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BRIEFLY

DSEK orders new school timings

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) Saturday announced new school timings for both government and recognized private schools across the Kashmir division, effective from August 12 (Monday). As per the official order within municipal limits, the new timings shall be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, while schools operating outside the municipal limits shall operate from 10:00 am to 04:00 pm. The order stated that all the concerned institutions should adhere to new timings strictly, otherwise, strict action should be taken against them.

Gadkari Warns Punjab Govt Of Terminating Highway Projects If Law And Order Situation Does Not Improve

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): State-owned NHA will have no other option but to cancel/terminate eight more severely-affected highway projects in Punjab with total length of 293 km costing Rs 14,288 crore, if the law and order situation does not improve, Union minister Nitin Gadkari wrote to Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann.

Gadkari said that he had been informed about two incidents which occurred recently on the Delhi-Katra Expressway projects. "In one incident in Jalandhar district, the engineer of the contractor was brutally assaulted. Although FIR has been registered in this regard, strong action is required to be taken against the perpetrators," Gadkari wrote in his letter dated August 9.

The minister pointed out another incident in Ludhiana district, where the project camp of the contractor of Delhi-Katra Expressway was attacked by miscreants and also engineers were threatened of burning the project camp and their staff alive.

However, FIR has still not been filed and miscreants have not been arrested despite written requests by NHA officials, he said.

Gadkari said: "If the situation does not improve, NHA will have no other option but to cancel/terminate 8 other severely affected projects with total length of 293 km costing Rs 14,288 crore. These are mainly greenfield corridors and even cancelling one package will render the entire corridor useless."

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J&K Admin gears up for readying assembly complexes in Srinagar, Jammu

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SRINAGAR, Aug 10: Ahead of the Assembly polls being held in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) before the end of this year, the Union Territory administration is gearing up to ready Assembly complexes in Srinagar and Jammu, officials said.

An official statement said that the J&K Chief Secretary, Atul Dulloo chaired a meeting on Saturday to draw a plan for making Legislative Assembly complexes



at both Srinagar and Jammu ready for holding its sessions after holding of elections here in the Union Territory.

"Those present include Principal Secretary, Estates; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, IT; JK

Resident Commissioner, Delhi; Secretary, R&B; Secretary, Transport; Secretary, Law; Secretary, Legislative Assembly; Director, Estates, Kashmir, and other concerned officers."

"During this meeting, the Chief Secretary

impressed upon the concerned to taking immediate steps for renovation/refurbishing of these Assembly complexes at both Srinagar and Jammu in a time-bound manner."

"He reiterated that the facilities like the functionality of the sound system, internet connectivity, fire safety, functionality of lifts, giving facelifts to the buildings and provisioning of allied amenities should also be taken in hand and completed at the earliest."

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LG Sinha hands over appointment letter to wife of civilian bus driver martyred in Reasi terror attack

JAMMU, Aug 10 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today handed over the appointment letter, on compassionate ground, to Smt. Renu Sharma, wife of Sh. Vijay Kumar, who was killed in Reasi Terror attack. Vijay Kumar, a resident of Reasi, was driving the bus carrying pilgrims which was attacked by the Terrorists on June 09.

The Lt Governor assured all possible assistance and support from the J&K Administration to the family of the martyred civilian.

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Israeli airstrike on Gaza school kills over 100, dozens injured

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): In an escalation of violence, more than 100 people have been reported killed and dozens injured after Israeli missiles struck the al-Taba'een school in the Daraj area of Gaza City. The school, which was being used as a shelter for displaced Palestinians, was hit by three rockets



on Saturday, according to reports from Gaza's civil defence agency.

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Technology should be means of ensuring justice to everyone: CJ Chandrachud

CHANDIGARH, Aug 10 (Agencies): Chief Justice of India (CJI), DY Chandrachud on Saturday, said that technology should be a means of ensuring justice for everyone.

Talking to the media at the inauguration event of the National Conference on the Landscape of Technology in Courts, DY Chandrachud called



the conference "unique" which was organised by the Punjab and Haryana High Court to discuss various aspects of technology including artificial intelligence.

"This is a unique conference which has been organized by the Punjab and Haryana High Court to discuss various aspects of technology including artificial intelligence. Judges from all over the country have come here and I think this

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Plane crashes in Brazil's Sao Paulo state, killing all 61 aboard, airline says

VINHEDO (BRAZIL), Aug 10 (Agencies): In a tragic plane crash, all 61 people on board were killed in Sao Paulo Friday afternoon, CNN reported citing a statement issued by airline Voepass.

"The company regrets to inform that all 61 people on board flight 2283 died at the scene," Voepass said in a state-

ment, revising the death toll down from an initial assessment of 62 dead. There were 57 passengers and four crew members on board, the company said.

The dramatic video of the plane crash has been circulating online, showing how its wrecked fuselage caught fire.

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Encounter breaks out between terrorists, security forces in Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): An encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Anantnag district on Saturday, officials said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Ahlan

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Kathua Police release sketches of four terrorists, announces reward for information

JAMMU, Aug 10 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released sketches of four terrorists who were seen in 'dhoks' (mud-houses) in the higher reaches of Kathua district and announced a cash reward of Rs 20 lakhs for credible information on them. Kathua district witnessed a deadly ambush



by terrorists on an army patrol in remote forest belt of Machedi on July 8, resulting in the killing of five soldiers including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO).

Despite a massive search operation, terrorists affiliated with Kashmir Tigers, a shadow group of Pakistan-based Jaish

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Police bust illegal liquor operation in Anantnag; 8 Nabbed

SRINAGAR, Aug 10 (Agencies): Police in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district busted an alleged illicit liquor manufacturing unit and arrested eight persons.

Police said they seized a substantial quantity of country-made liquor, along with the equipment used for its production, during a routine inspec-



tion at brick kiln Jan Thajiwara, owned by Tanveer Ahmad.

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LIC reports strong Q1 FY 2024-2025 results: PAT grows by 9.61%

MUMBAI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), the country's largest life insurer, has announced its financial results for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2024-2025. The company posted a robust performance, with a Profit after Tax (PAT) of 10,461 crore, marking a 9.61% increase from 9,544 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.

LIC maintained its dominant position in the Indian life insurance market, with its overall market share by First Year Premium Income (FYPI) rising to 64.02%, up from 61.42% year-on-year. The total premium income for the quarter surged by 15.66% to 1,13,770 crore, compared to 98,363 crore in Q1 FY 2023-2024. Individual new business premium income grew by 13.67% to 11,892 crore. The overall APE saw a 21.28% increase, reaching 11,560 crore. Notably, the individual business non-par APE rose sharply by 165.63% to 1,615 crore. VNB for the quarter increased by 23.66% to 1,610 crore, with the VNB margin improving by 20 basis points to 13.9%.

LIC's AUM grew by 16.22%, reaching 53.59 lakh crore. The overall expense ratio decreased by 98 basis points to 11.87%, reflecting improved operational efficiency. LIC's solvency ratio improved to 1.99, up from 1.89 in the previous year.

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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 Kadai, Srinagar) Presently residing at Indra Nagar Srinagar.



SHRI SURINDER NATH KHUSHOO

The **10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 15/8/24, Thursday at 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

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.



Sh. Avtar Krishan Kaul

10th day KRIYA will be performed on **11th of August 2024 (Sun), 08:30 AM**, at **Narayan Ghat, Swaminarayan Temple, Subhash Bridge, Ahmedabad**

Grief Stricken:
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: 9825037889/9158271077/937612883

10th DAY KRIYA

We inform the sad demise of our mother **Smt Krishna Bhan W/o** Late Sh Kanhaya Lal Bhan originally from Kalkhod, Habbakadal/ Chanpora at present Sohams Gardens, Thane (W), Mumbai on 03rd Aug 2024.



SMT. KRISHNA BHAN

10th DAY KRIYA will be performed on **12th of August 2024 (Mon), 08:30 AM**, at **Kolshet Ghat, Kolshet road, Thane (W), Mumbai.**

Grief Stricken:
Sushil & 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, Sohar, Lavant & Parth

Deeply Remembered by:

Vinod & Meenakshi, Jasmine, Bhans, Dhars, Krundus, Panditas & Tikoo's
Ph: 9899031032 / 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 W/o** S. Pushinder Singh & Daughter-in-law of Lt. Smt Jawant Kour & Lt. S. Anil Singh (of Dewgar Terwan, Poonchi) R/o H. No. 37-Subash Nagar, Near Gandhi Chowk, Jammu.



Mrs. Manpreet Kour

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 9th August (Friday) at 8:00 am at our residence.
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 11th August (Sunday) at 9:00 am at our residence.

Shabad Kirtan and Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurudwara Shri Kaljinder Sahib, Behan from 10.30 am to 12:00 Noon followed by **Guru Ka Langar.**

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Balbir Kour W/o Lt. S. Surinder Singh Soin (Mother)
S. Pushinder Singh (Husband)
Ms. Pushp Preet Kour (Daughter)
Mr. Agam Jyoti Singh (Son)
Brother-in-laws & Sister-in-laws
S. Gurcharan Singh & Smt. Swarnjeet Kour
S. Sanjiv Singh & Smt. Ranandeep Kour
Brothers & Sister-in-laws
S. Harpreet Singh & Smt. Tawinder Kour
S. Harpreet Singh & Smt. Jagjeet Kour
Mob: 9419126306, 9149505717

10TH DAY AND KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh Madhu Mehta Ji** S/o Late Sh Bansi Lal Mehta Ji R/o Ward No. 2 Nagri Parole, Kathua who expired on 05/08/2024.



Sh Madhu Mehta Ji

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 SMV/DSB)
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, 8716806058

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 Krishna Lal Parihar & Mother of Sh Rajat Parihar at our residence W.No. 10 Shiv Nagar Near Devika temple Udhampur.



Smt Santosh Devi Parihar

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 Rajat Parihar & Smt Sarta Parihar
Grand Sons
Suryansh Singh Parihar & Shivarsh Parihar
Daughters & Sons in law
Smt Sneh Lata & Sh Rishi Kumar
Smt Sunila Devi & Late Sh Ashok Kumar
Smt Swaran Chouhan & Sh Sanjay Chouhan
Smt Kanchan Devi & Sh Raj Kumar
Smt Seema Parihar & Sh Parvesh Kumar Parihar
All Parihar & Sen Parivar

Ph: 9419162127, 7006948374

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.



Mrs Yashasvi Raina

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 Karnyakeshee 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.

KRIYA / RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Late Hony. Capt. Sh. Dayal Singh Jamwal** S/o Late Sh Pher Singh R/o Raipur, Doman Jammu, departed heavenly abode on 30 July 2024 (Tuesday).



Late Hony. Capt. Sh. Dayal Singh Jamwal

Kriya will be performed on 11 August 2024 (Sunday) at our residence Raipur 10:00 a.m.

Rasam Pagri will be performed on 12 August 2024 (Monday) at our residence Raipur 10:00 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons and Daughter in laws
Mr. Paramjit Singh and Mrs. Sushma Jamwal
Mr. Daljeet Singh and Mrs. Priyanka Jamwal
Daughters & Son in laws
Smt. Sushma Rani W/o Balbir Singh
Smt Radha Rani W/o Late Sh. Arjun Singh
Smt. Asha Rani W/o Late Sh. Bhagwan Singh
Grand Children :-
Mr. Vikrant Singh
Mr. Amit Singh and Mrs Pooja Jamwal
Mrs. Anamika and Mr. Pradeep
Mrs. Priyanka and Mr. Tarun
Mr. Abhishek Baloria
Mrs. Kanika and Mr. Amit
Miss Nidhi
Miss Mahi
Great Grand Children :- Divyam, Eva and Prishit

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With deep grief and heartbreak, we are saddened to inform that our beloved Mother, **Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida)** has left us for heavenly abode on 5th August 2024, originally from Badiyar Bala, Srinagar, Kashmir (presently residing at Ahmedabad, Gujarat).



Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida)

Her sudden demise has created a void in our family which can never be filled but she will forever live in our hearts, guiding and inspiring us as always. May her noble soul stay in eternal peace.

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Mrs. Heena & Mr. Tarun Kaw (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Mrs. Deepthi & Mr. Kunal Kak (Daughter & Son-in-law)

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

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 Lalooob presently residing at H.No. 680/A Sector 3 Baisakhi Colony Muthi, Jammu on 14-8-2024 at 8 AM.



Smt Sheela Bhat

Grief Stricken
Sh Soom Nath Bhat -Husband
Devar & Devrani
Sh Poshker Nath Bhat & Smt Phoola Bhat
Sh Chaman Lal Bhat & Smt Shanti Bhat
Sh Piyaa 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 & Satish Kumar Koul

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.



SH BADRI NATH PANDIT

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. Bela 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 Salamatwari Kralpora Kupwara, presently at Lane No. 1 Lakshmi Vihar Santra Morh Bye Pass Bohri Jammu.



Sh. Makhan Lal Bhat

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, Jammu.

In Grief

Smt. Phoola Bhat- Wife

Daughter-in-Laws and Sons

Smt. Dulari Bhat and Sh Maharaj Krishan Bhat

Smt. Dalzy 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 Bhardi and Sh Mohit Koul

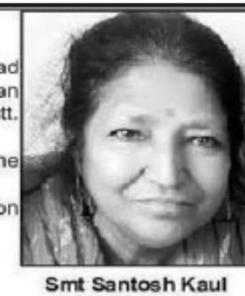
Grand Daughter-in-Law and Grand Son

Smt. Swati Bhat and Sh. Ashish Bhat

All Grand Children and Great Grand Children
9622021041, 7889346422, 9797574510, 9419185547

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.



Smt Santosh Kaul

Mourning is being held at Community Hall Lane No. 1 Jagti.

Tenth Day will be held at Muthi Ghat on Thursday 15th of Aug. 2024 at 8.30 AM.

Grief Stricken

Sh Bushan Lal Koul -Husband

Mrs Nancy Bhat W/o Late M L Bhat -Sister

Sh Shadi Lal Koul & Jeeta -Brother & Bhabhi

Sh Deepak Koul & Sheeta -Son & Daughter-in-law

Smt Wify & Sh Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt Veena & Sh Manoj Sapruo -Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt Neetu & Sh Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt Baby & Sh Surrender Hangshu -Daughter & Son-in-law

Phone Nos. 7006675916, 7889911387

10TH DAY

With extreme grief & sorrow, it is to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Sandal Kumari Bhagat** W/o Sh. Ram Lal Bhagat, residence of 5/107, Vikas Nagar, Patoli, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on dated 02-08-2024.



SMT. SANDAL KUMARI BHAGAT

10TH DAY will be performed on 11-08-2024 (i.e Sunday) at 9 AM at Shiv Mandir, Vikas Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Ram Lal Bhagat - Husband

(Retd. The Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd)

Daughter- Kusum Lata Bhagat

Sons & Daughter-in-law

Munish Bhagat & Smt. Suruchi Gupta

Yashpal Bhagat & Smt. Suneeta Kumari Bhagat

Grand Children: Priyanshi, Pratyush, Saransh, Naitik

CONTACT NUMBER: 941911412, 9469169611, 9682349387

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Mrs. Raj Mohani Sharma W/o** Sh. Ved Parkash (Founder R.K Group Of Colleges) R/o H.No 34 Apra Vihar Kurwani Jammu on 02-08-2024.



MRS. RAJ MOHANI SHARMA

TENTH DAY will be performed on Sunday 11.08.2024 at 10 am at our residence House No.34, Apra Vihar Kurwani Jammu.

KRIYA will be performed on Monday 12.08.2024 at 12 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Ved Parkash (Husband) Chairman R.K Group of Colleges.

Brothers & Sisters in law

Smt Dayawanti & Late Sh. Jai Dev

Smt Pooja & Sh. Hans Raj

Sons & Daughters in Law

Rajesh kr. Sharma & Ritu Sharma (MD.RK Group Of Colleges) Vijaypur

Dr. Sushant & Dr. Karishma Sharma

Grand Children : Ridhima, Aditya, Tanishqa, Aarav

ALL NEAR & DEAR

CONTACT NO. 9419140264, 9419125342, 9096043334.

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Chanchala Devi** resident of H.No. 0755, W. No.1, Ambekar Chowk, Railway Road, Jakhani, Udhampur on 03.08.2024.



Smt. Chanchala Devi

10th Day shall be held at Guru Ravidass Mandir/Satsang Bhawan MH Chowk Udhampur on Monday 12th August 2024.

Satsang 12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sh. Kaka Ram (Retd. Manager SBI) - Husband

Son & Daughter-in-law

Abhishek Bhardwaj & Pooja Bhardi

Daughter & Son-in-law

Mridhu Bhardwaj & Dr. Anil Kumar Thapa

Bhogal Family

AJKGBC seeks to address implications of J&K Reorganisation Act 2019

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JAMMU, Aug 10: The All Jammu and Kashmir Gujjar-Bakerwal Coordination Committee (AJKGC) held a press conference at the Press Club, Jammu, in anticipation of the upcoming Assembly Elections in the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir.

The conference was organized to address the implications of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which bifurcated the state into two Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh—extended national laws to Jammu and Kashmir and led to the formation of a Delimitation Commission in March 2020. The commission, chaired by retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, submitted its final report on May 20, 2022, which reserved 9 seats for 12 ST communities declared as ST in 1989 and 1991.

During the press conference, the committee members emphasized that only the ST groups classified as ST-I are eligible to contest the reserved ST seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections.



They clarified that the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which bifurcated the state into two Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh—extended national laws to Jammu and Kashmir and led to the formation of a Delimitation Commission in March 2020. The commission, chaired by retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, submitted its final report on May 20, 2022, which reserved 9 seats for 12 ST communities declared as ST in 1989 and 1991.

Advocate Mohd Anwar Chowdhary, the convener of the committee, stated that the Delimitation

Commission's report was based on the ST population as per the 2011 census conducted by the Registrar General of India in Jammu and Kashmir. The 9 constituencies—Surankote, Mendhar, Budhal, Thanamandi, Rajouri, Gulabgarh, Kangan, Kokarnag, and Gurez—were reserved for the ST communities proportionate to their population in 2011.

In 2024, four more groups—Pahari Ethnic Group, Paddri Tribe, Gadda Brahmans, and Koli—were granted separate Scheduled Tribes status in Jammu and Kashmir. These groups were classified under

ST-II, with an additional 10% reservation granted to them by the Jammu and Kashmir Government. However, the committee emphasized that individuals classified under ST-II are not eligible to apply for the reserved Assembly seats allocated to ST-I, and vice versa.

The speakers highlighted that the 9 reserved constituencies should remain exclusively for the ST-I groups to ensure their rightful representation, as these reservations were based on the 2011 census and the Delimitation Commission's report.

The committee also expressed their dissatisfaction with the Election Commission's visit to Jammu and Kashmir, which they described as an "eye wash." They claimed that the commission failed to gather the ground realities and real issues of the people, as it

only interacted with a few members of political parties and did not meet with the true representatives of the people.

Prominent Gujjar leaders, including Bashir Ahmed Noon and Shokat Gujjar, appealed to the government to ensure that no nomination papers from ST-II candidates be accepted for the reserved ST-I seats. The committee has sent representations to the Chief Election Commissioner, Home Minister of India, the Minister of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes of India, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, and the Registrar General of Census, Government of India.

The press statement concluded with a reiteration of their commitment to ensuring the protection of the political rights of the Gujjar-Bakerwal and other ST communities in Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP leader Anu Rajesh, Jammu East Citizen Forum meet LG to discuss development issues



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JAMMU, Aug 10: A delegation led by BJP leader Anu Rajesh Gupta, representing the Jammu East Citizen Forum, met with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to discuss various pressing development issues affecting Jammu East.

The primary focus of the meeting was on addressing ownership rights for tenants occupying custodian properties, along with other significant concerns.

The delegation, which included Forum Chairman Parshotam Gupta and members Karan Singh, Brijesh Gupta, Kuldeep Khandhari, Varun Khajuria, Rajinder Tickoo, Rohit Sharma, and Manav Mahajan, sought clarity on the granting of ownership rights to long-term tenants of custodian properties.

These tenants, many of whom have occu-

pled evacuee lands and houses for decades, are seeking security and stability through ownership rights.

Anu Rajesh Gupta emphasized that there are over 10,000 families residing in custodian properties within Jammu city, with a significant number located in the East constituency.

The delegation also brought attention to the challenges faced by widows and old-age pensioners due to the cumbersome verification process required by the Social Welfare Department.

The forum expressed concern over the harassment and difficulties these marginalized sections endure while trying to access their rightful pensions. They requested that the Lieutenant Governor simplify the verification procedures to ensure timely and hassle-

free disbursement of pensions.

Anu Rajesh Gupta highlighted the importance of providing adequate old-age pensions to widows, ensuring their financial security and dignity.

The forum stressed that pensions are a basic social security measure crucial for the sustenance of the beneficiaries, and urged that the process be implemented effectively on the ground.

In response, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed, and necessary steps would be taken to resolve the issues raised.

The Jammu East Citizen Forum, under the leadership of Anu Rajesh Gupta, remains committed to advocating for the rights and welfare of the residents, particularly the most vulnerable sections of society.

JKMEF highlights demands, announces working committee

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: The Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) held a press conference today under the leadership of its President, Dharminder Singh Bhargava, at the JKMEF office.

The conference aimed to highlight the genuine concerns of various categories of health department employees, draw attention to these issues for redressal, and announce the working committee for the Malaria (NVBDCP) for Jammu Province.

The JKMEF urged the amendment of the Jammu & Kashmir Health and Family Welfare (Sub-Ordinate) Services Recruitment Rules 2022, issued under SRO 334 dated July 13, 2022. These rules currently apply to both the Health Department and Family Welfare Department, despite their separate management structures. The Federation requested the segregation of these rules to reflect the distinct nature of both departments.

The Federation expressed gratitude to the higher authorities and the media for bring-



ing attention to the need for holding DPCs. The DPCs for various health cadres are expected to take place within the next two to three days, benefiting all eligible employees and filling vacant posts to improve departmental efficiency.

The Federation called for the swift sanctioning of a proposal to create the posts of District Pharmacy Officers at each district and Block Pharmacy Officers at each block, which has been pending for two years.

The Federation highlighted the lack of refresher courses and training for various health workers, including PHC Medical Officers, CHOs, DMOs, SHIs, MIs, LHVIs, and multipurpose workers. The absence of training adversely affects the performance and efficiency of newly appointed and

promoted employees.

The Federation raised concerns about the inadequate staff levels in the NVBDCP & UMCP in rural areas, which have not been updated since the programs' inception in 1960 and 1978. The increase in population over the years has outpaced the staffing levels, making it difficult to meet current needs.

The Federation criticized the lack of attention given to the SHTO, which is responsible for transporting personnel and materials. The budget allocation for SHTO Jammu has been drastically reduced to Rs. 12.00 lakhs, compared to Rs. 1.23 crores for SHTO Kashmir. The Federation requested immediate action to save the SHTO from collapse.

The Federation pointed out that a significant

number of vehicles in the SHTO are operating without registration and insurance, which violates the Motor Vehicles Act of 1988 and poses legal risks.

The Federation urged the authorities to fill vacant driver positions, as no fresh recruitment has taken place since 2011, leading to a shortage of drivers due to retirements.

The Federation recommended appointing a technical expert, such as a Mechanical Engineer, to oversee the SHTO instead of a medico, who may lack the necessary technical expertise.

The Federation called for transparency in the transfer policy for non-gazetted employees.

The Federation requested an increase in the Fixed Travelling Allowance (FTA) for Basic Health Workers (BHWs) from Rs. 45 per month, set in 1961, to Rs. 500 per month.

The Federation demanded risk allowances for all employees exposed to infections, harmful chemicals, insecticides, and other health hazards, similar to what X-Ray technicians receive.

The Federation called

for the creation of Lady Health Visitor (LHV) posts at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) level.

The Federation demanded that part-time sweepers be paid a minimum wage of Rs. 275 per day.

The Federation proposed regular monthly meetings between the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) and JKMEF to improve communication, coordination, and work culture.

The Federation requested that employees' requests for General Provident Fund (GPF) withdrawals be processed within 30 days.

The Federation called for the approval of time-bound promotions within 30 days of eligibility.

The JKMEF announced the formation of the Provincial Unit of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) for Jammu Province, with Shakeel Ahmed appointed as the Chief Guest. Held at the Maj Sonnath Sharma PVC Stadium, the ceremony featured a dignified March Past, showcasing the discipline and unity of the young cadets.

The Chief Guest presented medals and trophies to the winners of various games and sports competitions and officially

All India Sainik Schools National Games Group-A Sports and Cultural Meet 2024 concludes

Top News Report

NAGROTA, Aug 10: The prestigious All India Sainik Schools National Games Group-A Sports and Cultural Meet 2024, held at Sainik School Nagrota, concluded today with a grand closing ceremony, celebrating four days of intense competition and cultural festivities.

The event, which began on August 6, 2024, saw participation from eight Sainik Schools representing Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. The closing ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of the Director General of Police, Jammu & Kashmir, Rashmi Ranjan Swain, who served as the Chief Guest. Held at the Maj Sonnath Sharma PVC Stadium, the ceremony featured a dignified March Past, showcasing the discipline and unity of the young cadets.

The Chief Guest presented medals and trophies to the winners of various games and sports competitions and officially

declared the Meet closed.

Throughout the event, a variety of sports and cultural competitions were conducted, with Sainik School Nagrota standing out by winning the Volleyball trophy for the second consecutive year. Other notable victories included Sainik School Kunjapura in the Basketball Championship and Sainik School Sujapur Tira in the Hockey Championship.

The battle for the overall championship was fiercely contested, with Sainik School Kunjapura emerging as the Overall Champions, amassing an impressive 108 points.

Sainik School Nagrota finished as Runners-up with 97 points. In addition to sports, the Cultural Competition was a highlight, with Sainik School Sujapur Tira being declared the winners, reflecting the diverse talents of the cadets beyond the sports field. The Fairplay trophy, awarded for discipline and camaraderie, also went to Sainik School Sujapur Tira.

The Chief Guest, in his closing remarks, congratulated all participants for their dedication, sportsmanship, and the spirit of camaraderie displayed throughout the Meet.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Sr. Divisional Material Manager, N Rly., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of the following items, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due date
94245817A	Set of condenser coil assembly for RMPU and Set of Cooling (evaporator) coil assembly	18 set +18 set = 36 Set	09.09.2024

NOTE: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.

Tender Notice No. 17/2024-25 Dated: 09.08.2024

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Inter-College Poster/Painting Competition held at GDC Udhampur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 10: In compliance with Swatantarta Pakhara, the Government Degree College (GDC) Udhampur hosted the Inter-college Painting/Poster making Competition on 10th of August 2024. The theme for the event was "Important events of freedom struggle."

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 showcasing their talent.

The Inter-college Painting/Poster 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 enthu-

siastic participation of five colleges, each represented by a talented student who put forth their best effort and ideas pertaining to the theme.

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

In his welcome address, he emphasized the importance of instilling a sense of patriotism in

the youth and lauded the efforts of all participants and their respective colleges for their dedication and commitment to the event.

Every participant was given a specific time slot to paint their ideas related to the theme of the event.

The paintings were adjudged by an esteemed panel comprising Prof. Shobha Rani, Prof. Shivi Mehra, and Prof. Rajesh Singh Manhas who had an expertise in painting and drawing.

Youth Against Corruption and Duggar Desh Jan Awaaz oppose New Reservation Policy in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: Youth Against Corruption (YAC) and Duggar Desh Jan Awaaz held a joint press conference at the Press Club Jammu to express their opposition to the recently implemented reservation policy in Jammu and Kashmir.

The press conference was addressed by Vinkal Sharma of YAC and Pawan Chib of Duggar Desh Jan Awaaz.

Vinkal Sharma criticized the UT Government's decision to raise the reservation quota from 50% to 60%. He argued that this policy reduces the share of the general category



and open merit from 50% to 40%, which he believes undermines merit-based opportunities for students and professionals.

Sharma expressed concerns that the new policy, which affects both job placements and educational opportunities, targets the general category population disproportionately. He highlighted that

this demographic constitutes the largest population group in Jammu and Kashmir and believes the policy could limit their chances for advancement.

Pawan Chib described the policy as politically motivated, alleging that it was designed by the BJP to secure votes in the Rajouri-Anantnag Parliamentary seat.

Chib accused the BJP of neglecting the merit and aspirations of the general category in favor of political gains.

Both Sharma and Chib called for a reconsideration of the policy. They suggested that instead of reducing open merit seats, the government should increase support for underrepresented groups through scholarships and preparatory programs. They argued that inclusivity should not come at the expense of meritocracy.

The organizations issued a 10-day ultimatum to the government, demanding a review of the reservation policy. They warned

that if their demands are not addressed, they will initiate a mass agitation to protest the policy.

Duggar Desh Jan Awaaz, under the leadership of Pawan Chib, plans to organize forums and discussions to gather feedback and develop more balanced solutions. The goal is to advocate for a reservation system that ensures inclusivity while maintaining merit-based opportunities.

The press conference concluded with a call for concerned citizens to support their cause in ensuring fair and balanced policies that protect the rights and opportunities of all categories.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI(PHE) MECH. DIVISION
KATHUA
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No. 29/JSPHEMK of 2024-25 dated: 07-08-2024

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money	Estimated Cost	Bid Validity
Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of Horizontal Centrifugal Pumping Units and the allied works at P/S Maha in Kathua.	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua	Rs. 500.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua & also mentioned the e-NT No. and date	2% (pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua)	7.50 lac	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

- 1) Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **07-08-2024 (06:00PM)** and uploaded from **07-08-2024(6:00 PM)** to **16-08-2024 (04:00 PM)**, he complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- 2) Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table.
- 3) The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year.
- 4) The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua on **17-08-2024** at 01:00 P.Mor any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division Kathua.
- 5) The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua** during office hours and shall be communicated separately.
- 6) Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division,
Kathua

No: JSPHEMK/899-902
Dated: 07-08-2024

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EDITORIAL

Pollution-Free
Environment

A pollution-free environment is essential for sustaining life on Earth. It ensures the well-being of all living organisms, including humans, animals, and plants, and preserves the natural resources necessary for survival. The concept of a pollution-free environment encompasses air, water, and soil that are free from harmful substances, ensuring that ecosystems remain balanced and healthy. Achieving such an environment requires collective action from individuals, governments, and organizations worldwide.

The environment plays a crucial role in human health and well-being. Clean air, water, and soil are fundamental to life, providing the basic necessities such as drinking water, food, and breathable air. When these resources are polluted, they can have detrimental effects on health, leading to diseases and conditions such as respiratory issues, cardiovascular diseases, and even cancer. Furthermore, pollution can harm wildlife, disrupt ecosystems, and contribute to the loss of biodiversity, which is vital for maintaining ecological balance.

Pollution also has significant economic implications. The costs associated with healthcare due to pollution-related diseases, the loss of productivity, and the degradation of natural resources can be enormous. Additionally, pollution can affect tourism, agriculture, and fisheries, leading to further economic losses. Therefore, a pollution-free environment is not only essential for health and ecological reasons but also for economic stability and development.

One of the most pervasive forms of pollution, air pollution is primarily caused by the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas. Industrial activities, vehicle emissions, and deforestation are significant contributors to the release of pollutants like carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter into the atmosphere. These pollutants can lead to smog, acid rain, and respiratory problems in humans.

Contaminated water poses a serious threat to health and the environment. Water pollution often results from industrial discharges, agricultural runoff, improper waste disposal, and oil spills. Harmful chemicals, heavy metals, and pathogens can enter water bodies, making the water unsafe for drinking, irrigation, and aquatic life.

Soil pollution occurs when harmful substances, such as pesticides, heavy metals, and industrial waste, are introduced into the soil. This can degrade the soil quality, affecting crop production and leading to the accumulation of toxins in the food chain. Soil pollution can also result in the loss of fertile land, further exacerbating food security issues.

Though less visible, noise pollution is another significant environmental issue. It is caused by industrial activities, traffic, construction, and urbanization. Prolonged exposure to high noise levels can lead to hearing loss, stress, and sleep disturbances.

One of the most effective ways to reduce air pollution is by transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydropower. This shift would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and decrease air pollution.

Reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture can help minimize soil and water pollution. Organic farming, crop rotation, and the use of natural pest control methods are examples of sustainable practices that can protect the environment.

Proper waste disposal and recycling can prevent pollutants from entering the environment. Reducing single-use plastics, promoting recycling, and implementing strict waste management policies are essential steps toward a pollution-free environment.

Educating the public about the importance of a pollution-free environment is crucial. Awareness campaigns, environmental education in schools, and community involvement can encourage individuals to adopt eco-friendly practices and support environmental policies.

Governments play a critical role in regulating pollution. Implementing and enforcing environmental laws, setting emission standards, and promoting green technologies are necessary to control and reduce pollution.

A pollution-free environment is vital for the health and sustainability of our planet. While the challenges are significant, they are not insurmountable. By adopting cleaner energy sources, promoting sustainable practices, improving waste management, and raising public awareness, we can work toward a future where pollution is minimized, and the environment is preserved for future generations. Collective efforts at the individual, community, and governmental levels are essential in achieving this goal, ensuring that our planet remains a healthy and vibrant place for all forms of life.

India-Bangla ties adrift as Hasina flees from Dhaka

By: K.C. Singh

Bangladesh was simmering ever since the country's high court had in June reinstated a 30 per cent reservation in government jobs for the descendants of freedom fighters who fought in the 1971 liberation war, that was subsequently cut down by the Bangladesh Supreme Court to five per cent on July 21. (This quota, first introduced by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1972, was cancelled by Sheikh Hasina's government in 2018 after widespread protests.) The underlying idea underscores a schism between those who fought for separation from Pakistan and those who collaborated to continue as East Pakistan. Also Read - Farukh Dhondy | Mobs rampage in UK after murder of 3 kids: But why talk of 'civil war'? Advertisement Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's sudden escape to India by helicopter on August 5 took all, especially India, by surprise. She had ruled for the last 15 years, as head of the Awami League party, founded by her father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the nation's first Prime Minister. His assassination in 1975, followed by political uncertainty, led to two military rulers. First, Lt. Gen. Zia-ur Rahman became President in 1977. Though not named in the conspiracy to assassinate Sheikh Mujib, by mid-level military officers, suspicion always lingered, especially after he rehabilitated them and posted them abroad as diplomats. Also Read - Shobhaa De | No mangal in this dangal: How India blew it in Paris These deep fissures persisted in Bangladesh as the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), led by Begum Khaleda Zia after her husband's assassination in 1981, aligned with Jamaat-e-Islami, which stood tainted by collaborating with Pakistan prior to 971. President Zia-ur Rahman reoriented Bangladesh's foreign policy towards the West, Muslim nations like Saudi Arabia and China.

Bangladesh's Army retained power till Lt. Gen. Hussain Muhammad Ershad was ousted in 1990. His exit coincidentally followed the same path as Sheikh Hasina's. Popular protests, supported by the Awami League, BNP and Jamaat, forced the Army to abandon the President. With democracy restored, the old political divisions resumed. Also Read - Indranil Banerjee | The Dragon's bear hug: A strategic blunder by US? However, the problem is not political confrontation but the gradual abandonment of the rules and institutions basic to a functioning democracy. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman too lost popularity by bringing in de facto one-party rule, eventually leading to his assassination. His daughter ignored this lesson over the last 15 years. She defanged the media, the courts and the Opposition parties. Finally, she even abandoned the agreed principle of elections under a neutral interim government. Thus, unsurprisingly the Opposition boycotted the January 2024 national election. This is an old tradition in Bangladesh as even elections held when President Ershad was in power saw similar boycotts. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Caste, data & sub-quotas: No wriggle room for PM Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina did bring Bangladesh remarkable economic and social advancement. The country became a major garment export hub, utilising the shift of low-cost manufacturing from China. However, the Covid-19 pandemic dealt this model a serious blow. Bangladesh's exports fell from \$45.99 billion in 2019 to \$39.05 billion in 2020. They then rose to \$44.38 billion, still below the 2019 mark. The figures were \$54.7 billion and \$55.79 billion in 2022 and 2023. According to the World Bank, although Bangladesh made a strong post-pandemic economic turnaround, it has been hampered by a balance of payments deficit, financial sector vulnerabilities and global economic uncertainty. Also, despite improved social indicators economic fragility

persisted. The sanctions imposed by the United States, loss of preferential tariffs as the country's economy grew and cronyism constricted the economy. This forced Bangladesh to seek an IMF bailout of \$4.7 billion. On January 9, after her election victory, my article in this newspaper was titled "Hasina's victory: Time for caution, not complacency". The Indian government was, however, then completely preoccupied with the upcoming Lok Sabha election. The time for a serious private chat with India's authoritarian friend in Dhaka slipped by. Generally, repressive politics go poorly with a testy economy. Like its other South Asian neighbours, Bangladesh too played India against China. Hence the reluctance to advise Sheikh Hasina to moderate her authoritarian instincts. Perhaps the BJP's own doubtful credentials about preserving Indian democratic conventions and institutions inhibited preaching abroad. A long rope was given as Sheikh Hasina was seen as a bulwark against Islamist forces in India's politically sensitive Northeast. The 30 per cent job reservation for descendants of the freedom fighters of 1971 sparked protests by youth. The Supreme Court overturned the reservations on July 21. A narrow window for reconciliation existed before the Opposition parties seized the opportunity to make it a mass movement. As protests swelled, the violent repression took a mounting human toll. Over 10,000 activists, protesters and opposition figures were detained. Remittances from abroad fell and the garment industry took an estimated hit of \$10 billion. The Opposition announced a "March to Dhaka". The BNP student wing "Shibir" was banned under terrorism laws. The numbers dead on August 4 touched 100. The game passed out of Sheikh Hasina's hands. Bangladesh Army chief Lt. Gen. Waker Uz Zaman, who had assumed charge on June 23, arranged for Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana to be

evacuated to India. The Army chief said he will "make sure justice will be served against every death and crime". At an all-party meeting he announced an interim government, to be soon named. Without a court order, the sudden release of BNP supremo Khaleda Zia is an attempt to calm public sentiments as indeed a sign of change. India faces the classic dilemma of big powers when their close ally is ousted by a popular upsurge. The US faced it in Iran after the Shah's ouster in 1979, the consequences of which still persist. The US, by its consistent critique of democratic aberrations in Bangladesh, has a window available for engaging the new order. India's muteness is now a handicap. Hopefully, the popular anger and retaliation against Hindus and Awami League cadres would subside. Any free election may see the BNP-Jamaat alliance restored and probably victorious. That presents foreign policy challenges for New Delhi as the China-Pakistan alliance may get preferential treatment. The BJP's anti-Muslim image will hamper its handling of this new orientation. If law and order collapses, another dose of military rule may be inevitable. India would prefer it to a BNP-Jamaat government. With Nepal and Maldives already in China's embrace and Sri Lanka tottering, the exit of a friendly government in Bangladesh raises questions about India's ability to shape politics in its neighbourhood. Could India have strengthened Sheikh Hasina's hands by not persisting with the Citizenship Amendment Act and coaxing West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee to relent on sharing Teesta waters? All that is speculation. The reality is of a more destabilising order threatening to take power in Bangladesh. India is learning an old lesson. Authoritarian allies take you down when they fall, unless you control them in time or prepare for a soft landing.

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

By: Shikha Mukerjee

Childish 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 - Farrukh Dhondy | Mobs rampage in UK after murder of 3 kids: But why talk of 'civil war'? 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 - Shobhaa De | No mangal in this dangal: How India blew it in Paris 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 - Indranil Banerjee | The Dragon's bear hug: A strategic blunder by US? The

decision is pointed; relative deprivation or discrimination 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 - Dilip Cherian | Sudan's challenge is to clean and reform UPSC 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 sub-category 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 res-

ervation 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 BJP-ruled states would alienate the sub-castes 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 long-delayed 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.

JMC organizes awareness programme on Environmental Management of Dairies/ Gaushalas

Top News Report

JAMMU Aug 10: MVO section, JMC organized an awareness programme on Environmental Management of Dairies/ Gaushalas and adoption of scientific dung disposal mechanisms on Friday.

MVO, JMC, Dr. Jaswant Singh, VAS, JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma and other officials of Veterinary section of JMC were present in the programme.

The dairy owners & gaushala operators of Anand Nagar, Bohri were invited in the programme for making them aware regarding management of dairies/ gaushalas & proper scientific dung disposal mechanism viz. Biogas Plant, Vermicompost unit, compost pits etc. to be adopted in the dairy units.

VAS, JMC Dr. Divya Sharma appraised during the program that Jammu Municipal Corporation



has taken various initiatives regarding regulation of Dairies & Gaushalas operating within JMC limits in line with guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board regarding Environmental Management of Dairies & Gaushalas & FSSAI norms.

Further, she informed that 80 Dairy Units those fulfill the said criteria as per the guidelines of CPCB and FSSAI norms. They have installed Bio Gas Plants, Vermi Com-

post Units and adopted other techniques for scientific disposal of Dairy waste have been registered by the JMC in the first instance and process is going on to register/ regulate all the Dairy units/ Gaushalas operating within JMC limits.

She also highlighted the importance of such programs and events which will generate mass awareness for the stakeholders to adopt and follow the guidelines

issued by the regulatory agencies and registration of dairy units / gaushalas in terms of bylaws of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

MVO, JMC, Dr. Jaswant Singh emphasized the importance of adoption of Central Pollution Control Board guidelines issued in terms of directions of NGT so that every bit of Dairy waste generated is properly recycled & utilized as manure and energy.

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PROVISIONAL SELECTION LIST IN DIFFERENT TRADES SESSION 2024-25 & 2024-26 (ROUND 1)

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Provisional Selection List 2024 Subject To Verification

Computer Operator and Programing Assistant (NCVT, Normal, GenderApplicable: ALL)

S.No	Rank	App. No	Name	Parentage	DOB	Gender	Category	PWD	Excm	%age	Round	Remarks
1	1	ADM2447114	MUSKAN JANDIAL	RAKESH KUMAR	03-08-2006	Female	GEN	N	N	98.4	1	Selected
2	3	ADM2417301	ARUNIMA GUPTA	RAJESH GUPTA	06-10-1999	Female	GEN	N	N	95.8	1	Selected
3	7	ADM2468821	ANISH THAKUR	PRITAM SINGH	06-08-2004	Male	GEN	N	N	91.8	1	Selected
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6	22	ADM2491384	GULPHAM ALI	MOHD AKBAR ALI	14-06-2003	Male	GEN	N	N	88	1	Selected
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15	45	ADM2417429	LAKSH	ARUN KUMAR	10-06-2006	Male	GEN	N	N	84	1	Selected
16	50	ADM2482026	SHAZAD AHMED	MOHD FAROOQ	11-02-2003	Male	GEN	N	N	83.4	1	Selected
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21	135	ADM2459315	SHANAZ AKHTER	MOHD SHABIR	03-06-2006	Female	ST	N	N	76.4	1	Selected
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9	43	ADM2472841	RAHUL KUMAR	SHAM LAL	07-10-2006	Male	GEN	N	N	80.285	1	Selected
10	47	ADM2456392	RAKESH KUMAR	ROMESH KUMAR	08-05-2008	Male	GEN	N	N	58.5	1	Selected
11	49	ADM2456687	SURINDER SINGH	NAROTAM SINGH	23-08-2005	Male	GEN	N	N	57.714	1	Selected
12	58	ADM2438462	JASWANT SINGH	SUBASH SINGH	15-05-2003	Male	GEN	N	N	51.6	1	Selected
13	61	ADM2428783	ROMESH KUMAR	GIAN CHAND	05-07-1985	Male	GEN	N	N	50	1	Selected
14	66	ADM2461449	RAHUL KUMAR	MULKH RAJ	20-01-2004	Male	SC	N	N	46	1	Selected
15	68	ADM2471683	GOVIND KUMAR	GANESH DUTT	08-07-2005	Male	GEN	N	N	43.714	1	Selected
16	70	ADM2428582	KARAN SHARMA	ROMESH KUMAR	07-10-2001	Male	GEN	N	N	42.8	1	Selected
17	71	ADM2419762	SUBASH SINGH	CHANCHAL SINGH	15-04-1984	Male	GEN	N	N	42.267	1	Selected
18	72	ADM2439832	SURINDER SINGH	KARNAL SINGH	05-03-2004	Male	GEN	N	N	42	1	Selected
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Mechanic Motor Vehicle (NCVT, PPP, Gender Applicable: ALL)

1	5	ADM2457837	KANISHK SINGH	SHAMSHER SINGH	30-09-2005	Male	GEN	N	N	93.4	1	Selected
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4	68	ADM2455017	NEERAJ KUMAR	KEWAL KUMAR	04-12-2006	Male	GEN	N	N	81.4	1	Selected
5	70	ADM2481357	KANEYA JAMWAL	RAM CHARAN	07-08-2006	Male	GEN	N	N	81	1	Selected
6	74	ADM2462916	RANJEET SINGH	LAL SINGH	12-07-2006	Male	GEN	N	N	80.8	1	Selected
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10	95	ADM2431122	PRANAV GUPTA	BHUSHAN KUMAR	20-05-1995	Male	GEN	N	N	78	1	Selected
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REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN(NSQF) (NCVT, PPP, Gender Applicable: ALL)

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8	83	ADM2496428	SURAM CHAND	UMESH SINGH	07-04-2004	Male	GEN	N	N	79.8	1	Selected
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17	522	ADM2478683	ASIF CHOUDHARY	ABDUL KARIM	04-06-2007	Male	ST	N	N	60.6	1	Selected
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Computer Operator and Programing Assistant (SCVT , SelfFinance , GenderApplicable: ALL)

1	4	ADM2478908	PANKAJ KUMAR	SHAM LAL	16-03-2007	Male	GEN	N	N	94	1	Selected
2	42	ADM2449692	AMIT SHARMA	KHAYAJ SAGAR	17-01-2004	Male	GEN	N	N	84.4	1	Selected
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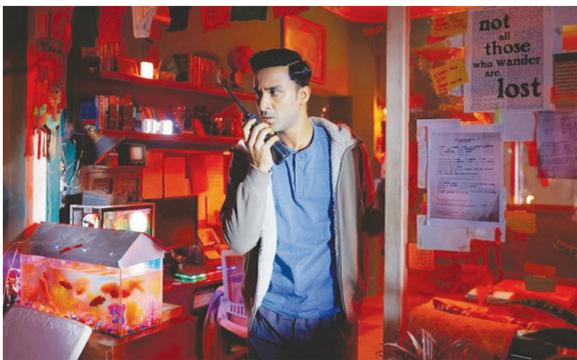
Actor Raghav Juyal, whose latest series Gyaarah Gyaarah is based on time travel, says it is a mind-boggling and riveting sequence of events

After his killer dance moves, he has been killing it with his badass act in Kill. Dancer-actor Raghav Juyal, the 'king of slow motion', will now be seen in yet another Karan Johar-Guneet Monga production, Gyaarah Gyaarah. What other actors die for, he has achieved it twice over; Kill too was backed by these two bigwigs of the film industry!

Yet another double association happens to be with Korea. If Kill had renowned South-Korean action-director Sea-Young Oh on board, Gyaarah Gyaarah happens to be a remake of the Korean drama Signal. If there is a karmic connection between Korea and the Dehradun-born lad, he laughs, "Korea is closer to Uttarakhand perhaps."

Jokes apart, he is not exactly a fan of K-dramas as the rest of India is. But he is very much clued into world cinema, Korean films like Oscar-winning Parasite very much included. At a time when content around the world is just a click away, what is the relevance of remakes? "Adaptations are a universal phenomenon, even acclaimed directors like Vishal Bhardwaj have adapted Shakespeare with striking effect," he reasons.

According to Raghav, adapta-



tions work provided these offer a fresh perspective and are rooted in the cultural milieu into which the original story is transposed. And Gyaarah Gyaarah, he insists, is that the series set in his home state, which brings out the culture of Uttarakhand. On the interesting title of the series, that reads 11.11 numerically, which may see as a magical moment in time that can grant their wish, he admits, "It is indeed an angelic number and the time when my character in the series make a connection with past." Time travel? But hasn't OTT already offered us the very best in this genre of sci-fi with shows like Dark and Bodies? So what new

can Gyaarah Gyaarah tap into? Well, he quips, "Pehle istemaal karo phir vishwas karo." Calling the series a mind-boggling and riveting sequence of events that make us question our existence too, he, however, will not offer any homilies to his fans as to why they should watch the series. He says, "Today audiences are very smart and can smell good content on their own; no promotions or interviews can influence their decision. Content is the king and that's why films like 12th Fail, Laapataa Ladies and Kill work."

On his tryst with fame, he reminds, "When you are riding on the crest of success, no one realises that it has not come

overnight." Of course, this second runner-up of Dance India Dance 3 is not new to popularity. Only, he observes, "We live in a Kim Kardashian world where you are famous before you know why." He would rather be known for his talent than numbers on social media.

Raghav feels lucky to be living in times when auditions are the 'done' thing and actors like him with no godfather can get a break. If Kill came his way after the makers had auditioned hundreds of actors, he would only be too happy to audition for dear friend Aryan Khan's directorial. Those who think he has already landed a plum part in the superstar SRK's son's debut series, his lips are sealed. But he has certainly bagged yet another big-ticket production house Excel Entertainment's film Yudhra, co-starring Siddhant Chaturvedi.

Born in a sleepy town of Dehradun, how did he dream so high? He smiles, "With nothing really happening in such towns when I was growing up, all we could do was daydream." But dreaming alone cannot take you far. As they say 'Dream big, work hard, make it happen'. He is not only making it happen, but happening too.

Farhan Akhtar celebrates 23 years of his iconic debut 'Dil Chahta Hai'



Bollywood multi-hyphenate Farhan Akhtar is celebrating 23 years of his cult film 'Dil

Chahta Hai', which also marked his debut.

On Saturday, the actor-director took to his Instagram and shared a video celebrating the 23rd anniversary of his coming-of-age film. The video features several clips from the movie and highlights every character that made it a memorable watch.

He wrote in the caption, 'Here's to lifelong friendships. To the cast, crew and audience, your love has kept #Dil-ChahtaHai alive for 23 years. #23YearsOfDil-ChahtaHai.'

Produced by Excel Entertainment, the film is considered a timeless classic. It starred Aamir Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Akshaye Khanna and Preity Zinta.

It tells the story of three friends and how their dynamics change as life happens. The film changed the way stories are told in Hindi cinema and had a very urban approach in terms of the narrative, character, music, costume and styling.

Naam Namak Nishan on way

Amazon miniTV has announced its upcoming drama series titled Naam Namak Nishan. Based around the themes of brotherhood and love for the nation, the series beautifully captures the essence of genuine bonds, as it follows the journey of young cadets at the prestigious Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai. Along their journey, marked by rigorous training, the cadets overcome the divide of race, caste, class and creed to discover the true meaning of brotherhood, forging unbreakable bonds that mirror the spirit of patriotism and unity within the Indian Armed Forces.

Produced by Jugernaut Productions, the upcoming series boasts of a stellar cast, including Varun Sood, Danish Sood, Helly Shah, Karan Vohra and Roshni Walia. The story revolves around the bond between Yuvraj and Gurbaaz, two young



cadets from contrasting social backgrounds. Despite the differences, their shared love for the motherland unites them in a profound and moving journey. It's

a story of resilience, honour and camaraderie that develops in the face of adversity. The show will stream from August 14, exclusively on Amazon miniTV.

Chahat Vig, seen in the crime series 36 Days, believes in the power of hard work and constant learning

She is a true-blue Punjabi at heart, who feels her growing up days in Pathankot were a blessing. Chahat Vig, seen in Sony LIV's crime series 36 Days, says coming from a small town has made her dream big and aspire for higher goals.

"Opportunities were definitely limited while growing up. But my parents made sure they went beyond their means to give me all that was needed to hone my skills. Growing up in Pathankot is a big part of my identity and I'm really proud of it," she begins.

Chahat, who made her acting debut with the film Gumraah and was last seen in the web series Rafuchakkar, has fond memories of shooting for 36 Days. "Being on the sets of 36 Days with such an amazing cast and crew was truly wonderful. I've made memories that I'll cherish forever. Sia, my character, holds a special place in my heart because of



her cathartic and inspiring journey. 36 Days is definitely one of the highlights of my career, filled with unforgettable moments and great learning experiences," she says.

Happy with her innings so far, Chahat vouches for the power of hard work and belief in her own craft. "I believe

I've received along the way," she adds. Appreciation too is coming her way in ample measure, "I'm humbled by the fact that people have liked my character in 36 Days. To essay the character of Sia, I needed to understand her motivations, her struggles and her unique perspective, which required a lot of effort but I am happy at the end of it all. I live by the motto of no regrets."

It's a competitive and cut-throat world out there, so Sia believes one must learn how to de-stress and maintain mental peace. "When I'm not on a project or shooting, I enjoy diving into other passions and creative pursuits. I also spend quality time with my loved ones. I even enrolled in a university to pursue an academic degree in human psychology, which has been incredibly fulfilling. I love singing and song-writing. Plus, I keep practicing my acting skills,

using what I learned in the film school to keep improving as a performer. Balancing these interests not only keeps me busy, but also helps me grow both personally and professionally," she informs.

Another aspect that she highlights is the need to stay fit in an industry that is quite demanding and can take a toll on one's health. "Fitness is also a big part of my life. I make sure to stay active and maintain a regular workout routine, as it helps me stay grounded and energised." Last but not the least, she shares her love for Chandigarh, "I also have a strong connection with Chandigarh, where I trained as a musician during my high school years. That city taught me how to live independently, gave me the creative freedom I needed, and blessed me with friends I cherish to this day."

Aamir Khan reveals why he decided to produce Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies: 'I might have 15 years of active work left...'

Actor Aamir Khan and his ex-wife, director Kiran Rao, attended the screening of their film Laapataa Ladies at the Supreme Court. As reported by news agency, during the event, Aamir shared his motivation for producing the film.

He said that he wanted to give back to society by providing a platform for new talent. He reflected on his time during the Covid-19 pandemic when he decided to use '15 more years of active work' to contribute more significantly to the film industry.

Aamir Khan on producing Laapataa Ladies

He said, "During Covid, I had a lot of free time and used to keep thinking. I realised that I might have 15 more years of active work left...uske baad zindagi kisne dekhi hai (who has seen



life after that)...I wanted to give back to people whatever I have learned in the past so many years.

The industry, society, and country have given me so much."

"I thought that I could do one film a year as an actor, but as a producer, I can produce many more films. I want to give a

platform to new talents. I can provide a platform for new writers, directors, and everyone involved in the process. Laapataa Ladies is the first project in that sense. I want to promote this kind of talent, and hopefully, I can produce four to five films a year. I want to be the shoulder for talent," he added.

Laapataa Ladies screening at

Supreme Court

The screening of Laapataa Ladies was held to commemorate the 75th year of the Supreme Court. It was attended by the judges of the apex court, their spouses, and members of the registry.

Laapataa Ladies, which focuses on gender equality, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in September 2023 and received a standing ovation.

About Laapataa Ladies

The film stars Nitanshi Goel, Pratibha Ratna, Sparsh Shrivastav, Ravi Kishan, and Chhaya Kadam in pivotal roles. Laapataa Ladies is a comedy drama film directed by Kiran Rao.

The film tells the story of two young newly-wed brides who get exchanged during a train ride to their husband's homes.

'Stree 2' song 'Khoobsurat': Varun-Shraddha's chemistry makes Rajkumar jealous



The new song from 'Stree 2' was released. Featuring Shraddha Kapoor as the unbelievably beautiful, 'Stree', the song titled 'Khoobsurat' seemed like a pacy romantic track. It starred both Varun Dhawan and Rajkumar Rao as the men fighting to get Shraddha's attention, while Abhishek Banerjee appeared as a comic relief.

Sung by Vishal Mishra and Sachin-Jigar, with music by Sachin-Jigar, the song acted like an ode to Shraddha's beauty. The actor looked lovely in a red saree and her signature big nose-pin as part of her character in the film.

'Khoobsurat' has lyrics by Amitabh Bhattacharya, who writes in a simple fashion to make it click instantly. The hook-line in the song doesn't take long to register: 'Koi itna khoobsurat kaise ho sakta hai [how can one be this beautiful?]' - as effortless as that.

The film's music has already found popularity among the audience, and 'Khoobsurat' is only going to add to it. It is an easy track with a flirtatious tone, and all other elements that are meant to make it a viral number, at least among romance seekers. The song also marks Varun's 'Bhedhya' entering the 'Stree' universe. It is yet to be seen how the ending of 'Stree 2' gives a shout-out to 'Bhedhya 2', another upcoming film in Maddock's supernatural franchise.

The buzz around 'Stree 2' is good. The film features Shraddha, Rajkumar and Abhishek reprising their roles from 'Stree', released in 2018. It also stars Pankaj Tripathi and Aparshakti Khurana in other important roles. The film is slated to hit the screens on August 15, as the big Independence Day release.

PM Modi visits disaster-hit Chooralmala in Wayanad

Earlier, Modi conducted aerial survey of Chooralmala, Mundakkai, and Punchirimattam hamlets aboard an IAF helicopter

WAYANAD (KERALA), Aug 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the landslide-devastated areas of Wayanad district in Kerala on Saturday and trekked through the disaster-stricken Chooralmala to get a firsthand view of the destruction caused by the July 30 landslides.

Modi also visited one of the relief camps, which is home to many of those displaced in the massive landslides, and interacted with some of the survivors, including two children who lost their loved ones in the disaster that has claimed over 200 lives.

Modi arrived in the hill district by helicopter from Kannur airport. He walked through the affected regions to assess the damage.

Later, the Prime Minister visited the camp at Meppadi around 2.30 pm and spent nearly half an hour there, interacting with some of the survivors.

He spoke to them, heard their



concerns and needs, and tried to comfort them, according to visuals shown on TV channels.

Modi placed his hands on the heads and shoulders of the victims as they broke into tears while recounting their ordeal to the PM.

Prior to landing in Kalpetta, Modi conducted an aerial survey of the landslide-ravaged areas of Chooralmala, Mundakkai, and Punchirimattam hamlets aboard an Indian Air Force helicopter.

He landed at the SKMJ Higher Secondary School in Kalpetta and then travelled by road to Chooralmala, where a 190-foot-long Bailey bridge had been built by the Army after the disaster. The PM walked on the bridge, while surveying the damage.

After reaching Chooralmala, Modi got down from his vehicle, interacted with rescue personnel, state chief secretary V Venu and district officials, and surveyed the area—strewn with boulders and debris—on foot.

He was accompanied by Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Union Minister Suresh Gopi.

Modi, Khan, Vijayan, and Gopi also walked on the Bailey bridge as officials briefed the PM about the situation on the ground and the rescue operations being carried out.

In the aerial survey, he saw the origin of the landslide, which is in the origin of Iruvazhinji Puzha (River).

He also observed the worst affected areas of Punchirimattam, Mundakkai and Chooralmala.

Hundreds were gathered on the roadsides along the route taken by the PM's convoy to Chooralmala to catch a glimpse of him.

As many as 226 people have lost their lives and over 130 remain missing in one of the worst calamities to have struck Kerala in the early hours of July 30.

Kolkata doctor death: Autopsy confirms sexual assault before murder

Police arrest one in connection with murder of woman PGT doctor in Kolkata hospital



KOLKATA, Aug 10 (Agencies): Police arrested one person for his alleged involvement in the murder of a woman postgraduate trainee doctor at the state-run Kar Medical College and Hospital, a senior officer said on Saturday.

The man was an outsider who had free access to the different departments of the hos-

pital, he said.

"We have arrested one person, who is an outsider. His activities are quite suspicious and he seems to be directly involved in the crime," the police officer told agency.

Police have also questioned two intern doctors the entire Friday night in connection with their ongoing probe into the death of

the doctor, he said.

The semi-nude body of a woman postgraduate trainee (PGT) doctor was found inside the seminar hall of the government-run hospital in Kolkata on Friday.

The deceased, a second-year student of the chest medicine department, was on duty on Thursday night. The body bore injury marks. Her father had alleged that she was raped and murdered inside Kar Medical College and Hospital and efforts are on to hide the truth.

Preliminary autopsy report confirmed sexual abuse of the woman doctor before she was killed, police said.

Congress' swipe at PM Modi: Hopefully he'll find time to also visit Manipur

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Congress on Saturday said it is good that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in Wayanad and hoped that he would "find the time and the inclination" to also visit Manipur "which has been experiencing pain" for more than 15 months now.

The opposition party's remarks come on a day Modi is in Kerala's landslide-hit Wayanad.

"It is good that the non-biological PM is in Wayanad today. It was a devastating tragedy," Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said in a post in Hindi on X.

"After this, he (Modi)



is scheduled to visit Ukraine to stop the war once again.

Hopefully he will find the time and the inclination before then to also visit Manipur which has been experiencing so much pain, anguish, and agony for over 15 months now," Ramesh said.

The Congress has been attacking the prime minister for not visiting violence-hit Manipur despite repeated calls.

Modi on Saturday carried out an aerial survey of disaster-hit areas of this district in northern Kerala where landslides have claimed over 200 lives.

'Arvind Kejriwal will come out of jail in 24 hours if...': Manish Sisodia

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia on Saturday called upon party workers and people to fight against the "dictatorship" in the country, a day after he was released from jail in the Delhi excise policy case.

Targeting the BJP, he also said these people are not more powerful than the Constitution. Every person has to fight against this "dictatorship" which is not just putting leaders in jail but also harassing citizens, Mr Sisodia said while addressing Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers at its headquarters.

He claimed that while in jail, he was not worried about getting bail, but was pained seeing businessmen being put in prison "fake cases just because they did not donate money to the BJP".

The Supreme Court on Friday granted Mr Sisodia bail in corruption and money laundering



cases linked to the alleged excise policy "scam" and said his long incarceration of 17 months without trial had deprived him of the right to speedy justice.

On AAP chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is also in jail in the case, Mr Sisodia said he is the symbol of honesty in the country.

Conspiracies are being

hatched to defame Mr Kejriwal's work, he said and added that if opposition leaders unite against the "dictatorship", Mr Kejriwal will come out of jail in 24 hours.

Mr Sisodia told AAP workers that "we are just horses of a chariot but our real 'saarhi' (charioteer) is in jail, he will come out soon". On his bail verdict, Mr Sisodia said the

Supreme Court used the power of the Constitution to "trample dictatorship" yesterday.

He said he was hoping to get justice in seven-to-eight months but it took 17 months. But at the end truth triumphed, Mr Sisodia said.

Seeking to target the BJP over the Vinesh Phogat issue, Mr Sisodia, without taking the wrestler's name, said she protested against its leader and people saw what happened at the Olympics.

Ms Phogat, who was disqualified from the Paris Olympics for being found 100 grams overweight ahead of her women's 50kg final, was at the forefront of a lengthy protest alleging government inaction against former Wrestling Federation of India head Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who was accused of sexual harassment by women wrestlers.

In birthday wish to Hemant Soren, Rahul Gandhi's "India will fight" message

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday greeted Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on his birthday and vowed that the INDIA bloc will fight for the rights of the poor, the deprived and tribals of the country and win.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also greeted Mr Soren on his birthday.

"We wish him a long life and good health. INDIA bloc is fighting together

for social justice, economic empowerment and inclusive development in the country," he said in a post on X.

Mr Soren, who is also the executive president of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), turned 49 on Saturday.

In a post in Hindi on X, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren ji on his birthday."

"In the fight for the



rights of the poor, the deprived and the tribals of the country, and against every injustice done to them, INDIA will fight strongly and together we will win," Mr Gandhi said.

Assembly elections and Jharkhand are slated to take place later this year.

The JMM and the Congress are part of the ruling alliance in the state and hope to repeat

the coalition government by overcoming the challenge from the BJP-led opposition in Jharkhand.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also greeted Soren on his birthday.

"Hearty birthday wishes to the strong voice of tribals and deprived sections and Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren ji. I wish him good health, success and long life," she said in a post in Hindi on X.

Couple, 10-year-old daughter hacked to death in Bihar, say Cops

Confirming the incident, Begusarai SP Manish stated that the investigation is going on.



PATNA, Aug 10 (Agencies): Three people of a family were brutally killed in Bihar's Begusarai district, a police official said.

The incident occurred at Chiranjivipur village, under the jurisdiction of Bachwara police station, Begusarai district. Attackers entered the home while family members were asleep and committed the crime, leaving three members of the family dead.

Confirming the incident, Begusarai SP Manish stated that the investigation is going on.

"We learned about the incident on Saturday morning, and a police team was dispatched to the village for investigation," Manish said.

He added that the exact reason for the incident has yet to be ascertained.

"The victims sustained head injuries, and the post-mortem report is awaited to clarify the exact cause of their deaths," Manish said.

Those dead have been identified as Sanjivan Mahto (40), his wife Sanjeeta Devi (36), and their daughter Sapna Kumari (10).

Their six-year-old son Ankush Kumar survived the attack despite suffering grievous injuries. He has been admitted to a hospital for treatment.

The victim Sanjivan Mahto had two marriages and was living with his second wife. Sources said that he was not giving expenses to his

first wife. This could be the reason for the triple murder.

The district police are investigating from all angles to find some clues. They have asked Sanjivan's first wife to join the probe. Sanjivan's six-year-old son is the only eyewitness of this brutal murder and his statement is crucial in this case to find the identity of the culprits.

Meanwhile, Begusarai Police registered an FIR under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita in Bachwara police station.

Dog squad and forensic experts have been called to gather detailed evidence at the crime scene. They have reportedly found some clues that may help in solving the case.

The bodies of the victims were recovered and have been sent for post-mortem to determine the exact cause of death.

Sources have said that the attackers reportedly sprinkled acids on their bodies. However, the district police have not confirmed it yet.

Delhi-NCR reels under waterlogging amid heavy rain, 2 injured in wall collapse

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Parts of Delhi-NCR received heavy to moderate rainfall for the second successive day, causing waterlogging and massive traffic jams on Saturday. In Dwarka, two people sustained injuries due to the collapse of a wall of a school after a tree fell on it, agency reported.

Police said a tree got uprooted amid heavy rain in Dwarka's Baba Haridas Nagar, and it fell on the wall of an MCD school, causing it

to collapse. The two men, who were taking shelter, got trapped under the tree and the debris. They were rescued by locals and rushed to a hospital.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had sounded an orange alert for many parts of Delhi-NCR, predicting light to moderate rain or thunderstorms accompanied by gusty wind (30-40 km/hour).

Waterlogging was reported in several

places in East Delhi, South East Delhi and Central Delhi.

In an advisory, the Delhi Traffic Police said traffic was affected on Rohtak Road and vehicles were being diverted.

"Traffic is affected on Rohtak Road on the carriageway from Nangloi towards Tikri Border due to potholes and water logging. Kindly avoid Mundka and take an alternate route accordingly," it posted on X.

Visuals on social

media showed the Delhi airport's cargo area completely flooded.

The Lodhi Road observatory recorded 12 mm rainfall from 11.30 pm on Friday till 2.30 am on Saturday, the IMD said. The incessant rainfall brought Delhi's minimum temperature down to 25.8 degrees Celsius - 1.2 degrees below the season's average.

In Haryana, the IMD has predicted light to moderate rainfall in Matanhail, Jhajjar, Farukhnagar, Kosali, Nuh, and

Hodal. In Uttar Pradesh, showers are expected in Siyana, Jattari, Nandgaon, Barsana, Mathura, Agra.

Light rainfall and drizzle is very likely to occur at Manesar, Sohana, Rewari, Palwal, Narnaul, Bawal, Modinagar, Garhmukteshwar, Pilakhua, Hapur, Gulaoti, Sambhal, Billari, Khair, Iglas, Sikandra Rao, Raya, Hathras, Jalesar, Etah, Sadabad, Tundla, Mainpuri, Firozabad, Shikohabad, Bhiwari, Tizara, Khairthal.

“India one of closest allies”: Maldives President after meeting S Jaishankar

Mohamed Muizzu also said that Maldivians value the “deep and historic ties” with the Indian people and are committed to its “preservation and enhancement”.

MALE, Aug 10 (Agencies): Calling India as one of the “closest allies” and “invaluable partners”, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu on Saturday reaffirmed his administration’s “full commitment” to strengthening the “historic and close connections” between the two neighbouring countries.

“India has always been one of the closest allies and invaluable partners, facilitating and providing aid whenever Maldives has needed it,” Mr Muizzu acknowledged in External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar’s presence during a ceremony held at the President’s Office to handover the completed water supply and sewerage facilities on 28 islands in the Maldives, funded by the Government of India’s Line of Credit (LoC) facility through the Exim Bank of India.

In his remarks, Mr Muizzu highlighted that these projects are key milestones in the Maldives’ bilateral relations with India and would provide significant economic benefits, boost the local economies, and together contribute to the nation’s prosperity.

He also extended “deep gratitude” to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Indian government, and the friendly people of India for their “generous and continued assistance” to the Maldives.

“The President also emphasised that the High Impact Community Development Projects under Indian Grant Assistance demonstrate both countries’ close engagement in socio-economic development. He went on to say that numerous revolutionary initiatives are now underway as part of this initiative, and that the plan is to accelerate their



delivery to communities. He also expressed appreciation for the flexibility offered in restructuring the line of credit arrangement,” the President’s office said in a statement following the ceremony.

Mr Muizzu concluded his speech by emphasising that centuries of friendship, mutual respect, and a strong sense of kinship have nourished the relations between the Maldives and India.

“He further stated that Maldivians value the deep and historic ties with the Indian people and are committed to its preservation and enhancement,” the statement mentioned.

During his meeting with Mr Jaishankar, the Maldives President also recalled his recent visit to India, to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Modi and expressed appreciation for the invitation and the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister as well as President Droupadi Murmu.

“Privileged to call on President Dr Mohamed Muizzu. Conveyed greetings of PM Narendra Modi. Committed to deepen India-Maldives ties for the benefit of our people and the region,” Mr Jaishankar posted after his meeting with Mr Muizzu and the virtual inauguration of water and sani-

tation projects in 28 islands of Maldives.

Earlier, Mr Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with Maldivian Defence Minister Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon to discuss enhanced security cooperation between the two countries.

The discussions focused on joint initiatives for maritime security and the shared goal of maintaining regional peace and stability.

He also participated in a symbolic tree-planting ceremony in Male’s Lonuziyaariy Park along with Maldivian Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer and Thoriq Ibrahim, the Climate Change, Environment, and Energy Minister of the country.

On Friday, immediately after his arrival from India, a ceremony was held at the Maldives’ Ministry of Foreign Affairs to mark the inauguration and handover of six projects implemented under the High Impact Community Development Projects facilitated under the Grant Assistance from India, as well as the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding on the integrated payment system between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Maldives, and the National Payments Corporation of India.

Additionally, an exchange

notes for the renewal of the MoU to train 1,000 Civil Service Officers was exchanged between the Civil Service Commission of the Maldives and the High Commission of India.

“I conveyed our sincere appreciation to the people and Government of India for their generous assistance in advancing the lives of Maldivian communities. I also reiterated our commitment to continue working closely with the Government of India, bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally, to further strengthen and deepen the bonds between our two countries,” said Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives Moosa Zameer.

Addressing the media, Mr Jaishankar highlighted the importance of the visit, his first to the strategically-significant Indian Ocean archipelago since January 2023.

“The Maldives is one of the cornerstones of our ‘Neighbourhood First’ policy, it is also one of our Vision SAGAR, as well as of our commitment to the Global South. To put it succinctly in the words of my Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for India, neighbourhood is a priority, and in the neighbourhood, Maldives is a priority,” he said.

He also underscored the common challenges faced by both nations and the importance of their defence and security cooperation.

“As neighbours, we face common challenges and have a shared interest in maintaining peace and security in the region. After all, we both have very big EEZs. Our defence and security cooperation is aimed at confronting many common challenges, and I look forward to fruitful discussions in that regard,” he said.

Ex-YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki, 56, dies after battle with cancer



SACRAMENTO, Aug 10 (Agencies): Former YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki has died after a two-year battle with lung cancer, Google CEO Sundar Pichai said while describing her as an “incredible person”. She was 56. Pichai said he was “unbelievably saddened” by her death.

Wojcicki was a pivotal figure in the history of Google and played a significant role in shaping the internet. She was the CEO of YouTube from 2014 to 2023.

In a tweet, Pichai said Wojcicki was “as core to the history of Google as anyone” and that it was hard to imagine a world without her.

“Unbelievably saddened by the loss of my dear friend @SusanWojcicki after two years of living with cancer. She is as core to the history of Google as anyone, and it’s hard to imagine the world without her. She was an incredible person, leader and friend who had a tremendous impact on the world and I’m one of countless Googlers who is better for knowing her. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts with her family. RIP Susan,” she tweeted.

In an emotional Facebook post, Wojcicki’s husband Dennis Troper described his late wife as a “brilliant mind” and that she was “a dear friend to many”.

“It is with profound sadness that I share the news of Susan Wojcicki’s passing. My beloved wife of 26 years and mother to our five children left us today after two years of living with non-small cell lung cancer. Susan was not just my best friend and partner in life, but a brilliant mind, a loving mother, and a dear friend to many,” he wrote.

“Her impact on our family and the world was immeasurable. We are heartbroken, but grateful for the time we had with her. Please keep our family in your thoughts as we navigate this difficult time,” he said.

SUSAN WOJCICKI’S JOURNEY

Born on July 5, 1968, Wojcicki has had a profound impact on the technology industry over the past two decades. Her journey with Google began in 1998 when she rented her garage to the company’s founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, for \$1,700 (approx Rs 1.42 lakh) per month. This chance encounter led to her becoming Google’s 16th employee and eventually its first marketing manager in 1999.

She played a pivotal role in enhancing Google’s advertising business and conceptualizing AdSense, significantly boosting the company’s revenue.

Wojcicki’s influence extended beyond Google when she advocated for the acquisition of YouTube in 2006, a move that proved immensely profitable for Google. She was appointed CEO of YouTube in 2014, a position she held until her resignation in February 2023.

During her tenure, YouTube experienced exponential growth, reaching two billion logged-in users per month and paying over \$30 billion to creators, artists, and media companies by 2021.

Under Wojcicki’s leadership, YouTube expanded its offerings to include localised versions in 100 countries across 80 languages. She also emphasised new applications and experiences, such as YouTube Premium, YouTube TV, and YouTube Shorts, which surpassed 50 billion daily views in February 2023.

Additionally, she prioritised educational content through the YouTube Learning initiative and worked to increase the percentage of female employees at YouTube from 24 to nearly 30 per cent.

Wojcicki stepped down as CEO of YouTube in February 2023, citing a desire to focus on her family, health, and personal projects.

Her remarkable journey had earned her a place among Forbes’ “Power Women,” with an estimated net worth of \$765 million, reflecting her significant impact and success in the tech sector.

ADVOCACY AND PERSONAL LIFE
Wojcicki had been an advocate for several causes, including the expansion of paid family leave, countering gender discrimination in technology companies and promoting computer programming and coding in schools.

She was also involved in various philanthropic efforts, serving on the boards of Salesforce, Room to Read, and the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Russia launches “Counter-Terror Operation” to stop advancing Ukraine troops

MOSCOW, Aug 10 (Agencies): Moscow on Saturday launched a “counter-terror operation” in three border regions adjoining Ukraine to halt Kyiv’s biggest cross-border offensive in the two-and-a-half-year conflict.

Ukrainian units stormed across the border into Russia’s western Kursk region on Tuesday morning in a shock attack and have advanced several kilometres, according to independent analysts.

Russia has deployed additional troops and equipment, including tanks, rocket launchers and aviation units to stop the advancing

troops.

Russia’s national anti-terrorism committee said late Friday it was starting “counter-terror operations in the Belgorod, Bryansk and Kursk regions... in order to ensure the safety of citizens and suppress the threat of terrorist acts being carried out by the enemy’s sabotage groups.”

Under Russian law, security forces and the military are given sweeping emergency powers during “counter-terror” operations.

Movement is restricted, vehicles can be seized, phone calls can be monitored, areas are declared no-go zones,

checkpoints are introduced, and security is beefed up at key infrastructure sites.

The anti-terrorism committee said Ukraine had mounted an “unprecedented attempt to destabilise the situation in a number of regions of our country.” It called Ukraine’s incursion a “terrorist attack” and said Kyiv’s troops had wounded civilians and destroyed residential buildings.

Ukrainian leaders have remained tight-lipped on the operation, and the United States, Kyiv’s closest ally, said it was not informed of the plans in advance.

But President Volody-

myr Zelensky has appeared to tout his troops’ early successes, saying earlier this week that Russia must “feel” the consequences of the full-scale offensive it has waged against Ukraine since February 2022.

Russia’s defence ministry published footage on Saturday of tank crews firing on Ukrainian positions in the Kursk region, as well as an overnight air strike, after it said Friday it had deployed yet more units to the border region.

It also said it had downed 26 Ukrainian drones that tried to attack the region overnight.

Bangladesh’s Yunus hails slain student in appeal for unity

DHAKA, Aug 10 (Agencies): Bangladesh’s interim leader Muhammad Yunus appealed for religious unity Saturday as he embraced the weeping mother of a student shot dead by police, a flashpoint in mass protests that ended Sheikh Hasina’s 15-year rule.

Nobel laureate Yunus, 84, returned from Europe this week to helm a temporary administration facing the monumental challenge of ending disorder and enacting democratic reforms.

“Our responsibility is to build a new Bangladesh,” he told reporters.

Several reprisal attacks against the country’s Hindu minority since autocratic ex-premier Hasina’s toppling have caused alarm in neighbouring India as well as fear at home.

“Don’t differentiate by religion”, he said.

Yunus called for calm during a visit to the northern city of Rangpur by invoking the memory of Abu Sayeed, the first student slain during last month’s unrest.

“Abu Sayeed is now in every home. The way he stood, we have to do the same,” he added. “There are no differences in Abu Sayeed’s Bangladesh.”

Sayeed, 25, was shot dead by police at close range on July 16 at the start of a police crackdown on student-led protests against Hasina’s government.

His mother sobbed as she clung to a visibly emotional Yunus, who had come to pay his respects alongside members of the “advisory” cabinet now administering the country.

Fellow cabinet member Nahid Islam, a 26-year-old sociology graduate who led the protests that culminated in Hasina’s ouster, wept by the leader’s side.

- Allies purged -
Hasina, 76, fled by helicopter to neighbouring India on Monday as



protesters flooded Dhaka’s streets in a dramatic end to her iron-fisted rule.

Her government was accused of widespread human rights abuses including the extrajudicial killing of thousands of her political opponents.

Cabinet ministers left blindsided by her sudden fall have gone to ground, while several top appointees have been forced out of office -- including the national police chief and the central bank governor.

On Saturday, the chief justice of the Supreme Court became the latest to announce his departure, with private broadcaster Jamuna TV reporting he had agreed “in principle” to resign.

Appointed last year, Obaidul Hassan oversaw a much-criticised war crimes tribunal that ordered the execution of Hasina’s opponents, and his brother was her longtime secretary.

His announcement came after hundreds of protesters gathered outside the court to demand he step down by the early afternoon.

“No one should do anything that pits the Supreme Court against the mass uprising of the students and the people,” Asif Nazrul, a student protest leader now serving in Yunus’ government, told reporters.

- “Safety and protection” -
In the immediate aftermath of Hasina’s fall, some businesses and homes owned by Hindus were attacked, a group seen by some in Muslim-majority Bangladesh as

having been her supporters.

Bangladeshi Hindus account for around eight percent of the country’s population.

Hundreds have since arrived on India’s border, asking to cross.

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

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday urged “safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities”.

More than 450 people were killed in the unrest leading up to Hasina’s departure, including dozens of police officers killed during clampdowns on demonstrations.

The caretaker administration Yunus helms has said that restoration of law and order is its “first priority”.

Complicating its efforts is a strike declared Tuesday by the police union, saying its members would not return to work until their safety was assured.

Bangladesh’s police force said more than half of the country’s police stations had reopened by Saturday.

The buildings are being guarded by soldiers from the army, an institution held in higher public regard than the police for opting not to forcibly quell the protests.

Two attempted jailbreaks were staged at prisons north of the capital Dhaka this week, with more than 200 inmates fleeing one facility.

Yunus won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his pioneering work in microfinance, credited with helping millions of Bangladeshis out of grinding poverty.

He took office Thursday as “chief advisor” to a caretaker administration, comprised of fellow civilians bar one retired brigadier-general, and has said he wants to hold elections “within a few months”.

Philippine military says Chinese air force jets endangered its patrol plane with risky maneuver

MANILA, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Philippine military chief condemned Saturday what he said was the provocative actions of two Chinese air force aircraft that executed a dangerous maneuver and dropped flares in the path of a Philippine air force plane on routine patrol in the South China Sea.

All those aboard the Philippine air force NC-212i light transport plane were unharmed and returned safely to Clark Air Base north of Manila after Thursday morning’s incident over the Scarborough Shoal,

Gen. Romeo Brawner said without providing other details.

There was no immediate reaction from Chinese officials in Manila or Beijing, which dispute sovereign control over the rich fishing atoll.

“The incident posed a threat to Philippine air force aircraft and its crew, interfered with lawful flight operations in airspace within Philippine sovereignty and jurisdiction and contravened international law and regulations governing safety of aviation,” Brawner said in a statement.

The incident has been

reported to Manila’s Department of Foreign Affairs, which has filed numerous diplomatic protests against China’s increasingly aggressive actions in the disputed waters.

Brawner suggested the incident would not stop the Philippines from undertaking such patrols in the contested region.

“We reaffirm our commitment to exercise our rights in accordance with international law,” Brawner said.

Aside from China and the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand have overlap-

ping territorial claims in the busy sea passage, a key global trade and security route, but hostilities have particularly flared since last year between Chinese and Philippine coast guard and navy forces in the Scarborough and another hotly disputed atoll, the Second Thomas Shoal.

The United States has repeatedly warned that it’s obligated to defend the Philippines, its oldest treaty ally in Asia, if Filipino forces, ships and aircraft come under an armed attack, including in the South China Sea.

Gaurav Gupta calls on LG Sinha, submits memorandum of demands

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, met with the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, to submit a memorandum addressing several urgent issues and requests crucial for the region's development.

During the meeting, Gaurav Gupta expressed his appreciation for the remarkable progress Jammu & Kashmir has achieved under LG Sinha's leadership. He highlighted the significant strides in infrastructure, governance, and public

welfare, attributing these advancements to the visionary approach of the Lieutenant Governor.

Gaurav urged the immediate implementation of the J&K Official Language Act, 2020, which mandates the issuance of official orders in Hindi, Dogri, English, Kashmiri, and Urdu. He mentioned that this Act has been passed four years ago in the Parliament in 2020 but till date no notification has been issued till date. He emphasized the importance of linguistic inclusivity and requested the prompt release of the corresponding notification, especially in light of the upcoming Assembly polls.

Gaurav Gupta advocated for the creation of a comprehensive religious tourism circuit by the Shree Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, encompassing sites like Mantalai, Sudhahdev, Shiv Khori and other religious shrines close to Reasi district. He suggested the introduction of free bus services for pilgrims and the development of huts under the PPP mode in hilly areas to promote tourism and generate economic growth in the Jammu region.

He proposed that the Shree Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board should expand its mandate to include the establishment of educational institutions,

such as an Engineering College, within the Union Territory. Drawing a parallel to the Tirupati Balaji Trust, he stressed the need for quality higher education to retain local talent and foster regional development.

Highlighting the significance of the Central Package Incentives of Rs 28,400 crore introduced by the Central Government, Gaurav laid stress upon the extension of the incentives window until the original deadline of September 30, 2024. He urged LG Sinha to enhance this package in view of the growing demand from local traders. This action will not only uphold the govern-

ment's promise of support to the local business community but also contribute to their sustainable development and overall economic, he added.

Gaurav Gupta expressed confidence in the Lieutenant Governor's ability to address these pressing issues and contribute to the overall progress of Jammu & Kashmir. He reiterated the importance of prompt action to ensure the welfare of the people and the sustained growth of the region.

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, gave a patient hearing to issues put forth by Gaurav Gupta and acknowledged the significance of the issues raised.

Delegation of waiting list candidates calls on Apni Party leaders in Srinagar

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Aug 10: A delegation of waiting list candidates aspiring for various Govt jobs today called on the Apni Party leaders here at the Party's Headquarter in Srinagar.

The delegation met the Party General Secretary, Rafi Ahmed Mir, Chief Spokesperson, Muntazir Mohiuddin, and Waqar H Bhati.

During their meeting with the Party leaders, the delegation presented a memorandum to the Party leaders projecting their demands for amendment in waiting list order by relaxing waiting list rules and considering early resignations from the date of restoration of the waiting list 26 September 2023.

They said that the Govt should ensure that vacant positions resulting from resignations there-of are filled with waiting list candidates next in line. This measure would provide relief and livelihood to qualified candidates who are currently unemployed and meritorious.

"We request an amendment in the waiting list



regulations by relaxing waiting list rules and consider early resignations for vacancies caused by resignations in JE, FAA, JKPSI, VLW, Stock Assistant, and other positions," they told the Apni Party leaders.

They further stated that "This amendment is crucial for optimizing resource utilization and ensuring deserving candidates do not miss out on opportunities due to the current situation."

They informed that the problem has been compounded by recent recruitment drives for Assistant Engineer (AE) and Junior Engineer (JE) positions, leading many selected JEs to resign in favor of AE roles.

Similarly, many Finan-

cial Accounts Assistants (FAAs) may resign from Panchayat Secretary and Stock Assistant positions, and new recruits for Jammu and Kashmir Police Sub-Inspectors (JKPSI) are leaving vacancies behind. These resignations, often occurring shortly after joining, reflect candidates' preference for higher-level posts, the delegation claimed.

After giving them a patient hearing, the Party leaders assured them that their demands would be projected before the concerned authorities.

Prominent among them who were part of the delegation includes Faisal Shah, Tahir Nabi Bhat, Tahir Hussain Naik, and others.

Patients with Complex Foot & Ankle Deformities undergo corrective surgeries at Fortis Mohali: Dr. Narang

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: Fortis Hospital Mohali continues to offer advanced treatment options for patients with complex foot and ankle deformities, providing hope and relief to those suffering from debilitating conditions.

Recently, two challenging cases were successfully treated under the care of Dr. Chandan Narang, Associate Consultant, Foot and Ankle Department.

In one case, a 65-year-old woman suffering from multiple corns and callosities under her right foot, along with severe pain due to Rheumatoid Arthritis and Rheumatoid



Foot, found it increasingly difficult to move and wear footwear. Despite undergoing several corn excisions at other hospitals, her condition worsened over time.

Upon consulting Dr. Narang, a thorough clinical evaluation revealed that her great toe was rigid and in valgus, while

the other four toes exhibited hammer deformities.

Dr. Narang performed a Deformity Correction Surgery, correcting the great toe with implants and addressing the small toe deformities through excision arthroplasty, tendon lengthening, tendon transfer, and fixation with Kirschner wire. After successful rehabilitation, the patient was discharged the next day. Six weeks later, the Kirschner wires were removed, and she underwent physiotherapy. Within three months, she could walk comfortably and wear normal shoes with complete weight-bearing.

Discussing the case, Dr. Narang said, "Post-

surgery, the patient was able to walk with her entire foot touching the ground, improving her posture and enabling her to walk without support."

In another case, a 13-year-old boy with progressive foot pain and difficulty walking was diagnosed with Equinovarus Deformity of the left foot. Despite a normal appearance in his right foot, the left foot's shape had significantly changed. Dr. Narang conducted six complex surgical procedures in one session to restore the foot's appearance and functionality. The patient was discharged the following day, with stitches removed after 21 days

and a plaster cast for six weeks. After 12 weeks, he could walk without any support.

Dr. Narang highlighted, "Foot and ankle deformities can be congenital or develop due to neuromuscular defects, stroke, or injuries. Fortis Mohali provides world-class treatment for these disorders, offering patients the opportunity to regain mobility and improve their quality of life."

Fortis Mohali remains dedicated to providing comprehensive care for foot-related problems, including pain in heels, flat feet, and bunions, ensuring that patients receive the best possible treatment and outcomes.

GGM Science College conducts cleanliness drive

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: In celebration of Independence Day, GGM Science College organized a cleanliness drive under the "Swachhata Pakhwada" initiative, led by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta.

The drive aimed to honor the

spirit of independence by promoting cleanliness and civic responsibility, reflecting the Government of India's vision for a cleaner nation.

Prof. Gupta, in his address, highlighted the significance of maintaining cleanliness as a tribute to the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.

He urged students to adopt

cleanliness as a core value, emphasizing its importance in both personal and national development.

The drive saw active participation from students, who joined faculty members in working to make the college campus spotless.

This collaborative effort not only enhanced the campus envi-

ronment but also reinforced the values of unity and responsibility central to the Independence Day celebrations. The event was organized by NCC Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma and Dr. Shafia Saleem along with NSS Programme Officers (POs) Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma.

IN THE COURT OF THE TEHSILDAR (EMIC) RAMNAGAR

Santosh Kumari versus Block Development officer Ghordi

Application seeking direction to BDO Ghordi for the registration of Date of Birth of Petitioner.

Notice to public in General

WHEREAS, the applicants namely Santosh Kumari D/o Sh. Jagan Nath R/O Village Jandore Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur J&K UT has filed an application seeking direction to BDO Ghordi to register date of Birth of the Petitioner namely Santosh Kumari whose date of birth is 08-01-1993 in the concerned register kept in the said Block Development officer and issue certificate of Birth under "The Registration of Deaths and Birth Act, 1969 as his/her Death particular has not been registered anywhere in the Police/BDO records.

Therefore, by virtue of this notice, public in general is informed that if any person has any objection in respect of the afore-mentioned application he/she/they may appear in this court either personally or through a Counsel and file his/her/their objection within a period of 10 days from the date of a publication of this notice, falling which the said application shall be dealt, in accordance with law.

Issued under my hand and seal of this court today 10/08/2024

Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Ramnagar

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J&K Admin gears up for readying assembly complexes in Srinagar, Jammu

He asked for looking into the steps to renovate the Chambers of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Leader of Opposition as well, besides making provisions for their official vehicles and residential accommodations. Dulloo also called upon the concerned to carry out repairing works of the MLA Hostels in both the cities.

"He made out that all the amenities required should be installed within the available time window till the culmination of Assembly elections, as and when announced by the Election Commission of India."

"He observed that pre-emptive steps should be initiated on the part of the administration to make preparations ahead of the elections so that there are no hindrances in the smooth functioning of this pillar of democracy once it gets formed after the conduct of elections here in J&K," the official statement added.

LG Sinha hands over appointment letter to wife of civilian bus driver martyred in Reasi terror attack

Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, and the family members of Vijay Kumar were also present at the Raj Bhawan.

Technology should be means of ensuring justice to everyone: CJI Chandrachud

will be a very important initiative to take the message of the Indian judiciary of access to justice to common citizens... Technology should be a means of ensuring 'Nyay Sab ke Dwaar', he said.

The CJI further informed that the central government has given approximately Rs 7,000 crores to all the state governments to regenerate the information infrastructure. "Phase 3 of e-courts is starting now, the central govt has given approximately Rs 7,000 crores to all the state governments, which I think will re-generate the information infrastructure," Chandrachud said.

While addressing the event, the CJI shared

his journey of becoming a judge from a lawyer.

"In 1998 when I was invited to become a judge in Bombay HC I consulted a lot of learned people whether I should take it up as I was not sure of it. One of the learned persons I contacted was Justice AP Sen who authored the ADM Jabalpur judgment. He invited me to his Nagpur residence. He told me there is a difference between a judge and a lawyer. A judge always leaves his footprint on the sand and those footprints are the written word which you have crafted. Lawyers however much brilliant in their arguments are lost to future generations," he said.

When asked about the three new criminal laws, Chandrachud said that it wouldn't be appropriate for him to comment on them as the challenge is pending in the Supreme Court.

"Challenges against these laws are pending in Supreme Court, so it won't be appropriate for me to say anything about it," he said.

Plane crashes in Brazil's Sao Paulo state, killing all 61 aboard, airline says

Although it's unclear if any of the passengers held dual citizenship, airline personnel stated that every passenger had Brazilian documentation.

The ATR 72-500, a twin-engine turboprop plane, descended 17,000 feet in less than a minute, according to flight monitoring data, although the reason for this is yet unknown, CNN reported.

The flight, was en route to Guarulhos, in Sao Paulo state, from Cascavel in the Brazilian state of Parana.

It lost signal shortly after leaving Cascavel before 1:30 p.m. local time (12:30 p.m. ET), according to FlightRadar24 data.

Further, the flight began descending, losing altitude a minute before the crash.

The plane was at 17,000 feet until 1:21 p.m. local time, when it dropped approximately 250 feet in 10 seconds, the CNN report said.

The flight then saw an ascent of approximately 400 feet in about eight seconds. After eight seconds, it lost just under 2,000 feet. Then, in approximately one minute, the flight began rapidly descending - losing roughly 17,000 feet in just one minute, the report added.

The last data transmission from the plane was at 1:22 p.m. local time.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has declared three days of mourning for the victims.

There is no information on what led to the tragic plane crash.

Israeli airstrike on Gaza school kills over 100, dozens injured

The Israeli military confirmed the strike, stating that it had targeted a Hamas command center embedded within the school. This is part of a broader campaign by Israel to dismantle Hamas infrastructure, which it claims is being deliberately placed within civilian areas. Earlier in the week, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) announced that they had targeted other Hamas command and control centers within two additional schools in Gaza City.

The airstrike in Daraj has drawn widespread condemnation and raised international concern over the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The densely populated area has been under heavy bombardment, leading to significant civilian casualties and destruction of infrastructure. Schools, hospitals, and residential buildings have not been spared, exacerbating the plight of the already vulnerable population.

This incident is part of a broader and ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, which has seen repeated cycles of violence. The situation remains highly volatile, with both sides engaging in attacks that have led to substantial loss of life and deepened the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The international community continues to call for de-escalation and the protection of civilians, but the conflict shows no signs of abating.

Encounter breaks out between terrorists, security forces in Anantnag

Gadole in the Kokernag area of the south Kashmir district following information about the presence of terrorists there, they said.

The encounter broke out after the terrorists fired upon the search party, which retaliated, the officials said.

Exchange of fire is going on and further details are awaited as it is a "communication

deficient forest area", they added.

Police bust illegal liquor operation in Anantnag; 8 Nabbed

"Eight individuals were arrested at the scene, and Rs.13,600 in cash, believed to be the proceeds from liquor sales, was also confiscated," police statement said.

The relevant legal sections have registered a case, and an investigation is currently underway.

"This operation highlights Anantnag Police's dedication to upholding the law and safeguarding the community from the harmful effects of the illegal liquor trade," the statement added.

Kathua Police release sketches of four terrorists, announces reward for information

e-Mohammad outfit, who have recently infiltrated into the country remain untraced.

In a post on X, J-K Police released sketches of four terrorists who were last seen in 'dhoks' of Malhar, Bani and Seojdhar forests in the upper reaches of the district.

"...A reward of 5 lakhs on each terrorist for an actionable information. Anyone with credible information of terrorists will also be suitably rewarded," Kathua police said in its post.

The ambush in Kathua was followed by another attack by a separate group of terrorists in Desa forest in Doda district on July 15, resulting in the killing of four army personnel including a captain.

Police in Doda district had also released the sketches and cash reward of Rs 5 lakh each on four terrorists involved in the attack as efforts are continuing to hunt them down.

Earlier on June 9, nine passengers, including seven pilgrims returning from Shiv Khori temple, were killed by terrorists in Reasi district. The terrorists involved in the attack are also at large and are on the run despite a cash reward on their heads.

LIC reports strong Q1 FY 2024-2025 results: PAT grows by 9.61%

LIC's strong performance in Q1 FY 2024-2025 is attributed to its strategic focus on

product and channel mix optimization, particularly the increased emphasis on non-participating (non-par) products within the individual business segment. The share of non-par products rose significantly, contributing to the overall growth in APE and VNB.

Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD of LIC, commented on the results, stating, "Our focus on market share expansion, alongside margin improvement, has yielded positive results. The digital transformation initiatives we are undertaking aim to enhance the customer experience, and we remain committed to delivering sustainable value to all stakeholders." The increase in LIC's market share, combined with the growth in both individual and group business segments, underscores the company's leadership in the Indian life insurance sector.

Gadkari Warns Punjab Govt Of Terminating Highway Projects If Law And Order Situation Does Not Improve

He wrote that it is pertinent to note that due to pending issues related to land acquisition and prevailing law and order condition, number of contractors have requested to foreclose contracts and have raised claims against NHAI.

The minister revealed that the NHAI has already terminated three projects, amounting to Rs 3,263 crore, due to land availability challenges. Referring to the recent review of NH projects on July 15, which he chaired, Gadkari said he was assured that pending issues related to land acquisition and law and order would be resolved on a priority basis.

"However, it has been brought to my notice that no progress has been made in this regard and situation has further worsened," he wrote, expressing his disappointment.

Gadkari urged the state government to immediately take corrective measures, file FIR and take strong actions against the perpetrators in order to prevent such incidents in future and to restore the confidence of NHAI officials and staff of the concessionaires.

The minister also attached photos of assault in his communication to the Punjab CM.

NHAI is developing greenfield and brown-field national highway corridors including Delhi-Katra Expressway in Punjab. (AGENCIES)

Dimple welcomes announcement of J&K Assembly Elections, urges immediate election schedule

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, held a press conference today, expressing his approval of Chief Election Commissioner Rajeev Kumar's recent announcement to hold Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections soon. Dimple emphasized that the election process should proceed without any disruptions. Dimple confidently



stated that the elections would take place before September 30, marking a significant victory for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He credited the legal battle fought from the streets to the

Supreme Court for this achievement.

In response to a question from the media regarding his participation in the upcoming elections, Dimple mentioned that there is considerable pressure from various quarters for him to contest. He noted that some political parties have even offered him a mandate.

Dimple criticized the BJP, predicting a significant defeat for the party in the upcoming elections. He accused the BJP of

failing to meet the expectations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

He called on the Chief Election Commissioner to promptly announce the election schedule and demanded the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood before the elections. Dimple also insisted on transferring powers to the Lieuten-

ant Governor and Chief Secretary back to the elected assembly, chief minister, ministers, and MLAs.

Dimple reiterated his commitment to the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and the implementation of the Instrument of Accession conditions signed by Maharaja Hari Singh. He also demanded the reinstatement of Article 370.

Senior leader Nitin Saini was also present at the press conference.

Chandan Shashti Vrat to be observed on Saturday, August 24

Mahant Rohit Shastri provides guidance on rituals and significance

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: Chandan Shashti Vrat, a significant observance in the Hindu calendar, will be observed on Saturday, August 24, 2024, as per Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya and President of the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust. Also known by various names such as Hal Shashti, Lalah Chhath, and Baldev Chhath, this Vrat holds special cultural and religious importance in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chandan Shashti Vrat is traditionally observed on the sixth day (Shashti) of the Krishna Paksha in the month of Bhadrpad. This year, devotees have the unique opportunity to perform the observance (Udyapan) of the Vrat, which is believed to purify sins associated with impurity during the menstrual period. The Udyapan ceremony is crucial for those who wish to perform the Udyapan of



other Vrats in the future.

Women, both married and unmarried, observe a full-day fast, worship the Sun and Moon, recite the sacred story (katha), and offer Arghya (water) to the Moon at night before breaking their fast. The Udyapan includes a Haven with six specific mantras to honor various deities. Devotees also perform special rituals, including the worship of Lord Ganesha, Shodasha Matrika, Panch Omkar, Kalash, Navagraha, and Shri Lakshmi Narayan.

Chandan Shashti Vrat is also celebrated as the birth anniversary of Lord Balarama, the elder brother of Lord Krishna,

who is revered as an incarnation of Sheshnag. As per tradition, grains and vegetables ploughed with a plough are not consumed on this day, symbolizing Lord Balarama's association with agriculture.

The Vrat Udyapan requires specific worship materials, including rice, saffron, betel nut, coconut, ghee, sesame seeds, and other sacred items. These items are essential for the rituals and for the offerings made during the ceremony.

Mahant Rohit Shastri emphasized the importance of performing the Vrat with devotion and adherence to rituals, stating that it brings blessings, prosperity, and purification to those who observe it.

This sacred observance continues to hold deep spiritual meaning for the people of Jammu & Kashmir, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and religious traditions of the region.

Double Century of Joint Replacement Surgeries by Dr Vikas Padha in 1.5 years

Top News Report

KATRA, Aug 10: In a remarkable feat, Dr Vikas Padha Senior Joint Replacement Surgeon at Narayana Hospital Katra has achieved a significant milestone of doing 200 plus Joint Replacement Surgeries in about last one and half years.

Dr Vikas Padha had performed 105 Joint Replacement Surgeries in single calendar year 2023 and in about first half of year 2024 itself, he has completed another century of Joint Replacement Surgeries.

These surgeries mainly include Total Knee Replacement and Total Hip Replacement Surgeries.

"I had joined SMVD Narayana Hospital Katra in 2017 and have been regularly doing Joint Replacement Surgeries for almost a decade. The cases I have operated upon include very challenging complex Joint Replacement Surgeries

that are done in very few selected Joint Replacement centres in the country" said Dr Vikas Padha.

He further added that he has successfully done Joint Replacement Surgeries in cancer survivors as well which became possible due to world class infrastructure and highly skilled manpower available at Narayana Hospital Katra.

"We have got best quality operation Theatre exclusively reserved for Joint Replacement Surgeries backed up with well-equipped Post operative unit including ICU that ensures pain-free and safe post operative period for the patient. Dedicated Physiotherapy team works 24x7 to ensure excellent outcome of Joint Replacement Surgeries," informed Dr Padha.

"Earlier patients used to go outside Jammu for getting Joint Replacement Surgeries done but now Narayana Hospital Katra has established itself as

preferred centre for Joint Replacement Surgeries in J&K looking at these huge numbers of Joint Replacement Surgeries being done" he further added.

Dr Padha thanked his Operation Theatre team, the Department of Anaesthesia, ICU, Physiotherapy and Administration of Narayana Hospital Katra especially Facility Director MM Mathawan, Clinical Director Dr JP Singh and Dr Yashpal Sharma Executive Director SMVDIME for their wholehearted support always.

It is pertinent to mention that majority of these Joint Replacement Surgeries that cost around 2-2.5 lakh Rupees per surgery are being done free of cost under Ayushman Bharat Scheme with Golden Card at Narayana Hospital Katra and recently National Health Authority had appreciated Total Hip Replacement Surgery done by Dr Vikas Padha under Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

CEC Tashi engages in discussions with Dr. Swee on Himalayan Women Health Project



Top News Report

LEH, Aug 10: Chairman/CEC Adv Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC, Leh held a productive interaction with Dr. Swee Chong Quek and his team to discuss the ongoing Himalayan Women Health Project.

This initiative, a collaborative effort between the Council and Mahabodhi, focuses on improving women's health in the Himalayan region through essential cervical cancer screenings.

During the meeting, it was highlighted that Dr. Quek and his team have conducted extensive cervical screenings in Leh, including areas such as Zanskar and other far flung areas. CEC Tashi Gyalson acknowledged their dedication and annual visits in providing crucial health services, extending sincere gratitude for their ongoing commitment to this noble cause.

CEC also commended Dr. Nordan Otzer for his dedicated work over the years in assisting women with screening tests and raising awareness about

cervical cancer through the Himalayan Women Health Project.

The discussions also addressed future steps in the fight against cervical cancer, including potential vaccination programs.

CEC Gyalson emphasized the importance of bridging gaps in vaccination coverage, particularly for excluded groups who have not yet received this critical preventive measure.

He also proposed providing supplementary budget support to enhance these efforts and ensure broader access to vaccinations. Additionally, a roadmap for eradicating cervical cancer was outlined, focusing on strategic planning and community engagement to achieve longterm health improvements.

Chairman Gyalson commended Dr. Quek and his team for their invaluable contributions and expressed his intention for advancing collaborative efforts to combat cervical cancer in the region.

Manjit Singh intensifies election campaign in Samba

Says empowerment of elected Govt must restore confidence of people in J&K

Top News Report

SAMBA, Aug 10: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh on Saturday intensified campaign for the proposed assembly elections by meeting different segments of society.

As per a press release, the Former Minister chaired a meeting at Dera Gandotra in Samba to discuss issues confronted by the people.

In this meeting, the Former Minister asked the people to extend their support to the Apni Party's candidate so that the aspirations of the people can be fulfilled with equitable development, employment, and the resources can be protected for the locals.

He also educated the people about the policy and programs of the Party that would be implemented in case the Party forms the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.



He said that the Party has committed to provide 500 units of free of cost electricity to the people of Jammu during summer and in Kashmir during the winter season.

"During winter season, Jammu will get 300 units of free electricity and during summers, the Kashmir Valley will get 300 units," he added, while elaborating that the Party would give four cooking gas cylinders under Ujjawala scheme, Rs 1 lakhs marriage assistance for the economically poor girls, enhancement of window/handicapped pension up to Rs 5000.

He said that the Party is committed to work for the welfare of the people and

protect their rights. Meanwhile, he criticized the present Govt that has created circumstances which has isolated the youth and alienated the people of Jammu as well as Kashmir.

He said that the proposed assembly elections would restore the confidence of the people, but the Central Govt should restore all the rights of an elected Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The empowerment of the LG J&K has given rise to anger among the people as it has weakened the elected Govt," he said, while asking the Govt to restore the statehood with all rights to an elected Govt.

Campus placement drive held at Govt Polytechnic Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: A campus placement drive was conducted at Government Polytechnic, Bikram Chowk Jammu on Saturday by AM Hyundai and QE Electronic Pvt. Ltd. Jammu to provide employment opportunities to the pass-out Polytechnic students.

The placement drive was conducted under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu for the recruitment of the polytechnic diploma pass out students of Electrical, Mechanical, Automobile, Instrumentation and Control and Electronics & Comm. Engineering.

AM Hyundai was represented by Er. Neeraj Pandita (Team Leader), and QE Electric by



Upkar Khajuria (Deputy CEO).

Both companies offered positions to students from various technical disciplines. They interacted with the students and conducted technical interviews of

the candidates. Pre-counseling placement session was also conducted for the students. 37 students participated in the drive for AM Hyundai, and 33 candidates participated for QE Electric, Jammu. Students from the engineering branches of Government Polytechnic (GP) Jammu, Govt Women Polytechnic Jammu, GP Samba, GP Kathua, GP Rajouri, GP Ramban, and GP Kishtwar took part in the drive. 10 students were selected by AM Hyundai and 04 by QE Electric, Jammu for final scrutiny of documents.

Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Govt Polytechnic Jammu thanked all the resource persons from the companies for the campus placement of the students and impress upon the students to participate

in the various placement drives with full enthusiasm and make full use of their professional & technical skills for employability to various organizations. The placement drive was a significant success, reflecting the college's unwavering commitment to providing excellent career opportunities for its students.

Er. Ajay Thapa, Incharge of the Training and Placement Cell at Government Polytechnic College, along with the faculty members Er. Himanshu Bakshi, Demonstrator, Electrical Engineering Department, Ashok Verma, I&C Department, and Rakesh Bhatt Lecturer, and volunteers from Mechanical 5th-semester Gurjot Singh and Abhimanyu Rana worked diligently to ensure the smooth execution of the event.

Rekha urges citizens to make 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a mass movement

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: As India gears up to celebrate its 78th Independence Day, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan on today urged the party cadres to make the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a mass movement by hoisting the national flag at their homes. Rekha Mahajan along with State Secretary and Prabhari Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, District General Secretary Push-

pinder Charak, Former Corporator Ajay Gupta and Pardeep Sharma.

Rekha Mahajan highlighted that BJP is set to launch the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign across the nation from August 11. While briefing the media correspondent Rekha Mahajan enlightened The Tiranga Yatra conduct from August 11 to 14 August.

During the period the National Flag will be hoisted on every house, shops and office.

She educated that the cleanliness drive also



carried out during the campaign.

Rekha Mahajan is all set to roll out its entire organisational power to spin the ambitious "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign into a nationalistic exer-

cise at the grass-root level. Conceptualised as part of celebrations, Rekha Mahajan chaired a meeting flanked by BJP workers.

Rekha chalk out the strategy for the upcom-

ing party agendas and discuss Jammu district organisational layout along with senior party functionaries. She similarly partook in numerous topics taken up during the meeting,

wherein threadbare fora were held to chalk out future programmes. Rekha said commemorating 75 years of independence and termed 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the campaign will see BJP workers coordinating with the state government and the civil society members to unfurl the tricolour in maximum possible households -- right from those in the Jammu South to developmental blocks and kasbahs. She said that his party would provide national flags

(Tiranga) for hoisting by the common masses in Jammu District South under the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign.

Rekha on the occasion said that BJP's policy has always remained on the "nation first" stance in its every plan and action.

She said that while the whole nation is observing "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" on the call of Modi government, the BJP has fully committed itself to the campaign. She asserted that BJP is just like a "brainstorm-

ing" party which works for all domains of society. Rekha said August 2 is the birth anniversary of Pingli Venkhaiya who designed the National Flag. She urges all to use 'tiranga' as a profile picture in social media accounts between August 11 and August 15," as desired by our Prime minister Narendra Modi. Rekha urged the party activists to create awareness in the masses so that they procure Tiranga and hoist it with full pride and honour on their rooftops.

Smiles and garlands as hockey team returns to warm reception; skipper says overwhelmed

The Indian team extended its record overall Olympic medal haul in the sport to 13 with a 2-1 victory over Spain in the third place match in Paris.

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Hundreds of fans lined up to garland and cheer for them as members of the Indian men's hockey team, including captain Harmanpreet Singh, touched down in the national capital on Saturday after fetching a second successive Olympic bronze medal in Paris.

The Indian team extended its record overall Olympic medal haul in the sport to 13 with a 2-1 victory over Spain in the third place match in Paris.

However, not all members of the winning team made their way back home as a few vital cogs remained in the French capital for the closing ceremony on Sunday. Celebrated goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who retired at the end of India's campaign, is the joint flag-bearer for the ceremony along with double-medallist Manu Bhaker.

He remained in Paris along with Amit Rohidas, Raj Kumar Pal, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh and Sanjay.

This batch is slated to return after the closing ceremony.



Harmanpreet and team members were greeted with garlands and celebratory dhol as they made their way out of the arrivals at the Indira Gandhi International airport in the morning.

"We have received all the support, and all our requirements were fulfilled. I really want to thank. We are very happy and proud," Harmanpreet, who scored a brace in the medal match, told the media on his arrival.

"It is a big achievement for hockey. The love that is being showered upon hockey doubles our responsibility. We will also try that whenever we enter the field, we comeback with a medal," he added. Har-

manpreet said the warm welcome has left him quite overwhelmed.

"It is very heart-warming to see Indian fans come out to receive and congratulate us for the bronze medal. The team left no stone unturned to prepare for the Olympics and to see your efforts bear fruit, to see the whole country rejoice in our victory, is an inexplicable feeling," he said.

The team played scintillating hockey during the Games with the highlight being a 3-2 win over Australia in the group stage after a gap of 52 years in the Olympics.

They pulled off another miraculous win in the quarterfinals against Britain, where the team

defended with a man down for over 40 minutes to force a penalty shootout and win by 4-2, courtesy of heroics from Sreejesh.

India vice captain and first-time bronze medallist Hardik Singh said the players were rewarded for trusting each other completely during the Games.

"The unshakable belief that a teammate will step right up to cover up if you miss a step, is what pushed us to always give our best on the field," he said.

"The match against Great Britain was when it really shined through. The mid-fielders had the forwards' back, the defenders supported the mid-fielders, and if all else failed we had the

big man, PR Sreejesh, between the sticks who bailed us out on numerous occasions."

It is for the first time since 1972 that India clinched a second consecutive medal in the Olympics.

India had beaten Spain 2-1 in the bronze medal match at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium in the French capital, following goals from skipper Harmanpreet (30th, 33rd minutes).

With his twin strikes Harmanpreet took his goals tally to 10 and finished as the tournament's highest goalscorer in the men's category.

With this Bronze medal, the Team has proved that Indian Hockey is back on track. "We are a force to be reckoned with and on our day, we can really be unstoppable," Harmanpreet said.

All that we need is belief in our Team and the unwavering support of Indian hockey fans. So, I request them to continue loving hockey, continue supporting us and we will win it all for you," he signed off.

Bangladesh Cricket Board seeks army's assurance for hosting women's T20 World Cup

Tournament is scheduled to be held between October 3 and 20



DHAKA, Aug 10 (Agencies): The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has sought security assurance from the country's army chief for conducting the women's T20 World Cup, scheduled to be held between October 3 and 20 amid political unrest in the country following ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The women's T20 World Cup is slated to be held in two Bangladesh cities — Sylhet and Mirpur.

According to Cricbuzz, the BCB has written to Bangladesh's army chief of staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman seeking security assurance for organising the tournament.

The warm-up round for the women's T20 World Cup is set to begin on

September 27. The ICC has been monitoring the situation after violent protests against the government leading to deaths of hundreds of people and culminating with the resignation and fleeing of former PM Hasina.

It is expected that the ICC could also opt to host the tournament at a different venue within a similar time zone, which leaves India, UAE and Sri Lanka as the choices.

The current BCB president Nazmul Hasan Papon has also fled the country along with a few others board directors, who were believed to be having the backing of the former PM's party Awami League.

However, a few other directors remain in Dhaka and hope that

the tournament will not be shifted from Bangladesh.

BCB umpiring committee chairman Iftekhar Ahmed Mithu said, "We are trying to host the tournament."

"To be honest, there are not too many among us present in the country. On Thursday (August 8), we have sent a letter to the Army Chief regarding assurance about the security of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup as we have only two months in hand," he said.

"ICC communicated with us two days back. We replied that we will come back to them shortly."

"After the (interim) government is formed, still we have to give them assurance of the security considering it cannot be given by the board or anyone else apart from a law enforcement agency of the country and so we sent the letter. After getting written assurance from them (the Army), we will inform the ICC," he added.

"Jasprit Bumrah won't be able to take my smash": Saina Nehwal on comparisons with cricket

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): Young Kolkata Knight Riders batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi recently came under scrutiny for mocking Indian badminton star Saina Nehwal in a now-deleted social media post.

Raghuvanshi's statement came after Nehwal claimed that sports like badminton, tennis, basketball are physically tougher than cricketers, while also criticising the fans for always prioritising the gentleman's game over the other sports. Reacting to her comments, Raghuvanshi had taken a jibe at Nehwal on social media platform.

In a post on X, which has now been deleted, Raghuvanshi had written: "Let's see how she goes when Bumrah bowls 150k's bumper at

her head."

In an indirect response to Raghuvanshi's criticism of her, Nehwal has now claimed that star pacer Jasprit Bumrah won't be able to handle her smash.

"How will you become Virat at that level? How will you become Rohit Sharma? So many players have to become like them. They can't. Only a few of them are like that. But I just feel that it's more of a skill-based sport. And bowlers, I agree. I won't die there. Why would I face Jasprit Bumrah anyways? If I had been playing for 8 years maybe I would have answered Jasprit Bumrah," Nehwal said on Shubhankar Mishra's podcast.

"If Jasprit Bumrah plays badminton with me maybe he won't be able to take my smash.

We should not fight with ourselves in our own country for these things. That's what I want to say. Every sport is best in its place. But I want to say give value to other sports as well. Otherwise, where will we get sporting culture from? And cricket, Bollywood will always be our focus," the 2012 London Olympics bronze medalist added.

On India's struggles to win medals at Olympics, Nehwal claimed that players from other sports don't the same level of facilities as cricketers.

Meanwhile, Raghuvanshi made his IPL debut in 2024 and had a memorable outing with the bat. In 10 innings, he scored 163 runs at a strike rate of 155.24, helping KKR end their 10-year title drought.

Shardul Thakur recalls horrible treatment by Australia during BGT 2020-21

NEW DELHI, Aug 10 (Agencies): India all-rounder Shardul Thakur recently recalled the horrible treatment by Australia during the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2020-21. Notably, India and Australia played a memorable series during the Covid era in December 2020 – January 2021. India had to battle through injuries of their several main players but eventually emerged victorious by 2-1.

Recalling the series, Thakur recently revealed the shocking treatment meted out to the Indian team during the series and said that there was no house-keeping service in the hotel. He also shared the struggles the entire team had to go through.

"The way they treated us was very horrible. For four or five days, there



would be no house-keeping service in the hotel. If you wanted to change the bedsheets, you would have to walk up five floors when you're tired," Thakur said at an event.

Further speaking ahead, Thakur said that the then-Australian captain Tim Paine was lying in the media and revealed how the captain and the coach had

to fight to the management to give them what they want. Notably, there were reports of India cancelling the tour altogether due to the harsh treatment they had received.

"I heard some interview from Tim Paine. That man was absolutely lying, he was just saving himself by making up things in the media, and covering up

that 'we didn't put any pressure on Indian team and gave them whatever they wanted. But I know the truth. Virat (Kohli) had left - and Ajinkya Rahane and Ravi Shastri were regularly fighting with Cricket Australia to give us what we wanted" he added.

India's historic win at the Gabba Thakur played a pivotal role in India's win

during the last Test of the series at the Gabba, Brisbane. Playing just his second Test, the all-rounder first stitched a crucial 123-run partnership for the seventh wicket with Washington Sundar scoring 67 (115). He also picked up seven wickets in the match at an average of 22.14. Courtesy of his performance and vital contributions from other players, India managed to end Australia's 32-year-long unbeaten streak at the Gabba and won their second consecutive Test series in Australia.

Meanwhile, Thakur recently went through a foot surgery after IPL 2024 and is expected to out of action for three months. The seam all-rounder will be eager to regain his fitness quickly as India are all set to tour Australia again for BGT 2024-25 in November.

"Still a chance to play test": Australia spinner Adam Zampa eyes red-ball return

Australia spinner Adam Zampa remains hopeful of donning the iconic Baggy Green cap despite his sparse first-class appearances in recent years.

SYDNEY, Aug 10 (Agencies): Australia spinner Adam Zampa remains hopeful of donning the iconic Baggy Green cap despite his sparse first-class appearances in recent years. Zampa, who has become a key figure in Australia's limited-overs setup, believes his current form and experience would make him a strong contender for Test selection, particularly for subcontinent tours. Zampa's Test aspirations first gained traction last year when he was considered a strong candidate for Australia's Test tour of India. However, the selectors ultimately

opted for Queensland's Mitchell Swepson, leaving Zampa disappointed but undeterred.

"I think, realistically, (I'm) still a chance to play Test cricket," he told the Final Word podcast. "If I was playing a lot of Shield cricket right now with the way I'm bowling, the bowler I am, think I'd be fine, I'd be doing really well. The few games I have played in the last couple of years are suggestive of that."

The 31-year-old leg-spinner has played just two first-class matches since 2019, both for New South Wales, following his return to the state in 2020 after a seven-year stint with South Australia.

His heavy white-ball commitments have limited his opportunities in the longer format, but Zampa remains confident that his skills would translate effectively to Test cricket, even with a first-class bowling average of 46.98.

Zampa's Test hopes may yet be realized, with Australia's upcoming two-Test series in Sri Lanka next year offering a potential opening. The selectors are expected to take a variety of spin-bowling options to support Nathan Lyon, and Zampa's experience and current form could make him a valuable asset. While two spinners in home Tests is



uncommon, Zampa could also see action in the Sheffield Shield, with a window of opportunity available either side of Pakistan's visit in November for ODIs

and T20s. However, Zampa is well aware of the scrutiny that would accompany his selection, particularly given his first-class record. "Even if I do get

picked in the upcoming subcontinent tours, people will say, well his record is averaging 46 with the ball, it's not good enough, people will say that I'm sure, but if I do get picked I'll know that the way I feel like I'm bowling, it'll be fine," he said.

Regardless of whether Test cricket becomes a reality for Zampa, he has made it clear that his focus is firmly on representing Australia in international cricket. After the high of winning the 2023 ODI World Cup, Zampa withdrew from both the IPL and Major League Cricket (MLC) this year, reaffirming his commitment

to the national team. He recently signed a two-year central contract with Cricket Australia, prioritizing national duty over the lucrative franchise circuit.

"I was lucky to...be part of a winning World Cup team," he said. "Looking forward, the franchise thing isn't for me. I want to keep playing for Australia as long as I can, the feeling of success in that team is something I want more of. I'm lucky enough to have signed a two-year with Australia and it's on the basis of wanting to play every game for Australia. It meant I had to make some decisions around franchise

cricket." Zampa, who is the only Australian men's bowler with over 100 T20I wickets, continues to excel in the shortest format. He is currently playing in The Hundred for Oval Invincibles, where he is the joint-leading wicket-taker. However, his heart remains with the Australian team, and he is determined to contribute to their success in all formats.

Zampa now prepares for Australia's upcoming tour of the UK, which includes three T20Is against Scotland, three more against England, and five ODIs, his Test dreams remain alive.

CUJ successfully concludes 21-day short-term internship program in chemistry

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: The Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences at Central University of Jammu has successfully organized a 21-day short-term internship program in Chemistry, which concluded on August 7, 2024. The program was designed to provide students with hands-on experience and advanced knowledge in the field of Chemistry, focusing on the synthesis, characterization, and pharmaceutical applications of A4-type Porphyrin.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUJ graced the course completion event with his esteemed presence. On the occasion Prof.



Deepak Pathania, Dean Research; Prof. Vinay Kumar, Dean of School of Basic and Applied Sciences; Dr. Pawan Kumar, Associate Dean Research; and Dr. Kamlesh Kumar, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences was present.

The internship program was convened and

guided by Dr. Sujata Kundan, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences, under whose mentorship the students engaged in the in-depth study of the project titled "Study on the Synthesis, Characterization, and Pharmaceutical Application of A4-type Porphyrin." Throughout the

program, the students immersed themselves in the synthesis and exploration of the properties of porphyrin, particularly in relation to photodynamic therapy (PDT). The participants reviewed extensive literature on porphyrin, learning about its synthesis and characterization techniques such as UV-visible

and IR spectroscopy. They also gained insights into the significant role of porphyrin in various industries, particularly its use in the pharmaceutical industry and its applications in cancer research and therapy.

A total of 21 students from Government Gandhi Memorial (G.G.M) Science College, Canal Road, Jammu, were enrolled in this comprehensive internship program, which ran from July 25, 2024, to August 7, 2024.

The internship program has been a remarkable success, providing students with valuable skills and knowledge that will greatly contribute to their academic and professional growth.

Awareness program on Anti-Ragging held at GCW Udhampur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 10: Anti-Ragging Committee of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur organized an Awareness Programme in collaboration with District Court, Udhampur on "Anti-Ragging" under the able guidance of the college, Prof. Nalini Pathania.

Newly selected Munsif (Judge Junior Division) Prashant Kumar was the Resource Person on the occasion. He was accompanied by a Para Legal Volunteer, Sham Sharma. The programme began with the welcome address by Prof. Swarna Devi, Convener of Anti-Ragging Committee of the college. She advised the students not to involve themselves in ragging in any form in the college as

well as outside the college premises.

After that, the Resource Person, Prashant Kumar delivered his lecture. He gave detailed information about the rules, regulations and disadvantages related to the Ragging in the institutions.

He exhorted upon the need of understanding these rules by the students to avoid such kind of disquieting and distressing Practices in the educational institutions. He also informed the students of the procedure of lodging the complaints by the students if they become the victims of Ragging.

Principal of the college congratulated the Committee for organizing such a thought-provoking lecture and hoped that the lecture will be helpful for guiding and directing the

students to prevent this traumatic practice that can have severe Physical and Psychological consequences. She warned them that anyone caught ragging in any form, will be punished accordingly.

Almost one hundred and fifty students and other staff members were present on the occasion. Question-answer session also took place in which students cleared their doubts by asking various questions from the resource person related to the field. Students felt satisfied after getting their queries cleared by the resource person. The session was anchored by Miss Samridhi, ambassador of the college.

The programme was ended with the formal vote of thanks by Prof. Swarna Devi, Convener of the Anti-Ragging committee.

Shila Sthapna Divas of Shri Shani Dev celebrated at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: The Sthapna Divas of Shri Shani Dev (Shila) a replica of Shri Shani Dev Temple of Shingnapur installed at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Gandhi Nagar, Jammu was celebrated with grand rituals and religious ceremonies on 10 Aug 2024.

The programme started at 8:30 A.M. with Ganesh and Navgreh puja followed by the Puja of installed beautiful Trishuls and statues of Elephants in Shani Dev

Mandir. Abhishek and Shingar of all these were conducted by the trustees/special invitees and Davinder Khawle and family led by renowned Pandits and a large number of devotees followed by Maha Aarti at 10:30 A.M. The whole Puja was ceremonized with religious ceremonies with the association of Devinder Khawle and Samar Dev Singh Charak.

Later a huge Bhandara was organized for General Public, wherein large number of people

participated till late in the evening.

Many prominent devotees along with Trustees and Special Invitees participated in this pious function.

The whole programme was organized under the patronage of Gulchain Singh Charak (Former Minister & President of the Trust). Shashtris addressed the gathering highlighting the importance of Shani Puja.

Among others who participated in the auspicious ceremony include SC Rekhi, (Gen Secy), PC Gupta, Parshant Sharma, Ved Verma, Jagjit Singh Jamwal, Krishan P Gupta, Kulbir Singh Chib, Tarun Gupta, Sandeep Singh, Ajay Pandoh, and Indu Bhushan Sharma P.C Gupta, Harish Malotra, Prem Sharma, KB Magotra, Karan Singh, Asok Khajuria, Brij Raj Singh, V.K Abrol, Sumesh Damral, Pankul Vaid and others.

Rajesh Gupta urges Govt to ensure safety of Hindus, other minorities in Bangladesh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) J&K general secretary and media head Rajesh Gupta on Saturday urged the government to take "every possible" step to ensure the safety of Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities in Bangladesh, claiming that "fundamentalists" are targeting them in several districts of the neighbouring country.

Addressing to press persons, BSP leader called for strict security vigil on the Indo-Bangladesh border, saying that attempts could be made to "orchestrate infiltration" into the Indian territory taking advantage of the prevailing situation in the neighbouring country.

He also asked the world community to take "effective action" for the safety of minorities and protection of human rights in Bangladesh which he said is "trapped in a strange



uncertainty, violence and anarchy".

"In the recent past, religious places, business establishments and houses of Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities have also been rampaged in Bangladesh. Three days back, 22 houses in Panchgarh district alone, 20 houses in Jhenaidah and 22 shops in Jessore became targets of the fundamentalists and in many districts even crematoriums were vandalised," he said.

India has given shelter to so many in the world. I would hope such a situation does not arise," Gupta maintained.

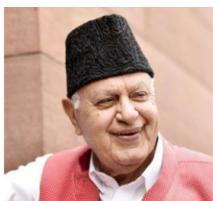
Dr. Farooq to mobilize party cadre for electoral battle

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 10: In a significant move towards strengthening its political presence in the Chenab Valley, the National Conference (NC) has intensified its organizational efforts ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. The party's leadership is taking decisive steps to engage with its grassroots workers and ensure robust preparations for the polls.

In this context, NC President and former Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, is scheduled to visit the Chenab Valley tomorrow to hold series of meetings with the party cadre. This visit underscores the party's commitment to maintaining direct contact with ground-level workers and mobilizing them for the electoral battle ahead.

Accompanying Dr. Farooq Abdullah on this important visit will be several key party leaders, including Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Provincial Vice President Khalid Najeev Suharwardy, Zone President Chenab Valley and former minister Sajjad Kitchloo, Vijay Lochan Chairman JKNC SC Cell and District Presidents Tanvir Kitchloo (Kishtwar), Zaffarullah (Doda), Mehboob Iqbal (Bhadrawah) and Sajjad Saheen (Ramban). Their presence at the series of meetings highlights the party's



united front and dedication to consolidating its strength in the region.

The primary objective of the upcoming meetings is to gear up the party machinery for the upcoming Assembly polls. Dr. Farooq Abdullah is expected to engage in in-depth discussions with the party cadre, offering strategic guidance and emphasizing the importance of active participation at the grassroots level. These meetings will serve as a platform to align the party's goals and strategies with the aspirations of the people of the Chenab Valley.

As the National Conference readies itself for the electoral challenge, the leadership is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that the party is well-prepared and well-connected with the voters on the ground. This visit by Dr. Farooq Abdullah and the accompanying leaders marks a crucial step in the party's ongoing efforts to consolidate its position in the Chenab Valley and emerge victorious in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Field of Union Ministry of MSME, Ladakh conducts awareness program on LEAN

Top News Report

LADAKH, Aug 10: MSME-Development Nucleus Cell, Ladakh, the field office of Ministry of MSME, implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSME Sector in Ladakh with jurisdiction of both District's Leh and Kargil. The activities including Entrepreneurship Awareness Program, LEAN awareness program, Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Program, Procurement Marketing Support Scheme Awareness Program, PM-Vishwakarma Seminar, PM-Vishwakarma Awareness Workshop, Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Program, Management Development Program, Reimbursement of Barcode Expenditure, Reimbursement of Stall Charges etc., To and From Charges, Advertising Expenditure for participating in various exhibitions conducted in all parts of the Country.

An awareness program on LEAN competitive scheme of Union Ministry of MSME is conducted at Leh, Ladakh for encouraging the MSMEs of Ladakh for manufacturing products of world class qualities with minimum wastages in manufacturing process like improvement in storage of raw material, arrange-



ment of tools, placing of machineries according to scientific layout, material handling, optimizing the workforce, storage of Finished goods, conducting Motion study etc., Union Ministry of MSME provides subsidy from 12 lakhs to 32 lakhs for any LEAN Cluster. Nazir Sheikh JKAS, Director of Industries was the chief guest for the program. Address on LEAN by Vinod Pandita from Quality Council of India for achieving the said objectives was given. Lectures on Industrial Policy and schemes of Industries department were given by Zakaria, Asst. Director of Industries Department, Govt. of Ladakh. During the program Lobzang Tsering, President, Solar Association of Leh,

Tashi Khachu, Chairman, Ladakh Chamber of Commerce and Industries were also present along with various MSMEs from Ladakh. The program was co-ordinated by D.K. Tyagi along with Rajesh Kumar Assistant Director.

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