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#### BRIEFLY

#### LG Ladakh appoints new competent authority under BUDS Act

LEH, Aug 9 (Agencies): The Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Ladakh has appointed Laltinkhuma Franklin, Commissioner Secretary to the Government, UT of Ladakh, as the new competent authority under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes (BUDS) Act 2019. This appointment updates previous regulations and designates Franklin to oversee the

#### Suspected IED found, defused in Kulgam

implementation of the Act's functions.

SRINAGAR, Aug 9 (Agencies): A suspected object believed to be an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was found in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday, offi-

They said a suspect object was found lying on Kulgam Balsoo Road, following which

the area was cordoned. "The area was sealed, and traffic movement on the busy road was halted. A bomb disposal squad was also called, and the suspect object found inside a pressure cooker was blasted in a controlled explosion without causing any

damage," officials said. A senior police officer said the investigation is underway, and a technical examination of the object was initiated immediately.

The traffic on the road was restored after the controlled blast.

#### **Staying** illegally after marrying local boy, Bangladeshi woman arrested in Jammu

JAMMU, Aug 9 (Agencies): Police have arrested a Bangladeshi woman illegally staying after marrying a local boy here in Talab Tillo area of Jammu city. Police sources on Friday said that a Bangladeshi woman identified as Junaki Chiram, who had come

Thursday. The lady, sources said, had married a local boy from the Trikuta Nagar area, and the couple was

to Jammu in 2022 on a

three-month visa, was

taken into custody on

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## ECI takes feedback from Police, civil admin

SRINAGAR, Aug 9 (Agencies): The Election Commission on Friday held consultations with the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary and the union territory's police chief to review the preparedness for assembly polls, officials said.

their visit, the EC delegation comprising Chief **Election Commissioner** (CEC) Rajiv Kumar and **Election Commissioners** Gyanesh Kumar and S S Sandhu held discussions with J-K chief secretary Atal Dullo and J-K Police DGP R R Swain, the officials said.

The ECI reviewed the preparedness of the

On the second day of

administration as well as the security agencies for the conduct of the polls. The ECI team sought feedback from the DGP on the readiness and

said.

The issues of deployment of forces, providing security cover to candidates, and security during campaigning were deliberated upon, the officials added.

After the meeting, the ECI team left for Jammu where it will hold a review meeting with enforcement agencies. It will also hold a press conference to brief

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## Pakistan more of 'Nuisance', than strategic threat to **India: Shaurya Doval**

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): Pakistan is now more of a "nuisance" than a strategic threat as India has gained an edge over its neighbour, according to BJP leader and India Foundation founder Shaurya Doval.

India's key advantage is its economic growth, he said but stressed on the need to manage relations with its neighbours, including Pakistan and China, to support this growth and gain a strategic edge.

In an interaction with



editors at the agency's headquarters here, Doval also favoured roping in private players to fight cyberterrorism as he called for a "comprehensive" societal response rather than solely relying on legal

"We have passed various points in our relationship with Pakistan, and while they still present challenges, they no longer represent a serious threat...Pakistan poses nuisance value to us now but does not pose any strategic threat to us. So, that is one sit-

and military measures.

uation solved," he said. He highlighted that similar dynamics are at play along India's eastern front, while cautioning that India's northern neighbour remains a

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#### preparation of the forces for the polls, the officials LG Sinha pays tribute to freedom fighters on Quit India

Movement's anniversary SRINAGAR, Aug 9 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday pays tribute to freedom fighters on Quit India Movement's anniversary.

In a post on X, LG Sinha wrote, "Humble tributes to freedom fighters & martyrs of the Quit India Movement on



August Kranti Diwas. This historic

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### Another batch of pilgrims leaves | BJP announces 132for Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU, Aug 9 (Agencies): A fresh batch of over 390 pilgrims left for the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas on Friday. officials said.

The 42nd batch of 398 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp at 3.26 am in a convoy of 14 vehicles escorted

by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and police, they said.

All the pilgrims have opted for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal dis-

Over five lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance at the shrine so far this

The yatra commenced on June 29 and is scheduled to conclude on August 19.

Meanwhile, 730 pilgrims also left for the ancient temple of Budha Amarnath in Poonch border district this morn-

The yatra began on August 7 and will conclude on August 20.

## member committee for **J&K Assembly polls**

**NBCC gets Rs 15k Cr contract** 

to build 406-acre satellite

JAMMU, Aug 9: Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced a 132member State Election Management (SEM) committee for the forthcoming J&K Assembly polls.

Three-time MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, who was recently appointed as a whip in the Lok Sabha, has been nominated as the chairman of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) election campaign committee. a spokesperson of the party said.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder

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#### **Supreme Court grants bail to AAP leader Manish Sisodia**



NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to AAP leader Manish Sisodia in the corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam, noting that Turn to page 9

#### Two missing children traced within hours, reunited with families in Srinagar: Police

SRINAGAR, Aug 9 (Agencies): Srinagar Police have successfully traced and reunited two minor children with their families in an efficient operation. These children had been reportedly missing for four days from Jamaat-ul-Uloom

BK Pora Nowgam. Upon receipt of written information in Police Station Nowgam, a case vide FIR No. 68/2024 under section 137(2) BNS was registered and investigation was

set into motion. Utilizing a combina-

tion of technical data and human intelligence, Police Station Nowgam followed a lead to Vilgam, Handwara. With the cooperation of Handwara Police, the missing children were located and safely recovered from a remote area in **Turn to page 9** 

#### NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): Stateowned firm NBCC has Authority.

bagged a Rs 15,000 crore project to develop a 406-acre satellite township in Srinagar.

In a regulatory filing on Friday, the compa-

township in Srinagar ny informed that it has bagged this project from Srinagar Development

> The nature of the work is the development of a satellite township spread over 406-acre at

**Executive** 

Bandipora

suspended

inquiry into

JAMMU, Aug 9 (Agen-

cies): The Jammu and

Kashmir Government

Incharge Executive

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Division Bandipora, pending an inquiry into

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Engineer, R&B Division

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to the Government, Bhu-

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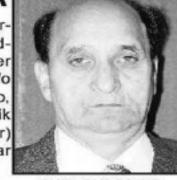
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#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With immense grief and great sorrow, we inform you about the sudden demise of our beloved father Shri Surinder Nath Khushoo S/o Late Shri Radha Krishna Khushoo, (originally from 3rd Bridge Malik Angan Fateh Kadal, Srinagar) Presently residing at Indra Nagar Srinagar.



SHRI SURINDER The 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 15/8/24. Thursday at NATH KHUSHOO Shurayaar Mandir opposite GB Panth Hospital Shivpoora Srinagar at 7 AM.

DEEPLY MOURNED BY

Khushoo's, Kaul's and Dhar's

Grand Children: Aradhya Khushoo, Saisha Khushoo, Shivansh Khushoo



Nagri Parole, Kathua who expired on 05/08/2024. 10TH DAY will be performed on 13/08/2024 at 11 am and KRIYA/ UTHALA on 16/08/2024 at 4 pm at our residence. GRIEF STRICKEN

Rama Gupta (Wife) (Daughter-in-law and Son) Deep Mala and Ajay Veer Mehta Sudhanshu Mehta (Son) Saransh Mehta (Son) **BHABHIES AND BROTHERS** 

Renu Gupta and Raghu Mehta (Advocate, Member SMVDSB) Manjana Gupta and Daleep Mehta

Sunaina Mehta and Sandeep Mehta (SSP JKP) SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN LAW

Nirmal Gupta and Ashwani Gupta Savita Gupta and Pawan Gupta M/s RAMA MOTORS Haria Chak 9596637998, 8716808058



Sh Madhu Mehta Ji

#### **TENTH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Sheela Bhat W/o Sh Soom Nath Bhat resident of Sogam Laloob presently residing at H.No. 680/A Sector 3 Baisakhi Colony Muthi.

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat near DSE

Jammu on 14-8-2024 at 8 AM. Grief Stricken

Sh Soom Nath Bhat -Husband

Devar & Devrani

Sh Poshker Nath Bhat & Smt Phoola Bhat

Sh Chaman Lal Bhat & Smt Shanti Bhat Sh Piyare Lal Bhat & Smt Sarla Bhat

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sh Ashok Kumar Bhat & Smt Sweety Bhat Sh Dalip Kumar Bhat & Smt Beauty Bhat Sh Vijay Kumar Bhat & Smt Rinku Bhat

Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Sunita Koul & Satiesh Kumar Koul



Smt Sheela Bhat

Mob. No. 9797451797, 9906191305

## TENTH DAY KRIYA

With extreme grief and sorrow it is to inform that Sh Badri Nath Pandit S/o Late Sh Shiv Ji Pandit of Fohar-Anantnag, A/P H-10 TRT Nagota left for his heavenly abode to merge with the Supreme on 04-08-2024.

The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 12-08-2024 at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of Education Jammu at 08:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Mohan Rani Alias Sheela Ji (Wife)

Pyari Ji (Bhabhi)

(Daughter in law & Son)

Smt Kiran Ji & Sh. Jawahar Lal Pandit

Smt.Beta Ji & Sh.Vinod Pandit (Daughter in law & Son)

Smt Lovely Ji & Sh.Ajay Raina (Daughter & Son in law)

Smt.Nancy Ji & Sh.Vinod Kumar Pandita (Daughter & Son in law)

Grand Children's: Meenakshi, Ayush, Anish, Lakshith & Wartika,

Ph. No-7006646104, 09815371933, 7006249690

#### OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

Amid sobs and tears, with profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our revered father Sh. Makhan Lal Bhat S/o Lt. Sh. Neel Kanth Bhat on 7th of August 2024, erstwhile resident of Salamatwar Kralpora Kupwara, presently at Lane No. 1 Lakshmi Vihar Santra Morh Bye Pass Bohri

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 16th of August 2024 Friday at 9.00 am at Kriya Ghat near Directorate of School Education Muthi.

In Grief Smt. Phoola Bhat- Wife

Daughter-in-Laws and Sons

Smt. Dulari Bhat and Sh Maharaj Krishan Bhat Smt. Daizy Bhat and Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat Daughters and Son-in-laws

Smt. Neena Pandita and Veer Ji Pandita Smt. Reenu Koul and Sh. Vidya Sagar Koul. Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law Smt. Sheetal Bharti and Sh Mohit Koul Grand Daughter-in-Law and Grand Son Smt. Swati Bhat and Sh. Ashish Bhat All Grand Children and Great Grand Children

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SH BADRI NATH PANDIT

Sh. Makhan Lal Bhat

#### 10th DAY KRIYA

We inform the sad demise of our most loving father Sh Avtar Krishan Kaul, originally from Cheyan, Devsar presently at Ahmedabad on 3rd Aug 2024.

10th day KRIYA

will be performed on

11th of August 2024 (Sun), 08:30 AM, at Narayan Ghat, Swaminarayan Temple, Subhash Bridge, Ahmedabad

Meenu & Sudhir Kuduchkar (Daughter & Son-in-law) Suchitra & Vishal Kaul (Daughter & Son-in-law) Anupama & Sandeep Warikoo (Daughter & Son-in-Law)

Grand Children: Rushaan, Suvika, Shanaya & Reyana

Deeply Remembered by:

Kauls -Bhans - Krundus -Ph: 9825037889/9158271077/9376128683

#### 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 Ranjt 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

Suriya nsh Singh Parihar & Shivansh Parihar Daughters & Sons in law Smt Sneh Lata & Sh Rishi Kumar

Smt Sunila Devi & Late Sh Asho k Kumar Smt Swaran Chouhan & Sh Sanjay Chouhan Smt Kanchan Devi & Sh Raj Kumar Smt Seema Parihar & Sh Parvesh Kumar Parihar All Parihar & Sen Parivar

Smt Santosh Devi Parihar



Mrs Yashasvi Raina

S. PAUL SINGH

## 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.

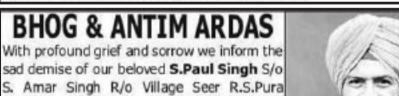
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Sunday, 11th of August 2024 at 09:00 AM at Muthi Ghat, Near Director School Education.

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. Nana Ji Kaul (Brother-in-law)

Deeply missed by: Mehak, Nikhil, Lucky & Nuvish. Contact: 9796652917, 7006129964, 9419608757.



Jammu, who expired on 1-08-2024. ANTIM ARDAS will be performed on 10-8-2024 (Saturday) at Gurudwara Sahib Village Seer from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon followed by Guru Ka Langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sdn.Popinder Kour -Wife

Son & Daughter in law

S. Gursharandeep Singh & Sdn Charanpal Kour

Daughters & Son in law

Gurvinder Kour & S. Shamsher Singh Harjeet Kour & S. Harjeet Singh

Satwinder Kour & S. Iqbal Singh Mobile:-9419205615; 9696250015



With deep orief 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 Badiyar Bala, Srinagar, Kashmir (presently residing at Ahmedabad,

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

MOURNING is being held at S-710, Officer City 1, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghazia bad, UP 201017.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Nigambodh Ghat (Kashmiri Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida) Ghat), Delhi on Wednesday, 14th August 2024 at 8:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Mrs. Heerva & Mr. Tarun Kaw (Daughter-in-Law & Son) Mrs. Deepti & Mr. Kunal Kak (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Grand Children: Om & Hannah Fondly Remembered By: Samas t Kaw, Pajnu, Mattu, Koul, Mattoo & Zutshi Parivar CONTACT NUMBERS: 9979882161 (Tarun Kaw), 9419209633 (M.K Kaw)

## Obituary/Tenth Day

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Smt Santosh Kaul wife of Sh Bushan Lal Koul originally from village Vessu Distt. Anantnag. Mourning is being held at Community Hall Lane

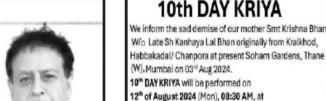
No. 1 Jagti. Tenth Day will be held at Muthi Ghat on

Thursday 15th of Aug. 2024 at 8.30 AM. Grief Stricken

Phone Nos. 7006675916, 7889911387

Sh Bushan Lal Koul -Husband Smt Santosh Kaul Mrs Nancy Bhat W/o Late M L Bhat -Sister Sh Shadi Lal Koul & Jeeta -Brother & Bhabhi Sh Deepak Koul & Sheetu -Son & Daughter-in-law Smt Witty & Sh Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Veena & Sh Manoj Saproo -Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Neetu & Sh Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Baby & Sh Surrender Hangshu -Daughter & Son-in-law







SMT. KRISHNA BHAN

Kolshet Ghat, Kolshet road, Thane (W), Mumbai. Grief Stricken: Sushit & Kalpana Bhan (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Anita & Sanjay Dhar (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Nirja & Amit Krundu (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Santosh & Chaman Lal Tikoo (Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law)

Grand Children: Vanshi, Naman, Sehar, Lavant & Parth Deepty Remembered by:

#### Vinod & Meenakshi, Jasmine, Bhans, Dhars, Krundus, Panditas & Tikoos Ph: 9699031032 / 9873300943 / 9810491405 / 9582309787

10TH DAY /ANTIM ARDAS With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the untimely demise of our beloved Mrs. Manpreet Kour No.S. Pushpinder Singh & Daughter-in-law of Lt. Smt. laswant Kour & Lt. S., Armik Singh (of Degwar Terwan, Poonch) R/o H.No. 37-Subash Nagar, Near Gandhi Chowk,

Jammu. Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 9th August (Friday) a 3.00 amat our residence. Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 11th August (Sunday) a 3.00 amat our residence.

Shabad Kirtan and Antim Ardas will be performed at Surudwara Shri Kalgidhar Sahib, Rehari from 10.30 am to 12.00 Noon folkwed by Guru Ka Langar. GRIEF STRICKEN

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sdn. Balbir Kour Wio Lt. S. Surinder Singh Soin (Mother)
S. Pushpinder Singh (Handicrafts Deptt) (Husband)
Ms. Pushp Preet Kour (Daughter)
Mr. Agam Jyot Singh (Son)
Brother-in-laws & Sister-in-laws
S. Gucharan Singh & Smt. Swaranjeet Kour
S. Sarabjeet Singh & Smt. Ramandeep Kour
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S. Sister in Jaws

Brothers & Sister in-laws 5. Harmeet Singh & Smt. Tavinder Kour 5. Harpreet Singh & Smt. Jagjeet Kour Mob.: 9419125306, 9149505717



Mrs. Manpreet Kour

KALLA

**OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA** 

With deep grief and heartbreak, we are sad ened to inform that our beloved Brother ather Shri TEJ KRISHAN KALLA has left us for heavenly abode on 2nd August 2024, origi nally from Purshayar Habba Kadal, Srinagar. dis 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

May his noble soul stay in eternal peace. MOURNING is being held at our residence: louse No 43 (OLD), JMC 427, Near Sharda Public School, Tophsherkhanian, Jammu. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Muthi Gha

on Sunday, 11th August 2024 at 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN: SHRI TEJ KRISHAN Smt. Raj Kumari Kalla & Sh. Vijay Kumar Kalla (Bhabi and Brother)

mt. Netra & Sh. Rohit Kalla (Daughter-in-Law & Son) Smt. Sneha Kalla Handoo and Sh. Manesh Handoo (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Sh. Deepak Kalla (Brother)

Grand Children: Dania, Trisha and Advait CONTACT NUMBERS: 9419141549, 7006899302, 9419198886

## KRIYA/RASAM PAGDI

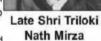
WITH PROFOUND GREE AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. SUDESH KUMAR VERMA SO LATE SH. RAMCHARAN VERMA. HE TOOK HE LAST BREATH ON 20TH JULY, 2024. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT 10:00 AM AT DEVIKA CHAT UDHAMPUR AND RASAM PAGDI WILL BE PERFORMED TO JURRESIDENC EAT 4:00 PM ON 10 AUGUST ISATURDAY).

ISATURDAY).
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SMT PRIMA DEVI - WIFE
BROTHER & BHABI
IT. SH. SAT PAL VERMA & LT. BIMLA DEVI
SMT. SRESHTHA WIO LT. RAJ KUJAAR
SH. VILAY KLMAR VERMA & SMT. VINDD VERMA
SSTERS & BROTHER-N-LAW
SMT. DARSHNA KAPOOR & SH. DAULAT RAM KAPOOR
SMT. SWARN VERMA WO. LT. SH. PREM PARKASH VERM
SH. VISHAL VERMA - SON

SH. VISHAL VERMA - SON
SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAWY
SH. VIKAS VERMA KAS & DR.SABETA KOHLI
DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAWS
MRS. SIMRAN VERMA & SH. VISHAL VERMA
MRS. SIMRAN VERMA & SH. VISHAL VERMA
MRS. SAMKSHA ARORA & LT. COL SAURABHARORA
GRAND CHILDREN: POORI, MANK, SAAMM, KERRIIKA, A DWAY, AYAAN AND AHAAN
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MOBILE NO: 9086391006 & 7006097810

SH. SUDESH KUMAR

SHADMOS & MASWAR Six months have passed since you left for heaveny 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 and 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 Makhni Mirza (Wife) Daughters and Son-in-Laws Grand Children and All Near and Dear Ones

Mob. 9419181142, 9906332605

#### FIFTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we regret

to inform the sad demise of our beloved sister Smt. Santosh Verma W/o Sh. Charanjit Verma R/o Subhash Nagar Jammu.

The 5th Day will be held on Saturday, 10th August, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Mahakameshwar Mandir, Bharat Mata Park, Sector 1A South Extension Trikuta Nagar Jammu. Grief Stricken

(Brothers and Sisters-in-law) Puran Chand Anand and Darshana Anand Ramesh Chander Anand and Santosh Anand Darshan Kumar Anand and Neelam Anand 9419741985, 9419139975, 9419181995



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SMT. GIRDA KAULWO LESH R.K. KOUL DYPOGGGSDS, ILAW & SISTERS IN LAW DR. G. L. PANDIT & NEERA JI SMT. PUSHPA JI WUO LT. SH PN. PANDITA SMT. SHASH JI WUO LT. SH PN. PANDITA SMT. SHASH JI WUO LT. SH DR. C.L. PANDITA SISTERS IN LAW & BROTHERS IN LAW MT. SHEELA JI & SH G. L. KAUL MT SUSHMA JI & SH M.L. JAD RAND CHILDREN

SMT. KAMLA PANDITA

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## **Priti Sapru highlights events on commemorating** 350th year of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's martyrdom

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Priti Sapru, a noted film actress, and Nidhi Dogra Sharma, President of the "Dogra Samaj Trust" in Mumbai, held a press conference from the Nami Dogri Sansrha platform to outline events and programs commemorating the 350th year of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's martyrdom, beginning on November 25, 2014.

Priti Sapru, daughter of renowned film actors D.K. Sapru and Hemavathi and niece of actor Jeevan, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Kashmiri Pandit community towards Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji for his supreme sacrifice.

She announced plans to establish a Gurudwara in



Srinagar to promote religious unity, aligning with India's long-standing traditions of brotherhood. Additionally, she

revealed that a series of events, including a light and sound show in Jammu and Srinagar, seminars, and a yatra from Srinagar to Delhi via Jammu and Punjab, ending at Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib in Delhi, will be organized. Sapru, ensure the success of the event. She also mentioned that detailed program schedules would be released soon.

The Nami Dogri Sansrha honored both Sapru and Sharma with Sanstha mementos. Dr. Sushil Bhola, an executive member of NDS, welcomed the guests and participants. Capt. Lalit Sharma, IFS Convener of NDS, pledged full support for the event on behalf of the organization. Prof. Anupama Sharma, Patron of NDS, along with Seema Murti, Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, President of NDS. and other notable members such as Narinder Chib, Shambu Nath Pyasa, and Suresh Pooncchi, also attended the event.

## Truth Prevails: Manish Sisodia granted bail by SC in ED & CBI Cases: AAP

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Expressing great exultation and a sense of justice, AAP leaders in Jammu celebrated the Supreme Court's decision to grant bail to AAP leader Manish Sisodia in the ED and CBI cases related to the Delhi **Excise Policy** 

They welcomed the judgment, stating that the ED's submissions were baseless, and asserted that Sisodia's release would strengthen the party across India, including in J&K-UT.

The AAP leaders criticized the BJP for its contradictory stance, accusing the party of embracing known fraudsters

while simultaneously claiming to fight corruption. They claimed that the BJP's actions were being closely watched by the public, who would respond appropriately in the upcoming state elections. They emphasized that Sisodia's bail is not only a personal relief but also a victory for democracy, the Constitution, and the rule of law against dictatorship.

Senior AAP leaders Deep Singh, Farooq Ahmed Banday, R.S. Chauhan, Sikander Azam Chowdhary (Sessions Judge, Retd), Nirmal Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Amit Langer, S.S. Jamwal, Agya Kour, Ram Pal Khajuria, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Adv. Arvind Bhandral, Adv. Dalvinder Kumar Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Matoo, Ranjodh Singh, G.N. Khan, Sandeep Parihar, and Sham Lal Thakur urged the Chief Justice of India to take suo motu action to ensure free, fair, and fearless elections. They suggested stopping ED or CBI interventions at least six months before elections to prevent character assassination of

opposition leaders. The leaders cited examples of alleged character assassination by the BJP government, including cases involving Hemant Soren, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain, and Sanjay Singh. They accused the BJP of using such tactics to divert public attention from real issues like price rise, unemployment, currency devaluation, and fuel prices.

AAP leaders also reminded the public of the BJP's history of buying MLAs, citing instances in Goa, MP, and Maharashtra, and accused the BJP of misusing public funds for political gains. They claimed that the BJP's actions were a severe form of blackmail and that the electorate would punish the party in upcoming state elections. They also criticized the BJP's electoral bond scheme, calling it the biggest scam in the world.

## MP Khatana Assures SC/ST Communities: No Changes to Reservation Rules After Meeting with PM Modi

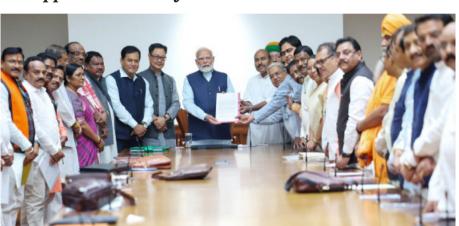
Urges SC/STs to Ignore Opposition's Misinformation on Reservation Policies

**Top News Report** 

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Aug 9: In a significant development, Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, today assured the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) communities that no changes will be made to the existing reservation rules. This assurance comes in response to concerns raised over the Supreme Court's recent discussion of the "quota within quota" concept.

The statement follows a crucial meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a delegation of SC/ST Members of Parliament, including Khatana. The meeting, described as productive, addressed the apprehensions of these communities regarding potential alterations to the current reservation system.

"Quota within quota is merely an opinion of the Supreme Court, but the government will not make any changes in existing reservation rules," Khatana stated emphatically. His words aim to allay fears that have arisen among various factions within the SC/ST communities, who worried that such a move could lead to further divisions.



proud of her roots in

Jammu and Kashmir,

emphasized the aim to

unite Kashmiris, Dogras,

and Punjabis in this cel-

Nidhi Dogra Sharma.

who has united around

ten thousand Dogra

families in Maharashtra

and Mumbai through the

"Dogra Samaj Trust,"

appealed for the whole-

hearted support of the

Dogra community to

the importance of the meeting with the Prime Minister, saying, "The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, met with a delegation of SC/ST MPs and reiterated the government's commitment and resolve for the welfare and empowerment of the SC/ST communities." This statement underscores the BJP-led government's dedication to addressing the concerns of these historically marginalized groups.

Khatana emphasized

The BJP leader also took the opportunity to nightight the Modi government's overarching philosophy of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" (Together with All, Development for All). This principle has been a cornerstone of the NDA government's approach since it came to power in

2014. Khatana asserted that this commitment to inclusive development remains unwavering, stating, "The Modi government believes in the welfare of all its citizens, irrespective of their caste and religion.

In a cautionary note.

Khatana urged SC/ ST communities not to be swayed by what he described as misinformation being spread by opposition parties. He emphasized the government's track record in fulfilling its promises. saying, "From the very first day, when in 2014 PM Modi took the reins of the country, he gave the slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', and the government is fulfilling each and every word it promised."

The assurances provided by Er. Gulam Ali Khatana are likely to have a significant impact on the ongoing discourse surrounding SC/ST reservations and broader issues of social justice and equity. By addressing these concerns directly and providing reassurance from the highest levels of government, the BJP aims to solidify its support base among these key demographics

"The Modi government,

through its actions and policies, seeks to reaffirm its commitment to an inclusive India. wnere every citizen nas the opportunity to thrive, irrespective of their background. The SC/ ST communities, who have historically been marginalized, are at the forefront of the BJP's agenda for social upliftment," Khatana added.

## Youth Congress leaders undertake oath to protect **Indian democracy on its Foundation Day**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: On the occasion of the Youth Congress Foundation Day, a flag hoisting ceremony was held in Jammu East, organized by Anirudh Sawhney, the State General Secretary of the Pradesh Youth Congress (PYC), and PYC Coordinator for Jammu East, along with DYC President Vankul Jamba, General Secretaries Suhaib Manhas and Mohammad Anzar. The flag was hoisted by Maan Singh Rathore Ji, Indian Youth Congress (IYC) Incharge for J&K and PYC President Akash Bharat, accompanied by State Vice Presidents Divyansh Singh, Fiaz Diwan, and Ranjoth Singh, State General Secretary Rahul Tandon, Harneet Kaur, SuperShe InCharge for J&K, and others. During the event, Maan Singh Rathore Ji, along with other Youth Congress leaders, inaugurated a plantation drive as part of a nationwide initiative by the Youth Congress.

The Youth Congress leaders planted and dis-



tributed plants to people. To celebrate the anniversary of the organization, they held the flag hoisting ceremony and later distributed sweets amongst the attendees. They also held an oath ceremony wherein they undertook an oath to protect Indian democracy and fight injustice in the country.

Youth Congress leaders said that the drive aims to contribute to environmental conservation while encouraging the youth to take active roles in protecting the planet. The leaders highlighted the significance of such initiatives in fostering a sense of responsibility among young people towards their surroundings. Plants were also donated during

the event, symbolizing the

Youth Congress's dedication to not only political activism but also to environmental stewardship.

The leaders criticized the current government's policies, particularly targeting the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for what they described as a failure to address pressing issues like unemployment. They argued that the BJP's focus on divisive politics is destroying the future of the country's youth, leaving them with limited opportunities. The Youth Congress leaders called on the government to prioritize job creation and take concrete steps to secure the future of young Indians. They emphasized that the youth are the backbone of the nation, and neglecting their needs

could have long-term detrimental effects on the country's progress.

With upcoming elections on the horizon, the Youth Congress is ramping up its ground-level preparations. Leaders at the event stressed the importance of mobilizing the youth vote and ensuring that their voices are heard. They outlined plans for extensive outreach programs and grassroots campaigns aimed at engaging young voters and bringing their concerns to the forefront of the political discourse. The youth leaders expressed confidence that with the support of the youth, the Congress party could bring about the change needed to steer the country in a more inclusive and prosperous direction.

Youth Congress leaders Shafqat Khokhar (Tinu), Mohd Rafiq, Parvaz Fazail, Balvant, Muhammad Anzar, Abdul Basit, Mohd Sameer, Shabaz Parvaz, Usaman Malik, Arif (Affu), Sajjid Malik, Arif Gaffour, Farred, Shabir, and Adnan were

#### E-MAIL: eastdivisionjammu@gmail.com SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION JAMMU EAST

Short e-NIT No. 39 of 2024-2025/Jammu East Dated 05-08-2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State / Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete- on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Renovation of main building, circuit House and VIP garages, canteen, porta cabin, and other allied works at JK House Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi by way of Enhancing Capacity of EPABX System, Strengthening & Dressing of EPABX Network Cabling along with other allied works at J & K House, 5, Prithvi Raj Road. (Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure A.)	PWD (R88) Division Jammu Exed	2.41	600	2% of Adventised Cost	Linked with Civil works	(1300 Hrs) on or after 14-08-2024	OEM Or their Authorized Distributor, Dealers/Fir ms Fulfilling Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure A
2	Renovation of main building, circuit House and VIP garages, canteen, porta cabin, and other allied works at JK House Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi by way of Extension / Modifications for Local Area Network (LAN) of Resident Commission Office, including making make shift arrangement of internet connectivity for a temporary office, at 5, Prithvi Raj Road. (Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure B.)	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu Exet	9.88	600	2% of Advertised Cost	Linked with Civil works	(1300 Hrs) on or after 14-08-2024	OEM Or their Authorized Distributor, Dealers/Fii ms Fulfilling Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure B

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3	Renovation of main building, circuit House and VIP garages, canteen, porta cabin, and other allied works at JK House Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi by way of Electric Works for Repair & Renovation of Reception area, Establishment section, Accounts section, Kitchen, Circuit House	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	8.60	600	2% of Advertised Cost	Linked with Civil works	(1300 Hrs) on or after 14-08-2024	"A" Class Electrical Contractor
	and Power distribution room of staff quarters at 5, Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi under CAPEX Budget (2023-24)							
4	Renovation of main building, circuit House and VIP garages, canteen, porta cabin, and other allied works at JK House Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi by way of Electric Works for Construction of office blocks comprising of officers rooms, staff rooms, wash rooms, stores along with common toilets block and up gradation of garages and construction of boundary wall with other allied works at 5, Prithvi Raj Road New Delhi at Jammu & Kashmir House, 5, Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi under CAPEX Budget.	PWO (PSS) Division Jammu East	28.17	600	2% of Advertised Cost	Linked with Civil works	(1300 Hrs) on or after 14-08-2024	"A" Class Electrical Contractor

Position of AAA : Accorded Position of Technical Sanction: Accorded

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-08-2024		
3 Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting		From 06-08-2024 to 13-08-2024 upto 1800 Hrs		
		XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East		
4	Bid submission Start Date	06-08-2024		
5	Bid Submission End Date	13-08-2024 upto 1800 Hrs		
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	14-08-2024 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East		
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed		

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East at the time of allotment.

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(Er. Satish Bhagat) Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Iammu East

## **EDITORIAL**

## **CIVIC ISSUES**

ammu, the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir, is a city with a rich historical background and a strategic location. However, like many growing urban areas, it faces a variety of civic issues that impact its residents' quality of life. Addressing these issues is crucial for the city's development and the well-being of its citizens.

One of the most pressing issues in Jammu is the water supply. Despite significant improvements in recent years, many areas still experience inconsistent water availability. The Jal Jeevan Mission, aimed at providing safe and adequate drinking water, has not yet reached all remote and underserved areas. This issue is exacerbated by the city's growing population and the strain it places on existing resources. Efficient water management, infrastructure upgrades, and extension of water supply schemes are essential to address this problem.

Jammu's waste management system is under significant stress due to the city's rapid urbanization and increasing waste generation. Inadequate waste collection, inefficient disposal methods, and a lack of recycling facilities contribute to the accumulation of garbage in public spaces and water bodies. The development of a comprehensive waste management plan, including better collection systems, recycling initiatives, and public awareness campaigns, is crucial to mitigating this issue.

Traffic congestion is a common problem in Jammu, particularly during peak hours. The city's road infrastructure has struggled to keep pace with the increase in vehicle numbers. Narrow roads, inadequate traffic management systems, and poorly planned urban expansion contribute to frequent traffic jams and accidents. Improving road infrastructure, implementing effective traffic management solutions, and promoting alternative transportation methods can help alleviate congestion.

Access to quality healthcare services remains a challenge in Jammu. While there are several government and private hospitals, the growing population and increasing demand for healthcare services often lead to overcrowding and long wait times. Upgrading existing facilities, expanding healthcare infrastructure, and improving the availability of essential medical supplies and personnel are necessary to enhance healthcare delivery in the region.

Rapid urban growth has led to issues related to housing and urban planning. The increasing demand for residential properties has resulted in unauthorized construction and encroachments, which strain existing infrastructure and services. The lack of proper urban planning and zoning regulations further exacerbates these problems. Implementing effective urban planning policies, regularizing unauthorized constructions, and ensuring adequate provision of housing and amenities are vital for sustainable urban development.

While Jammu has several educational institutions, there are disparities in the quality of education and access to resources. Rural areas and economically disadvantaged communities often lack access to quality educational facilities and trained teachers. Improving infrastructure in schools, investing in teacher training, and implementing programs to bridge educational gaps are essential steps to ensure equitable access to education.

Environmental issues such as pollution, deforestation, and loss of green spaces are increasingly affecting Jammu. Industrial activities, vehicular emissions, and improper waste disposal contribute to air and water pollution. Additionally, deforestation and the loss of green spaces impact the local ecosystem and residents' quality of life. Enforcing environmental regulations, promoting green initiatives, and raising public awareness about environmental conservation can help address these concerns.

Security concerns, particularly in the context of Jammu's proximity to conflict zones, are significant. Ensuring public safety and maintaining law and order require effective policing and community engagement. Addressing issues related to crime, ensuring adequate lighting in public spaces, and enhancing emergency response systems are essential for improving safety and security.

Jammu faces a range of civic issues that require coordinated efforts from government authorities, local communities, and other stakeholders. By addressing challenges related to water supply, waste management, traffic congestion, healthcare, housing, education, environmental concerns, and security, the city can work towards improving the quality of life for its residents and ensuring sustainable development. Effective planning, investment in infrastructure, and community engagement are key to overcoming these challenges and fostering a thriving urban environment.

## Caste, data & sub-quotas: No wriggle room for PM

By: Shikha Mukerjee

Thildish truculence is writ all over the Narendra Modi-led new minority government's reaction that the water leaking in the grand lobby of the new Parliament building was a minor matter, a "so what, huh!" event. For the far bigger and more politically consequential matter of the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe sub-categorisation by state governments, enabled by the landmark order of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, the "so what" posture will not do. Also Read - Indranil Banerjie | The Dragon's bear hug: A strategic blunder by US? Advertisement Judged by the Supreme Court of 2024, identifying SCs and STs by "different degrees" of economic and social backwardness relative to other groups within SCs and STs is necessary to fulfil the promise of equality and justice. The court held that some SCs and STs even after reservation kicked in have been left behind. By identifying these sub-castes and listing them for reservation benefits, the necessary correction would have been made to satisfy the principle of equality, the judgment held. Also Read - Dilip Cherian | Sudan's challenge is to clean and reform UPSC The Supreme Court has sensibly recognised that "the inclusion [in the presidential list] does not automatically lead to the formation of a uniform and internally homogenous class which cannot be further classified". By recognising that there are the relatively worse off within the SC/ST communities, the Supreme Court has obviously opened the door compelling the states to identify the "creamy layer" within. Also Read - K.C. Singh | India-Bangla ties adrift as Hasina flees from Dhaka The decision is pointed; relative deprivation or dis-

crimination or backwardness must be "quantifiable and demonstrable" with adequate data to verify the social and economic condition of the group. By adding that notifications categorising a sub-caste as SC cannot be a matter of "whims or as a matter of political expediency", the Supreme Court judgment is trying to protect what it has enabled from manipulation by vested political interests and the compulsions of electoral politics. Also Read - K.C. Singh | India-Bangla ties adrift as Hasina flees from Dhaka The actuality of variations in the status of SCs and STs among the states and Union territories is a matter of concern for state governments faced with the pressure from some sub-categories that continue to feel deprived and discriminated and in need of special attention. By hoisting a barricade against expediency, the Supreme Court judgment has made it clear that the ruling side led by the BJP in Maharashtra should not take advantage to announce the long sought after reservation for Marathas. Conceding the demand will be a potential game-changer for a party like the BJP that is short of strong Maratha leaders who can swing votes away from Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party and Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena. The same would be true for Haryana, where micro-managing the sub-categories of Dalit votes could potentially be a face-saver for the BJP, after its electoral debacle in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The Supreme Court has drawn on the precedent which implies that these are now settled principles of how the Constitution is to be understood in the 21st century and thereafter. It remains to be seen how Article 341, which gave the President effective monopoly in deciding which communities to include or exclude from the list of SCs and STs, and the 102nd Amendment of Article 342A, passed in 2018, that made Parliament the final arbiter to "specify the socially and educationally backward classes" in relation to that state or Union territory, fits into the new order of things. A Centrally-controlled list that had stalled the inclusion of Madigas in Telangana as a subcategory within the SC group, the Paswans in Bihar, the Jatavs in Uttar Pradesh and the Arundhatiyars in Tamil Nadu as sub-categories has now been removed. The reactions of the chief ministers of Tamil Nadu and Telangana, M.K. Stalin and A. Revanth Reddy, confirm the political impact of the Supreme Court's decision. In Bihar, where elections are due in early 2025, the quantifiable and demonstrable test of relative deprivation is a time bomb waiting to explode for the Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United)-BJP alliance. Having fought with the Modi government over the legitimacy of its caste survey, what will Nitish Kumar do now? He has the data. Will he insist on using it to identify sub-castes and Muslims within these sub-castes and offer them reservations? Chest-thumping posturing that amendments to the Constitution that violate its sanctity will be defeated because these are conspiracies by the Congress and the Opposition to pamper vote banks and divide the people will not work either. The judgment is perfectly clear that categorisation henceforward has to be based on data. The BJP's problems are not limited to managing its allies like Nitish Kumar or N. Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh, where the Madigas have hailed the Supreme Court decision. Neither friend nor foe parties like the Bahujan Samaj Party have chipped in with its demand that listed reservation beneficiaries should be put into the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. The BJP is now in a fix. Its aversion to data is evident in its stubborn and harmful delays on announcing the start of the population census. The Modi government has withheld data on the Caste Survey of 2011, releasing bits and pieces that fit its political purposes over the years. However much it may be a "sensitive domestic issue" as RSS leader Ram Madhav has described it, the Sangh Parivar cannot duck addressing it. To say nothing or worse do nothing in BJPruled states would alienate the subcastes demanding separate listing as a quick fix on their grievance of relative deprivation. To do something would require the Modi government to conduct a caste survey. There are voices that are growing louder from within the BJP ranks that have welcomed the expansion of the list of identified SCs and STs. The reaction of a BJP stalwart from Varanasi, Bizay Sonkar Shastri, who was the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes chief during Atal Behari Vajpayee's government, was unambiguous: "those who have not got the benefit for long" need to be helped, he said. The cleavages within the BJP are now out in the open. The data in the 14-year-old socio-economic caste census of 2011 is now outdated. A new census on caste is necessary to meet the condition laid down by the Supreme Court. The Modi government has a choice; it can notify that the longdelayed Census, including a caste census, be held immediately, or it can stop attacking the states, albeit all Opposition-ruled, that have either conducted such surveys or will now do so. The time for eating his cake and having it too on data is clearly over for the Prime Minister.

#### Value of Education and Ambition in Student's Life

#### By: Vijay GarG

Education provides the knowledge but the skills and professional attributes mould and bring about a successful career. In studies, the development of the skills is a necessity and only hardworking and capable student survives. Another important aspect is that education leads our life towards the best and up-moving direction. The competency examinations after the lectures and assignments appraise the level of students at a higher stage. Success and work centred in the mind of students from the initial stage of education that's why only they take so much keen interest in the field of education, to achieve their results and want to stand on merit only. The availability of ambition, aim and goals determined the concentration of education and one has to live in that environment to pursue a career. It is estimated that Education and Acknowledgement are the same sides of two coins which leads the career of student and also make him Confident, Determined, Independent and Well-educated in his\her life.

Sometimes, students face a shortage of skilled professionals and knowledge materials to meet the provisions of their state of education which makes them feel looser. But, it was seen in the early period of time, not now. Because now at the present all the criteria's and ways of the education system has been changed.

An Education, with its adaptable measurements, goal-oriented objectives, and knowledge awareness brings in its own set of regulations and restrictions requiring careful monitoring and also personnel for successful implementation for the betterment of the students. Education always gives strength, intelligent mind and active thoughts to the students for leading their career and to get a valuable position in life.

Ambition is the most important aspect of human life and it also provides a new essence with up-moving directions in our life. It is necessary for all of us to have an ambition in our life so, that we can live in a meaningful way. Ambition is essential for everyone to live well in life. Without ambition, life will be boring, monotonous and uninteresting in the world. So, ambition is a necessity for survival, sustenance and

success in the life of the world. It is truly observed that ambition brings out the best in all of us and also helps to achieve success in our goals. Ambition helps us to achieve perfection in life. Therefore what kind of ambition is necessary is the thing one has to think accurately and implement all our efforts to build a career in life. Ambition is the driving force in life which makes great achievements possible in the world. Here living is not enough, something has to be achieved to make one's life interesting or make interesting things, worthy things, best things and noble things known to the world. Education has always been the basic tool to shape the career of the students. One of the

most important steps you can take to develop a career is to undertake some training and education. You can improve your existing skills or build new one-become an expert of your own professional life. In, terms of reaching your ideal goals it's important to build your skills. Because after all, you haven't got your job due to the fact that you are lacking certain skills or experience. There is so much to be gained from learning and education and knowledge about new culture, new field, experiencing new challenges and opening our mind to the whole new world. Choosing the right career path is the route of choices, it is always better information about the courses that are being offered in various parts of the world before taking a decision regarding one's career path.

There are persons with ambition for materialistic developments, for intellectual development and for spiritual development. So, ambition for all-round development can make one a complete human being with a positive attribute, which is the aim of human culture and necessary for the well being of the world. It is also important for all of us to know that ambition which is based on one-sidedness, selfishness or imagination is abnormal, unnatural and undesirable for human society in the world. Therefore ambition is necessary, but good ambition only can give satisfaction, peace and happiness in life. It is merely believed that not only for the individuals but also for the nations, healthy human ambition is absolutely necessary so that real peace, prosperity and progress can be achieved for everyone in the world.

So, to implement such a broad idea, each

individual should have some realistic and good ambition with the vision of the future world in mind instead of confining their thoughts only on their individual self only.

The main purpose of Education is to develop the knowledge, skill and character of an individual. Knowledge arises in the mind of an individual when that person interacts with an idea or experience. Education is about drawing out what is already within the student. Well, it is the duty and mere responsibility of the teachers, that they should give students the necessary knowledge and skills to gain optimum positions in their life and come out with flying colour as well as in their career also. The central task and meaning of Education are to build a will-power among the students and also providing the best facilities for learning so that one can easily find the true meaning of his/her life. The effort of every good and useful Education should be utilized in the best possible manner, which can help the students to raise their standards of learning and as well as for becoming a shining spark in their career. The purpose of Education is to teach a student how to live his life in the most conducted and controlled manner. And also by developing his mind and encouraging him to deal with reality. The students should be taught in a good manner to understand, to implement and to prove themselves through the esteem medium of Education.

With an appropriate ambition based on experience, knowledge and vision, one can overcome the hardships of life in the world. It is a real fact, that from experience, reading and observation we gain knowledge. As time goes on experience, knowledge and conviction give us an active mind, strong attitude, wisdom, confidence, will-power, which is necessary to decide about matters. Then the ambition of one would be accomplishing that mission or achieving that in the world, which would make everything interesting in life and would make one achieve all matters according to one's plan with complete success. That is the way everyone has to live in the world and achieve something remarkable according to one's full capacity in some field like art, literature, information technology, agriculture, politics and so on not only for the present world but also for the future of mankind. And it is important for all of us to give meaning to our life so, that we can achieve our goals, aims and ambitions in the best possible manner.

In fact, they should be given essentials of knowledge so that which can help them out bring out their own efforts for achieving their goals in life. The main objective of Education is to improve our minds so that we can raise our own thinking instead of following the thoughts of others. Well, all the students should believe that the purpose of Education lies at the heart and mind of teaching methods, behaviour and implementations. Beliefs arising from the own values and experiences of students always take the first front in their career and life. Well, it is a true fact that the transfer of knowledge from school to the real world is something that happens naturally as a consequence of possessing that knowledge as an extreme function of Education. It is a well defined and accurate statement that listening to the language of education which gives out complete focus on knowledge and teaching rather than on the learner. Therefore, students are expected to conform to schools rather than schools serving the needs of students. So, all the educators-teachersprofessors and guides must be challenged to identify and reexamine their beliefs in the light of present knowledge which can help the students in a simple, useful and easy

As we make our ambition and implement our all efforts so that we can easily please everyone with our work and can achieve our real destination in life. It becomes a daily adventure for all of us, as we find routine situations which may bring deep and real lessons about life and one's character. We also behold the glory, power and wisdom of God at our work, in our personal lives and in the lives of others. As we learn to seek not for what we like but what is right. So, we always enter into the peace and joy of that which is good, easy, real and pleasing. Our responsibilities and involvements become more excited in our day to day life that we start enjoying our work, believe our efforts and continue our positive thinking.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

## **Inter-College National Anthem Singing Competition held at GDC Udhampur**

**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Aug 9: In compliance with Swatantrata Pakhwara, the Government Degree College (GDC) Udhampur hosted the muchanticipated Intercollege National Anthem Singing Competition on Friday.

The event, which brought together students from different colleges of District Udhampur, served as a vibrant platform to showcase the unity and patriotic fervour of the youth through the powerful medium of the National Anthem.

The competition was conducted in a highly disciplined and formal atmosphere, reflecting the solemnity and reverence associated with the National Anthem.

The Inter-college National Anthem Singing Competition was envisioned as a means to foster a sense of national pride



among young students and to reinforce the values of unity and integrity that are integral to the fabric of our nation

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of six colleges, each represented by a team of talented students who put forth their best efforts in delivering stirring renditions of the National

The event commenced with a warm welcome by the Principal of GDC Udhampur, Prof (Dr) Sanjay Verma, who expressed his immense pride in hosting such a significant competition.

In his welcome address, he emphasized the importhe judges announced tance of instilling a sense

ment to the event. Each participating team was given a specific time slot to perform, and the atmosphere was charged with anticipation as students from different colleges took the stage.

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The performances were judged by an esteemed panel comprising Prof Samosh Kumar and Prof Sanjay Kumar. The judges, known for their expertise in music and

linguistic studies, evaluated each team based on several criteria, including voice quality, harmony, rhythm, clarity of lyrics, and overall presentation.

The task of judging the competition was no easy feat, given the high level of talent and passion displayed by the participants. After careful deliberation,

the winners of the competition. The first prize was awarded to Laksh Dogra (GDC Udhampur), whose flawless performance captivated both the judges and the audience. The second prize went to Mousmi (GCW Udhampur), and Ananya Anthal (GDC Chenani) secured the third position.

The winners were presented with trophies and certificates by the chief guest and the judges, who congratulated them on their outstanding performances.

The Principal of GDC

Udhampur, along with other dignitaries, also felicitated the participants, recognizing their hard work and dedication.

Among others Prof Rakesh Kumar Prof Prof Meena Gupta, Monica Thakur, Prof Richa Gupta, Prof Bhanupriya, Prof Sakshi, Prof Shaveta Sharma, Prof Anju Rani, Prof Vijay Kumar, Prof Rajesh Singh Manhas, Prof Rajan Bharti and Prof Asha witnessed the whole event.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Revika Arora, convenor of the Cultural Committee, who acknowledged the contributions of everyone involved in making the competition a memorable

She also expressed hope that the event would inspire students to carry forward the spirit of patriotism in all their future endeavours

posed by M.C. Kotwal,

The program was

recorded and uploaded

online for public viewing.

Secretary of BLSKS.

## NSS SMVDU volunteers organize awareness session on Female Hygiene

**Top News Report** 

KATRA, Aug 9: NSS volunteers of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized an awareness session on "Female hygiene and sanitation".

The volunteers spread awareness regarding the necessity of following proper sanitary as well as hygiene habits, among female housekeeping and security staff of SMVD University. While menstruation and menstrual hygiene are still taboo subjects in certain cultures, it is critical to make menstrual hygiene a fundamental component of women's healthcare and well-being in both rural and urban

Misassumptions surrounding certain menstrual hygiene practices



were also discussed by NSS volunteers, Mridul Salaria and Suhani Sharma.

NSS volunteers also distributed sanitary napkins to all the ladies after the awareness session. In many underprivileged and impoverished communities, many households cannot afford to buy sanitary pads and tampons, thus forcing young girls to make alternative protection methods.

NSS student coordinator. Sadhvi Sharma coordinated the whole event.

The event was organized during the 7 day special camp of the NSS

NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar was also present during the session and emphasized on organizing such drives every month. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers for organizing the event.

## BLSKS presents 449th Musical Play "Har Ghar Tiranga"

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: To observe the Quit India Movement Day, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS), in coordination with Sangam Tru Art Production, presented the 449th Friday Series Dogri Musical Play "Har Ghar Tiranga" at Durga Bhawan, Janipur, Jammu.

The musical play, written, produced, and directed by Dr. M.L. Dogra, former Regional Director of the Song and Drama Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, V.K. Magotra, former Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

The Guests of Honor included Dr. Anju Kumari Dogra from the Govern-



ment Health Department, Jammu; Dr. Tara Singh Charak, Former Deputy Director, Health Department, J&K Government; Romesh Chander, Advisor, Shavshat Art Gallery; and Mukesh Singh,

The Chief Guest highlighted the significance of the Quit India Movement, launched by Mahatma Gandhi on August 9,

Senior Media Person.

1942, calling for an end to British rule in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a video message, emphasized the themes Corruption Quit India, Dynasty Quit India, and Appeasement Quit India.

The play featured songs such as "Uncha Rahe Trianga," "Mera Bharat Desh hai Sathiyo Sab Desho se Pyara," "Sarfroshi ki Tamana Ab Humare

In his welcome address. Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman of BLSKS, explained the historical significance of the Quit India Movement and the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign, which encourages people to unfurl the Indian flag at home in celebration of India's Independence from August 9 to 15, 2024.

M.C. Kotwal emphasized the importance of this day in Indian history and BLSKS's commitment to promoting Indian culture and raising awareness on various social issues through their musical plays.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Deepak

## GDC R S Pura organizes rally



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: In a vibrant display of patriotism, community spirit and as a part of series of activities leading to Independence Day Celebrations, Department of Sociology in collaboration with Aaganwadi Centre R S Pura Ward No 11 organized a rally on the eve of Indepen-

dence Day. The rally was organized under the guidance and patronage of Principal of the College, Prof.(Dr.) Preetpal Kour. The rally was organized as a part of "Tiranga Yatra Rallies".

The students of GDC R.S.Pura along with Head Department of Sociology, Prof Jai Mala

Thakur and Aganwadi workers of ward 11 of R.S.Pura took part in rally with great spirit and enthusiasm.

The rally aims to strengthen patriotic sentiment among the masses as the country approaches its Independence Day celebrations. The rally saw enthusiastic participation of Aganwadi workers and students proudly waving the Tricolor, reflected the deep-rooted national pride among the participants and people of R.S.Pura.

The students also took Tiranga pledge along with Aganwadi workers. The event was coordinated by Prof. Jai Mala Thakur, Head Department of Sociology.

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

## Conducting the fourth phase of 'Oneness Vann' Project by **Nirankari Mission**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: With the divine guidance and blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Maharaj and Pujya Nirankari Raipita Ji. Sant Nirankari Mission started a mega tree plantation project called 'Oneness Vann' in 2021 for the conservation of the environment.

The goal of this project was to plant and care for a ' group of trees ' (mini forest), the size of which is now increasing continuously year after year. While sharing the information, the Secretary of Sant

Nirankari Mandal, Joginder Sukhija informed that under the first phase of the 'Oneness vann' project organized in the year 2021, about one and a half lakh trees were planted all over India.

With the same enthusiasm with which these trees were planted by the Nirankari devotees, they were also taken care of throughout the year.

As a result, these 'group of trees' expanded so much that now it is appearing as a 'mini forest'. The presence of migratory and rare species of birds is also being seen on these 'group of trees', whose existence had almost ended. Undoubtedly, all these creatures are of immense importance in the balance of nature.

In 2022 also, the second phase of 'Oneness vann ' project was organized with great enthusiasm in which the number of trees increased to around 2 lakhs. After that, their number is increasing continuously year after year and as a result, now around 2.50 lakh trees have been planted which are also being taken care of diligently.

To keep these trees fruitful and nourished, the volunteers of the Mission are planting them according to the local climate and geographical environment, in which the best organic manure, clean water and latest techniques of irrigation are used for their protection and growth so that they can develop completely.

To implement this project necessary for social welfare, Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation is starting the fourth phase of this Mahabhiyan by adding many new places in both rural and urban areas on 11th August , Sunday, in more than 600 places across India in the form of a 'Massive Tree Plantation Campaign'. In this, all the followers and volunteers of the Mission will join and plant about 10 lakh trees and will also take care of these trees for three to five years while playing their important role so that they can flourish as 'mini forests 'just like in the first phase.

In the year 2020, the Corona crisis made us all understand the importance of nature's invaluable gift, Prana Vayu i.e. oxygen, for which the existence of these trees is extremely necessary because the effect of a large number of these trees will not only save the surrounding environment from getting polluted but the local temperature will also remain under control. Nirankari Mission has been playing an important role in 'environmental protection and beautifying the earth by implementing such welfare schemes from time to time.

'TRAINS HANDLING PLAN' TO UNDERTAKE UPGRADATION WOR In order to further upgrade the existing infrastructure a Sanehwal station on Sanehwal - Amritsar Jn. section,

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Okheda, Chahat Chadha,

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The artists of BLSKS,

Northern Railway will undertake the Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work from 13.08.2024 to 27.08.2024. To execute this work suitable traffic blocks will be taken. As a result, following 'Traffic Handling Plan' will be adopted during the above mentioned period:-

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22430 Pathankot - Delhi Jn. Express	14.08.24 to 27.08.24 except 16.08.24 & 23.08.2
22429 Delhi Jn Pathankot Express	13.08.24 to 26.08.24 except 15.08.24 & 22.08.24
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04651 Jaynagar - Amritsar Jn. Special	16, 18, 20, 23, 25 & 27.08.2024
04654 Amritsar Jn New Jalpaiguri Superfast Spl.	14.08.2024 & 21.08.2024
04653 New Jalpaiguri - Amritsar Jn. Superfast Spl.	16.08.2024 & 23.08.2024
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12242 Amritsar - Chandigarh Express	24.08.2024 to 27.08.2024
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14506 Nangal Dam - Amritsar Jn. Express	14.08.2024 to 26.06.2024
14503 Kalka - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	23.08.2024
14504 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Kalka Express	24.08.2024
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04582 Ludhiana Jn Ambala Cantt. Jn. MEMU	14.08.2024 to 26.08.2024
04591/92 Ludhiana - Chheharta - Ludhiana MEMU	14.08.2024 to 26.08.2024
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## Make or remake?

Hindi remakes of popular films continue unabated, despite some not going down well with the audiences. Experts say a fresh perspective needs to be injected into the script for remakes to find favour

Aamir Khan has secured the rights to remake the currently viral Tamil film Maharaja, an action-thriller starring Vijay Sethupathi. But is there still an audience for remakes, when a majority has started watching good content with subtitles and also dubbed versions on OTT?

If one looks at how Maharaja is grossing positive reviews and viewership on Netlfix or how Akshay Kumarstarrer Sarfira, remake of Soorarai Pottru, failed at the box-office, the question becomes relevant. But then one remake like Shaitaan works with the masses and producer-directors are back at it - investing in South Indian films that even remotely guarantee profits!

As we bring a list of upcoming Hindi remakes of South Indian films, we also ask directors whether this remake formula still holds good in times when OTT platforms are blurring language barriers.

Remakes is not a new trend. Movie critic and business analyst Taran Adarsh recalls how hit Hindi film Ram Aur Shyam (1967), starring Dilip Kumar, was a remake of Tapi Chanakya's 1964 Telugu film Ramudu Bheemudu. Later, Ram



Kishan Kanhaiya (1990) and Gopi Kishan (1994). He shares, "Filmmakers have always been taking inspiration or ideas from other movies. But now copyright laws are too strict and everything has to be done officially. But Hindi remakes of South Indian films or vice-versa is not going to stop because of OTT."

On the other hand,

On the other hand, well-known actor-film-maker Rahul Mittra says, "Though my franchise Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster was an ode to my favourite film, Saheb Bibi Aur Ghulam, my

writers and I consciously steered away from making a remake. Contemporarising the subject led to its success and hence I feel that remakes too can have streaks of originality. Just making a remake of a hit regional film at a time when audiences are watching subtitled films on OTT platforms is senseless. Also, cultural and linguistic differences between the audiences of the original film and that of the remake is also a factor."

Not all remakes are failing at box-office though. Shaitaan, which is a remake of the Gujarati film titled Vash, made Rs 211.06 crore in gross worldwide collection. It is the second

highest-grossing Hindi film of 2024 till date. At the same time, Soorarai Pottru's remake Sarfira couldn't pull the crowd to theatres. Adarsh explains, "Like there is a good or bad film, there are good and bad remakes. As I had watched Soorarai Pottru twice, the surprise factor while watching Sarfira was gone. The same could be true for audiences. Shaitaan perhaps worked because not many had watched the Gujarati film. I believe if sometimes a remake is lost in translation, there are also times when remakes become better."

Perhaps that's what actors like Akshay Kumar and Aamir Khan

believe in when they sign another remake! Akshay, unable to score with Sarfira, has another upcoming film, Khel Khel Mein, lined up, which is a remake of 2016 Italian film Perfect Strangers. The same is true for Aamir Khan, whose Laal Singh Chaddha. a remake 1994 American film Forrest Gump, wasn't a success at the box-office, but he still recently bought remake rights of Tamil thriller, Maharaja, directed by Nithilan Swaminathan. Even Aamir's son will be walking in his father's footsteps, as Junaid has signed a Hindi remake of Tamil film Love Today, which will be produced by Phantom Studios. Actress Khushi Kapoor

will be seen opposite him.

According to Mittra, "With the decimation of the star system, remakes will lose steam further as even the biggest of stars cannot guarantee a mega boxoffice opening bereft of engaging content. Hence, filmmakers, writers and actors have to now create and back content that engages the audience, which is already spoiled for choice."

Director Karan Guiliani also holds the opinion that Bollywood is repeating the same cycle of remakes. He shares, "Frankly speaking, I have seen Maharaja, Soorya and many other South Indian films

into Hindi movies. Why would anybody want to watch the same story with a different actor? We are not ready to put efforts on original content and rather focus on readymade scripts, which can be refurbished with a fresh

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Remakes in the pipe-line

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Baby John: Varun Dhawan-starrer action thriller Baby John is a remake of 2016 Tamil film Their, directed by Jawan-fame Atlee.

Deva: Starring Shahid Kapoor, Deva is believed to be a remake of 2013 Malayalam film Mumbai Police. Not just that Shahid is playing a police office in Mumbai, but also because the makers, director Rosshan Andrrews and writer duo Bobby–Sanjay, are the same.

Kapkapiii: It is a remake of Malay-alam film Romanchan, which was released in 2023. Directed by Sangeeth Sivan, Kapkapiii stars Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade and Siddhi Idnani.

Dhadak 2: A sequel of Dhadak, this one is a remake Pariyerum Perumal (2018). Dhadak 2 stars Siddhant Chaturvedi and Triptii Dimri. Earlier, Dhadak was a remake of Marathi film Sairat.

Soorya: Actor Sunny Deol, who was in news for being roped-in for the sequel of 1997 block-buster Border, has also signed Malayalam film Joseph's official Hindi remake, which is titled Soorya.

Mrs: It is an official remake of Malayalam dramedy The Great Indian Kitchen (2021), which will star Sanya Malhotra in the lead role. Sanya bagged 'Best Actress' award for her performance in the film at the 2024 New York Indian Film Festival.

## 'Lahore 1947': Sunny Deol's film to have a crucial India-Pakistan train sequence

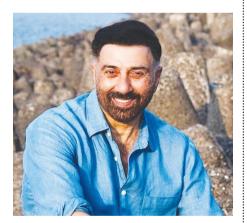
Sunny Deol's upcoming film 'Lahore 1947' will have a crucial train sequence. The film is produced by Aamir Khan's production house, and directed by Rajkumar Santoshi.

This sequence portrays the characters' train journey between India and Pakistan. The scene from 'Lahore 1947' is reported to be a visual spectacle which will be filmed for several weeks.

About the same, sources close to the film said, "The shooting of Lahore 1947 will conclude with the most ambitious train sequence of the Partition era, featuring an extensive scene unlike anything seen before. The film's climax promises to be a visual spectacle, meticulously crafted to capture the chaotic and emotional essence of the partition era. This sequence will be filmed over several weeks with a large cast and crew, aiming to offer a fresh experience to the audience."

The period drama will also see Sunny and Preity Zinta reunite after films like 'Heroes', 'Farz', and others. Apart from the actor, 'Lahore 1947' also stars Sunny's elder son, Karan Deol.

Karan will play a character called Javed in the film. Actor-producer Aamir Khan confirmed the same, and shared,



"I am so happy that Karan Deol has tested so well for the extremely critical role of Javed. His natural innocence, his sincerity, and his honesty bring a lot to the table. Karan has really applied himself, worked hard, done workshops with Adishakti (a theatre group in Mumbai), rehearsals with Raj (director Rajkumar Santoshi), and is giving it his all. Javed is a great part, a very challenging part, and I am sure that with Raj Santoshi to direct him, Karan will nail it."

'Lahore 1947' will mark the reunion of Aamir Khan and Rajkumar Santoshi after 'Andaz Apna Apna'. On the other hand, Santoshi and Sunny Deol have previously delivered box office hits like 'Ghayal,' 'Damini,' and 'Ghatak'.

## Riteish Deshmukh on the challenges of OTT platforms: They've become very choosy

Actor Deshmukh says OTT platforms allow actors to explore their craft and perform versatile roles but have become very choosy nowadays. The 45-year-old who has featured in several OTT films, including Kakuda (2024), Pill (2024) and Plan A Plan B (2022) tells us, "The digital space gets you more variation in roles. But as actors, as much as we would like to explore our craft, we are [only] as good as the opportunities we get.'

Stating "there are no free lunches in life", Deshmukh further says that there is a certain economics that goes into making every film, be it on OTT or theatres. "Some platform is going to pay that money. If the film doesn't bring viewers or fails to do well on that platform, they will have numbers to show how to move forward."



"They will clearly say 'I don't want Riteish. He doesn't work well for our platform. So cast someone else.' So, it's not as

if this space is a safer medium. Moreover, different actors work for different platforms," he Two types of filmmakers

According Deshmukh, there are two types of filmmakers. "The first type casts [actors] as per the script while the second type writes scripts according to the cast. For example, one filmmaker thinks 'I want to write a film for Salman Khan' while another says 'this is my film and I need a suitable cast for it'," the 45-yearold says while mentioning that it is the latter's work that will stand the test of time because "effort has gone into making the film right".

Deshmukh adds, "After the pandemic we were stuck in a space where we were unaware what kind of films would work. We thought only big massy entertainers or flagship films would work. But there are several films that broke that norm and worked without a lot of promo-

tion just because of their content, the latest being Munjya."

Leap of faith

Talking about how he personally chooses to work with specific filmmakers. Deshmukh says, "[There are times] we get something really different but may not be confident about the director or the script so we sometimes have to take a leap of faith." Deshmukh adds this leap of faith rule applies across OTT and theatrical releases and is "not applicable to just one medium".

Deshmukh says he has taken his leap of faith for OTT. "I never doubted or questioned any of my filmmakers, be it Aditya [Sarpotdar, director of Kakuda] or Raj [Kumar Gupta, director of Pill]. I was doing something completely different from what I have done till now in my career," he concludes.

## When the screen turns sporty

#### Sports stars have often inspired filmmakers; here's look at audiobooks and films based on the lives of these athletes

The Olympics have always been a stage where extraordinary lives and legendary feats converge, each athlete's story adding depth to the grand spectacle of the games. From stories on Saina Nehwal to Abhinav Bindra, here's a look at audiobooks and films based on the lives of these wonderful athletes.

Chandu Champion:

Prime Video Chandu Champion is a true story of an unsung hero, Murlikant Petkar. Starring Kartik Aaryan, this gripping film is based on India's first Paralympic gold medalist, who, despite facing relentless adversities—from wrestling in rural Maharashtra to representing India at international events—never wavered in his resolve. Mary Kom: Netflix

This is a gripping biopic that chronicles the inspiring journey of Mary Kom, portrayed by

Priyanka Chopra. From Mary Kom's early days in a boxing ring to overcoming personal and professional hurdles to her path to becoming a world champion, everything is depicted with emotional depth and resilience.

Bhaag Milkha Bhaag: Disney+Hotstar

Bhaag Milkha Bhaag tells the inspiring story of 'The Flying Sikh' Milkha Singh, whose life was shaped by the traumatic experience of Partition. As a child, Milkha witnessed early struggles, but eventually rose as

an athlete. Overcoming personal and professional hurdles, he became the first Indian male to reach the final of an Olympic athletics event.

He was placed fourth in the 400-metre race at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

My Olympic Journey: Audible

Exploring the remarkable tales of 50 of India's top Olympians through the eyes of Digvijay Singh Deo and Amit Bose, this audio-

book brings to life the first-hand accounts of medalists and trailblazers, including legends like Balbir Singh, tennis ace Leander Paes, and shooter Abhinav Bindra. Dangal: Prime Video

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Dangal (2016) revolves around an authoritarian but loving father and his determined daughters. The eldest sister, Geeta Phogat, was the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in wrestling at the 2010 Com-

monwealth Games and the first Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the Olympics.

Four years later, Babita emulated her sister's success by also winning a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games. Gold: AppleTV +

The film stars Akshay Kumar as Tapan Das, who assembled the country's first all Indian hockey team.

Written by Rajesh Devraj and Reema Kagti, Gold is inspired by the real events of Indian hockey team's dream run at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, and the 1948 games in London.

Saina Prime Video Based on the ife of professional badminton player Saina Nehwal, the film stars Parineeti

Chopra.
Saina had won a bronze medal in the women's singles at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

There's also an audiobook titled, Playing to Win, in which Saina shares stories from her childhood, relationships, and more.

A Shot at History Audible
In this riveting autobi-

ography, Abhinav Bindra shares his journey from a perfectionist athlete to becoming an Olympic gold medalist.

His story is a testament to the spirit of an athlete deeply motivated after a near-miss in the 2004 Athens Olympics. Co-authored with sportswriter Rohit Brijnath, this audiobook is indeed inspiring.

## Make 'Har Ghar Tiranga' a memorable mass movement: PM Modi

People are encouraged to display the national flag at their homes and other establishments during the run up to Independence Day on August 15.

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asked people to make "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign a memorable mass

He also replaced his profile picture with the national flag and urged them to do the same.

Modi said on X, "As this year's Independence Day approaches, let's again make Har Ghar Tiranga a memorable mass movement. I am changing my profile picture and I urge you



all to join me in celebrating our Tricolour by doing the same. And yes, do share your selfies on harghartiranga.com."

People are encouraged to display the national flag at their homes and other establishments during the run up to Independence Day on August 15 as part of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign.

The ruling BJP rallies its members across the country to make the campaign a success.

## Centre forms committee to monitor situation along Indo-Bangla border: Amit Shah



NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that the Centre government has set up a panel to monitor the situation on

the Indo-Bangladesh border on Friday.

"In the wake of the ongoing situation in Bangladesh, the Modi government has constituted a committee to ation on the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) The committee will maintain communication channels with their counterpart authorities in Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals, Hindus, and other minority communities living there,' Shah posted on X.

"The committee will be headed by the ADG, Border Security Force, Eastern Command," the minister added.

### **Awaiting release of 69 Indians** from Russian army: S Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said the government is awaiting the release of 69 Indians recruited into the Russian army and that in many cases there are indications that the Indian nationals were misled.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, the minister also said the government has taken up seriously the issues of recruitment of Indian nationals into the Russian army and cyber crime trafficking of nationals to South East Asian countries.

There are a total of 91 cases so far of Indian nationals being recruited in the Russian army. Out of them, eight have died, 14 have been discharged or sent back, and the release of 69 nationals is awaited, Mr Jaishankar said during the Question Hour.



"We take this issue very very seriously... I have myself raised it many times with the Russian foreign minister," he said and added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi also took up the issue during his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin last month

The minister said the problem is that the Russian authorities maintain that these Indian nationals entered into contracts for services with the Russian army.

"We are not necessarily subscribing to that... I think in many cases there are reasons to indicate that our nationals were misled, that they were told that they were going for some other job and then they were deployed with the Russian army," he said.

Mr Jaishankar said the prime minister got Putin's assurance that any Indian national, who is in the service of the Russian army, will be discharged and released

## **Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill introduced** in Lok Sabha

Bill seeks to give customers an option to increase the number of nominees per bank account

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Friday introduced in the Lok Sabha the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, which seeks to give customers an option to increase the number of nominees per bank account to four, from existing one, among

Another proposed change relates to redefining 'substantial interest' for directorships, which could increase to Rs 2 crore instead of the current limit of Rs 5 lakh, which was fixed almost six decades ago.

Congress member Manish Tewari opposed the introduction of the Bill saying the power to legislate with regard to cooperative societies vests with state governments.

Responding to opposition's remarks, Finance Minister



Nirmala Sitharaman said the banking regulation act and the cooperative banks do have a relationship and hence any amendment has to be taken through this route.

"There is no attempt to undermine the cooperatives, particularly cooperatives dealing with everything other than banks. Banks, cooperatives with a licence for banking will have to

have a rule and therefore we have shown this," Sitharaman

The Bill also seeks to give greater freedom to banks in deciding the remuneration to be paid to statutory auditors.

It also seeks to redefine the reporting dates for banks for regulatory compliance to the 15th and last day of every month instead of the second and fourth

The Bill, which was approved by the Union Cabinet last week, proposes to amend the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the State Bank of India Act, 1955, the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, and the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.

The announcement about amendments to the Banking Regulation Act was made by the Finance Minister in her 2023-24 Budget speech.

"To improve bank governance and enhance investors' protection, certain amendments to the Banking Regulation Act, the Banking Companies Act and the Reserve Bank of India Act are proposed," she had said.

## Supreme Court partly stays Mumbai college circular banning 'hijab, burqa, cap and naqab' on campus

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agen-Friday partly stayed a Mumbai college circular banning 'hijab, burga, cap and nagab' on the campus and said girl students must have the freedom to choose what they wear.

Educational institutions, it said, cannot force on them their choice.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Sanjay Kumar issued notice to the Chembur Trombay Education Society, which runs the 'N G Acharya and D K Marathe College', and sought its response by Novem-

"Girl students must have freedom of choice in what they are wearing and college cannot force them...It's unfortunate



that you suddenly wake up to know that there are many religions in the country," the bench told the college administration at the centre of a fresh row over a dress code for Muslim students.

It added why the college did not ban 'tilak' and 'bindi' if it intended the religious faiths of the students to not be revealed.

"Will the students' names not reveal their religious identity?" the bench asked senior advocate Madhavi Diwan, appearing for the educational society.

The court, however, said no

burga can be allowed to be worn by girls inside the classroom and no religious activities can be permitted on the campus.

The bench said its interim order should not be misused by anybody and granted liberty to the educational society and the college to approach the court in case of any misuse.

The top court was hearing a plea challenging a Bombay High Court verdict upholding the college's decision to ban hijab, burqa and naqab inside the campus.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves and advocate Abiha Zaidi, appearing for the petitioners, including Zainab Abdul Qayyum, submitted that students were not able to attend classes because of the ban.

## **Auditorium built by Shahu** Maharaj in 1915 gutted in major fire in Kolhapur



KOLHAPUR, Aug 9 (Agencies): A major fire gutted a more than 100 years old auditorium in Kolhapur city of western Maharashtra, officials said on Friday.

The auditorium, Keshavrao Bhosale Natyagruha, which stood as a symbol of arts and drama in Kolhapur, was gutted in the blaze that broke out on Thursday night, the district officials said The auditorium was built by Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj in 1915.

According to the district administra-

tion, a short-circuit is suspected to have triggered the fire.

'The fire erupted around 9.45 pm on Thursday. Following the call, fire tenders and water tankers were rushed to the site and attempts were made to douse the flames," a fire brigade offi-

Hasan Mushrif, the guardian minister of Kolhapur, later visited the spot and

said an inquiry will be conducted. He said. "It is unfortunate that the auditorium, which was built by Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharai 109 years ago, was gutted in a fire. No one could have imagined that the auditorium would be destroyed like this."

The auditorium had been renovated after the state government granted Rs 10 crore for the work, he said.

"An inquiry will be conducted into the incident," Mushrif said.

#### SC rejects plea against election of **Amritpal Singh as Lok Sabha MP**

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea against the election of jailed radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh as an MP from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib.

The petitioner claimed before a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan that Article 84 of the Constitution deals with qualification for membership of Parliament and says that a person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in Parliament unless he is a citizen of India.

"In this case, respon-

dent number four (Amritpal Singh) had said that he does not owe allegiance to the Constitution of India," the petitioner, who appeared in-person, said.

"You file an election petition," the bench

The petitioner said he was not a voter of Khadoor Sahib constituency but was "deeply hurt" by the statements given earlier by Singh.

"It is a matter of evidence. There are procedures prescribed. There are provisions in the Representation of the People Act," the bench observed.

"Thank you. Dismissed," the bench said while refusing to entertain the petition.

On July 5, Singh, was granted parole to take oath as members of the Lok Sabha.

Singh, who heads the 'Waris Punjab De' outfit, is lodged in a prison in Assam's Dibrugarh district for alleged offences under the National Security Act.

Singh, 31, won the Lok Sabha elections from Khadoor Sahib as an independent candidate while being incarcerated.

## government work PUNE, Aug 9 (Agen-

cies): Police have registered a case against Dilip Khedkar, the father of former probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar, on charges of threatening and obstructing a public servant in the discharge of duty in Pune district, officials said on Friday.

The case was filed at the Bundgarden police station here on the basis of a complaint lodged by a tehsildar-rank officer from the Pune district

collectorate, they said. "The complaint says that during Puja Khedkar's posting as an assistant collector, Dilip



threatening language against tehsildar Dipak Akade, asking him to allot a cabin for his daughter even as he had no right to interfere in the administrative functioning," an official

The Union Public Service Commission

(UPSC) recently cancelled the selection of Puja Khedkar and also permanently debarred her from all future exams and selections. She is currently untraceable after an FIR was registered against her in Delhi as she is accused of 'misrepresenting

information' in her appli-

Case against Puja Khedkar's father for obstructing

cation for the UPSC Civil Services Examination, 2022.

The 2023 batch officer is accused of misusing power and privileges by demanding perks and facilities she was not entitled for, during her training at the Pune dis-

trict collectorate. "After receiving the complaint from the district administration, we registered a case against Dilip Khedkar under sections 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of his public functions), 504 (intentional insult) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)," a senior official of the Pune police said.

The incident occurred in June this year.

Dilip Khedkar, a retired government official was also booked in a case of criminal intimidation filed by the Paud police in Pune, in which his wife Manorama was accused of toting a gun at a person in Mulshi area over a land dispute.

Dilip Khedkar was granted anticipatory bail in that case, while his wife Manorama, who was arrested by Pune rural police, was released on bail by the court recently.

## **Japan PM Fumio Kishida Cancels Central Asia Trip Amid Megaquake Warnings**

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) issued the advisory after eight people were injured by a tremor of magnitude 7.1 in the south.

TOKYO, Aug 9 (Agencies): Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Friday cancelled a trip to Central Asia after earthquake scientists warned the country should prepare for a possible "megaquake".

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) issued the advisory on Thursday after eight people were injured by a tremor of magnitude 7.1 in the south.

Kishida was due Friday to travel to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Mongolia and had planned to attend a regional summit.

"As the prime minister with the highest responsibility for crisis management, I decided I should stay in Japan for at least a week," he told reporters.

Kishida added that the public must be feeling "very anxious" after the JMA issued its first advisory under a new system drawn up following a major magnitude 9.0 earthquake in 2011 which triggered a deadly tsunami and nuclear disaster.

"The likelihood of a new major earthquake is higher than normal, but this is not an indication that a major earthquake will



definitely occur," the JMA said.

Traffic lights and cars shook and dishes fell off shelves during Thursday's earthquake off the southern island of Kyushu, but no serious damage was report-

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said eight people were hurt -- including several hit by falling objects.

Sitting on top of four major tectonic plates, the Japanese archipelago of 125 million people sees some 1,500 quakes every year, most of them minor.

Even with larger tremors the impact is generally contained thanks to advanced building techniques and well-practised

emergency procedures.

The government has previously said a megaquake has a roughly 70 percent probability of striking within the next 30 years. It could affect a large swath of the Pacific coastline of Japan and threaten an estimated 300,000 lives in the worst-case scenario, experts say.

'Risk elevated, but low'

"While earthquake prediction is impossible, the occurrence of one earthquake usually does raise the likelihood of another," experts from Earthquake Insights said.

But they added that even when the risk of a second earthquake is elevated, it is "still always

On January 1, a 7.6-sized jolt and powerful aftershocks hit the Noto Peninsula on the Sea of Japan coast, killing at least 318 people, toppling buildings and knocking out roads.

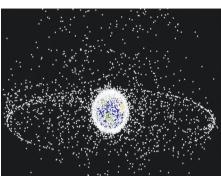
In 2011, a mammoth 9.0-magnitude undersea quake off northeastern Japan triggered a tsunami that left around 18,500 people dead or missing.

It sent three reactors into meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant, causing Japan's worst post-war disaster and the most serious nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

A future megaquake could emanate from the vast Nankai Trough off eastern Japan that in the past has seen major jolts, often in pairs, with magnitudes of eight and even nine.

This included one in 1707 -until 2011 the largest recorded -- when Mount Fuji last erupted, in 1854, and then a pair in 1944 and 1946.

## China rocket ends up as 300-piece space junk after satellite constellation launch



BEIJING, Aug 9 (Agencies): China's Long March 6A rocket broke apart creating over 300 pieces of trackable debris in low Earth orbit, after achieving a significant milestone of launching 18 Qianfan satellites, the US Space Command (USSPACECOM) said today.

The 18 satellites were part of the first batch aimed to establish China's "own version of Elon Musk's Starlink", called the Qianfan ("Thousand Sails") broadband network.

The satellites were launched on Tuesday on the Long March 6A rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in North China's Shanxi Prov-

The satellites were designed and built by the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Innovation Academy for Microsatellites in Shanghai.

While the rocket successfully delivered the satellites at an altitude of about 800 kilometres, soon after its upper

stage broke apart. The breakup generated a cloud of debris that is trackable around Earth, the USSPACECOM said.

"USSPACECOM can confirm the breakup of a Long March 6A rocket launched on Aug. 6, 2024, resulting in over 300 pieces of trackable debris in low Earth orbit," the organisation said in a statement, posted on social media platform X.com on Friday.

"USSPACECOM has observed no immediate threats and continues to conduct routine conjunction assessments to support the safety and sustainability of the space domain," it added.

China launched the Qianfan mega constellation project in 2023 to provide more extensive and high-quality communication services for domestic users.

Developed by the Shanghai-based company SpaceSail, the Qianfan network is reported to establish a network of over 15,000 low earth orbit (LEO) wide-screen multimedia satellites in the long run, of which 108 satellites will be launched this year and 648 satellites by 2025 end.

By 2027, the constellation aims to provide global network coverage, and ultimately by 2030, encompass 15,000 satellites providing integrated services such as direct mobile connections, agency reported.

On the other hand, SpaceX's Starlink currently has more than 6,000 satellites in space and has more than 3 million customers in 100 countries.

## Iraq proposes law to lower marriage age for girls to 9, stokes controversy

BAGHDAD, Aug 9 (Agencies): A controversial bill that could potentially reduce the legal marriage age for girls to 9 and boys to 15 has been introduced in Iraq's parliament.

The draft bill will further allow citizens to choose either religious authorities or the civil judiciary to decide on family affairs, sparking widespread concerns over how it could be used to undermine legal proceedings related to inheritance, child custody and divorce.

Law in the country stipulates the legal marriage age to be 18; that this bill could blatantly change that is the most feared facet of the proposal.

"Passing this law would show a country moving backwards, not forwards," Human Rights Watch (HRW) researcher Sarah Sanbar said in an interview with news

agency. Sanbar's organisation warned earlier this year that religious leaders in Iraq conduct thousands of unregistered marriages each year, including child marriages, in violation of the current law.

Child marriage has been a concern in Iraq for ages. According to UNICEF, 28 per cent of women aged 20 to 24 were married before the age of 18. Additionally, 7 per cent of these women were married before they turned 15.

Amal Kabashi, from the Iraq Women's Network advocacy group, told AFP that the amendment "provides huge leeway for male dominance over family issues" in an already conservative society.

The proposal was withdrawn from parliament in late July after facing severe backlash from lawmakers. On August 4, it was reintroduced with the support of Shiite blocs that holds considerable sway.

MP Raed al-Maliki, who introduced the bill. has denied any possibility of reducing the legal marriage age. The lawmaker, in the past, has been a harbinger of contentious proposals; he proposed criminalising homosexuality and sexreassignment surgeries. "Objections to the law

come from a malicious agenda that seeks to deny a significant portion of the Iraqi population their personal status determined by their beliefs," al-Maliki said in a television interview.

Women's rights groups are campaigning against the proposed law, fearing it could roll back women's rights and legitimise child marriage. A coalition of Iraqi female lawmakers also opposed the bill.

Farlier this year onstrators gathered in Tahrir Square, carrying signs that read "The era of female slaves is over" and "No to the marriage of minors.'

"Their most efficient tool for this distraction is to terrorize Iraqi women and civil society with a legislation that strips away all the rights that Iragi women gained in modern times," said Yanar Mohammed, president of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq, as quoted by the Middle East Monitor.

### Muhammad Yunus honours heroes, first act as Bangladesh Interim Leader ister Narendra Modi

DHAKA, Aug 9 (Agencies): Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus led a solemn tribute to Bangladesh's fallen independence heroes in the first act of his interim government on Friday, after a studentled uprising forced predecessor Sheikh Hasina into exile.

A day after returning home from Europe and vowing to "uphold, support and protect the constitution" as he was sworn into office, 84-year-old Yunus began the tough challenge of returning the country to democracy.

Hasina, 76, accused of widespread human rights abuses including the jailing of her political opponents, fled by helicopter to neighbouring India on Monday as protesters flooded Dhaka's streets in a dramatic end to her 15-year rule.

The military announced her resignation and then agreed to student demands that Yunus -- who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his pioneering microfinancing work -- lead an interim government.

Yunus, who has taken the title of "chief advisor" to a caretaker adminis-



tration, comprised of fellow civilians bar one retired brigadier-general, has said he wants to hold elections "within a few months".

When polls might take place is not clear.

Officials of Hasina's former ruling party, the Awami League, have gone into hiding after revenge attacks saw some of their offices torched, while former opposition groups such as the key Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) are rebuilding after years of crushing repression. 'Victory day'

The new administration faces a daunting task.

The veteran economist has called for the restoration of order in the South Asian nation after weeks of violence that left at least 455 people

dead, calling on citizens to guard each other, including minorities who came under attack.

In driving rain, Yunus stood silently on Friday alongside student and civil society leaders in the new "advisory" cabinet tasked with steering democratic reforms.

Together the group laid a wreath in the redand-green colours of the national flag at the main memorial commemorating the millions who died in Bangladesh's 1971 liberation war against Pakistan.

Yunus suggested on his arrival on Thursday in Dhaka that Hasina's ouster was as significant as the conflict that brought Bangladesh into being.

"Bangladesh has created a new victory day," he told reporters.

"Bangladesh has got a second independence."

Several of Yunus' advisers are loosely affiliated with the BNP, led by Hasina's longtime rival and former premier Khaleda Zia, 78, newly released from years of house arrest.

They also include student leaders who started the protests.

Yunus wrote in The Economist this week that his country needed a new generation of leaders "who are not obsessed with settling scores, as too many of our previous governments were".

However, Hasina's sor Sajeeb Wazed Joy told the Times of India newspaper his mother still had hope of contesting for political office.

"She will go back to Bangladesh the moment the interim government decides to hold an election," he said.

'Law and order'

Hasina's flight abroad has heightened rancour towards India, which played a decisive military role in securing Bangladesh's independence but also backed Hasina to the hilt.

Indian Prime Min-

was among the first to offer his "best wishes" to Yunus on Thursday moments after he was sworn in, saying New Delhi was "committed" to working with neighbouring Dhaka. India's arch-rival Paki-

stan on Friday also said it hoped it could boost ties with Dhaka, with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif wishing Yunus "great success in guiding Bangladesh towards a harmonious and pros-

perous future" China said Friday it also welcomed the interim government, promising to work with the country "to promote exchange and coopera-

Farida Akhter, an adviser to the interim government, told AFP that the group would also visit a monument in Dhaka where the student protests started last

"We are paying our respects there, as the student movement began from there," she said, before naming the top task on their to-do

"Our first priority is law and order", she said.

#### Israeli troops launch a new assault into Gaza's Khan Younis as mediators push for cease-fire talks

DEIR AL-BALAH, Aug 9 (Agencies): Israeli troops launched a new assault Friday into the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis, targeting Hamas fighters who the military claims still operate there despite repeated offensives, as American, Qatari and Egyptian mediators renewed their push for Israel and Hamas to reach a cease-fire deal.

Israeli evacuation orders triggered yet another exodus of Palestinians from the heavily destroyed eastern districts of Khan Younis, where many had just returned less than two weeks ago — after the Israeli military's last incursion into the city in July.

Thousands fled Thursday, carrying essentials like small gas cylinders, mattresses, tents, backpacks and blankets.

Officials from Israel and the United States have said they believe Yahya Sinwar, Hamas' newly named top leader and one of the architects of the Oct. 7

attack on Israel, could be hiding in tunnels under Khan Younis.

The military said Friday its warplanes struck 30 Hamas targets in the city, including fighters and weapons storage sites. It said troops were searching for Hamas tunnels and other infrastructure while engaging in combat "above and below ground."

After 10 months of war in Gaza, the mediators' push aims to resume indirect negotiations for a cease-fire that have been on hold since Sinwar's predecessor, Ismail Haniyeh, was assassinated in a presumed Israeli blast in Tehran on July 31.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed Thursday that it would send negotiators to talks that mediators have called for on Aug. 15, to be held in either Qatar's capital of

Doha or Egypt's capital of Cairo. There was no immediate response from Hamas, which announced Tuesday that Sinwar, the group's leader in Gaza, would replace Haniyeh as the group's top leader. Haniyeh previously served as the key interlocutor in the negotiations.

Haniyeh's killing and that of a top Hezbollah commander in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut brought vows of retaliation from Hezbollah and Iran. International diplomats have been scrambling to prevent an escalation and to seal a deal to stop the fighting in Gaza and release the hostages still captive in the enclave.

In a joint statement, the United States, Egypt and Qatar called for the new round of talks, to be held either in Doha or Cairo, and pressed both sides to move ahead. "There is no further time to waste

nor excuses from any party for further delay," they said, adding that the negotiators have already finalized a framework for the deal. They said mediators were pre-

pared to present a final compro-

mise "that resolves the remaining implementation issues in a manner that meets the expectations of all parties." It did not elaborate on what that would look like.

A key question hanging over the talks is the impact of Sinwar's elevation to Hamas' top leadership post. Seen as a hard-liner within the group, Sinwar has been in deep hiding in Gaza throughout the war as Israel vows to kill him.

Sinwar has already been closely involved in negotiations from behind the scenes. Hamas officials and mediators have said Hamas negotiators regularly sought his approval on the group's positions as it pressed for guarantees that a deal would bring a complete end to the war and withdrawal of all Israeli troops from Gaza, in return for the release of all hostages.

Israel has vowed to destroy Hamas after the Oct. 7 attack, in which militants from Gaza stormed into southern Israel,

killing around 1,200 people and abducting 250 others. After a round of release exchanges in November, Israel says 111 hostages remain in Gaza, including 39 bodies.

Its campaign in Gaza has killed more than 39,600 Palestinians and wounded more than 91,700 others. More than 1.9 million of Gaza's pre-war population of 2.3 million have been driven from their homes, fleeing repeatedly across the territory to escape offensives. Most are now crowded into ramshackle tent camps in an area about 50 square kilometers (19 square miles) on the Gaza

coast. With sanitation systems collapsed, diseases have run rampant, health officials say, and humanitarian groups are trying to feed the population. The United Nations says a half-million Palestinians facing catastrophic levels

of food insecurity. Israel's military said Friday

that its forces were still battling Hamas fighters in Gaza's southernmost city, Rafah, in an assault there that has lasted three months. Its new assault in Khan Younis, where it has waged multiple offensives this year, drove more people into the camps and neighboring areas.

Ghazi Abu Daka, one of the evacuees, told the AP that he and his family have had to flee eastern Khan Younis four times now.

"Every day there is war. Every day there are rockets. There is no safe place in the eastern area. Now, we are displaced in the streets and don't know where to go." he said as he carried his son, a piece of cloth on his head

to protect him from the heat. Yasser Abu Alyan, another evacuee, said he was displaced around six times from the Beni Seheila area east of the city. He said he took nothing with him except his two little girls: "Everything is gone."

## **NSDC launches Kaushal Mahotsav, job** readiness program in Uttar Pradesh

The SIDH app devel-

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**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Tapping into the heart of Uttar Pradesh and aligning with the vision of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) with support of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), announced the launch of 'Kaushal Mahotsav: Job Readiness Program' in Bijnor at a press conference today.

This initiative, guided by the Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Jayant Chaudhary, aims to transform Bijnor into a key hub for skilled workforce development.

The press conference, held at Bijnor, was attended by prominent figures including Chandan Singh Chauhan Member of Parliament; Dr Prabhat Kumar, Advisor to the Minister of Skill Development; Ankit Kumar Aggarwal, District Magistrate, Bijnor; and Ved Mani Tiwari, Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Officiating Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NSDC.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of India becoming the world's largest provider of skilled workforce underscores the need for strategic planning and manpower mapping

To align with this vision, the Kaushal Mahotsav is set to take place in Bijnor—a district known



for its substantial youth population and emerging industrial landscape. The district's educational institutions, including degree colleges, ITIs, and polytechnics, produce a steady stream of skilled individuals eager for employment.

Chandan Singh Chauhan Member of Parliament, during his address mentioned, "The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been the dream project of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi since 2014. And under the dynamic leadership of Minister Jayant Chaudhary, this ministry is taking concrete steps forward.

The Kaushal Mahotsav is not just a job fair, but an opportunity for our youth to showcase their skills and gain lifelong certifications. As the MP for Bijnor, I am proud that our constituency has been chosen to host the inaugural Kaushal Mahotsav and thankful to the Honourable Minister Shri Jayant Chaudhary. This is a testament to our region's immense poten-

vide young people with the necessary skills and knowledge to become future-ready and contribute to the economy. In Western Uttar

Pradesh, where we are organizing this event, the Honorable Member of Parliament has emphasized the importance of focusing on preparing young people. To support this vision, we are working under the guidance as well as the leadership of Honourable Minister Shri Jayant Chaudhary with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), as well as with the Government of Uttar Pradesh. This is a combined effort with the common aim to initiate the program and make it successful."

The initiative aims to link Bijnor's skilled workforce with potential employers, driving local economic growth. Interested candidates are encouraged to register on the Skill India Digital Portal Hub. Once registered, NSDC will reach out to candidates to provide more details about training center and extend invitations to participate in the Job Readiness Program.

Registration will remain open until August 25, 2024, which can be accessed here: https://

tinyurl.com/24skl7c8 The program will conclude with a special offer letter distribution ceremony by Hon'ble Min-

ister Shri Jayant Chaudhary in September. The Kaushal Mahotsav represents a pivotal opportunity to advance local economic development and enhance job readiness for Bijnor's youth.

Insights from a comprehensive Need Assessment Survey revealed preferences and skill sets of the local job seekers, with ITI and polytechnic diploma holders favouring manufacturing roles and degree graduates leaning towards serviceoriented sectors.

A 5-day employability training program will be organized, covering essential soft skills such as communication and interview preparation, as well as domain-specific skills for roles like Assembly Line Operator, Customer Care Executive, Business Development Executive, and Relationship Officer. The training will be conducted at 20 centres across Bijnor and nearby areas.

the Kaushal Mahotsav have engaged employers from Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring regions, including Uttarakhand, Ghaziabad, Noida, Bulandshahr, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Haridwar, and Pant Nagar. The program will cater to diverse sectors, including Electronics, Automotive, Logistics, Banking and Financial Services, IT, ITeS. Tourism & Hospitality,

The outreach efforts for

## Stop disturbing recognized educational institutions in Jammu region; Suresh Dogra

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Adv. Suresh Kumar Dogra, General Secretary of the Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, has called upon the LG Administration to refrain from interfering with legally recognized educational institutions in the Jammu region.

Dogra emphasized that these institutions, numbering around 70-75, are built in suitable environments, maintain high hygiene standards, and enjoy a strong reputation in the education sector. He noted that these schools are fully compliant with government norms and eager to adhere to all administrative instructions.

Adv. Suresh Dogra highlighted the longstanding excellence of these recognized institutions, which have been operational for decades and have produced numerous IAS officers, doctors, engineers, IPS officers, and other administrators. He contrasted Jammu with metropolitan cities like Delhi, pointing out that unlike in those crowded urban areas, Jammu's educational institutions are not situated in cramped basements but are in well-maintained locations. He praised the people of Jammu and following rules and regulations.

Dogra also pointed out the issue of unrecognized and undisciplined educational institutions that operate without proper oversight and enjoy substantial incomes without interference. He criticized the administration for not addressing these institutions' irregularities.

The senior Congress leader reiterated his appeal to the LG Administration to allow the smooth functioning of recognized educational institutions that comply with administrative and governmental regulations, including paying proper taxes and dues.

#### **GDC Ramgarh honors local Martyrs with tribute**

for being law-abiding

**Top News Report** 

RAMGARH, Aug 9: Government Degree College Ramgarh under Independence Day Celebration, paid tribute to the local martyrs who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. The ceremony was attended by the families of the martyrs, guests, faculty members, and students, all gathered to honor the bravery and selflessness of these heroes.

Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal extended a warm welcome to everyone present, setting the tone for the event. The ceremony commenced with a two-minute silence. observed in respectful remembrance of the

The program included a

poignant recounting of the life histories of Amar Shaheed Raineesh Sharma (Shaurya Chakra) and Amar Shaheed Deepak Kumar, Students from the college recited inspiring patriotic poetry, celebrating the spirit and sacrifice of these courageous bravehearts.

The guests, poet Raj Kumar, Satya Paul Gudwalia and Prof. Brahm Dutt further enriched the event with their evocative poetry, adding depth and emotion to the tribute. The brother of Raineesh Sharma also shared heartfelt words, offering a personal reflection on the sacrifice of his loved one.

In a gesture of honor and appreciation, mementos were presented to the families of the martyrs. This act of recognition

underscored the college's commitment to celebrating the legacy and valor of these brave hearts.

The entire proceedings and the vote of thanks were conducted by Prof. Brahm Dutt. Faculty members Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Snobar, Prof. Sandeep Kumari, Ashok Kumar (PTI) and Dr. Shivali Panjgotra were also present, adding their support and

respect to the occasion. Earlier poster making competition on the theme 'Say No to Corruption' was held, wherein 15 students participated enthusiastically and show cased their painting talents by highlighting the theme, Tania Sem-V, Aruna Sem-V and Tamana Sem-V secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd position

## GGM Science College organizes Rangoli making and patriotic Song Competition

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: The cultural committee, NSS and NCC units of GGM Science College organized a vibrant rangoli making and Patriotic song competition on the theme of "Freedom Struggle and National Heroes" on Friday to celebrate India's Independence Day.

The competitions tural heritage and unity among students while honoring the spirit of independence.

This event was a part of the college's ongoing celebrations of Independence Day and Swacchta Pakhwara.

The Principal of GGM Science College, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, expressed pride in the students' efforts and creativity.

He not only witnessed

the events but also encouraged the students to actively participate in such educational and nation-building activities "These competitions not only highlight the artistic talents of our students but also brings us together in celebrating our nation's independence. It is heartening to see such a strong display of patriotism and unity," said Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta.

The event held on the college premises. saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, showcasing their artistic talents and patriotic fervor. Participants used an array of colors and intricate designs to create beautiful Rangolis and depicted theme of freedom, national pride and cultural diversity. Group and solo performers sang soulful renditions of patriotic songs,

national pride Over 30 students from various disciplines took part in the competition. The activities were

evoking a deep sense of

judged by a panel of



esteemed faculty members Prof. Vandana Khajuria. Hod department of English and Prof. Jatinder Kour, Associate Professor. Department of English who evaluated the entries based on creativity, design, and thematic relevance in rangoli making and originality, depth of content and presentation in patriotic

song competition. The first prize was awarded to the team of Zaigham Salaria and Maansi and the second prize was awarded to the team of Sana Thakur and Aditi Bassin in Rangoli making competition. The

first and second prizes in patriotic song competition was bagged by Sahil Sharma and Aakriti sharma respectively.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where the winners were felicitated with trophies.

The event was convened by Prof. Seema Minhas, Convener, Cultural committee of GGM Science College and supervised by Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma and Dr Shafia Saleem, ANO's and Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma PO's of the College.

All other members of the committee Prof. Seema Gandotra, Prof.

Yasmeen Mughal, Prof. Kiran Bala, Dr. Arti Sharma, Prof. Mehnaz Bano, Prof. Rajesh Bhardwaj and Prof. Reetika Rani successfully coordinated the activity.

**GGM Science College** is dedicated to fostering a

holistic educational environment that encourages academic excellence, cultural enrichment, and community engagement. Through various events and activities, the college aims to nurture the talents and potential of its

#### **CAR FOR SALE**

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#### **ECI takes feedback from** Police, civil admin

the media on the review process.

On the first day of its visit on Thursday, the ECI team held deliberations with political parties who demanded immediate polls in the UT, which would be the first assembly election in J-K in the last 10 years.

Assembly polls have not been held in Jammu and Kashmir since 2014. The polls were due to be held in early 2019 following the dissolution of the legislative body of the erstwhile state in 2018.

However, after the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into Union territories in August 2019, the Assembly polls could not be held due to various reasons, including a delimitation exercise that was completed in 2022.

The Supreme Court in December last year directed the Centre to conclude the election process by September 30 this

#### Pakistan more of 'Nuisance', than strategic threat to India: Shaurya Doval

serious challenge due to its military capabilities and intentions.

"I think, first and foremost, India's USP right now is economic growth...we have to manage our neighbourhood so that we continue to get that space and time to be able to reach our economic goal and give us strategic advantage vis-a-vis our neighbours," he said.

Doval said, "If our northern neighbour

aspires to dominate the global stage, they would prefer to see India confined to its current position." "If they fail to establish their presence in our region, their global ambitions could be hindered," the India Foundation founder said. Underlining that economic growth is India's primary strength, he said, "We must manage our neighbourhood to create space for economic progress and gain a strategic advantage." He stressed on a focused effort to bridge the economic gaps between India and its neighbours, including in trade, technology and infrastructure, and asserted that India is making strides in this direction.

On counter-terrorism, Doval said it should not be seen merely as a state's response. "Terrorism can infiltrate various sectors of society, from schools to hospitals, and it requires a collective effort to prepare and protect our nation," he said.

Doval advocated for the need to augment India's technological capabilities, particularly in the private sector, to combat cyber crime and terrorism effectively. "We must empower our innovators and coders to take the lead in counter-terrorism efforts, especially in the realm of cybersecurity," he said.

Government systems often struggle to keep pace with the rapid innovation found in the private sector, Doval said and underscored the critical role of the political class in reflecting societal values and addressing these challenges

"India is one of the few countries actively engaging in this technological battle. If we can't rise to the occasion, who will?" Doval asked, urging a united approach to innovation and security in the face of evolving

#### **LG Sinha pays tribute to**

#### FROM PAGE 1 freedom fighters on Quit **India Movement's**

day, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, marks the resolute call for independence that united millions against colonial rule. Their courage & sacrifice continue to inspire us."

anniversary

#### **Supreme Court grants** bail to AAP leader Manish Sisodia

he has been in custody for 17 months. A bench of justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said Sisodia has been in custody for 17 months and trial has not yet commenced, depriving him of the right to

The bench said it would be a travesty of justice to relegate him to the trial court for seeking bail in these cases.

The top court said it is high time that the trial courts and high courts recognise that the principle of bail is a rule and jail is an exception.

It directed that Sisodia be released on bail on a personal bond of Rs 10 lakh with two sureties of the like amount.

The former deputy chief minister of Delhi was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on February 26, 2023 for the purported irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the nowscrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested him in the money laundering case stemming from the CBI FIR on March 9, 2023. He resigned from the Delhi cabinet on February 28, 2023.

Sisodia had sought bail contending that he has been in custody for 17 months and the trial against him has not yet started. The ED and the CBI had opposed his

**BJP announces 132**member committee for

## **J&K Assembly polls**

Raina, in consultation with the party's National President, J P Nadda, G Kishan Reddy, Union minister and the party's election in-charge for the Union Territory, and BJP National General Secretary and Jammu and Kashmir Prabhari Tarun Chugh, announced the election management committee, with Sharma nominated as its chairman, the spokesperson said.

Assem Gupta has been nominated as the convenor and Rajiv Jasrotia, Pawan Khajuria and Shouqat Gayoor Andrabi as committee co-convenors, he added.

#### Two missing children traced within hours. reunited with families in **Srinagar: Police**

Vilgam in less than four hours and they have been reunited with their families. Further investigation into the matter is

NBCC gets Rs 15k Cr contract to build 406acre satellite township in

#### Srinagar

Rakh-e-Gund Akshah, Bemina, Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir.

The value of the contract is Rs 15,000

NBCC is into project management consultancy and real estate business.

#### **Executive Engineer R&B Bandipora suspended** pending inquiry into 'conduct'

Executive Engineer PMGSY Bandipora, shall look after the charge of the R&B Division Bandipora in addition to his own duties until further orders," the order further reads.

#### **Staying illegally after** marrying local boy, Bangladeshi woman arrested in Jammu

presently living in the Puran Nagar locality of Talab Tillo.

"Her three-month visa expired in May 2022, but the woman did not go back, and during her illegal stay, she married a local resident," police sources said.

Acting on specific information, a police team from Nowabad took the lady into custody, and she was sent on a sevenday police remand, sources said.

A case has been registered under relevant sections, and a further investigation into the matter is in progress.

## **Congress observes Quit India Day**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: In connection with the Quit India Day anniversary on Friday an impressive function was held here today at PCC HQ Shahid Chowk Jammu in which leaders of PCC, DCC and frontal organizations besides a large number of prominent workers participated and remembered sacrifices and contributions of late leaders led by Mahatma Gandhi.

The function was presided over by Narinder Gupta, General Secretary Org), While General Secretaries Adv. Suresh Dogra & Thomas Khokhar, Congress Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, **NSUI** President Ajay



Secretaries Kuldeep Raj Verma, Dwarika Choudhary, Rajveer Singh, Michael Wazir, Harvinder Singh Mehta, Manjit Singh Jatt, Vijay Shastri, Th. Hoshyar Singh, Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Bhavishya Sudan, Varinder Manhas, Igbal Bhat, Ricky Dalotra, Rakesh Sharma, Manjit Singh Bedi, Farooq Salaria, Latish Sharma, Ajay

Lakhotra, Kapil Singh,

Kumar, Camresh David Babloo. Prem Singh. Sikander Khan, Zahur Tantrey, Jai Paul, Sandhya Sharma, Sunita Sharma and others addressed the gathering.

The speakers recalled the freedom struggle of the Country launched by INC led by father of nation Mahatma Gandhi, served a final ultimatum to the Britishers to quit India, which finally forced

non-violent and peaceful means to leave this country and finally country attained freedom in 1947. They said the Quit India Movement has great

importance in the history of freedom struggle of our Country and the role of Quit India Movement of 1942 launched by INC led by Mahatma Gandhi in achieving the goal of freedom. The AICC session at

the Britishers, through

Bombay on 08th August, 1942 decided to launch the Quit India Movement. The entire national leadership of Congress including Mahatma Gandhi were taken into custody same night.

The next day Aruna Asif Ali a young leader hoisted

riers and movement was launched through the length and breadth of the country. While Mahatma Gandhi was in jail, his wife Kasturba Gandhi expired. The entire leadership was in jail but it was Indira Gandhi returned from Srinagar airport and led the entire movement. This move-

ment forced Britishers

to decide to leave this

the flag breaking all bar-

country. The speakers also criticized those forces and organizations who did not participate in the Quit India Movement and sided with Britishers but today questioning Congress, which is very unfortunate and irony of the time.

## **KVK Reasi organises Training Programme on Natural Farming**

**Top News Report** 

REASI, Aug 9: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) concluded two days training programme on natural farming under "Up scaling of Natural Farming through KVKs" project here at Sirah village in Reasi distt. of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by a number of farmers of the area.

The programme was organized under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J.

The major objective of the programme was to train the farmers on natural farming and educate them on the various practices required for natural

farming.
Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal deliberated on the need of natural farming in present era and discussed in detail on the food and nutritional security. He stressed on the need to shift conventional farming to natural farming so as to safeguard biodi-

versity and environment. He emphasised on the cluster based approach required for natural farm-

He informed that natural farming is a promising means of reducing the dependence of farmers on external inputs, reducing the cost of cultivation and increasing the income of the farmers.

Earlier Dr. Sanjay Koushal, Scientist started the programme with warm welcome of the participants.

He said that Reasi district of J&K has huge potential in natural farming and the farmers can generate more income by producing the safe and healthy food through natural farming.

He further said that by the use of natural farming formulations farmers can minimize the cost of cultivation and increase the quality of their farm produce.

He added that natural farming is beneficial for the maintenance soil health, human health and biodiversity.

He guided farmers on the formulations of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Ghanjeevamrit, Agniastra, Neemastra, Brahmastra, Panchgavya etc. and explained their uses.

He also guided the participants on mulching and Wapsa (moisture) practices of natural farming. Bharat Bushan, Agriculture Extension Officer, Deptt. of Agriculture, Reasi guided farmers on various agricultural schemes/programmes undergoing in the distt.

He said that for a healthy society, quality and healthy food is required and natural farming can play a significant role for the production of safe and healthy food.

He discussed on the importance of farm fields as a source of organic matter and spoke on the usage of indigenous seed and bioinoculants as the catalyst required for natural farming.

He stressed on climate resilient agriculture and discussed on the importance of agro advisories.

During the programme, an awardee farmer, Tilak Raj was also present who shared his experiences of farming with the other farmers of area. Farmers showed keen interest in the technologies explained by the KVK, Reasi scientists and they were convinced to use them. The programme was concluded by Dr. Sanjay Kaushal with the formal vote of thanks.

## **Inter School Quiz Competition on Independent Day Celebration at Rajouri**



**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, Aug 9: Indian Army organised an Inter School Quiz Competition in view of the forthcoming Independent Day Celebration at Government Higher Secondary School, Seri, Kalal with an aim to foster a spirit of healthy competition, encourage academic excellence and promote knowledge sharing among students. A total of 90 Students from five schools participated in the competition. The students from each school, who had been preparing rigorously for weeks, displayed utmost

enthusiasm and zeal while participating in the event. The quiz had a variety of challenging questions that tested the participant's knowledge and quick thinking abilities. The questions covered all aspects of academics including Science, Maths, General Knowledge, History and Geography. The winning students were presented with Trophies and Certificates and all participating students were presented with gift sets to assist them in their further quest for knowledge. The teachers and participants alike praised the Indian Army and its efforts for

organising the event. Many highlighted the high standards of questions and appreciated the opportunity for their students to showcase their knowledge and interaction with peers from other schools.

The Inter School Quiz Competition was not only a test of knowledge but also a celebration of learning and camaraderie. It highlighted the importance of academic competitions in fostering intellectual growth and collaboration among students. The spirit of competition and the joy of learning were the true

winners of the day.

### **Tiny Scholars School Kathua** organizes workshop on 'Traffic Rules and Regulations'



**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Aug 9: Tiny Scholars School Kathua has organized a workshop on "Traffic Rules and Regulations" with ARTO Lakhanpur, Shammi Sharma and Inspector Jatinder Singh Chib on Friday.

Students of class 8th and 10th performed a beautiful welcome song for the guests. The speakers of the gracious occasion was ARTO Shammi Sharma, who

stressed the traffic rules and regulations.

ARTO along with our respected MD Manisha Gupta and Principal Reena Khajuria motivated the students to follow the traffic rules and regulations

Inspector Jatinder Singh Chib administered pledge to the students to follow the traffic rules.

The event was wrapped up by felicitating the guests by MD Manisha Gupta and Principal Reena Khajuria.

#### KISHTWAR, Aug 9: Army, in its continued

Lecture on Patriotism at Patnazi Kishtwar

**Top News Report** 

efforts to establish a sense of pride and fervour for the nation amongst the locals of Kishtwar, district, conducted a lecture on patriotism at Patnazi on 08 August 2024. The aim of the lecture was to instill the spirit and zeal in the youth of Patnazi to serve their motherland and create an atmosphere where people relate to the idea of India as a united world power to reckon with. The lecture covered India's rich heritage and culture as the oldest civilisation to

tales of heroism that have their names engraved in gold in the pages of history. It was attended by a total of 24 school students and 04 teachers from Higher Secondary School, Patnazi and was received enthusiastically by the youth of the region. It was encouraging to witness the pride each

land, an interactive session was also organised which saw active participation by each of the attendees. Such initiatives will go a long way in enabling integration of the local populace with the country and the ideals for which it stands. Patriotism should be an integral part of every Indian and should be proudly felt from within.

## Innerwheel Club Samparak Jammu holds Breastfeeding Camp

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Innerwheel Club Samparak Jammu organized a breastfeeding camp at Sarwal Hospital. The camp was inau-

gurated by Dr. Sushila Kailua, the hospital superintendent, and was attended by Dr. Shakira, Dr. Pankaj, and other senior doctors of the hospital. Twelve members of the club participated, led by President Anila Mengi. Secretary Ravinder Raina, and past president Reva Raina.



During the camp, the past president highlighted the importance of breastfeeding, emphasizing its benefits for both infants and mothers.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the critical role of breastfeeding in ensuring the

health and well-being of children and supporting mothers. The initiative was well-received by the hospital staff and attendees, marking a successful effort by Innerwheel Club Samparak Jammu to promote maternal and

#### **Bashir Ahmed Wani: A PMAY-G Success Story** has brought stability and

**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN, Aug 9: Bashir Ahmed Wani, a resident of Panchavat Gundadabeen living in a dilapidated hut with his family for vears. The hut was prone to landslides and floods. putting their lives at risk. Despite his efforts, Bashir couldn't afford to build a new house due to financial constraints.

Bashir's life took a turn for the better when he was selected as a beneficiary under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme. With the financial assistance and technical support from the implementing agency, Bashir constructed a safe and secure home.

Bashir's new home

security to his family. "I'm grateful to the government for this initiative. he says. "My family and I of natural disasters. This is a dream come true!"

The PMAY-G scheme has not only provided Bashir with a safe home but also improved his overall quality of life. His children can now study in a peaceful environment, and his wife can manage the household without worrying about their safety.

Bashir's success story is a testament to the impact of PMAY-G in transforming lives. It has given him a sense of pride and ownership. and he is now eager to contribute to his community's development.

## KC International School hosts KCIS Idol Season I

individual had in speak-

ing about their mother-

**Top News Report** 

snippets from the gallant

JAMMU Aug 9: "Music isn't a competition, it isn't about who's the best, its about having fun, creating art, bringing joy & inspiring others"

With such a view & to explore the singing talents of the students; today KC International School hosted the biggest event of the year "KCIS Idol" Season I for the students of Std 4th to 12th on 09 August 2024.

The event was marked by the benevolent presence of Saroj Mahajan, General Secretary of KCIS as the Chief Guest, Chaitanya Chowdhary, President KCIS as a Guest of Honour, esteemed Principal of the

school Anupama Sinha. The event was further graced and judged by two renowned artists from Jammu viz.; Yashpaul Yash; Lyricist and Music Composer and Kuldeep Saproo; Music Director and Cultural activist.

The artists were accorded a traditional welcome with the presentation of saplings to the dignitaries present in the event.

The programme commenced with the welcome songby a group of students and further transcended with the melodious performances of various students who were part of this wonderful competitive event. The performance from students has certainly left the audience spellbound as each & everyone enjoyed the event with great zeal & enthusiasm. The event was further highlighted by the

Later on the result was announced out of the 15 finalist i.e. five students in each category and the winners were: Sub Junior Group Divyansh Sudan, Junior Group Aryan Bangotra and in Senior Group Aaray Raina.

melodious performances

of teachers.

The programme came to an end with the felicita-

tion of the dignitaries who addressed the students with their motivational words and appreciated them for their marvelous performances.

In the end Principal, Anupama Sinhapresented a vote of thanks to renowned artists, Judges and parents for their presence to make this event a memorable one. She congratulated all the winners and motivated students to participate in extra-curricular activities along with studies as such activities boost the confidence.

She further advised students to always believe in themselves, their abilities, and their dreams.&keep moving forward with a positive attitude.

The principal has applauded the efforts of CCA Coordinator Babita Bhau for organizing the event and also the efforts of Music teachers, Mamta Kalotra and Michael.

The event was culminated with national anthem.

## **High Court comes to rescue of private** schools operating from govt lands

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR Aug 9: High Court has given a relief to private schools operating from community and government lands. While deciding a batch of writ petition asking the court to declare Notification/S.O. 177 dated 15th April 2022 as ultra vires to the Constitution and seeking ancillary relief, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (Acting) in his order said "where the schools are being run on Kahcharie/ State Shamilat etc. land are concerned, the petitioners therein can either acquire the proprietary land and/or approach the respondent-authority (Principal Secretary to Government, Department of School Education, U.T. of J&K/J&K Board of School Education) with their plea as is made by them in their respective writ petitions for consideration which can also include the exchange of proprietary land in lieu of Kahcharie/State/Shamilat etc. land, as may be available under and in terms of the Land Revenue Act or any other applicable law(s).

All such school owners have been asked to submit their applications within four weeks from today. "Principal Secretary to Government, Department of School Education, U.T. of J&K/J&K Board of School Education, on receipt of such application(s), shall decide the same either himself/itself or by constituting a Committee, comprising of senior officers of the School Education

Department/J&K Board of School Education, Revenue Department or any other department(s) as may be thought appropriate by him/it, and get such applications decided within four months," the order further reads.

child health

Till the grant of land rights all the petitioner(s) will be permitted to run the school(s). With regard to the writ petitions/ cases, where Kahcharie/State Shamilat land etc. is not involved, the order reads "they (writ petitioners therein) can also approach Principal Secretary to Government, Department of School Education, U.T. of J&K/J&K Board of School Education, with their request/plight within four weeks from today. On receipt of such application(s), he/it shall either himself/itself decide or get such application(s) decided through the Committee, to be constituted by him/it, within a period of four months and while doing so, petitioner(s) shall also be heard. Till then petitioner(s) be permitted to run the school(s).." As per the orders of the High Court the schools will continue to stay in the present position till the govt (Principal

Secretary) takes a decision. Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) has welcomed the court order. The Association said that the order has come as a saviour to lakhs of poor students studying in such schools. It has prevented the ruining of career of these students and given them hope of bright future.

### **ACD Ramban chairs review** meeting at Banihal; visits various Panchayats

**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN, Aug 9: The Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Ramban, Shri Srinath Suman, chaired a review meeting at the Block Headquarters (BHQ) in Banihal and conducted a series of visits to various Panchayats within the block. The ACD was warmly welcomed by local residents and former Panchayat representatives, highlighting the community's appreciation for the ongoing developmental efforts. The primary focus of the review meeting was to accelerate the implementation of employment generation schemes under MGNREGA and to ensure the timely completion of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Ýojana (PMAY).

The ACD conducted a detailed work-wise review of ongoing projects, emphasizing the importance of adhering to stipulated timelines, particularly for MGNREGA works and the PMAY scheme. He also stressed the need to achieve the mandated number of man-days per Panchayat, as per the targets set

He reiterated that the objective of such block-level reviews is to identify and address issues related to the Rural Development Department (RDD) on the spot, thereby facilitating smooth project execution.

Meanwhile, the ACD visited several Panchayats in Block Banihal to inspect ongoing developmental works across various schemes.

The ACD emphasized that the creation of rural infrastructure is essential for improving the living standards of the local population. He assured the community that all efforts are being made to ensure the timely and effective implementation of development projects in the region.

### Army holds lecture on I-Day Celebration at Dhangri

**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, Aug 9: As part of forthcoming Independence Day Celebration. Indian Army conducted a talk on career opportunities available in the Indian Army after completing senior secondary education, on Government Higher Secondary School Dhangri, Rajouri.

The aim of the talk was to spread awareness among the students about various entry schemes, such as the National Defence Academy (NDA), Combined Defence Services (CDS) and Direct Recruitment Rallies to include the Agniveer Scheme.

The lecture covered essential topics including eligibility criteria, education qualification, age limit and physical standards necessary to join the Indian Army.

The initiative underscore's Indian Army

Commitment in fostering awareness programs to inspire the youth of Jammu & Kashmir, to embrace the values of discipline, dedication and service to the Nation. Teachers and students

expressed their profound gratitude towards the Indian Army for taking noble initiatives for the students which will go a long way in overall development of these remote areas.

## Neeraj Chopra is excellence personified, he will continue to inspire future generations: President Murmu, PM Modi

Tokyo Games champion Chopra became the first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two successive Olympic medals with a silver in men's javelin throw in the ongoing edition in Paris

NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): Neeraj Chopra's silver medal in the Paris Games was hailed as a feat which will inspire the future generations in pursuit of excellence as President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the country in lauding the superstar javelin thrower's achievements.

Tokyo Games champion Chopra on Thursday became the first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two successive Olympic medals with a silver in men's javelin throw in the ongoing edition in Paris.

"Neeraj Chopra is excellence personified! Time and again he's shown his brilliance. India is elated that he comes back with yet another Olympic success. Congratulations to him on winning the Silver," PM Modi wrote on X.

"He will continue to motivate countless upcoming athletes to pursue their dreams and make our nation proud."

President Murmu said the country would look forward to more medals from Chopra.

"Heartiest congratulations to Neeraj Chopra on winning silver medal in Paris Olympics and scripting history. He is the first Indian athlete to win a gold and a silver medal in two successive Olympic Games.

"India is proud of him. His feat will inspire generations to come. India looks forward to Neeraj Chopra bringing home more



medals and glory in the future." Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chimed in to congratulate the 26-year-old.

"What a moment for Bharat! A Silver Medal for @Neeraj\_ chopra1. He has won his 2nd consecutive Olympic medal! This incredible achievement is historic-no individual in independent Bharat has ever done it before in athletics," Mandaviya posted.

"Congratulations Neeraj, you've inspired a nation and shown the world what determination and excellence look like. We couldn't be prouder!" Thank you for making India shine on the global stage!" he added.

Star pistol shooter Manu Bhaker, who created history by becoming the first Indian to his feat. "ONWARDS AND UPWARDS! He has done it once again, this time in Paris. @Neeraj\_chopra1 you are truly one in a million. Congratulations on yet another medal at the Olympics!!," Bhaker tweeted.

tion of the Olympics in the Paris

Games, also lauded Chopra for

"Heart of GOLD gave us a Silver lining today . @Neeraj\_ chopra1 your hard work dedication perseverance and above all Humility is something all athletes need to emulate. ..Congratulations and best wishes for LA2028 .. I'll be cheering for you ..CHAMPION," Olympic medal-

list shooter Gagan Narang said. Chopra clinched the silver medal with a season best throw of 89.45m on Thursday night at a packed Stade de France.

"Back-to-back Olympic medals for our star, Neeraj Chopra! India's first silver medal at the #Paris2024 Olympics, and what a way to achieve it! You might have fallen short of the gold, but your commitment and effort in the final were really inspiring!" BCCI secretary Jay Shah said.

Indian cricket team head coach Gautam Gambhir said, "The icon never returns without bringing joy to every Indian!#NeerajChopra."

"Congratulations to Neeraj Chopra for clinching the silver medal at the Olympics. Your perseverance and passion continue to inspire the nation. You've shown once again that there are no limits to achieving dreams through hard work and dedication," India pacer Mohammed Shami wrote.

"Congratulations #NeerajChopra on winning the silver medal at the #ParisOlympics. Amazing effort to win two back to back olympic medals." former Indian batter VVS Laxman wrote.

"Your dedication, hard work, and passion have brought immense pride to our nation once again! Congratulations @Neeraj\_Chopra1 on winning the silver in javelin at the #Paris2024! Your journey inspires a billion, and we celebrate this incredible achievement with you! #JaiHind," Legendary Indian cricketer Krishnamachari Srikkanth said.

#### **British Indian chess prodigy becomes** England's youngest grandmaster



LONDON, Aug 9 (Agencies): Shreyas Royal is a British Indian chess prodigy who, at just 15 years old, is now England's youngest grandmaster (GM) after clocking his latest victory in the British Chess Championships.

The London schoolboy crossed the final hurdle to bag the final GM Norm a performance benchmark accrued over several games across tournaments during the championship in Hull last week.

It marked a major milestone for his family, which was granted leave to remain in the UK in recognition of his exceptional chess genius after his IT expert father's work visa had expired in 2018.

"It feels great to pay off part of what the country had done for us. We're both very delighted to hit the record in the country that has nurtured his chess career," said Jitendra Singh, on his son's latest accomplishment.

Shreyas beat Grand Master David Howell's record of becoming the

youngest back in 2007, aged 16 years old.

According to the English Chess Federation (ECF), his notable results in the championship last week included defeating Howell and drawing with the eventual winner Gawain Jones, and top GMs Luke McShane and

Michael Adams

"Keep persisting, no matter how tough things may get. There will always be setbacks and failures, but how you overcome them will define your character and will put you on the right path," said Shreyas when asked for his advice for other budding young chess players like him.

He and his supportive father now have their eyes set on making it to the national chess team and achieving even greater heights.

"It's truly been a remarkable journey, and I cannot thank everyone who has helped me enough," added Shreyas.

Shreyas, who was born in India, moved to the UK at the age of three with parents Jitendra and Anju Singh from Bangalore six years

Back in 2018, ECF had campaigned for the boy to stay in the UK and

hone his talent.

In a joint letter to then home secretary Sajid Javid, Labour MPs Rachel Reeves and Matthew Pennycook, now Cabinet ministers, had said the UK would lose an "exceptional talent" if Shreyas were to leave due to his father's visa running out.

"The UK should always encourage the world's brightest, most talented people to work and make their lives here. Shreyas is recognised by the English Chess Federation as the country's greatest chess prospect in a generation," their letter said.

The Home Office reconsidered the case to allow an extension to their stay, which has since led to a British citizenship.

Last year, Shreyas joined other young chess prodigies at 10 Downing Street as then prime minister Rishi Sunak unveiled a GBP 1 million investment package to support children attending schools in disadvantaged areas across England to learn and play chess, improve visibility and availability of the game and fund elite playing.

#### When Nadeem Arshad begged Pakistan govt to fund him for new javelin as old one had worn out, it was...

CHANDIGARH, Aug 9 (Agencies): Pakistan is celebrating javelin thrower Nadeem Arshad 's monster throw of 92.97m -- which is an Olympic record.

The 27-year-old Nadeem's story is not just remarkable, but also inspirational.

Born on January 2, 1997 in Mian Channu, a town in Pakistan's Punjab, which is 250 km from Lahore, Arshad has seven siblings and is the third-oldest. His family was not financially strong and father is a construction worker.

Nadeem went to Paris after fighting elbow and knee injuries and with limited training facilities

available to him. At one stage, he even had to appeal to the government to provide him a new javelin as his old one had worn out. reports agency.

Then people from his



village collected money and helped fund his training and travel to international competi-

Arshad's father Muhammad Ashraf said: "His fellow villagers and relatives used to donate money so that he could travel to other cities for his training and events in his early days."

Also, there are reports that when Arshad did not have money to buy a

new javelin and was running from pillar to post to ask for sponsorship, the Pakistan Cricket Board sponsored him.

Nadeem has added an Olympic gold to his tally of gold in the 2022 Commonwealth Games and silver medal in last year's World Championships.

Pakistan's last Olympic gold was in hockey in the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

## Paris Olympics: Avinash Sable slams critics, trolls ridiculing Indian athletes

PARIS, Aug 9 (Agencies): India's steeplechase star Avinash Sable has slammed trolls and critics who have been ridiculing the Indian athletes for not winning at the Paris Olympics 2024. Sable, who finished 11th in the men's 3000m steepiechase final at the Olympics, claimed that the messages were affecting the athletes. Some of the stars like Deepika Kumari and others had to face the brunt of the trolls after their lacklustre show at the games.

Sable, while talking to TOI, said that he felt bad reading the messages and claimed the athletes were thinking how they could represent India with such criticism aimed at them. Sable would also say that the athletes find no enjoyment while training abroad as they are away from their family



period of time.

"There are some people who are posting messages on social media against our athletes. I felt bad reading them. The top athletes from our country are here and they are lampooned about their performances. I saw athletes sitting next to me, reading those and then

depression. They are thinking how can you represent your country if you are ridiculed like this. Some people are saying our athletes are coming last among all these athletes competing here, but then we are competing against the world's best and trying hard," Sable said.

"There is no enjoy-

training abroad. Some people think that we are spending government money and going on a tour and ha Sala time. But that is not the case. For the last 4-5 months I kept away from my family and friends and trained and I know how tough it is."

"You are returning from the ground after midnight and then you are cooking your own food. I was training in Colorado Springs, USA in Jan and Feb where the temperature was below 0 degrees. We train because of the altitude and facilities there. And also we get the right group of athletes to train for long-distance events.

No wants to come here to lose

Sable would say that the athletes aren't going abroad thinking about losing and made a request to the fans to keep supporting the athletes.

"If anyone thinks that we are enjoying abroad then let me tell you that there is no enjoyment. No one wants to come here to lose. I request all of you to support our athletes." he said.

India have won silver and 4 bronze so far at the Olympics.

## Paris Olympics: South Korea shooter Kim Ye-ji collapses at press conference

PARIS, Aug 9 (Agencies): South Korean Olympic silver medallist pistol shooter Kim Ye-ji, renowned for her calm demeanour and distinctive appearance during the Paris Games, has recently faced a health scare that highlights the immense pressure athletes endure.

Kim, who became a social media sensation, collapsed at a news conference on Friday, evidently due to stress and exhaustion.

The incident occurred during an event in Imsil, Kim's home county in southern South Korea, which she represented

for seven years.

According to a county official, Kim lost consciousness while speaking but was quick to regain it before being rushed to the hospital for further observation.

Despite initial media reports, the 31-year-old athlete did not require cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The county official clarified that Kim was likely fatigued from her rigorous participation in the Paris 2024 Olympics and would remain in the hospital until she had

fully recovered. Kim Ye-ji impresses in

air pistol event



Kim's rise to fame includes her stellar performance in the 10-metre air pistol event, where she secured a

silver medal. Her futuristic glasses, designed for precision, and her composed style have made her a viral

sensation, earning her the nickname "smiling assassin" back home. These elements not only reflect her focus and dedication but have also captivated audiences worldwide.

In an interesting twist to her growing fame, Kim expressed her gratitude towards Tesla CEO Elon Musk. Musk had taken to his social media platform, X, to laud Kim, suggesting she "should be cast in an action movie. No acting required!" This endorsement further boosted her popularity, melding the worlds of sports and entertainment.

### India to play two-day day-night tour match in Australia



NEW DELHI, Aug 9 (Agencies): The visiting Indian cricket team will play a two-day day-night tour match against Australia's Prime Minister's XI between the first two Tests of the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy later this year. India and Australia meet in five-Test series starting in Perth on November 22. It will be first time since the 1991-92 season that the two heavyweights will meet over five Tests in a series. The Indian team will play a tour-day day-night tour match against the Prime

Minister XI at the Manuka Oval in Canberra on November 30 and December 1, Cricket Australia said on their website.

The fixture has been added in the itinerary to help the Indian team prepare for the day-night Test at Adelaide, having played one such game on their previous tour in 2020-21.

"This year's Prime Minister's XI fixture — which will highlight the strong cricket bonds that stretch back to India's independence in 1947 and celebrate the nations' ever-strengthening economic, cultural and community ties - also features an historic first," CA said.

"While it represents the fourth time India have tackled a PM's XI in Australia, the event has not previously been fought out over two days, with the initial 48 fixtures (against touring teams and ATSIC Chairman's XI) dating back to 1951 hosting one-day games," it added.

## DC Kishtwar organises symposium during **Vigilance Awareness Week 2024**

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Aug 9: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) DKR, in collaboration with GDC Kishtwar, organized Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 at the GDC Kishtwar Auditorium. The event, themed "Day of Resolution for Freedom from Corruption," saw the participation of around 200 students and NSS volunteers.

The chief guest for the event was ADDC Kishtwar, Gulam Rasool.

The guests of honor included Principal GDC Kishtwar, Prof. Basharat Igbal, and Addl. SP Kisht-



war, Pawan Sharma. Other notable attendees were AD CAPD, Shafqat Qayoom, Prof. Umar Din Rather, Prof. N.K. Manhas, and various officials from GDC Kishtwar, district administration and police department.

Dr. Tabassum Saleem,

Assistant Professor at GDC Kishtwar, conducted the proceedings and delivered the formal welcome

Rakesh Kumar, SSP (ACB), felicitated the chief guest and the guests of honor. He also administered the anti-corruption

address

pledge, which was taken by all dignitaries and students present. Sharma

Pawan

addressed the gathering, emphasizing the need to combat corruption for a better-developed society. The event also featured symposium on corruption, where Abroo Wajid secured first prize, Anurag Sharma secured second prize, and Payal Parihar secured third prize which was adjudged by Asstt. Prof. Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Inspector Vipin, and Inspector Ravinder Mehta of the ACB (DKR).

Rakesh Kumar provided an in-depth explanation of various forms of corruption, CVC preventive vigilance measures, CVC complaint guidelines for the public against public servants, and the causes and consequences of corruption through PPT.

Principal GDC Kishtwar Prof. Basharat Igbal highlighted the importance of transparency, accountability, and integrity in building a corruption-free society. ADDC Kishtwar Gulam Rasool encouraged the audience to raise their

voices against corruption. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Inspector Vishal Jamwal of ACB.

## **GDC R S Pura hosts Flower** Pot making competition

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Students of NSS Unit of GDC R S Pura organised a vibrant flower pot making competition under the theme "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam' as a part of series of event for independence day celebrations

The purpose behind organizing such programme was to honour the martyr of our nation and to promote environmental awareness.

The programme was organised with the collaborative effort of NSS Unit, NCC (Girls), beautification committee and Department of Zoology.

Near about 40 students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The competition was organized under the guidance of Principal Prof(Dr.) Preetpal Kour who has been a constant source of inspiration and support for initiatives that foster both creativity and social responsibility among students.

Dr. Chanchal Angral,

the event coordinator along with the faculty members viz. Dr. Neena Gupta, Prof. Shifali Abrol, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Sunil Mangoch and Dr. Rupali Salathia ensured that the programme was

conducted smoothly and

efficiently.

They also motivated the students to express their creativity through beautifully crafted flower pots and planted saplings dedicated to the martyrs. After careful evaluation by a panel of Judges, Manshi Bhagat was declared as the winner whereas 2nd position was shared by Shikha Chib and Ayushi Bhagat. 3rd position was bagged by Ajmeet Kour. Consolation prize was given to

Vanshika Choudhary. The Principal of the college appreciated the efforts and creavitity and highlighted the significance of the theme 'Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam' and emphasize the importance of honors of our Martyrs by contributing positive to the envi-

## **GCoE Jammu observes Vigilance Awareness Week**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Government College of Education (GCoE), Jammu organized week long activities to observe Vigilance Awareness Week in the college campus as per the directions of JKHED.

The students organized rally against corruption, besides slogan besides programs like poster making.

On the concluding day of the awareness week SSP, ACB Sandeep Wazir was the Chief Guest.

The program witnessed detailed presentations by Sh. Deedar Singh, DySP ACB related to functioning of ACB, process of lodging complaints against corrupt public servants and the practices to curb menace of corruption.

The presentation was followed by interactive session in which Mohd Amir-al-Mansoor CPO answered the queries of students and the staff members of GCOE Jammu.

In the presidential



address Principal of the college, Dr Jyoti Parihar expressed her gratitude towards the officers from ACB for conducting the program.

She assured that the institution will work towards a corruption free India. The college will also collaborate with law enforcement agencies like ACB towards achieving a common goal that is a progressive and corruption free India. She appreciated the dedication and commitment of the visiting team.

Wazir also reiterated during his interaction with the students that corruption is not just a word, it is a deep-rooted malice that affects every aspect of our society.

It erodes trust, weakens institutions and deprives our fellow citizens of their rightful opportunities. From the smallest bribe to the largest scam, corruption perpetuates inequality, fosters injustice and slows down the wheels of progress. But as daunting as this challenge may seem, it is not insurmountable. A corruption-free India is not just a lofty ideal, it is an achievable goal if become aware citizens and work

together. The program was conducted by Dr Shalini Rana while vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sarita Dogra. The students who acted as student organizers were Neha Bashal and Anjali Sharma.

## Youth should follow Mahant Rohit, contribute to preservation of culture in state: SSP Angral



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: In observance of Sanskrit Month, the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust conducted a tree plantation campaign at Jammu Police Line IRP

18th Battalion. On this occasion, SSP Ramesh Angral, Commandant of IRP 18th Battalion, emphasized the importance of planting a tree in memory of our martyrs. He urged everyone to take a pledge to plant a tree on each child's birthday. The significance of trees is highlighted in our scriptures. Trees are a part of our culture and identity. Mahant Rohit Shastri is playing a vital role in the upliftment of society by spreading the Sanskrit language and Indian culture to the masses. He is making invaluable contributions to the promotion and development of the Sanskrit language in

India. The youth should follow Mahant Rohit's example and contribute to the preservation of culture in the state and nation.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri warned of the dangers of a polluted environment and encouraged people to engage in tree planting. He stated that everyone should take a pledge to plant at least one tree. Tree planting is essential for saving society from a polluted environment. Today, people are recklessly cutting down trees for material comfort and short-term gains, the severe consequences of which we are witnessing. Just as the body needs food for nourishment, the environment needs trees to remain pure. It is also crucial to protect the trees after planting them. The coming era belongs to Sanskrit, and every parent should ensure their children learn San-

Kulveer Handa, Deputy Commandant of IRP 18th Battalion, said that tree planting is essential for protecting the environment. Trees provide us with life-sustaining oxygen and offer many direct and indirect benefits to humanity. We all should plant trees and also work to protect them. The trust is doing commendable work in promoting Sanskrit.

Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal stated that they will stand shoulder to shoulder with Mahant Rohit Shastri in this campaign to promote Sanskrit, the divine language, through tree planting. They will plant as many trees as possible and inspire others to do the same.

Present at the event were Trust members Uttam Chand Sharma, Naresh Raina, Aditya Abhiraj Sharma, and other members of the Trust.

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## DPS Jammu students shine in 2nd J&K UT Ranking Table-Tennis Championship 2024

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by clinching 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in 2nd J&K **UT Ranking Table-Tennis** Championship 2024 organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports held at M.A Stadium, Jammu from 26-29 July, 2024.

1st positions: Saiyam Nischal (V-G) U-13 & U-11, Mishthi Aggarwal (XII-F) Women's category & U-17, Pranit Mahajan (VIII-A) U-14, Ahaan Anand (VI-B) U-14, Eshan (VI-E) U-14, Samarth Nischal (X-E) U-17, Gourav Singh (X-B) U-17, Satyam Nischal (IX-E) U-17, Yashashree (VIII-C) U-17, Tuhina (X-C)



U-17, Rohan Sharma (XII-F) U-19. Chetney (X) U-19, Rudraksh Sharma (XI) U-19, Ragini Gupta (XI-B) U-19, Arya Giri (XII-B) U-19, Chitrani (X-A) U-19.

2nd positions: Aleena Arora (U-11), Ahaan Anand (VI-B) U-15, Mishthi Aggarwal (XII-F) U-17 & U-19, Ridhimi Gupta (VI-A) U-14, Gunjan (VIII-F) U-14, Bhavin Kour (VI-H) U-14. Consolation prizes were

also given to Aarav, Ridhimi and Eshan.

The management of DPS Jammu under the leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated all the winners, their parents and coach, Meenu Ragesh.

They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

## **Anti Corruption Foundation of** India confers 'Pride of India' Award to Rajesh Sharma

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 9: The Anti Corruption Foundation of India is proud to announce that Rajesh Sharma, Executive Engineer (Civil) of the PMGSY Division, Kishtwar (Jammu), has been conferred with the prestigious 'Pride of India' Award.

This honor was bestowed upon Sharma in recognition of his outstanding service and Exceptional contributions to his department.

Rajesh Sharma has been a dedicated and diligent professional, known for his unwavering commitment to excellence in civil engineering.

His contributions have significantly advanced the objectives of the PMGSY Division in Kishtwar, particularly in improving rural connectivity through the construction and maintenance of quality roads.

The 'Pride of India' award is one of the most honors presented by the Anti Corruption Foundation of India. It recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional integrity, dedication, and service in their respective fields. Sharma's nomination and subsequent selection for this award highlight his exemplary work and commitment to public service.

The award was presented to Rajesh Sharma



yesterday, acknowledging his remarkable efforts in ensuring transparency, efficiency, and quality in his work. His contributions have not only benefitted the department but have also made a significant impact on the community he serves.

The Anti Corruption Foundation of India commends Rajesh Sharma for his outstanding achievements and is honored to recognize him with the 'Pride of India' award.

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#### IYC Kishtwar organizes plantation drive on Foundation Day

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Aug 9: The Indian Youth Congress (IYC) Kishtwar marked its Foundation Day with a significant plantation drive in the presence of Anas Mujtaba Munshi, the Kishtwar Assembly Incharge.

The event saw active participation from several Congress leaders and supporters, reflecting the party's commitment to environmental sustainability and youth empowerment

During the drive, IYC members successfully planted around 100 trees at various locations across Kishtwar

This initiative is part of the Youth Congress's broader efforts to promote green practices and contribute to the ecological well-being of the region. Speaking to the media, Anas Mujtaba

Munshi emphasized the party's unwaver-

ing support for youth and youth empow-

erment. "On our Foundation Day, we urge all, especially the youth, to join the Congress in our mission to eradicate unemployment and corruption in India," he stated, highlighting the crucial role of young people in shaping the future of the nation.

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