. They also highlighted the requirement for urgent renovation and repairs to the camp's buildings, inner lanes, by-lanes, main roads, and the road from Jagti Camp to Kandoli Nagrota, which have deteriorated due to lack of maintenance. Additionally, the leaders called for the replacement and installation of street lights in various camp locations and the deployment of 15 armed personnel to enhance security, control drug issues, and implement previously sanctioned CCTVs. They also urged an inspection of the camp's drainage and sanitation systems, which have been ineffective despite significant monthly expenditures, and the proper upkeep of the camp parks. Finally, the leaders appealed to the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner to conduct a joint inspection of Jagti Camp and TRT Nagrota with all concerned agencies to address and mitigate the issues faced by the camp residents.

Mega Job fair held at NIELIT Srinagar

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Aug 8: NIELIT Srinagar organized a mega job fair aimed at bridging the gap between job seekers and leading employers in various industries. The event was held at the NIELIT Srinagar campus on Thursday. The event witnessed registrations of more than 800+ job seekers and proved to be an invaluable platform for both candidates and companies. The job fair organized by NIELIT Srinagar had a participation of 17 companies from various trades offering job roles related to Information Technology. The job fair was inaugurated at NIELIT Srinagar by Shri Nisar Ahmad Wani, Director Employment, UT of J&K. Ashaq Hussain Dar, Director-in-Charge NIELIT J&K welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries. He also highlighted that NIELIT is committed towards



empowering the youth and facilitating their journey towards a fulfilling career. While highlighting the challenges faced by job seekers in today's competitive world, he added that this event aims to provide a diverse range of opportunities for the youth gathered here. Nisar Ahmad Wani, Director Employment, UT of J&K, while addressing the gathering highlighted that events like the job fair hosted

by NIELIT Srinagar play a crucial role in empowering our youth. They provide a platform for skill development, networking, and access to employment opportunities. Such initiatives contribute significantly to the region's socio-economic growth. Ajaz Ahmad Kumar, Placement officer and Fayaz Ahmad Malik, PTO felicitated the employers with letter of appreciation and mementos concluding the day long event.

NSS Unit of GDC Marheen organizes plantation drive



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KATHUA, Aug 8: Under the banner of Swachhata Pakhwada, the NSS Unit GDC Marheen carried out a plantation drive in the New College site. The drive was conducted under the supervision of Prof (Dr) Anupama Gupta, Principal of the

college. While speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college raised awareness among the students and highlighted the purpose of plantation drive that it combats many environmental problems like global warming, soil erosion, pollution, as well as enhancing the beauty

and balance of the environment. The event was organized under the supervision of Dr. Arun Dev Singh (NSS, PO) and Dr. Shallu Rani of GDC Marheen. A large number of Volunteers participated in the event. Neeraj, Yash Pal, Bishan Dass also joined the drive.

AHD Ramban establishes Dairy Automatic Milk Collection Units

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RAMBAN, Aug 8: The Animal Husbandry Department Ramban, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, has installed two state-of-the-art Dairy Automatic Milk Collection Units (AMCU) in Kunfer Chanderkote, each with a 500-liter capacity. This initiative, part of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) 2024-25, aims to enhance milk productivity and profitability while promoting sustainable livestock management. Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Suhail Kawoosa highlighted that these AMCUs, a first in the district, streamline milk collection by automating quality testing, weighing, and payment processing, ensuring

transparency and efficiency. The project supports two Self-Help Groups (SHGs), YA ALLAH SHG and Dukson SHG, registered under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), to empower local communities and foster sustainable dairy production. Comprising ten members each, these SHGs are registered under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). Through this collaboration, the Department aims to empower local communities while fostering sustainable dairy production. Meanwhile, the Beneficiaries and locals hailed the efforts of the Animal Husbandry Department and said that the introduction of AMCU units will ensure quality control besides generating more job opportunities.

CS led UTLSC accords admin approval to WSS worth Rs 312.89 Cr for towns of J&K

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Aug 8: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday held UT Level Steering Committee (UTLSC) Meeting of AMRUT 2.0 called to consider giving administrative approval to 47 Water Supply Schemes (WSS) for major towns of J&K. Those who were present includes ACS, Jal Shakti Department; Principal Secretary, PDD; Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Secretary, RDD; DG, Codes; Chief Engineer, besides other concerned officers of the Department. The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to go for tendering process for all these projects forthwith. He made out that all these tenders should be floated by 15th of August without any fail as these projects are reviewed too in the regular PRAGATI meetings chaired by the Prime Minister himself. Dulloo also enjoined upon the concerned to

take necessary approvals from finance department before moving the pending proposals in the upcoming Administrative Council for its concurrence to the projects costing above ₹ 20 Cr to advertise the relevant tender documents by 20th of the month. He also asked them to fix a timeframe for each of these projects so that these are constantly monitored by the concerned authorities for their timely completion. The Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur gave out details of the projects sanctioned under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 for J&K. She revealed that these projects are aimed at making cities 'water secure' and providing functional water tap connections to all households in all statutory towns. She gave out that 49 projects sanctioned under AMRUT 2.0 amounting to Rs. 330.54 Cr against the approved allocation cost

of Rs. 312.89 Cr for various cities/ULBs. It was further given out that 47 DPRs are accordingly, submitted to the UTLSC for the Accord of the Administrative Approval with two of them to be put before UTLSC after the approval of Administrative Council. The UTLSC also approved the plan of the Department amounting Rs 35 Cr as expenses for engagement of PMU for the scheme period to monitor and ensure smooth implementation of this prestigious scheme on ground. The towns for which these WSS had been approved by Gol includes Srinagar, Jammu, Budgam, Kulgam, Baderwah, Batote, RS Pura, Akhnoor, Chenani, Hiranagar, Kathua, Lakhnapur, Vijaypur, Reasi, Baramulla, Beerwah, Magam, Pattan, Devsar, Uri, Awantipora, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Sopore and many other smaller towns in both the divisions of the UT.

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Several political parties meet ECI, demand early Assembly elections in J&K

turnout will come on record so that people of Jammu and Kashmir will form their own elected government. "We are hopeful the election dates will be announced soon and people of J&K will be given a chance to decide their future," he said. BJP chief spokesperson Sunil Sethi said our party always advocated early assembly polls in the region and for that BJP is fully prepared on ground. "We want that Assembly elections should be held at the earliest. BJP is fully prepared

for the elections. However we have certain concerns regarding security and phasing of the elections," Sethi said. Notably Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday morning arrived on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir during which it will hold discussion with political parties, police & civil administration and other stakeholders to get latest feedback about the conduct of Assembly elections in the region. **No permission required for participating in Aug 15 celebrations in Srinagar: Div Com Bidhuri** safety and integrity of the nation.

Fresh batch of over 500 pilgrims leaves Jammu for Amarnath Yatra

commenced on June 29 and is scheduled to conclude on August 19. **Duo from Punjab posing as fake police officers, held in Sgr** have launched an investigation while a case has also been registered in this regard. **Senior Cop resigns to**

contest JK assembly Polls

recognizing his potential to strengthen their position in the upcoming assembly elections. In political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, more such developments are anticipated in the coming weeks. **One at home, two others at hospital: woman gives birth to triplets in Tangmarg** discharged," he said. Although babies are in good health, one

of them is said to be of less weight and is kept in an incubator for preventive reasons, Dr. Zahoor told Greater Kashmir. He said that the presence of senior staff including doctors and staff sisters made the environment like a tertiary care, hence, making the procedure healthy and positive. Regarding the method of delivery, Dr. Zahoor said that the women should prefer and make up their mind to deliver through the normal procedure and only opt for the caesarean when emergency demands it. The government, he said, is also focusing and promoting the natural way of birth. He said, the women folk today are afraid of labour pain and choose the otherwise method, however, he said that although they might not feel the labour pain due to C-section, but it has its negative repercussions in the long term for both baby and the mother.

Rekha urges party cadre to prepare for upcoming assembly elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Accelerate the party activities in the midst of the general populace Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan addressed a meeting of party cadres in Bahu assembly office of Jammu South. She emphasized the need to accelerate activities at the grassroots level. Rekha Mahajan also urged the cadres to prepare for the upcoming



assembly elections in the Union Territory of J&K. Rekha Mahajan, while addressing the gathering, stressed the importance of strengthening

the party's base at the local level. She asked the cadres to engage with the public, listen to their concerns, and work towards addressing their griev-

ances. She also highlighted the significance of the upcoming Assembly elections, stating that it presents an opportunity for the BJP to further its agenda of development and prosperity in J&K. Mahajan emphasized the need for the party cadres to be prepared and work tirelessly to ensure a decisive victory.

Rekha asked the party workers to disseminate information about Modi Government's flagship schemes among the

common masses so that doubts if any can be warded off timely leaving no scope for the opposition parties to take undue benefits by swaying people by misleading them. The meeting was attended by Ex Councilors various party workers, who assured BJP leader Rekha Mahajan of their commitment to intensifying grassroots activities and working towards a successful upcoming election campaign in Jammu South.

We are expecting visiting ECI team to announce assembly elections in J&K: Bukhari

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Aug 8: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said on Thursday that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are eagerly awaiting their right to elect their own representatives through the democratic process. He added that everyone is expecting an announcement regarding assembly elections by the Election Commission of India (ECI), which is currently on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking to the media persons in Bandipora, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said that Jammu and Kashmir people are eagerly waiting for the elections. He said, "For the past 10 years, the people of J&K have been awaiting their right to elect their representa-

tives. We expect that the ECI team, which is currently visiting J&K, will make an announcement regarding the holding of assembly elections."

Replying to a question regarding the quitting of a party leader and some workers from Bandipora, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "We wish them good luck. People joining or leaving political parties is not unusual. I believe that all of us essentially want to serve the people. There is nothing wrong if someone with the same purpose changes their platform."

The Apni Party president made these statements today after he, along with his senior party colleagues, paid obeisance at the dargah of Syed Ghulam Rasool Shah, widely known as Nanga Bai Sahib, in the Malangam area of north

Kashmir's Bandipora. Pertinently, the annual Urs days at the dargah are currently ongoing, and devotees are thronging the revered place these days.

Besides Bukhari the prominent party leaders who paid their obeisance at Nanga Bai Sahib's revered dargah, included party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, General Secretary Rafi Ahmad Mir, Chief Spokesperson Muntazir Mohiuddin, Senior Leader and former Legislator Yawar Dilawar Mir, District President Kupwara Raja Manzoor, District President Bandipora Shafat Kazmi, party incharge for the Sonawari Constituency Imtiyaz Parray, Senior Leader Noor Mohammad Bhat, and party's Provincial Secretary, Najeeb Naqvi.

Drug abuse awareness program held by NILM



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: The National Incredible Literacy Mission (NILM) J&K in collaboration of Directorate of School Education Jammu, hosted a drug abuse awareness program at Coventry scholars Senior Secondary School Chinore.

The event aimed to educate students on the dangers of drug addiction. NILM Secretary Kavita Bali gave a detailed lecture over harmful effects of drug abuse and emphasized the need for awareness and prevention.

Principal Dr. Asha Dhar

gave a detailed lecture over the drug abuse.

She said that drug abuse are like curse for young students who get involved in it.

She added that every individual has to remain vigilant over this sensitive issue.

School staff including Anjali Vice Principal, Salochana, Girja Sr. Teacher and Neha coordinator actively participated in the programme.

NILM staff including Rakeshwar Singh, Sheetal Devi & Pooja Sahu hosted the programme along with staff of Coventry Scholars School Chinore.

Five-member team of MAJK leaves from Leh for expedition to U T Kangri peak

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Five-member team of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) led by Sumit Khauria left Leh on Thursday for Rumsay village for undertaking a Mountaineering expedition to U T Kangri peak (6070m).

The team was flagged off from Leh by Stanzin Rabgais, Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Leh.

Interacting with the mountaineers Stanzin Rabgais assured them all possible help for the success of the expedition.

Earlier the small 5-member team which besides the leader includes Shashi Kant Sharma, Sourav Deep



Singh, Mallikarun Singh and Sonam Sidharth was flagged off from Jammu jointly by former Home Secretary of India Anil Goswami and former MLA Ashwani Sharma on 1st August, 2024.

But due to inclement weather the team had a prolonged stay at Leh which however, helped the team to have proper acclimatization before the expedition.

Being fully fit and in high spirits the team has planned to reach the base camp at 5320m today only and scale the peak in the next 2-3 days.

Meanwhile, members of mountaineering Association of J&K led by its President Zorawar Singh Jammal and General Secretary Shwetika Khajuria have sent best wishes to the team for a safe and successful expedition.

ACB conducts special awareness programmes across UT of J&K in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau has launched an array of special awareness programs throughout the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024. These initiatives aim to heighten vigilance consciousness among the populace.

As part of this initiative, ACB Doda organized an event at Government Boys Higher secondary school, Bhaderwah. The event was graced by the officers from various departments, students and staff of the School. ACB representatives delivered insightful speeches addressing the pernicious effects of corruption on society and the measures to counter and eliminate it. They provided a comprehensive presentation detailing the nature and adverse impacts of corruption, and elucidated the operational mechanisms of the ACB. They also informed the audience on how to lodge complaints with the ACB and emphasized the pivotal role of public partici-

pation in the fight against corruption.

ACB Rajouri organized awareness programs at Higher Secondary School, Manjakote and District Police Lines Rajouri. During these programs the officers from ACB delivered lectures on Zero tolerance for corruption. The participants at both the places hailed the efforts of Anti-Corruption Bureau in organizing the seminar and hoped that the initiative will go a long way in creating awareness against corruption among people.

ACB Jammu organized awareness programs at SKUAST, Jammu and at Central University Jammu. The programs were attended by students, faculty members and other staff members of the universities. The speakers of ACB delivered lectures as how they can help in the eradication of corruption. They demonstrated the accessibility of Anti-Corruption Bureau through Toll Free numbers, WhatsApp, email & applications like Satark Nagrik. ACB Central organized an awareness program at GCET Jammu. ACB Udhampur

also organized awareness program at ACR office Udhampur.

ACB Srinagar conducted seminars on freedom from corruptions at DC Office Budgam, DC office Ganderbal, Block/ Tehsildar Office Lar, Ganderbal, Govt. Higher Secondary School Lar, Central University, Ganderbal and Govt. Degree College Ganderbal focussing on raising awareness and discussing strategies to combat corruption. On the occasion, the speakers from ACB provided valuable insights into the current state of corruption and emphasized the crucial role of citizens in promoting transparency and accountability. Gurmeet Singh, AIG, ACB Headquarters conducted awareness program at DC Office Ganderbal.

ACB Baramulla organized awareness programs at District Headquarters Kupwara, Bandipora and Baramulla. The officers of ACB said that every person is a vigilance officer and should keep his eyes and ears open and report one and all instances of corruption which comes to their notice.

GDC Boys Kathua conducts essay writing competition



Top News Report

KATHUA, Aug 8: As the part of ongoing celebrations of 78th Independence Day, NSS and NCC Units of GDC (Boys) Kathua organized an Intra College Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Freedom Struggler and 78th Independence Day" on Thursday.

The event was held under the guidance of worthy Principal Prof. Seema Mir.

Eleven participants participated in this Essay writing competition under the supervision of NSS Program officers of the college.

The students were evaluated based on ideation and writing skills in relevance to the given theme title. The judgement was done by the panel of the three judges namely Dr. Yash Pal Sharma, HOD Urdu, Dr. Isha Verma, Department of Hindi and Prof. Rakhi

Malhotra, Department of English of GDC Kathua.

Sania Billowria, a 3rd semester student bagged 1st position, Nikita Sharma, 5th semester student bagged 2nd position and Palak, 3rd Semester student bagged 3rd position with a marginal scores differences.

In the end, Dr. Pinkey, NSS Program Officer presented vote of thanks and appreciated the enthusiasm of the students during the event.

Lecture on "Nasha Mukht Bharat" held in GGM Science College Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: In line with its commitment to promoting social responsibility and national well-being, GGM Science College organized an awareness lecture on the theme "Nasha Mukht Bharat."

This event was held as part of the college's activities under the 'Swachhata Pakhwada' initiative and in celebration of Independence Day. The lecture aimed to educate students about the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of building a drug-free society.

The awareness lecture was the focal point of the lecture, delivered by Dr. Asha Sharma, an expert in substance abuse prevention.

The speaker highlighted the severe consequences of drug addiction, including its impact on physical and mental health, families, and society at large.

The lecture provided valuable insights into the steps that individuals and communities can take to combat this growing menace and emphasized the critical role that youth play in the fight against

drug abuse. Dr. Supriya Thakur also highlighted the importance of balance diet as a part of healthy lifestyle.

The lecture underscored how proper nutrition can support physical well being which is essential in preventing substance abuse and aiding in recovery. Cadet Aman-deep Singh(2nd J&K Bn) also shared his views on effectiveness of today's function.

The event was graced by the presence of the esteemed Principal of GGM Science College, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, who emphasized the importance of educational initiatives in raising awareness about drug addiction.

He encouraged students to actively participate in such programs, highlighting the need for collective efforts in creating a healthier and drug-free nation.

In addition to the awareness lecture, the event also featured a cleanliness drive, symbolizing the need to cleanse society of the evils of drug addiction. This activity underscored the holistic approach of GGM Sci-

ence College towards social well-being, integrating both mental and physical aspects of community health.

The event was meticulously organized by the college's dedicated faculty members, Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma and Dr. Shafia, Associate NCC Officers (ANOs), Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, NSS Programme Officers (POs), Dr Harmeet Kour, Convener Eco-Club played pivotal roles in ensuring the success of the event. The dignitaries present in the function were Dr. Tarsem (Associate Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Lekh Raj, Dr. Sumiksha Thakur, Dr. Kiran bala Dr. Arti Sharma, Dr. Nisha Slathia, Prof. Bal Krishnan, Dr. Sheetu Raina, Dr. Rohit Bhardwaj Dr. Jyotdeep, and Dr Reetika Rani.

The proceedings of lecture were carried by Ms. Aakriti Sharma and Ayoub Jan.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to success of the event.

Campus Art League III organized at Jodhamal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: In order to promote creativity, spontaneous thinking, out-of-the-box ideas, and Art Education, Jodhamal School organized Campus Art League the 3rd edition which was open to all Jodhamal Students who have interest in Art, Painting or Craft Work.

More than 600 students became part of this artistic extravaganza and showcased their creativity in different genres of art, painting, clay moulding, pot paintings, tyre paintings, umbrella art, paper craft, papier-mâché etc.

Jodhamal School promotes integration of Art in the routine curriculum as per the recommendations by NEP 2020 and CBSE. The purpose of

Art Integration in education is to ensure that students create interest in all subjects, particularly the subjects known for their dry nature.

Through Art Integration, students having interest in Art-related subjects also find difficult subjects fascinating, thereby creating desire for learning.

It also provides multiple ways for students to construct understanding and make their learning visible by demonstrating their understanding through Art.

The purpose of the activity was to provide a platform to our children to unleash their creativity by expressing and manifesting their latent talents.

The paintings, craft work, objets d'art, artwork and other artefacts created in the Campus Art League will be dis-

played in the upcoming School Exhibitions.

The teachers from Art and Craft and Painting Departments who mentored students for this Event were Nivedita, Shveta Manga, Amanpreet Kour, Hemu Jaggi and Sonika Chalotra.

The entire event was spearheaded by the Co-Curricular Activities Department of the School under the guidance of Mubeen Butt and Deepali Puri.

Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal, and Amita Arora, Vice Principal of the School congratulated the students on their involvement in the Campus Art League and complimented them for their creativity. Overall, it was a resounding success.

“We’ll try talking to her about 2028 Olympics”: Uncle Mahavir Phogat after Vinesh’s retirement

Vinesh Phogat announced her retirement on Thursday morning, saying she her courage was broken and that she did not have any more strength, following a heart-breaking disqualification from Paris Olympics 2024.

NEW DELHI, Aug 8 (Agencies): Following his niece Vinesh Phogat’s retirement from wrestling, Indian wrestling legend Mahavir Phogat said that it was natural to arrive at this decision after her disqualification from the Paris Olympics, and also said that once she is back home, the family will try to convince her to compete in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Phogat on Thursday announced her retirement from wrestling following her disqualification in the 50 kg freestyle wrestling final at the Paris Olympics.

Speaking to agency, Mahavir, Vinesh’s uncle, said, “She was going to bring the Olympic gold this time but got disqualified. It is natural to feel hurt after such a setback and hence she arrived at this decision. Once she is back home, we will try talking to her about competing in the 2028 Olympics.”

Also, Mahavir lauded the Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini’s decision to welcome back Vinesh home with all the “respect, facilities and rewards given to Olympic silver medalists”, saying that such a move will encourage other girls as well.

“It is a good initiative by the CM. He has accepted the fact that she has got the silver medal. It is a good step and I support this. I thank the Haryana



government, it will encourage other athletes if such things ever happen to them.”

Haryana CM Nayab Saini on Thursday said that Phogat will be welcomed and felicitated like an Olympic medal winner and all respect, rewards and facilities that the state government gives to Olympic silver medalists “will be gratefully given to Phogat as well.”

Taking to social media platform X, the Haryana Chief Minister wrote, “Our brave daughter of Haryana, Vinesh Phogat, performed brilliantly and entered the finals of the Olympics. Due to some reasons, she may not have been able to play the final of the Olympics but she is a champion for all of us.”

Mahavir also said that he would not quit coaching till he is alive and also urged the parents and other people close to other Olympics 2024 qualified women wrestlers, Anshu, Antim Panghal, Reetika Hooda and Nisha

Dahiya to prepare them for the 2028 Olympics.

Vinesh had advanced to the gold medal bout by defeating Cuba’s Yusneylis Guzman Lopez 5-0 in the semi-finals on Tuesday night.

She was set to compete against the United States’ Sarah Ann Hildebrandt for the gold medal but was disqualified on Wednesday for breaching the weight limit.

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha expressed her shock and disappointment over Phogat’s disqualification. She confirmed that while Phogat is physically and medically fine, she is disappointed. Usha noted that the support staff is actively working to help Phogat manage her weight.

“After hearing the news that Vinesh Phogat is disqualified, I am shocked and disappointed. I had come here to meet Vinesh; she is physically and medically okay. Mentally, she is disap-

pointed. Our support staff is with her, trying their best to help her reduce weight,” PT Usha said.

Earlier, Dinshaw Pardiwala, Chief Medical Officer of the Indian Olympic contingent, revealed that Phogat exceeded the weight limit by 2.7 kg after her semi-final bout. He added that efforts were made to reduce her weight by restricting her food and water intake.

Phogat also appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) following her disqualification on Wednesday.

According to an IOA source, Phogat has requested the CAS to award her the silver medal. The verdict is expected on Thursday morning.

“Vinesh Phogat has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against her disqualification, asking for the silver medal. CAS will give its verdict tomorrow morning,” the source had told agency.

In a fine career, Vinesh secured two World Championships bronze medals (2019 and 2022), an Asian Games gold (2018) and bronze (2014) and three Commonwealth Games gold medals (2014, 2018, 2022). She was also a gold medalist in the Asian Championships at 2021 and has won silver and bronze at the continental level too.

India may pick different personnel for slow and turning tracks in future: Rohit Sharma



COLOMBO, Aug 8 (Agencies): India may adopt a ‘horses-for-courses’ policy after failing to counter the spin-friendly conditions here which led to their first series defeat to Sri Lanka in ODI cricket in 27 years.

A spirited Sri Lanka used conditions to their advantage as their spinners bamboozled the Indian batters on slow and turning pitches to register a 2-0 win in the three-ODI series following a 110-run loss in the final game.

“I don’t see there is a lack of effort in how we want to try and play different shots. You saw some of these guys played reverse sweep, paddle and all that — that is not the nature of their batsmanship,” Rohit told the media after his team were shot out for 138 in pursuit of 249 in the third ODI here.

“We have to be very clear with how we want to play and how to keep that momentum towards us, when you play out pitches like this. We fell short now, thrice I would say, even (in) that (first) game that was tied.

“We have to let the players know that this is what we want and if we have to be a little different in terms of choos-

ing the personnel, we have to do that, unfortunately. We will try and see how we can be a good team in all kinds of conditions,” the Indian skipper said.

Rohit said Indian batters were not “brave enough consistently” and didn’t have individual plans in place for dealing with the spin challenge.

“When I say brave, it doesn’t mean that the guys were not brave enough. You got to be brave enough consistently. You got to be brave enough on slightly challenging pitches where you are trying to take on the bowlers, trying to play different shots. Again, it all comes down to individual plans,” he said.

“Everyone needs to understand that this is my plan and this is how I am going to play. If that pitch suits your plan, good enough. Try and take them on. If it doesn’t, then what are the options? Come down the track, push for a single and all that kind of things. The basics of batsmanship on slow pitches...”

Talking about Sri Lanka batters, Rohit said: “They were very consistent with their sweeps. They were taking their chances of playing that sweep shot. Not a lot of runs were scored down the ground.”

“They didn’t use their feet as much as we were expecting them to do. It was basically sweeping the ball and piercing that deep square leg and deep mid-wicket fielder and that is something we failed to do as a batting unit,” he added.

Rohit said self-belief in Indian batters was perhaps missing even though they have played on such wickets since their early days.

“All of us have actually grown up playing on slow pitches. We have not grown up playing on pitches which have bounce. Pitches have turned and have been slow,” he said.

In embarrassment for India, wrestler Antim Panghal, team to be deported from Paris Olympics for disciplinary breach

PARIS, Aug 8 (Agencies): In a major embarrassment for the country, Antim Panghal and her entire entourage is being deported from Paris for a major disciplinary breach where the young wrestler handed her official accreditation card to her sister who was caught by security while leaving the Games Village.

Panghal had crashed out of the Paris Olympics after losing her opening bout in the women’s 53kg during the day.

“The Indian Olympic Association has decided to fly wrestler Antim and her support staff back after a disciplinary breach was brought to IOA’s notice by the French authorities,” an IOA statement said.

While IOA did not share what the disciplinary breach was, a source shared the details with agency.



“Instead of heading to the Games Village, she reached the hotel where her coach Bhagat Singh and sparring partner Vikas, who is actually her coach, were staying. Antim asked her sister to go to the Games Village and come back with her belongings. Her sister was caught for impersonation and was taken to a police station to record her statement,” said the source.

The 19-year-old U20 world champion Antim was also called by police to record her

statement. If that was not enough, Antim’s personal support staff -- Vikas and Bhagat -- travelled in an inebriated state in a taxi and refused to pay the driver, who then called police.

“We have left to fight fire,” fumed an IOA official.

When contacted, Vikas flatly refused their involvement in such an incident.

“Who told you this? Antim and her sister are sitting right before me,” said Vikas.

‘Oh my gosh...’: Sarah Hildebrandt’s 1st reaction on Vinesh Phogat’s disqualification

PARIS, Aug 8 (Agencies): American wrestler Sarah Ann Hildebrandt, who won the Olympics 50kg gold medal bout from which Vinesh Phogat was disqualified for being overweight, says she was prepared for chaos on the morning of the summit clash but not the kind that unfolded around the Indian.

Vinesh was disqualified and replaced by Cuban Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in the Olympic finals. The 29-year-old Indian had defeated Lopez in the semifinal and was set to face Hildebrandt for the gold but was found 100gm overweight during the weigh-in on



Wednesday morning. “I prepared for chaos, but that was not on my bingo card of chaos,” said Hildebrandt, who defeated Lopez in the final to claim the coveted gold.

The 30-year-old Hildebrandt, who won a bronze in the Tokyo Games, said she did not spot Vinesh at the

time of weigh-in and for a while, thought that the Indian had forfeited.

“(Vinesh) wasn’t at weigh-ins, so I was in my head like, ‘Oh my gosh, this might be a possibility.’ Then, we get the news that she didn’t make weight, and we were under the impression that it was a forfeit. So, there was a

lot of celebrating,” she recalled after the final.

“It was very strange, like ‘Oh my god, I just won the Olympics.’ Then an hour later, they were like, ‘You did not win the Olympics.’ I’m like, ‘Oh, this is very weird.’ So there had to be a reset. I took a nap, woke up, and it was like a fever dream.”

Vinesh, who had dropped to 50kg category early this year to stay in the hunt for an Olympic spot, took desperate measures to make the cut for the bout, including going hungry, avoiding fluids and staying up all night to sweat it out.

But it was not to be as she still fell short of the mark and eventually

ended up so dehydrated that she had to be put on IV fluids at a polyclinic in the Games Village.

Hildebrandt too had dropped from 55kg to 50kg but she took that decision two years ago.

“The weight cut has taken a lot of deliberate education and discipline,” she said.

“I actually started the weight cut for these Games back at the end of 2022. I was like, ‘Everything I do, from here on out, is going to feed into (Paris) 2024. So, it’s going to be uncomfortable in 2023.’

“I’m so happy to say that I’ve had the smoothest cut of my life for Paris 2024. It paid off.”

Soufiane El Bakkali retains Olympics steeplechase gold, world record-holder Lamecha Girma suffers fall

PARIS, Aug 8 (Agencies): Morocco’s Soufiane El Bakkali retained his Olympic 3000m steeplechase title to become just the third Arab to win double gold as world record holder Lamecha Girma suffered a worrying fall, at Paris Olympics 2024. El Bakkali timed 8min 06.05sec for victory with American Kenneth Rooks taking silver in 8:06.41 and Kenya’s Abraham Kibiwot claiming bronze (8:06.47). Ethiopia’s Girma was left prone on the track after falling at a hurdle before being eventually stretchered off.

Girma was taken to hospital, according to a source at the Ethiopian athletics federation, but was not undergoing surgery.

El Bakkali became the second man to successfully defend his Olympic steeplechase title after Volmari Iso-Hollo of Finland last achieved the feat at the 1936 Berlin Games, but said the year had “not been easy”.

“I was suffering from an injury and I was able to overcome it,” said El Bakkali, who was able to break Ethiopian team tactics with the help of his own team-



mate Mohamed Tindouft.

“The race was not easy. There was an Ethiopian plan, and thank God my compatriot Tindouft helped me. I asked him during the race to do anything to help me, so he pushed himself towards the front and raised the pace to break the Ethiopian block.”

El Bakkali admitted that his injury problems had even left him thinking he might not participate in Paris.

“Forgive me, I now understand what I did,” he said, in tears after

the race.

“I entered history with this second consecutive Olympic title, and I owe it to the Moroccan fans who did not stop supporting me with their messages that I was unable to respond to, and to the current and former champions.”

The 28-year-old El Bakkali arrived at the Olympics with a target on his back, having won the last three global championships.

After first triumphing at the Covid-delayed Tokyo Olympics

in 2021, when he became the first non-Kenyan runner to win the Olympic steeplechase title since 1980, he confirmed his status with back-to-back victories in world championships in Eugene and Budapest.

His second Olympic gold in the French capital leaves him in rare company among Arab athletes to have doubled up at the Summer Games.

Only his Moroccan compatriot Hicham El Guerrouj, who won 1500m and 5,000m gold in Athens 2004, and Tunisian swimmer Oussama Mellouli (1500m freestyle in Beijing 2008 and 10km marathon in London 2012) have achieved the feat.

While El Bakkali sped away for victory, there was concern for Girma, the world record holder who fell badly on the third-last barrier.

Girma clipped the hurdle with his knee and plunged head first into the track. He was left prone and motionless, before receiving medical treatment.

He eventually left the track on a stretcher with his neck secured by a brace.

Vinesh Phogat to be felicitated like a medallist, says Haryana CM Saini

CHANDIGARH, Aug 8 (Agencies): The Haryana government will felicitate wrestler Vinesh Phogat -- who was disqualified from the Olympics for being overweight ahead of her gold medal bout in the 50 kg category -- like a medallist, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said on Thursday.

She will be offered the same reward that the state government offers to Olympic Games silver medallists, the chief minister added.

Phogat on Thursday bid adieu to her international wrestling career, saying she did not have the strength to continue.

Announcing her decision to retire on social media, the 29-year-old -- disqualified after being found 100 gm overweight ahead of Wednesday’s gold medal bout -- sought forgiveness from everyone who supported her.

Saini said in a post on X, “Our brave

daughter of Haryana, Vinesh Phogat, performed brilliantly and entered the final of the Olympics. She might not have been able to compete in the final due to some reason but she is a champion for all of us.”

“Our government has decided that Vinesh Phogat will be welcomed and felicitated like a medallist.

All the respect, reward and facilities that the Haryana government offers an Olympic silver medallist will be offered to Vinesh Phogat as well,” he said in Hindi.

According to its sports policy, the Haryana government offers Rs 6 crore to gold medallists in the Olympic Games, Rs 4 crore to silver medallists and Rs 2.5 crore to bronze medal winners.

Phogat had scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman grappler to reach the gold medal bout in the 50 kg event.

All party protests in Kathua for restoration of rights

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KATHUA, Aug 8: The time has come that the people should come out on the streets to save the status of the state, democratic rights, the power of their voting rights and the identity of Jammu and Kashmir, this appeal was made during the all party Dharna-demonstration organized in Kathua today.

Under the banner of All Party United Front, leaders and workers of almost all opposition parties including Congress, NC, Shiv Sena (UBT), PDP, S Akali Dal, AAP, CPI (ML), CPI, AIPA, HRS and others held a strong Dharna-demonstration today at Shaheed Chowk in district Kathua, which is called the gateway of Jammu and Kashmir, demand-



ing return of full statehood, stopping violation of democratic rights and giving special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, APUM Convenor Manish Sahni (State President, Shiv Sena (UBT) and ID Khajuria in their joint address said that the

people of Jammu and Kashmir, which is called the crown of the country, have been cheated. Despite the long gap of five years, we have not been given back the status of the state. By amending the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, the LG's jurisdic-

tion has been increased, the voting power of the people has been hollowed out, development, employment have proved to be hollow.

At the same time, Narendra Gupta (Gen Sect. Organizer Congress) raised the issue of power and water cuts

and irregularities in bills. Along with this, Sheikh Abdul Rehman (Former MP), Sunny Kant Chimb (HRC), Narendra Singh Khalsa (S Akali Dal), Subhash Mehta (CPML), Comrade Hariom (CPM), Chaudhary Balkar Singh, Advocate Sunil Gupta, Pankaj Gupta (District President Congress), Kishore Bakshi (NC), Kajal Thakur, Santosh Khajuria, Rohini Sharma, Chaudhary Balkar Singh, Pratap Singh expressed their views and vowed to continue the movement until Jammu and Kashmir, is restored to full statehood with special privileges. On this occasion, many leaders and workers of various parties including Sanjeev Kohli, Vikas Bakshi, Raj Singh, Mangu Ram, Rajesh Khajuria were present.

Need to promote Sanskrit to connect the young generation with culture: Munish Sharma

Munish, Rajinder, others flag off rally to promote Sanskrit



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: Under the Sanskrit month initiative, Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust organized a grand awareness rally in Gho Manhasan, Marh Assembly to promote the divine language Sanskrit and to advocate for drug de-addiction.

The rally aimed to convey the importance of staying away from drugs and the significance of Sanskrit to society.

The event commenced with tree planting and distribution. The chief guest for the rally was senior BJP leader Munish Sharma, with Rajinder Singh Chib as the distinguished guest and Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal as the Saraswat guest.

On this occasion, Munish Sharma emphasized that the divine language Sanskrit should not be confined merely to earning a living or

classroom studies but should be integrated into common people's daily lives, and this expansion is crucial.

To connect the young generation with culture, it is necessary to promote Sanskrit, and today, young Sanskrit enthusiast Mahant Rohit Shastri organized this awareness rally under the leadership of Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri to promote Sanskrit and make people aware of the evils of drugs.

Mahant Rohit Shastri and the trust members are to be congratulated for this noble endeavor.

Rajinder Chib mentioned that children had prepared several slogans for drug de-addiction and Sanskrit promotion, which they carried on placards throughout the Gho Manhasan market to raise awareness among the people.

Dil Bahadur Singh said that the divine lan-

guage Sanskrit is the most sacred and divine language of India and is the oldest proven language on earth, known for its clarity and beauty. Mahant Rohit Shastri is playing a significant role in advancing the Sanskrit language in the region.

Mahant Rohit Shastri said that the future belongs to Sanskrit, and it is essential to impart Sanskrit knowledge to children. Alongside promoting Sanskrit during the Sanskrit month, the trust is also working on drug de-addiction campaigns to raise awareness about the adverse effects of increasing drug use.

On this occasion, students from Government Higher Secondary School Gho Manhasan, the school principal, Uttam Chand Sharma, Jagdev Singh Chib, Balvinder Kour, Nirmal Kishore, Suresh Kumar and other trust members were present.

Ajay, Ashutosh, Sahil release devotional album "Chandi Maiya De Tappe"



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: SP South JKP Ajay Sharma and BJP leader Ashutosh Gupta released an album in a program organized by Maa Bawe Wali Records, whose Managing Director is Sahil Mahajan, the J&K Co-Convenor of the BJP Sanskriti Art & Culture Cell.

The event featured notable attendees such as Nirbhay Slathia, Rampaul, Amit Gupta, and Sonu Kumar.

The album, titled "Chandi Maiya De Tappe," includes songs sung by Vijay Malhotra, Komal Chib, and Nidhi Singh, with music com-

posed by V. Kaith. The video production was handled by Sonu Tenja, with special thanks to Gulab Singh Chib. The album was simultaneously released on YouTube by singer Vijay Malhotra. Sahil Mahajan praised the BJP Sanskriti Art & Culture Cell J&K for encouraging young talent, emphasizing the societal responsibility to support and nurture these artists for the benefit of Jammu & Kashmir.

Ajay Sharma lauded the young talent involved in creating the melodious devotional album and praised the production team, including Transport Cell Convenor Ashutosh

Gupta and Co-Convenor Sahil Mahajan, for their efforts. He highlighted the importance of fostering creativity among youth to preserve India's rich cultural heritage.

Ashutosh Gupta expressed his support for the young artists and reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to supporting emerging talent in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sahil Mahajan reiterated that the Cell is dedicated to supporting individuals committed to realizing the potential of the younger generation and is always available to provide necessary assistance.

NSS SMVDU donates notebooks to Govt School in Tareen village



Top News Report

KATRA, Aug 8: NSS SMVDU Katra volunteers organized a visit to Govt. Primary school in Tareen village under Panthal block.

NSS volunteers donated notebooks to all the school students. Through a little skit, volunteers used the occasion to teach the children about good eating habits. The event was organized as a part of the 7 day special camp of the NSS unit of

the University.

Fruits were also distributed to all the students by the volunteers for their better health. NSS student coordinator Sadhi Sharma coordinated the whole event.

NSS Programme coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar were also present during the event. School authorities thanked NSS team for their donation. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers.

GS Sports Club intensifies campaign against Chinese/Nylon Thread

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 8: GS Sports Club organized an impactful awareness programme aimed at promoting the campaign against the use of Chinese/Nylon Thread (Gattu) at Shiksha Niketan Hr Sec School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu. The event, presided over by President Atul Sudan alongside Principal Rameshwar Mengi, witnessed enthusiastic participation from the school community and esteemed guests.

The programme was graced by Chief Guest Kulbir Handa, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), who emphasized the importance of community awareness in safeguarding public safety and environmental health.

Rakesh Dubey, Administrator of Jammu Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. and Joint Registrar of Banking and Finance Cooperative Societies J&K, attended as the Guest of Honour.

Dubey highlighted the crucial role of local initiatives in fostering economic self-reliance and sustainability.

Special Guest RJ Chaitanya from Mirchi Plus



98.3 Jammu added a dynamic touch to the event, engaging the audience with his vibrant presence and encouraging active participation in the campaign.

During the event, four students from Shiksha Niketan Hr Sec School delivered insightful speeches on the dangers of using Chinese/Nylon threads and the benefits of opting for traditional, locally-made alternatives. Isha Bali and Dashmesh Singh of Class 8th, along with Madhavi Gupta and Manmeet Singh of Class 11th, eloquently presented their thoughts, underscoring the significance of informed choices in everyday life.

In his address, Atul Sudan passionately advocated for the use of traditional, Made in India

threads over Chinese products. He stressed the importance of supporting local economies and reducing dependence on foreign goods, particularly from countries that pose a strategic threat to India. Sudan's call to action, "Vocal for Local," resonated strongly with the audience, urging them to adopt indigenous products and contribute to the nation's economic empowerment.

The programme concluded with a pledge by all attendees to promote and use eco-friendly, locally-manufactured threads, thereby contributing to a safer environment and a stronger, self-reliant India.

Staff members Sudesh Rana, Sunita Sharma, Sudesh Kumar organised the event brilliantly.

GDC Udhampur organizes Exhibition of Posters and Slogans on Freedom Struggle

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 8: GDC Udhampur hosted an inspiring exhibition of posters and slogans created on the 77th Independence Day. The posters on display reflected this year's theme, "Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle."

Each piece of art vividly portrayed the struggles, sacrifices, and achievements of the nation, while also envisioning a bright and united future for India.

The event, held on Thursday, showcased the creativity and patriotism of students who captured the essence of India's freedom and unity through their artistic expressions.

Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr) Sanjay Verma commended the participants for their remarkable talent and deep understanding of the nation's values.

The event drew students, faculty, and community members, all eager to witness the artistic interpretations of India's journey towards independence.

In his address, the principal also emphasized the importance of such competitions in fostering national pride among the

youth.

He remarked, "These young artists have beautifully captured the spirit of Independence Day. Their work not only celebrates our past but also inspires hope and unity for the future."

Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Prof Sanjeet Singh were also present during the event.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by ANO NCC Prof Vijay Kumar, who expressed gratitude to the participants, faculty, and everyone who contributed to the success of the event. The exhibition was not just a display of talent but a profound reminder of the values that Independence Day represents.

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