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## BRIEFLY

### LG Manoj Sinha pays obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

JAMMU, Aug 11 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday paid obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district and dedicated the new Yagyashala at Bhawan to the devotees, officials said. Today, paid my obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and prayed for the peace, prosperity & progress of Jammu Kashmir. Also, dedicated the new Yagyashala at Bhawan to the devotees, Office of LG J&K post on X.

### MeT predicts light to moderate rain, thunder-showers in J&K parts till Aug 18

SRINAGAR, Aug 11 (Agencies): Meteorological Centre Srinagar Sunday predicted light to moderate rain and thundershowers in several parts of Jammu and Kashmir till August 18.

On August 11th the scattered places of Kashmir division and many places of Jammu division generally remain cloudy with intermittent light to moderate rain and thundershower, an official of Meteorological Centre Srinagar informed.

He said a brief spell of rain & thundershower at few places during day time with a spell of rain/thundershower at scattered places towards late night/early morning from August 12th to 14th.

On August 15, a spell of light to moderate rain/thundershower towards early morning & late night over many places of Jammu division and brief spell of light rain/thundershower at isolated places of Kashmir division during early morning and evening, he said.

He also said that from August 16th to 18th there is a possibility of light to moderate rain/thundershower at many places of Jammu & Kashmir.

There will be intense showers for brief period with possibility of flash floods, landslides over vulnerable places of J&K, the official said.

He added that there will be an increase in rainfall activity over Jammu division from August 14th onwards

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## Anantnag Encounter | Injured civilian dies, toll mounts to three



SRINAGAR, Aug 11 (Agencies): The death toll in the overnight anti-terror operation in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir rose to three on Sunday as one of the two civilians injured in the encounter succumbed, officials said.

Abdul Rashid Dar, who was injured in terrorist firing on Saturday,

succumbed to injuries at a hospital here early Sunday, the officials said.

Two Army personnel were martyred and two civilians injured in a fierce gunfight with terrorists in the Ahlan Gagarmandu forest area of Anantnag district at an altitude of 10,000 feet on Saturday, officials said.

The operation to hunt

down the ultras continued despite the challenging topography.

The firefight started on Saturday evening during a cordon and search operation that was initiated by the security forces based on intelligence reports indicating the presence of terrorists in the remote Ahlan Gagarmandu forest in the Kokernag belt.

According to officials, a group of terrorists opened fire at the joint search parties comprising Army personnel, including para commandos, and local police.

In the ensuing gun battle, six Army personnel and two civilians were injured, officials said, adding the injured soldiers were promptly taken to a nearby hospital where two succumbed shortly after arrival.

The slain army personnel have been identified as Havildar Dipak Kumar Yadav and Lance Naik Praveen Sharma.

Reinforcements have been deployed in the area and operations to locate and neutralise the fleeing terrorists are underway, the officials said.

This encounter is a grim reminder of a similar operation in the

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## Brief gunfight in Kishtwar; search operation underway



JAMMU, Aug 11 (Agencies): An encounter took place between security forces and terrorists in a remote forest in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir early Sunday, officials said.

The gunfight took place for a brief period when police assisted by army and paramilitary forces launched a search operation in Nownatta, Naageni Peyaas and adjoining areas following information about movement of terrorists, they said.

Reinforcements have been rushed to the area and an operation is underway to hunt down the terrorists.

The latest encounter comes a day after two army personnel — Havildar Dipak Kumar Yadav and Lance Naik Praveen Sharma — were killed and six others, including two civilians, were injured in a fierce gunfight in Kokernag woods in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

## Former foreign minister Natwar Singh no more



NEW DELHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): Former External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh passed away on Saturday night after a prolonged illness, family sources said. He was 93.

He breathed his last at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram near Delhi, where he had been admitted for the past couple of weeks, they said.

Singh was born in 1931 in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan.

He was a career diplomat, who brought a wealth of experience in diplomacy to his political career and a prolific author on subjects ranging from the life of a maharaja to nuances of foreign affairs.

During his distinguished career, he wore many hats, and for his service to the nation, the former external affairs minister was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1984.

"His son is there at the hospital, and many more family members are coming to Delhi from his native state for the last rites planned in Delhi. He was not keeping well for some time," a family source told agency late night on Saturday.

He died late Saturday night, the source said.

A former Congress MP, Singh was India's External Affairs Minister for the period 2004-05 during the UPA-I government led by the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

He also served as ambassador to Pakistan and was attached to the office of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi from 1966 to 1971.

Veteran politician Randeep Surjewala paid tribute to the former external affairs minister in a post on X.

"The news of the demise of former Foreign Minister Natwar Singh ji is sad. May God give strength to his family to bear this loss and grant peace to the departed soul," he wrote on the social media platform in Hindi and also posted a photograph of

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## Govt should focus on concrete security steps in JK, Not self-praise: Congress

SRINAGAR, Aug 11 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge expressed concern on Saturday over the increase in the number of terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir and said the national security policy of the Narendra Modi government should be to "take concrete steps instead of indulging in self-praise".

Kharge's remarks



came after two Army personnel were killed and six others, including two civilians, injured in a gunfight with terrorists in

a forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district at an altitude of 10,000 feet on Saturday.

The operation to hunt down the ultras continued despite the challenging topography.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge said, "Two Army soldiers sacrificed their lives and demonstrated their bravery in a joint operation against terrorists in Anantnag, Jammu

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## Another batch of pilgrims leaves for Amarnath Yatra from Srinagar base camp

SRINAGAR, Aug 11 (Agencies): Amid heightened security, another batch of pilgrims left for the Amarnath Yatra from Pantha Chowk base camp in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, on Sunday.

Vijay Kumar, a pilgrim who came from Punjab's Jalandhar to pay obeisance at the Amarnath Shrine located in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, spent a night at the

Base camp on Saturday.

"They provided us with good facilities at the camp. Soon, a bus (carrying pilgrims) will leave for Baltal. We will return after paying our obeisance," he said.

"There is no kind of worry for the pilgrims here...," Kumar added.

Vinita Singh, who had come from Haryana said she was excited to pay obeisance. "Everything including security

arrangements and facilities, is up to mark here. People here are very good".

"We will pray for peace for everyone in the country," she added.

The Yatra, conducted by the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, is divided into two routes: one through Pahalgam and the other through Baltal in the Ganderbal district of Kashmir. Baltal

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**10TH DAY KRIYA**

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

**SHRI SURINDER 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 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. Bansil 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 Harla Chak**  
959637998, 8716808058

**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.

**Smt Sheela Bhat**

**Tenth Day** will be performed at Muthi Ghat near DSE Jammu on 14-8-2024 at 8 AM.

**Grief Stricken**  
**Sh Soom Nath Bhat -Husband**  
**Devar & Devrani**  
Sh Poshker Nath Bhat & Smt Phoola Bhat  
Sh Chaman Lal Bhat & Smt Shanti Bhat  
Sh Piyare Lal Bhat & Smt Sarla Bhat  
**Sons & Daughters-in-law**  
Sh Ashok Kumar Bhat & Smt Sweety Bhat  
Sh Dalip Kumar Bhat & Smt Beauty Bhat  
Sh Vijay Kumar Bhat & Smt Rinku Bhat  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Smt Sunita Koul & 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 08:30AM.

**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 & Warkita.

**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 Mohr 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. Daizy Bhat and Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat**

**Daughters and Son-in-laws**

**Smt. Neena Pandita and Veer Ji Pandita**

**Smt. Reenu Koul and Sh. Vidya Sagar Koul**

**Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law**

**Smt. Sheetal Bhatti 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

**Excelsior**  
**CHOUBARSI****Justice Sanjay Kumar Gupta**

Four long years have passed since you left for eternal journey. The void you had left behind will remain forever. Your vivid and cheerful personality, charm and affectionate nature are all unmatched and we could find solace in all your loving and everlasting memories which will never fade.

**Choubarsi** of our beloved **Justice Sanjay Kumar Gupta S/o Lt. Sh. Kulbushan Gupta** will be performed at our residence Q.No. 113, Sarwal Colony, Jammu on 12 August 2024 (Monday) at 12 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Smt Vandana Gupta -Wife**  
**Smt Vir Bala Gupta -Mother**  
**Smt Kamlesh Gupta -Mother-in-law**  
**Adv Mayank Gupta -Son**  
**Dr Mrinalini Gupta -Daughter**  
**Contact No. 9419200061, 7006294362**

**10TH DAY & 13TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt Santosh Devi Parihar** Wife of Lt Sh. Krishan Lal Parihar & Mother of Sh. Ranjit Parihar at our residence W.No. 10 Shiv Nagar Near Devika temple Udhampur.

**10th Day** will be performed on 09-08-2024 (Friday) at 11 AM at our residence W.No. 10, Shiv Nagar, Near Devika temple, Udhampur.

**Kriya** will be performed on 12-08-2024 (Monday) from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon at Devika Ghat Udhampur.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Son and Daughter in law**  
**Sh Ranjit Parihar & Smt Sarita Parihar**  
**Grand Sons**  
Suryansh Singh Parihar & Shivansh Parihar  
**Daughters & Sons in law**  
Smt Sneha Lata & Sh. Rishi Kumar  
Smt Sunila Devi & Late Sh. Ashok Kumar  
Smt Swaran Chouhan & Sh. Sanjay Chouhan  
Smt Kanchan Devi & Sh. Raj Kumar  
Smt Seema Parihar & Sh. Parvesh Kumar Parihar  
**All Parihar & Sen Parivar**

**Smt Santosh Devi Parihar**

Ph : 9419162127, 7006948374

**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 Domara Jammu, departed heavenly abode on 30 July 2024 (Tuesday).

**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. Paranjit 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. Pasdeep  
Mrs. Priyanka and Mr. Tarun  
Mr. Abhishek Baloria  
Mrs. Kanika and Mr. Amit  
Miss Nidhi  
Miss Mahi  
**Great Grand Children :-** Divyansh, Eva and Prishith

**Late Hony. Capt. Sh. Dayal Singh Jamwal****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).

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

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

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be held at 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. Deepi & 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)**

**Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida)****Obituary/Tenth Day**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt Santosh Kaul** wife of Sh. Bushan Lal Koul originally from village Vessu Distt. Anantnag.

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

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

**Grief Stricken**

**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 & Sheetu -Son & Daughter-in-law**

**Smt Witty & Sh Vijay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law**

**Smt Veena & Sh Manoj Sapru -Daughter & Son-in-law**

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

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

**Phone Nos. 7006675916, 7889911387**

**Smt Santosh Kaul****10th DAY KRIYA**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> DAY KRIYA** will be performed on

**12<sup>th</sup> 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, Sehar, Lavant & Parth

**Deeply Remembered by:**

**Vinod & Meenakshi, Jasmine, Bhans, Dhars, Krundus, Pandites & Tikoo**

**Ph: 9899031032 / 9873300943 / 9810491405 / 9582309787**

**SMT. KRISHNA BHAN****TENTH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA**

With profound grief, we announce the sad demise of **Shri Ashok Kumar Sawhney (Vicky)**, S/o Late Vid. Prakash Sawhney and Late Ganga Devi, R/o 67/6, Bikram Chowk, Opposite Amar Ujala Office, Jammu on 31.07.2024.

The **10th Day** will be performed on 9 August 2024 (Friday) at our residence at 11:00 am.

**Kriya** shall be performed on 12-08-2024 (Monday) at 12 Noon at our residence.

**Uthala / Rasam Pagri** shall be performed on 12-08-2024 (Monday) at Shiv Mandir, sector 3, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu from 4 pm to 5 pm.

**Grief Stricken:**

**Wife:** Meenakshi Sawhney

**Sons and Daughter:**

**Parul Sawhney and Satul Sawhney, Pragya Sawhney**

**Brothers and Sister in law:**

**Law Girish Chander Sawhney and Smt. Alka Sawhney**

**Shri Ramesh Chander Sawhney (Tia) and Smt. Suman Sawhney**

**Shri Dinesh Sawhney (Nita) and Smt. Santosh Sawhney**

**Shri Gagan Sawhney and Smt. Anita Sawhney**

**Shri Bir Sain Sawhney and Smt. Deepika Sawhney**

**Sisters and brother in law:**

**Late Smt. Sushro Sehgal and Late Sh. Brijal Sehgal,**

**Smt. Bala Puri and Sh. Chand Puri.**

**M/s Krishna Traders (Bikram Chowk Jammu)**

**M/s Jai Ganes Electronics (Bell Charni)**

**M/S Lakshmi Transport Co. Bikram Chowk, Jammu 9419195858**

**M/s Dinesh Motors, (9419183354) M/s G.K. Sawhney Traders,**

**Rank: Gupta Family**

**Mob: 9419146888, 7006543554, 9419182039.**

**Shri Ashok Kumar Sawhney (Vicky)****UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Pushkar Goel**, D/o Late Sh. Ajit Raj Gupta, R/o opp. JK Plaza, Chhanni Kamala, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 10/8/2024.

**Uthala** will be performed at Panch Mandir, Chhanni Himmat, Jammu on 12/8/2024 from 5 to 6 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

**(Sister and Brother-in-law)**

**Smt. Swarn Gupta & Sh. K K Gupta**

**(Brother & Sister-in-law)**

**Capt. Murti Gupta & Smt. Seema Murti**

**Smt. Dinesh Kumar (Sister)**

**(Sister & Brother-in-law)**

**Smt. Sudershan Kumar & Sh. K K Pangotra**

**Dr. Anil Mahajan (Brother-in-law)**

**Nephews:** Rohit Gupta, Sannichya Mahajan, Mayank Murti, Ayush Pangotra, Anindya Mahajan

**Sumati Gupta, Smriti Gupta, Aastha Nagpal, Geetanjali Murti (Nieces)**

**Family Mob. No.: 7889898014**

**SMT. PUSHKAR GOEL****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

It is with an ultimate sense of anguish that we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Daddy ji,**

**Sh. Sham Lal Bhat** S/o Lt. Neel Kanth Bhat erstwhile resident of Devnar, Tril (Kashmiri) presently residing at H.No.808, Lane 7D, Suryavanshi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed as per the rituals on 10-08-2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education at 8:30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Smt. Sham Rani (Pyari) - Spouse**

**Sister & Brother-in-law**

**Smt. Mohini & Lt. Sh. Kanyal Rai**

**Sister-in-law & Brother**

**U. Smt. Richa Chetti & Lt. Sh. Mahan Lal Bhat**

**U. Smt. Vijay & Sh. Chaman Lal Bhat**

**Sister & Brother-in-law**

**Smt. Vijay & Lt. Sh. Sham Sunder Rai**

**Daughter-in-laws & Sons**

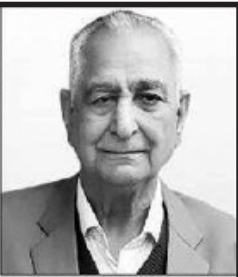
**Smt. Sonam & Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat**

**Smt. Lucky & Sh. Naveed Bhat**

**Smt. Isha & Sh. Raveer Bhat**

**Smt. Suparna & Sh. Sushil Bhat**

**Smt. Sunil & Sh. Anvash Bhat**  
**Daughters & Son-in-laws**  
**Smt. Beary & Sh. Anil Sopori**  
**Smt. Neeru & Sh. Sunil Koul**  
**Smt. Komal & Sh. Chandrakant Bhat**  
**Grandchildren:** Namrata, Nita, Ravant, Ayush, Rishik, Sayali, Danish, Disha, Harsh, Bhavika, Saksham, Kaira, Ahayee, Bubul

**SH. SHAM LAL BHAT****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Arun Sharma** S/o Lt. Sh. Padam Nath Sharma R/o 430 Shastri Nagar Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 3-8-2024.



# Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre organizes "Free Eye Check-up and Aadhar updation Camp"

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: As a part of Sewa Bhav (public service), a "free eye check up and Ration card" updation camp organized by the Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre, Trikuta Nagar, in Jammu here today. The camp was inaugurated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan in the presence of Baldev Raj Gupta President SCRC, Narinder Mahajan Patron, TR Taggee General Secretary and other members of the society.

The camp aimed to provide free eye check-ups and treatment to residents, promoting eye health and wellness. The event was



part of the organization's community service initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to social welfare. The camp was organized by the Senior citizens Rejuvenation Centre. During the camp, experienced ophthalmologists and paramedical staff conducted comprehensive eye exams, and necessary medications and glasses were provided to those in need. The event was well-received

by the community, with many residents benefiting from the free services. Rekha Mahajan felicitated Dr. Amandeep Gupta Eye Specialist from Zen Optician and Nisha Sharma Food Inspector from CAPD for doing a meritorious job for the general public. She emphasized the importance of eye health and praised the organizers for their efforts in making quality healthcare acces-

sible to all.

While addressing the gathering of prominent persons of the area along with the members from various senior rejuvenation center members, "How busy you may be, but always make it a point to do one good act a day. It not only helps you to attain utmost satisfaction but also promote different social activities around you and result in the development of the country as a whole," stated Rekha Mahajan while inaugurating the free eye camp at Trikuta Nagar of Bahu Constituency of District Jammu South. She further said that the Union health ministry has been doing a lot of work regarding "healthy and disease-free

eyes," and in this regard, the National Program for Control of Blindness, which was launched in the year 1976, is a 100% centrally sponsored program, the main focus of which is to develop eye care infrastructure throughout the country, increase institutional capacity for eye care, expand coverage to underserved areas, decentralize to district level, human resource development for eye care at all levels, improve the quality of eye care for better visual outcomes, and secure the participation of the non-government and private sectors. She maintained that everyone should come forward and participate in this free eye camp.

# Congress will emerge as the largest party in forthcoming Assembly Elections: Bhalla



## Top News Report

SAMBA, Aug 11: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla pledged to defeat what he described as "communal and divisive forces" in Jammu and Kashmir, which he accused of creating discord among the people. Speaking at a large public gathering in Panchayat Rampura of the Ramgarh constituency, Samba District on Sunday, Bhalla asserted that the Congress party would emerge as the largest party in the upcoming assembly elections.

The event was organized by former Minister Yashpal Kundal along with Ex-MLA Durga Dass, with several prominent figures in attendance, including Working President of District Samba Babal Gupta, Sarpanch Suresh Sharma, Sarpanch Vinay Sharma, and others.

Bhalla emphasized the Congress party's

commitment to equal development for all sections of society and the strengthening of democratic institutions. He highlighted the party's success in implementing the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments in Jammu and Kashmir, which empowered Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and ensured 33% reservation for women, as well as provisions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Addressing the challenges faced by the people, Bhalla criticized the BJP-led government for its failure to control rising prices and unemployment in the region. He lamented the hardships faced by daily wagers, contractual workers, and the unemployed, arguing that the government's policies have left many frustrated and struggling.

Bhalla accused the Modi government of dividing the country along

communal lines for political gain, while failing to provide any relief to the common man. He argued that the BJP's promises, such as controlling black money and providing employment, have not been fulfilled.

Yashpal Kundal, speaking at the event, echoed Bhalla's sentiments, stressing that the Congress is the only secular force in Jammu and Kashmir with wide acceptability across all sections of society. He criticized the BJP's approach, claiming that it has failed to bring about meaningful progress and has instead fostered division.

Both leaders urged the public to reject the politics of exploitation and to support the Congress, which they described as the only truly secular, democratic, and progressive force capable of leading Jammu and Kashmir towards peace, progress, and prosperity.

# ReK Teachers delegation meets Rana, projects issues

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: A delegation of Rehbar e Khel Physical Education Teacher under the leadership of Harish Choudhary met with senior BJP leader and Ex legislator Devender Singh Rana.

The delegation submitted their memorandum seeking representation in pursuance of enhancement of honorarium of Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers of JKUT from Rs 6000 to Rs 18000 as on the pattern of Rehbar-e-Khel UT of Ladakh.

Choudhary said that highly qualified Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers having B.P.Ed, M.P.Ed, M.Phil, PhD, NET/SET, National and International medalist players are working in Youth Services and Sports Department as Physical Education Teachers on meager salary of Rs 6000/



month. "Rehbar-e-Khel Physical Education Teachers left no stone unturned to boost the sports at gross root level and also performing their duties in departmental activities, Zonal, district and UT level competitions, Panchayat level tournaments, LG's Rolling trophy, YSS CUP, Back to village, Jhan Abhiyan, Har Ghar Tiranga, Election duty, BLO and also stand shoulder to shoulder with the govt. in fighting the deadly Covid-19,"

he added. Therefore keeping all the above facts in consideration, Choudhary requested Devender Singh Rana to ponder over the miseries and sufferings of the ReKs that were appointed under the said scheme, and give interim relief to Rehbar-e-Khel Physical Education Teachers at an earliest. Others who were part of the delegation include Arjun Jamwal, Sanjeev Sharma, Rohit Sadhotra and Muneshwar Jamwal.

# Aryans students shine in Aryans MRS-PTU Pharma Results

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: Pharmacy students of Aryans College of Pharmacy, Rajpura, near Chandigarh, brought laurels to the college in B. Pharmacy Final Semester examination conducted by Aryans under Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda.

In B. Pharmacy, eighth Semester examination, Hritik Setia bagged 1st position with 8.55 SGPA, Tariq Ahmed Malla & Tarvinder Kaur bagged 2nd position with 8.09 SGPA and Tariq Ahmed Wani & Anisha Sharma bagged 3rd position with 7.91 SGPA marks.

Dr. JS Badhan, Principal, Aryans College of Pharmacy congratulated the students and faculty

for the hard work. He said that Aryans Students are competing well with the boys not only in academics but in sports, innovations, cultural also. Such academic results will inspire & motivate more parents to send their children for the higher studies. such excellent results by the students add more name and fame to the College, added Badhan.

# Natrang presents Hindi play 'Chandi Ka Chamcha'

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: Natrang presented a new Hindi play 'Chandi Ka Chamcha' written by Habib Tanveer and directed by Neeraj Kant here on Sunday at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'.

The play opens at the crossroads of a busy market where a shopkeeper is upset with the dirt and filth thrown in front of her shop by the people of the locality and curses everyone while cleaning it. Everyone who comes there, right from the garbage collection vehicle to the garbage collector, do not clean the lane and pick the garbage. On top of it, a woman comes and throws her household garbage on the same heap where there is already a lot of garbage. Agitated over this, the shopkeeper woman starts ranting and abusing even more and



narrates her plight to a boy named Tony who has recently returned from abroad. Tony narrates about how people living abroad take care of their sanitation and hygiene. The shopkeeper tells the passing by women on the street whom she suspects of throwing garbage that someone throws garbage at her shop quite often. On this the woman gets angry at the shopkeeper. There is a fight between the two

and the woman scolds the shopkeeper and leaves. Meanwhile, a friend of the shopkeeper visits her and is later joined by Tony. During their conversation someone from above drops garbage on them. The shopkeeper woman gets very angry and asks the person throwing garbage to come forward but no one comes. Meanwhile, the shopkeeper's friend in an intelligent manner calls out that someone

has thrown down a silver spoon along with the garbage, the person to whom it belongs should come and take it. Attracted by the silver spoon in a dramatic turn the women surfaces and claims the silver spoon. This is how she gets exposed publicly. Then everyone asks her to collect garbage and makes a promise not to throw garbage in the future. While collecting garbage, the woman slips on banana peels thrown by herself and falls. On this everyone says, "As you sow, so shall you reap".

The artists who performed in the play included; Vrinda Gujral, Mehak Chib, Aadesh Dhar, Advik Sharma and Priyal Ashok Gupta. Lights were designed and operated by Neeraj Kant. Kushal Bhat scored the music of the play who also did presentations. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

# Farmers at KVK Jammu witness release of 109 Varieties by Prime Minister

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jammu of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) working under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi organised Kisan Sammelan cum Farmers Scientist interaction on the occasion of release of 109 varieties of Agricultural and Horticulture crops by

Hon'ble Prime Minister at ICAR New Delhi. The programme was attended by a number of farmers and rural youths of the area.

Dr Amrish Vaid Director Extension SKUAST J graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Smt Vidya Motan DDC member Miran sahib was Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Amrish Vaid briefed the participants about the various varieties released by ICAR and

also informed that the newly released climate resilient varieties will definitely increased the production and productivity of field and horticulture crops. Vidya Motan appreciated the role of KVK Jammu for uplifting the socioeconomic status of farmers of Jammu.

At the outset Dr Punit Choudhary Chief Scientist and Head KVK Jammu welcome the dignitaries and participants and briefed that KVK Jammu

is working hard for the improvement of farmers of Jammu region.

A farmers scientists interaction on schemes of HADP and online training was also conducted on the occasion.

The programme was conducted by Dr Prem Kumar scientist Fisheries and the programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Amitesh Sharma. Satbir Singh also helped in the smooth conduct of the programme.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION KATHUA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. JSPHEMK/37OF 2024-25 Dated: 08-08-2024

Forandonbehalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua, invite tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/Joint venture etc. for below mentioned works at Water Supply scheme Alai of Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Sub Division Kathua off Kathua District of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The bidding process shall be completed online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers viz. Cover 1<sup>st</sup> consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of pumping machinery and electro-mechanical works along with allied jobs to be executed at water supply scheme Alai of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Sub Division Kathua of Kathua District of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).	Rs. 29.00	1000/- (Non-Refundable) In the shape of Treasury Challan/e-Challan or through RTGS in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua	50000/- (pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua)	365 days	150 days

Position of funds : Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

Position of AAA : Accorded

Position of T.S : Sanctioned

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE (M) Div. Kathua.

Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	08-08-2024
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	08-08-2024
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting	12-08-2024 (02:00 PM)
iv	Bid submission start date	09-08-2024
v	Bid submission end date	19-08-2024 (04:00 PM)
vi	Date and time of Bid opening	20-08-2024 (01:00 PM onward)

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading the same on the tender portal.

3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Kathua.

4. The cost of tender documents should be in the form of Treasury challan/e-challan towards the cost of tender document to be deposited in MH-0215 (Revenue head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Ltd. Kathua City bearing bank account No. 0555010200001579, IFSC CODE: JAKA0PCKATU in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua.

5. The original hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

6. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 365 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

8. Queries by email if any should be made at [phejmmukd@kathua@gmail.com](mailto:phejmmukd@kathua@gmail.com)

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## EDITORIAL

## YOUTH &amp; SELF-RELIANT INDIA

Behind any developing and super powerful country, there is a special contribution of a student. It is the student who makes the future of the country and always works to take it in a new direction. Youth is the most important participation for the economic, social and cultural progress of any country.

Students work as the backbone of a developing country. Always plays an important role in taking our society and country to new heights.

Only students can prove to be helpful for how India becomes self-reliant. Every student is full of a new energy and ambition. The more enthusiastic, patriotic and skilled the student is, the more he will be a strong contender for the development of a country and for its progress and progress.

Every student has a rainbow of the future of his country in his eyes, which always inspires him for the progress of his country and society.

Today, behind every success of India, there is a hand of a youth. This success is the result of the strong will power of a youth. If there is a need only a good guidance to the youth in country then which always inspires him to walk on a positive path.

In order to make the self-reliant India campaign successful, the way our Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspired the youth and citizens of the country by closely studying all the important facts related to land, labor, liquidity and law, economy, infrastructure, technology, The dynamic demographics and demand have called for further strengthening.

For the success of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, we and every citizen of India should come forward and make every possible effort. So that this mission can be made successful.

For the development and progress of every country, it is very important for its citizens to be aware and educated. Every educated person has his own important role in the progress of the country. As citizens of the country, it should be our duty that our children should be educated and play their role in the development of the country.

Along with making the country progressive, developing and powerful, its all-round development is also necessary. For this it is necessary for every citizen to be educated. Students have very strong will power and energy. Due to which he can play his role in ending the problems like corruption, female feticide, terrorism, indiscipline in the country by organizing different types of campaigns.

The student has that power with which he can make possible what he wants. But for all this he needs a good and successful guidance. If the youth deviates from their right path due to lack of proper guidance. Then they do not channelize their energies and abilities properly.

When the path goes astray, people full of selfishness start taking full advantage of them and put the students in anti-national activities and then do acts like damaging the national wealth, obstructing the development of the country, sabotage and stone pelting etc. I start fulfilling my responsibility.

It is not necessary that only those people who have a big position or a big person can cooperate in self-reliant India. Every citizen of India can cooperate in the self-reliant India campaign.

For this, we should use more and more things made in the country. This will strengthen the economic condition of our country and new industries will be created in our country, employment will open and the terrible problem like poverty will end soon.

## Mobs rampage in UK after murder of 3 kids: But why talk of 'civil war'?

By: Farrukh Dhondy

Three children, the youngest just six years old, were brutally murdered, eight more and their two guardians injured at a dance class featuring the music of Taylor Swift. The killer was a 17-year-old wielding a scimitar in the residential street of the northern English town of Southport. Purportedly in reaction, from the Midlands, Yorkshire, Lancashire and even Belfast in Northern Ireland, gangs of rioters have caused havoc -- minor when viewed sub specie aeternitatis -- but nasty -- and, in their specific focus, even "un-British". Also Read - Ranjona Banerji | No need for a joint silver, Vinesh feat sans parallel The Southport slaughter was the work of a young black man born in the UK whose parents were legal refugees from Rwanda. Though the police had identified him, they didn't publicly state that he was a Muslim. His motive for murdering the three young girls at a dance class -- if such a deed can even have what we classify as a "motive" -- has not been declared. There is some evidence that he was in some way associated with the Taylor Swift dance class. Also Read - Manish Tewari | Targeted assassinations: Can they be legitimised? Gentle reader, there is no response appropriate to the atrocity. The city of Southport mourned the loss of these utter, utter innocents. And then the

nasty forces that have lain mostly dormant in Britain's rat-holes emerged. In ten or so cities, mobs of a few hundred attacked mosques and attempted to set fire to them. In Tamworth and Rotherham, the mobs gathered outside low-cost hotels which the government has requisitioned to house asylum seekers, smashing their windows, attempting to set fire to the buildings and even to enter them with, undoubtedly, sinister purpose. Also Read - Shobhaa De | No mangal in this dangal: How India blew it in Paris In several incidents, isolated individuals were picked on by these mobs for appearing to have brown skin. In Hull in north-west England, a car with three Asian-looking men was cornered, the occupants pulled out and assaulted. Mosques? Asylum-seekers' refugees? Brown skins? Yes, gentle reader, you've gathered the fact that these mobs were people who were determinedly attacking Muslims, Muslim communities and asylum-seeking migrants or refugees. The police confronted these mobs in every city where they gathered and encountered them as they burnt cars, dustbins and attacked police cordons with bottles, stones and sticks. The police controlled the mobs. They have made 400 arrests -- and counting. Prime Minister Keirji, home secretary Yvette Cooper and other Cabinet members are watching the situation and are confident that the police

have it in hand. Nevertheless, an American fellow, a billionaire called Elon Musk, who owns Twitter, has used that platform to say that Britain is "on the brink of civil war!". I wonder if this Musk has an Amazon book account. I'm sure he can read and should catch up on the American "Civil War" and maybe even Cromwell's British "civil war". The only reason I allude to Musk's illiterate nonsense is because Sir Keir Starmer's office has condescended to respond, in some small way, to it. It has, incidentally, made me wonder about the distinction between revolutions and "civil wars". The Bolsheviks and Mao's putsch were revolutions as they overthrew regimes. Cromwell chopped off Stuart's head and was a revolution, though it's historically known as a civil war. Abraham Lincoln's fight with the southern states in America to abolish slavery is probably most appropriately called a civil war. So, get reading Elon! The mobs causing fringe mayhem in Britain's cities today are not aiming to replace the Labour government. No revolution, no civil war. These are foolish, some Nazi-saluting, "far-right" delusionists, sheep who have been shepherded into rioting by social media calls to attack British Muslims and asylum-seekers because some of them have been sold the myth, through right-wing "influencers", that the presence

of Muslims and asylum-seekers on British soil led to the murder of the innocents. So, who is propagating this social media instigation to riot? One culprit is a convicted right-winger called Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, who calls himself "Tommy Robinson" and is at present living safely in Cyprus. He led a "fascistic" group called the English Defence League and is now certainly (yes, I have proof! And he makes no secret of it) in the pay of the Israeli state. He has urged his few British thousand-or-more supporters to launch the riots against Muslims. Some of these supporters are just pathetic, deluded poor -- (victims of 14 years of Tory rule?) looking for people other than those who control social and economic policy, to blame. The rest are dedicated right-wingers who haven't understood that British history indicates that they've never won. Think Oswald Mosley, who made headlines and fell into oblivion? Then Enoch Powell, who concocted a racial platform and was exiled to Northern Ireland when no significant populace joined him on it. And even now, check noisy Nigel Farage -- a virtual loser with his xenophobic game. Even with my brown skin (er... khaki?) I shall boldly walk the streets. I've heard the fellow Musk wants to start intergalactic travel --so, good luck on Mars, Elon dear -- and... er... stay there?

## Alarming Rise in the Drug Menace in Jammu &amp; Kashmir: A Call to Action



By: Er. Sajad Reshi

The picturesque valleys of Jammu & Kashmir, long known for their natural beauty, are now grappling with an alarming rise in drug abuse and trafficking. This growing menace is not only eroding the social fabric of the region but also threatening the well-being of its youth. The situation has reached a critical point, demanding immediate and coordinated action from all segments of society.

The Urgency of the Situation:

The escalation in drug-related activities has been swift

and severe. Recent reports indicate a significant increase in the availability and use of narcotics across various districts. The easy access to drugs, coupled with the growing influence of drug cartels, is devastating communities, particularly targeting vulnerable populations like the youth.

This surge in drug abuse is not just a health issue; it is a societal crisis. It leads to an increase in crime, domestic violence, and other social problems. The future of an entire generation is at stake, and if left unchecked, the repercussions could be catastrophic for the region.

The Role of Society and Community Leaders:

In this challenging scenario, the role of society, especially colony heads and community leaders, becomes crucial. It is imperative that these leaders maintain close and continuous communication with the police and other concerned authorities. By doing so, they can help identify and monitor

suspicious activities in their neighbourhood, making it harder for drug suppliers to operate.

Community leaders must also engage in awareness campaigns to educate people about the dangers of drug abuse. By fostering a strong community spirit and a sense of collective responsibility, they can encourage residents to report any drug-related activities to the authorities without fear of reprisal.

Collaboration with Law Enforcement:

The police and law enforcement agencies are on the frontlines of this battle against the drug menace. However, they cannot fight this war alone. They need the active support and cooperation of the public to effectively combat drug trafficking and bring suppliers to justice.

Regular meetings between community leaders and the police can help in sharing valuable information, coordinating actions, and strategizing the best ways to tackle the

problem. Such collaborations can also lead to the establishment of more robust surveillance systems, ensuring that every corner of the community is under watchful eyes.

A Collective Effort for a Safer Future:

The fight against the drug menace in Jammu & Kashmir is a collective one. It requires the involvement of every citizen, every community, and every institution. By working together, we can create a safer, healthier environment for our children and future generations.

Let us all take a stand today. Let us ensure that no drug supplier goes unpunished, and no community falls prey to this menace. Together, we can protect our society and secure a brighter future for all.

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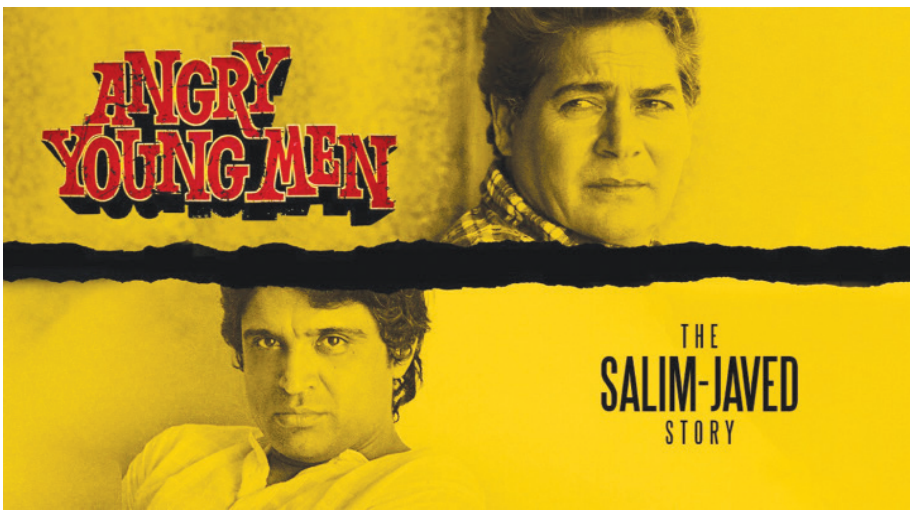
## Angry Young Men: Salman Khan, Farhan Akhtar announce new docuseries on Salim Khan, Javed Akhtar

Angry Young Men, a docuseries exploring the formidable creative partnership and legacy of writer duo Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar, will launch on Prime Video on August 20, the streamer announced.

The three-part series is a joint venture produced by superstar Salman Khan's Salman Khan Films; Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani's Excel Entertainment; and Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti's Tiger Baby Films. Namrata Rao, known for her work as an editor on movies such as Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!, Ishqiya, Band Baaja Baaraat and Kahaani, is the director. About Angry Young Men

Angry Young Men will explore the journey of the legendary writers, popularly known as Salim-Javed, who brought forth a revolution in Indian storytelling, by crafting iconic characters and dialogues that have etched their influence into the hearts and minds of the audience.

The duo revolutionised Indian cinema in the



1970s, with their films like Zanjeer, Sholay and Deewar, which spoke to the masses.

They are credited for reinventing the Bollywood blockbuster format through their films, playing to the gallery but also chronicling the angst of their times. Salim-Javed were also noted for being the first Indian screenwriters to achieve star status.

After collaborating on 22 Bollywood films as well as two Kannada films, the duo decided to split in 1982.

The title of the documentary, Angry Young Men, refers to the angry young man hero-type

the duo created in the 70s, which became a cinematic representation of the era and also gave birth to Amitabh Bachchan's stardom.

Salman Khan, Farhan Akhtar announce the project

Salman Khan, who serves as an executive producer on the series, said he saw his father and Javed Sahab work together on films which were nothing short of magical.

"Their love for cinema redefined heroism for an entire generation, leaving behind a legacy of cult classics. Personally, I would love to see them working together in the

future, I hope the fans and viewers can also agree.

Whether it's time, destiny, or professional choices that bring them together, their partnership always brings out the best.

"Angry Young Men is a tribute to their creative brilliance and the profound impact they've had on Indian cinema. It's an insightful journey into the hearts and minds of two superstar writers who changed the landscape of storytelling forever," he said.

According to Farhan Akhtar, Salim-Javed's journey was marked by grit, passion, and a

fierce zeal to transform Hindi cinema, especially in its attitude towards the writer.

"They succeeded and in doing so, left an impression that still lives on generations after," he said.

Zoya Akhtar said the series is about the two men that created a character that defined Hindi cinema in the 70s.

"The story of Salim-Javed's dynamic journey starting out from small towns to exploding onto the silver screen and how they put their hardships, their heartbreaks and their swag into their cinema," she added.

Angry Young Men is a truly special docuseries for the team at Prime Video, said Manish Menghani, Director, Content Licensing, Prime Video, India. "We are thrilled to collaborate with Salman Khan Films, Excel Media & Entertainment and Tiger Baby on this riveting docuseries that showcases how Salim-Javed not just transformed cinema but also left a lasting impact on society," he said.

## Masaba Gupta opens up about finding solace in Hanuman Chalisa during pregnancy



Fashion designer Masaba Gupta is expecting her first child with actor Satyadeep Mishra. In an interview with agency, she discussed how self-care has become important during pregnancy, claiming that she finds solace in Vikram Seth's translation of the 100 Mandalas and the Hanuman Chalisa.

"I take care of my belly with intention" The publication wrote that 'self-care has become paramount for Masaba' who 'finds solace in Vikram Seth's translation of the 100 Mandalas and the Hanuman Chalisa' as it 'grounds her after long workdays'.

Masaba also explained how she has become thoughtful in her diet, even

going as far as distancing herself from people who don't uplift her. She said, "I take care of my skin and belly with intention. I'm also thoughtful about my diet. I've distanced myself from those who don't uplift me and now spend time with individuals who offer positive reinforcement." She also claimed that she has a system that allows her to 'step away from work when needed' without 'feeling guilty'.

The designer also spoke of how people seem to perceive pregnancy and motherhood negatively. She said that she wants to challenge that perception, adding, "People often say, 'Oh my God, your life is gonna change after a baby comes along,' but they say it negatively. The whole point of having a baby is to embrace change."

Masaba Gupta on body acne

Masaba took to her Instagram stories in June this year to share her experience with body acne. She also wrote about how she has begun putting a positive spin on it, calling them 'baby kisses'.

She wrote, "Through my pregnancy I've been getting a fresh bout of body acne that leave a mark behind—every couple of weeks. Was troubled by it earlier but I've just renamed them 'baby kisses' now. A reminder of the newness of creation maybe. But incase you are going through something similar, hormones can be wild. You are not alone (red heart emoji)."

Masaba made her acting debut with the Netflix show Masaba Masaba and also starred in Prime Video's anthology series Modern Love: Mumbai.

## X account hacked, don't respond to any tweets or messages: Arjun Rampal

Actor Arjun Rampal requested his followers not to respond to any messages from his X account as it has been hacked.

Rampal, 51, shared the news in a post on his official Instagram page.

"Not good news my X account been hacked. Please don't respond to any tweets or messages. #accounthacked," he posted.

Recently, renowned lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar also revealed that his X profile was hacked and a post on the 2024 Paris Olympics was shared.

"My X ID is hacked. There is a message ostensibly from my account about our Indian team for Olympics. It is totally harmless but not sent by me. We are in the process of complaining to the



concern authorities in X (sic),' Akhtar had posted.

Rampal was most recently seen in 'Crakk', co-starring Vidyut Jammwal, Nora Fatehi and Amy Jackson.

His upcoming project is an untitled film by Aditya Dhar.

The movie will also feature Ranveer Singh, Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna and R Madhavan.

## Malaika reveals what happens when she finds 'something nasty' written about her

Television personality and former VJ Malaika Arora has shared how she reacts when something bad is written about her; she has been in news over her alleged breakup with longtime boyfriend, actor Arjun Kapoor. In an interview with agency, Malaika also talked about people complimenting her on her looks.

Malaika on how she reacts to mean articles

She said, "Sometimes when I find something nasty written about me, I'll admit, it messes up my day, but I'm getting better at blocking out the noise. I work a lot on keeping myself the way I am—mentally strong and being able to reinvent myself—by practising yoga and meditation, doing my retreats, eating, and sleeping on



time."

Malaika on people praising her

The former VJ shared how people praise her. Malaika said, "When someone says, 'You look amazing at 48,' it feels fantastic. I don't think people mean it in a derogatory way. It's a compliment. At 48, if I can look the way I do, it's due to my hard work, dedication, and focus, which is paying off. It feels great when someone asks, 'What do you do to stay like that?'"

Malaika lauds Taylor Praising Taylor Swift, she said that the singer is "making money, packing stadiums, and affecting economies, all at such a young age." She added that when she was the singer's age, she was "still trying to figure out what I wanted

to do."

Malaika's career--films, dance songs and show judge

In her career, Malaika has also featured in many films such as Kaante (2002) and EMI (2008).

She also performed in the songs Chaiyya Chaiyya (1998), Gur Naalo Ishq Mitha (1998), Maahi Ve (2002), Kaal Dhamaal (2005) and Munni Badnaam Hui (2010).

She made her debut as a film producer in 2008 with her ex-husband Arbaaz Khan. Malaika has judged several reality shows such as India's Best Dancer, MTV Supermodel of the Year, India's Next Top Model, India's Got Talent, Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, Zara Nachke Dikha, and Nach Baliye.

## Kusha Kapila clarifies she wasn't paid for her roast: 'West main sab kuch...'

Kusha Kapila earlier this year participated in Aashish Solanki's Pretty Good Roast Show, which recently dropped on YouTube, in which stand-up comedians cracked jokes on her divorce. In a new interview with agency, Kusha shared how she was not aware of the jokes that were made at her expense and wanted to give a clarification of what she felt was wrong with the roast.

What Kusha said

Kusha talked about her stance on the situation and said, "Mujhe unko batana tha ki kyu hua yeh roast, aisa kya tha. Kyuki main baithi un jokes pe. Toh yeh meri taraf se ek simple clarification tha, ki aisa nahi hai ki paise mile the toh aise baithe the, nahi pata tha ki kya jokes aane wale hai (I wanted to say that why the roast happened. Why I sat there. That was my clarification that it is not like I got paid to be there

and I didn't know what the jokes were)."

'West main sab kuch sign off hota hai'

Kusha added that she was not aware of the jokes, and said: "You are not against the roast. I enjoyed the jokes Kullu and Shreya cracked. I have respect for all artists, toh roast format se problem nahi hai, is cheez se problem hai ki I wish I was in on those jokes. Bas yahi baat hai. West main sab kuch sign off hota hai. India main bhi jo hue hain usme sab sign hua hai. Sabko pata tha kya jokes hone wale hain. Yahan pe mujhe nahi pata tha. Mere jokes unko pata the (In the West, everything is signed from before. In India also these rules apply. Everyone, except me, knew what the jokes were)."

Kusha also said that many pointed out that her response was 'delayed' and she did not understand why it



was an issue. She said that when something happens to her, you get frozen. She also added that many people had come and told her that

this was not the proper way to do the roast and that her reaction was valid.

Kusha was recently seen in Life Hill Gayi.

## Shraddha Kapoor to jump into a time travel adventure after the horror thrills with Stree 2

Shraddha Kapoor is busy with the promotions for her upcoming horror comedy, Stree 2. It's a sequel to her 2018 superhit film, Stree. Directed by Amar Kaushik, the film also stars Rajkumar Rao, Pankaj Tripathi, Abhishek Banerjee, and Aparshakti Khurana. So far, three songs from the movie have been released, and the audience has given an amazing response. People have waited six years for the sequel and can't wait to see what the makers have in store for them.

In her career of over a decade, Shraddha Kapoor has been a part of several interesting movies. She has done tragic romance, romantic comedy, action and dance films, and also horror. Soon, the actress is going to foray into the world of time travel. As per the reports, Kapoor's next film is going to deal with the subject of time



travel, and not much is revealed about the plot or star cast.

The report by agency also mentions that

Shraddha Kapoor will also be seen in the role of a separatist in the film titled Naagin. The supernatural drama

will be helmed by Nikhil Dwivedi. Just like the time travel film, there is no information available about the cast or the premise.

The actress was last seen in Luv Ranjan's romantic comedy Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (2023). The film also stars Ranbir Kapoor in the lead role. Talking about Stree 2, it will hit theatres on August 15, 2024. During the trailer launch, the makers confirmed that they have plans for the third installment, thus confirming Stree 3.

Rajkumar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor's horror comedy will clash with Khel Khel Mein and Vedaa. KKM stars Akshay Kumar, Taapsee Pannu, Fardeen Khan, Vaani Kapoor, Aditya Seal, and Ammy Virk. On the other hand, the Veda features John Abraham and Sharvari. Reportedly, Akshay will have a cameo in Stree 2.



# PM Modi releases 109 climate-resilient seed varieties to boost farm yield, nutrition

Developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), these varieties span 61 crops -- 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops

NEW DELHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday released 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient and bio-fortified seed varieties of agricultural and horticultural crops, aiming to enhance farm productivity and farmers' income.

Developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), these varieties span 61 crops -- 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops.

Modi unveiled the seeds at three experimental agriculture plots at Delhi's Pusa Campus,



where he also interacted with farmers and scientists.

The field crop varieties include cereals, millets, forage crops,

oilseeds, pulses, sugarcane, cotton and fibre crops. For horticulture, the PM released new varieties of fruits, vegetables, plantation crops, tubers, spices, flowers and medicinal plants.

Since 2014, Modi has advocated sustainable farming practices and climate-resilient methodologies to bolster farmers' income.

He has consistently emphasised the promotion of bio-fortified crop varieties, linking them to government initiatives like the Mid-Day Meal scheme and Anganwadi services to combat malnutrition in India.

# Casual remark on 'bomb' at Kochi airport lands passenger in soup

KOCHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): A casual reference to a 'bomb' made during a routine security check at the international airport here led to the arrest of a Mumbai-bound passenger.

The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) on Sunday said Manoj Kumar (42), who was scheduled to fly from Cochin to Mumbai by an Air India flight on Sunday morning made an "alarming" comment to a CISF officer at the x-ray baggage inspection counter.

"During the pre-embarkation security check, Mr. Kumar asked the CISF officer, 'Is there any bomb in my bag?' This statement triggered immediate concern and prompted the airport security team to take swift action," CIAL said in a statement.

The airport authority said the passenger's cabin and checked baggage were thoroughly inspected by the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad.

After completing the necessary

checks, which revealed no threat, Kumar was handed over to the local police for further investigation, CIAL said.

The Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC), which was convened to assess the situation, classified the threat as "non-specific," meaning it was not credible but still required a full security response.

The BTAC concluded its proceedings and the flight departed on time, CIAL added.

The airport authority said the security has been heightened at all the airports in view of the Independence Day approaching. The Cochin International Airport has already issued an advisory urging passengers to arrive at the airport well in advance of their scheduled flights to avoid delays due to the increased security measures during this generally busy season.

# Govt green light for desi nuclear-powered submarine expected this year

NEW DELHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): A government green light to enhance the attack capability of the Indian Navy is due this year through the manufacture of nuclear-powered submarines.

It is expected to serve as a deterrent for the Chinese Navy's increasing foray into the Indian Ocean Region.

This ambitious project is going to be indigenous. "The submarine will be more than 90% indigenous," sources said.

"By the end of the year, I think we should get the go-ahead for indigenous construction, as policy makers at every level have shown their inclination towards the project," one of the sources said. "The Chinese are unbelievably fast. We can take them lightly at our own peril," they added.

Since 2008, the Chinese Navy has been rapidly deploying various assets, including attack submarines, in the Indian Ocean region on anti-piracy duty. Prolonged deployments help gain familiarity and confidence. Additionally, Chinese survey vessels have been continuously operating in the region.

In May, China completed sea trials

of its Fujian aircraft carrier weighing a whopping 80,000 metric tons. The PLA already has two active carriers — the 66,000-ton Shandong and the 60,000-ton Liaoning.

"If any Chinese aircraft carrier comes close by, our nuclear submarine will serve as a deterrent because it can stay under water for close to a month."

There are two types of nuclear submarines, SSN and SSBN. SS stands for submersible ship; SSN is a nuclear-powered submarine; and SSBN is a nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine.

India already has SSBNs. They made the country's nuclear no-first use policy operational. SSNs have multiple mission utility like anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, besides intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. SSBNs offer assured second strike in the event of a nuclear attack.

India's foray in the nuclear submarine domain began with the induction of INS Arihant. It is suitable for the policy of no-first use of nuclear weapons with maintenance of minimum credible deterrence, as part of the nuclear triad.

# Jharkhand government not of tribals but of infiltrators: Himanta Sarma

RANCHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched a scathing attack on the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led (JMM) coalition government in Jharkhand over the issue of infiltration, claiming that the government represents infiltrators rather than tribals.

Sarma was addressing a planning conference for a youth outrage rally, scheduled to be organized in Ranchi on August 23 under the banner of BJP's youth organization.

Sarma, who also serves as the BJP's Jharkhand election co-in-charge, stated that on August 23, the youth of the state will set the agenda for Jharkhand.

At the gathering, the Assam Chief Minister



accused Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren of lying and making false promises to the public.

He pointed out that there are currently two major issues in the state: public anger over the government's broken promises and the need to protect the state from infiltrators. He emphasized that the people of Jharkhand must unite to

combat infiltrators, who are not attacking based on caste but are targeting Hindus.

He further claimed that the state's demography has been altered due to the influx of infiltrators.

"In 19 assembly constituencies of the state, more than 20% of the population consists of infiltrators. Whether it's Taranagar, Gopinathpur, or Gay Bathan, it is

not the rule of the tribal Chief Minister here, but of the infiltrators. The tribal sons are crying in hostels, and the Hemant government is labeling them as Naxalites and filing cases against them. The state government is being intimidated by Mamata Banerjee, and Hemant Soren remains silent," said Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The Assam Chief Minister also accused the Soren government of avoiding discussions about 5 lakh jobs, unemployment allowances, or Bangladeshi infiltrators, warning that the future of the state's youth is at risk if such a government continues.

Sarma further claimed that the government's Maiya scheme is a scam. "They talk about giving Rs 2000 for two months, but brokers

and intermediaries are extorting a thousand rupees just to fill out forms. Even computers have rejected the Hemant government. The mothers and sisters of the state do not want Rs 2000; they want jobs for their brothers and sons," said the Assam Chief Minister.

He also stated that Hemant Soren owes the unemployed youth of the state 3 lakhs for the past 60 months, which the youth are entitled to demand with interest. The youth's due money is stuck in Hemant Soren's house.

Sarma concluded by saying that the youth anger rally on August 23 will build a new Jharkhand and that the youth power of the state will compel "Shibu Soren's son to step down from his position."

# Karnataka seer claims government diverting welfare funds meant for SCs, STs

BENGALURU, Aug 11 (Agencies): Valmiki seer Prasanna Puri has alleged that the Karnataka government is diverting the welfare funds meant for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and using them to fulfill the schemes of the five guarantee schemes.

"We won't hinder your welfare schemes. We won't oppose your government's stand. The country's development is people's development. The poor, SCs, STs and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) must prosper," the seer said in Chitradurga.

"To uplift them, you made promises in your manifesto and implemented it. We don't oppose that. We oppose the funds reserved in the budget for SCs and STs being misused," he added.

The five guarantee schemes, a major poll plank of Con-



gress during campaigning for last year's assembly polls, are: Shakti (free bus rides for women), Anna Bhagya (additional five kilos of rice to ration card members), Gruha Lakshmi (monthly allowance for women heads of family), Gruha Jyothi (free power to households) and Yuva Nidhi (a monthly unemployment dole of Rs 3,000 for graduates and Rs 1,500 for diploma holders).

Meanwhile, the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government is accused of diverting over Rs 14,000 crore funds from the SCs and STs welfare plans for "other purposes".

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) issued a notice to the Karnataka government over allegations that it was diverting funds from the SCs and STs for fulfil its five guarantee schemes.

The notice came after a media report claimed the diversion of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds in the state.

In its notice to the Chief Secretary, the NCSC highlighted that the state government has decided to reallocate Rs 14,730 crore, originally earmarked under SCSP and TSP, to implement various welfare schemes known as the "five guarantee schemes".

Reacting to the NCSC notice, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that everything was being done as per the law and there was nothing wrong with it.

"We have made a law in the state that a particular amount of money will be spent on a particular community. There is nothing wrong with it. Earlier, Andhra Pradesh had brought a similar law," he said.

# Former Manipur MLA's wife killed in bomb blast, three others in gunfight between militants, village volunteers



GUWAHATI, Aug 11 (Agencies): A former MLA's wife was killed in a bomb blast in Manipur's Kangpokpi district, officials said on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Charubala, wife of a former Manipur MLA Yamthong Haokip.

The incident occurred around 2:30 pm on Saturday at the residence of Yamthong Haokip. Haokip belongs to the Kuki-Zo community, at

Saikul in Kangpokpi district.

Charubala, a Meitei, was in the garden at the time of the explosion. She was grievously injured and was rushed to a local hospital, but she succumbed to injuries around 11 pm.

Haokip and their daughter were also at the residence but they escaped unhurt. The motive behind the attack is not known. The police

said they were probing the case.

The incident comes close on the heels of the killing of three persons during a gunfight between the members of the insurgent group United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) and Kuki village volunteers in the Tengenpual district on Friday.

A militant belonging to the United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) and two village volunteers of the same community died.

In retaliation to the killings, village volunteers set ablaze the residence of UKLF chief. The reason behind the conflict between the two sides was not known.

# 12 Passengers jump out of train in panic as men operate fire extinguisher

NEW DELHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): Twelve passengers were injured when they jumped out of a slow-moving train in panic after some men operated a fire extinguisher and its fumes filled a coach near Uttar Pradesh's Bilpur on Sunday. The incident took place in a general coach of the Howrah-Amritsar Mail

in the morning near Bilpur station, which falls under the Moradabad division, an official of the Northern Railway said.

Passengers pulled the alarm chain for an emergency stop and jumped out of the train in panic, while it was still moving, the official said and added that "12 passengers were injured".

"Prima facie, it looks like some miscreants or unruly passenger operated a fire extinguisher which created an impression that a fire had broken out in the general coach of the moving Howrah-Amritsar Mail," he said. The official added that the Railway Protection Force is investigating the case.

# Railway protection force arrest 2 in Nashik for trespassing to make reels

THANE, Aug 11 (Agencies): Central Railway's Railway Protection Force (RPF) has successfully apprehended two individuals who trespassed into the Motorman's cabin of a stationary local train at Kasara station. Kasara is a town in the Thane district of Maharashtra.

According to an official statement released by the Central Railway on Sunday, "The accused were identified as Raja

Himmat Yerval (20) and Ritesh Hirallal Jadhav (18), both residents of Nashik. One of the accused entered the Motorman's cabin of suburban train number 95410 parked at Platform 4, Kasara station on July 25 and the other accused shot the video, which was uploaded on social media".

Central Railway's RPF team collaborated with the Cyber Cell and nabbed the duo from

Nashik on August 8.

During questioning, the accused confessed to having entered the Motorman's cabin of the train to create a video for social media.

They were subsequently arrested and charged under CR NO.1200/24, sections 145(b) and 147.

"This swift action demonstrates CR's zero-tolerance policy towards trespassing and unauthorized access and

gives a strong warning to offenders," the CR statement added.

Recently, a number of such incidents have come to light including Northern Railway's case of Gulzar Sheikh who was arrested by RPF for tampering with railway tracks for making videos.

Central Railway reiterates its commitment to passenger safety and appeals to all people

not to indulge in such acts which can endanger passenger safety, disturb railway work and violate the Railway Laws & Rules. "Offenders will face strict legal action."

The statement added that the safety of passengers remains the top priority for Indian Railways, and the authorities continue to take all necessary measures to ensure a secure travel environment.



## Olympic dream over, rude political reality likely next for Emmanuel Macron

*With the Paris Olympic Games just around the corner, the snap legislative polls called by Emmanuel Macron left France with three major blocs in parliament.*

PARIS, Aug 11 (Agencies): The success of the Paris Olympics 2024 has surpassed the wildest dreams of many in France but in the next weeks, President Emmanuel Macron still will have to face the reality of the deadlocked politics created by his calling of snap legislative elections.

With the Games just around the corner, the polls left France with three major blocs in parliament -- the left as the largest followed by Macron's centrist forces and the far right -- with none of them close to mustering the numbers for an overall majority.

The former government of Macron's allies, under Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, has carried on in a caretaker capacity throughout the Games, but five weeks after the elections, the country still does not have a new prime minister.

Macron may be hoping that the Games boost his embattled fortunes in the same way that France's winning and hosting of the 1998 football World Cup dragged up former president Jacques Chirac's popularity ratings.

But even with Paris set to continue basking in the limelight while hosting the Paralympics from August 28 to September 8, Macron faces a potentially fraught return to reality.

While the Games have lifted what was a morose mood in France, it is far from certain this will give a new impulse to the remaining three years of the unpopular president's mandate. 'Very angry'



"The fact that things are going well, that we are seen as beautiful and successful abroad, has struck a chord in a country that was experiencing decline and was no longer capable of doing great things collectively," said prominent political commentator Emmanuel Riviere. "This changes the collective climate but not the political situation: the situation remains blocked, many voters are frustrated... The French are putting things into perspective and remain very angry with Emmanuel Macron."

Macron's approval ratings remain well under 30 percent, with the president keeping a low profile during the election campaign and the Games, spending most of the Olympics ensconced in the Mediterranean holiday residence of the French president and making only occasional visits to Paris.

"The country needed this moment of coming together. In terms of the political impact, I remain very reserved," one minister from the outgoing government, who asked not to be

named, told agency.

When it comes to the Olympics, "we cannot make it a partisan success", added another. 'Political change'

The number one priority for Macron will be naming, and winning approval for, a new prime minister and government, a process that appears to remain as blocked as it was before the Games.

The left-wing New Popular Front, which emerged as the largest faction post-election, has said it wants the economist Lucie Castets to be the new premier.

Macron's forces have shown little interest in the idea, preferring an alliance with the traditional right, with the name of former Chirac-era minister and current head of the northern Hauts de France region, Xavier Bertrand, frequently cited as a candidate to lead a centre-focused coalition.

Outgoing equality minister Aurore Berge named Bertrand as a possible candidate alongside the likes of former EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier and

Senate speaker Gerard Larcher, saying he had "solid experience of government, parliament and compromise".

Naming him would be an "aberration", objected Castets, while Greens leader Marine Tondelier accused Macron of exploiting the political "truce" he called for the Olympics.

"This Olympic truce is not just because Emmanuel Macron is tired, it is because he wants time" and "to obstruct any attempt at political change", she said.

There had been an expectation that Macron could name the new premier in the window between the Olympics, which close on Sunday, and the opening of the Paralympics on August 28.

But as visitors and Parisians gasp in awe for the last time at the Olympic cauldron tethered to a balloon, sources within the executive are playing down the prospects of a rapid breakthrough.

"It (the Olympics) will calm things down in the sense that the idea that we work together will be less absurd," said a senior figure close to Macron, asking not to be named.

"But it's not because we went to take selfies in front of the cauldron with half of Paris that we're suddenly going to form a coalition."

Macron, known to use his vacations at the Fort de Bregancon holiday residence for deep reading and reflection, is "still thinking", according to a person close to him.

## Joe Biden explains why he exited 2024 US presidential race



WASHINGTON, Aug 11 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden last month announced his exit from the 2024 presidential race amid growing concerns over his health and a disastrous debate performance against rival Donald Trump.

After initially insisting he would stay in the race, the 81-year-old on July 21 announced his decision to step aside in a social media post while recovering from COVID-19 at his Delaware beach house.

Now, in an interview,

Biden has shared his reasons for not seeking re-election.

"When I ran the first time, I thought of myself as being a transition president," he said in an interview with CBS. "I can't even say how old I am -- it's hard for me to get it out of my mouth."

He also stated the importance of defeating Trump, the Republican nominee.

"Although it's a great honour to be a president, I think I have an obligation to the country to do what I -- most important thing you can

do. And that is -- we must, we must, we must defeat Trump," he said.

This interview follows his exit announcement, in which he endorsed his deputy Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee.

Harris is set to become the official Democratic nominee at the party's national convention in Chicago later this month.

When asked about his confidence in a peaceful transfer of power in January 2025, Biden stated, "If Trump loses, I'm not confident at all. He means what he says. We don't take him seriously."

He referenced Trump's previous comments, including warnings of a "bloodbath" and claims of a "stolen election".

"You can't love your country only when you win," Biden said.

## Russia launches airstrike on Ukraine's Kyiv, says mayor

KYIV, Aug 11 (Agencies): Russia launched an air attack on Kyiv, with air defence systems engaged on the outskirts of the city in repelling the strikes, the mayor of the Ukrainian capital and military administration officials said early on Sunday.

"Air defence units operating, air raid alert continues," Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

Agency witnesses said they heard at

least two explosions in what sounded like air defence units at work.

It was not immediately clear if the attack caused any damage or injuries.

Serhiy Popko, head of Kyiv's military administration, said on Telegram that the capital remained under the threat of Russia's ballistic missiles.

Kyiv, its surrounding region and all of eastern Ukraine were under air raid alerts, Ukraine's air force said on Telegram.

## Israel broadens its evacuation orders after deadly strike on Gaza school-turned-shelter

DEIR AL-BALAH, Aug 11 (Agencies): The Israeli military ordered more evacuations in southern Gaza early Sunday after a deadly airstrike on a school-turned-shelter in the north killed at least 80 Palestinians, according to local health authorities. Israel said it targeted a militant command post, killing at least 19 fighters.

Israel has repeatedly ordered mass evacuations as its troops have returned to heavily destroyed areas where they had previously battled Palestinian militants. The vast majority of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people have been displaced by the 10-month old war, often multiple times.

Hundreds of thousands have crammed into squalid tent camps with few public services or sought shelter in schools like the one struck on Saturday. Palestinians say nowhere in the besieged territory feels safe.

The latest evacuation orders apply to areas in Khan Younis, including part of an Israeli-declared humanitarian zone from which the military said rockets had been fired. Israel accuses Hamas and other militants of hiding among civilians and launching attacks from residential areas.

Khan Younis, Gaza's second-largest city, suffered widespread destruction during an air and ground offensive earlier this year. Tens of thousands fled again last week after an earlier evacuation order.

Hundreds of families carrying their belongings in their arms left their homes and shelters early Sunday, seeking elusive refuge.

"We don't know where to go," said Amal Abu Yahia, a mother of three, who had returned to Khan Younis in June to shelter in their severely damaged home. "This is my fourth displacement," said the 42-year-old widow, whose husband was killed when an Israeli airstrike hit their neighbors' house in March.

She said they went to Muwasi, a sprawling tent camp along the coast, but could not find any space.

Ramadan Issa, a father of five in his 50s, fled Khan Younis with 17 members of his extended family, joining hundreds of people walking toward central Gaza early Sunday.

"Every time we settle in one place and build tents for women and children, the occupation comes and bombs the

area," he said, referring to Israel. "This situation is unbearable."

Gaza's Health Ministry says the Palestinian death toll from the 10-month-old war is approaching 40,000, without saying how many were fighters. Aid groups have struggled to address the staggering humanitarian crisis in the territory, while international experts have warned of famine.

The war began when Hamas-led militants burst through Israel's defenses on Oct. 7 and rampaged through farming communities and army bases near the border, killing some 1,200 people -- mostly civilians -- and abducting around 250 people.

The United States, Egypt and Qatar have spent months trying to mediate a cease-fire and the return of the roughly 110 remaining hostages, around a third of whom Israeli authorities believe to be deceased. The conflict has meanwhile threatened to trigger a regional war, as Israel has traded fire with Iran and its militant allies across the region.

The strike on Saturday hit a mosque inside a school in Gaza City where thousands of people were sheltering. The Gaza Health Ministry said 80 people were killed and around 50 wounded. The Israeli military disputed the toll, saying it had killed 19 Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants in a precise strike.

Gaza City and the rest of the north have been surrounded by Israeli forces and largely cut off from the world since late last year, and it was not possible to independently confirm details of the strike.

The U.N. human rights office says Israel has carried out "systematic attacks on schools," which have served as shelters since the start of the war, with at least 21 hit since July 4, leaving hundreds dead, including women and children.

European leaders condemned the strike, while the U.S. said it was concerned about the reports of civilian casualties. Vice President Kamala Harris, speaking to reporters traveling with her in Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday, said: "Yet again, far too many civilians have been killed."

"We need a hostage deal and we need a cease-fire," she said. "The deal needs to get done and it needs to get done now."

## Families of Brazilian plane crash victims gather in Sao Paulo as experts work to identify the dead

SAO PAULO, Aug 11 (Agencies): Families of victims of an airliner crash in Brazil are gathering Sunday at a morgue and hotels in Sao Paulo as forensics experts work to identify the remains of the 62 people killed in the accident.

Local authorities said the bodies of the pilot, Danilo Santos Romano, and his co-pilot, Humberto de Campos Alencar e Silva, were the first to be identified by forensics experts.

Sao Paulo state government said in a statement Saturday evening that the remains of all the victims had been recovered. There were 34 male and 28 female bodies in the wreckage, it said.

The ATR 72 twin-engine turboprop operated by Brazilian airline Voeepass was headed for Guarulhos international airport in Sao Paulo with 58 passengers and four crew members when it went down Friday in Vinhedo, 78 kilometers (49 miles) north of the metropolis. Voeepass said three passengers who held Brazilian identification also carried Venezuelan documents and one had Portuguese.

At least eight physicians were aboard, Paraná state Gov. Ratinho Júnior said. Four professors at Unioeste university in western Paraná were also confirmed dead.

Three-year-old Liz Ibba dos Santos, who was travelling with her father, was the only child known to be on passenger list. The remains of Luna, a dog that was traveling with a Venezuelan family, was found in the wreckage.



Sao Paulo's morgue began receiving the bodies Friday evening, and it asked victims' relatives to bring in medical, X-ray and dental records to help identify the bodies. Blood tests were also done to help identification efforts.

The few family members speaking about the tragedy did so on social media.

Tânia Azevedo, who lost her son Tiago in the crash, was put up in one of the hotels in Sao Paulo, but said in a posting that she was waiting to go to the morgue.

"I believe Tiago is somewhere trying to help the other people wounded who also need light and love," she said. "I couldn't go there (to the morgue). I am here waiting. It is dark here, I need some light and love myself."

Images recorded by witnesses showed the aircraft in a flat spin and plunging vertically before smashing to the ground inside a gated community, and leaving an obliterated fuselage consumed by fire. Residents said there were no injuries on the ground.

It was the world's deadliest airline crash since January 2023, when 72 people died on a Yeti Airlines plane

in Nepal that stalled and crashed while making its landing approach. That plane also was an ATR 72, and the final report blamed pilot error.

Metsul, one of Brazil's most respected meteorological companies, said Friday there were reports of severe icing in Sao Paulo state around the time of the crash. Local media cited experts pointing to icing as a potential cause for the accident.

A video shared on social media channels Saturday shows a Voeepass pilot telling passengers of a flight from Guarulhos to the city of Cascavel, the same origin of the crashed plane, that the ATR 72 has flown safely around the world for decades. He also asked passengers to be respectful to the memory of his colleagues and the company and asked for prayers.

"This tragedy doesn't hit only those who perished in this accident. It hits all of us," the unidentified pilot said. "We are giving all our hearts, all our best to be here and fulfill our mission to take you safely and comfortably to your destination."

Police restricted access to the main

entrance of the Sao Paulo morgue where bodies from the crash were being identified. Some family members of the victims arrived on foot, others came in minivans. None spoke to journalists, and authorities requested that they not be filmed as they came.

A flight carrying more family members from Paraná state landed Saturday afternoon at Guarulhos airport, and they also chose not to speak to journalists. A minivan sponsored by the airline was provided to transport them to the morgue.

Many family members were gathering at a hotel in downtown Sao Paulo, and declining to speak to media there, too.

An American Eagle ATR 72-200 crashed on Oct. 31, 1994, and the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board determined the probable cause was ice buildup while the plane was circling in a holding pattern. The plane rolled at about 8,000 feet and dove into the ground, killing all 68 people on board. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration issued operating procedures for ATRs and similar planes telling pilots

not to use the autopilot in icing conditions.

Brazilian aviation expert Lito Sousa cautioned that meteorological conditions alone might not be enough to explain why the Voeepass plane fell in the manner it did Friday.

"Analyzing an air crash just with images can lead to wrong conclusions about the causes," Sousa told The Associated Press by phone. "But we can see a plane with loss of support, no horizontal speed. In this flat spin condition, there's no way to reclaim control of the plane."

Brazil's air force said Saturday that both of the plane's flight recorders had been sent to its analysis laboratory in the capital, Brasilia. The results of its investigations are expected to be published within 30 days, it said.

Marcelo Moura, director of operations for Voeepass, told reporters Friday night that while there were forecasts for ice, they were within acceptable levels for the aircraft.

In an earlier statement, the Brazilian air force's center for the investigation and prevention of air accidents said the plane's pilots did not call for help or say they were operating under adverse weather conditions.

The ATR 72, which is built by a joint venture of Airbus in France and Italy's Leonardo SpA, is generally used on shorter flights. Crashes involving various models of the ATR 72 have resulted in 470 deaths going back to the 1990s, according to a database of the Aviation Safety Network.



# IIM Jammu hosts plantation drive under “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” Campaign

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu organized a plantation drive at its Jagti campus under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign on 11th Aug 2024, in collaboration with the social group Oxygen Footprints, Jammu. The initiative, led by the faculty, staff and students of IIM Jammu, reflects the institute's commitment to environmental sustainability and community welfare.

The event witnessed active participation from students, as well as members of Oxygen Foot-



prints. Over 385 plants of various varieties were planted across the Jagti campus, enhancing the greenery and contributing to the overall environmental health of the region.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, emphasized IIM Jammu's commitment to nurturing both

its students and the environment. He highlighted the significance of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the eve of World Environment Day, as a tribute to the nurturing spirit of Mother Earth.

He noted that this plan-

tion drive is a crucial step towards a greener future, urging students and the broader community to take responsibility for nature. He also called on everyone to contribute to making our planet greener, thereby supporting a sustainable ecosystem.

Harneet Singh, Oxygen Footprints, Jammu,

expressed pride in collaborating with IIM Jammu in this noble cause, which aims to inspire individuals to contribute to environmental conservation.

The event was supervised by Harneet Singh, Oxygen Footprints and Vijay Anant Kamble, Administrative Officer-Projects & Admin, IIM Jammu, along with students of IIM Jammu who actively participated in the plantation drive.

The event was coordinated by Student Affairs Office and Student Council, IIM Jammu. This initiative marks another milestone in IIM Jammu's ongoing efforts to integrate sustainability into its campus and community activities.

# Batwal community members hold interactive meet

Top News Report

R S PURA, Aug 11: The Batwal community members hailing from different corners of Jammu and Punjab held an interactive meet here today.

R.L.Kaith said the main reason of the interactive meet was to see the present scenario of Barwal community people residing in Jammu and Punjab's remote areas and the problems they are facing on various accounts.

Speakers said that even after seventy seven years of independence, the living condition of too many of Batwal people in Batala camp is pitiable.



The meet urged the Union Government to order for their ethnographic study and sanction economic package to them so that they may also lead a dignified life like other evolved products of the society.

Prominent among those who attended the meet included Sardar Lakhwinder Singh Lakhotra, Sardar Avtar Singh Lakhotra, Sardar Singh Lakhotra, Charan Dass Lakhotra, Jeet Lal Loria, Ashok Kumar Kaith, Ramesh Chand Chanjotra and Jagdish Raj Kaith.

# BJP has deceived people of Jammu: Bhardwaj



Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Aug 11: Giving a clarion call to people to teach the ruling-BJP a lesson for anti-people policies and total failure of the twin-engine syndrome, often touted by them as a solution to resolve people's problem, senior Congress leader Mr Mohinder Bhardwaj said due to colossal failure of the Centre and BJP-driven LG administration in J&K, people of Jammu are suffering for no fault of theirs.

Addressing a mega "Nyay Rally" here today organised to highlight the problems being faced by the people due to total unresponsive governing system, he said the soon to be held assembly elections will be an opportunity for people to punish the guilty. "Soon the people's court will be asked to deliver the judgement. It will be your golden opportunity to seek explanation from BJP leaders and candidates, when they come to seek votes, as to what they have done for you. Consign them to the dustbin through the means of ballot lest they do not dare to take you far-granted in future," he said.

Bhardwaj said past track-record proves that only Congress stands by the poor, downtrodden, farmers, women, small

traders and other sections of the society. "Lately, our leader Mr Rahul Gandhi has shown by his actions and not merely words how these commitments are fulfilled and will all follow this path" he said.

He said the so-called double-engine sarkar has failed the people of Jammu on all fronts. The people of Jammu region, particularly those of Vijaypur assembly segment, have been left to fend for themselves both in terms of protection of their political empowerment, land and employment rights and on issues related with bread and butter. On top of that they are suffering on a day-to-day basis due to lack of basic amenities such as regular power and water supply, good roads and the tax-terrorism unleashed by the government.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been deprived of the status of statehood which was duly granted to them by the Constitution in 1948 and with it they have lost their identity. "Hollow promises are being made by the Government of India on restoration of statehood. These are mere political stunts being played on people to seek their votes. Launching a broadside against the administration, he said the authorities have turned a blind eye towards the serious

problem of unemployment. It has assumed serious proportions and the frustrated unemployed youth are being driven to the extreme ends due to total failure of the government. Total falsehood is being spread that the thousands of youths have been provided employment. Where is the proof, and where are the jobs, he asked the administration.

Drawing attention of the government towards pathetic conditions of civic amenities and roads in Purmandal Block, Bari Brahmana and Vijaypur and other towns and villages of the area, he demanded that the government should immediately provide power and water supply to people including farmers on subsidised rates so that they could make their livelihood sustainable.

Others who were present on the occasion Gurmmeet Singh, General Secretary Pardesh Congress Committee, Adv Munish Choudhary, Adv Jagpreet, Dr Rajesh, Rashpal Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Rakesh Chalotra, Babu Ram Saini, Jeet Raj, Dr Ramesh Choudhary, number of former sarpanches and panches and other prominent persons of all the three blocks of Vijayour constituency.

# Ensure victory of polling booths in Assembly elections: Manhas

Top News Report

SAMBA, Aug 11: Former Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & Ex State President Bharatiya Janata Party (J&K) Shamsher Singh Manhas today addressed the "Tridev Sammelan " at Samba District. While addressing the gathering, Manhas said that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is closely working on its slogan 'One booth, 20 youths', has identified 'key voters' at every polling booth whose task would be to woo fellow voters in its support at the grassroot levels.

Manhas said Under our booth management plan, the party has focused its energy on inducting influential people of the society as key voters who could be helpful to ensure the party's win on all 151 booths in Samba assembly constituency .He said that the party's mantra for winning at the

booths is 'Booth Jeeta Chunav Jeeta' or 'Victory at Booths is Win in Polls'.

The party has drafted a plan to ensure a big margin wins in the polls this year by focusing on specific strategy for each and every booth in terms of its social equations, highest number of voters of a particular community or caste as well as weakness and strengths, he added.

Manhas said Prime Minister Narendra Modi "historic" decision to abrogate Article 370 & 35-A has ushered a new dawn of peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We have also intensified a campaign to connect urban and semi-urban based voters in both online and offline mode and groups of party workers have been assigned the task to connect with all eligible voters ahead of the polling day," said Thakur Narayan Singh Jamwal.

# Machail Yatra Pilgrimage: Traffic Movement on Kishtwar-Paddar Road Resumed; safety fully ensured

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Aug 11: Recent posts on social media platform alleging that the Machail Yatra was stopped due to a terrorist encounter in Kishtwar have caused unnecessary panic among pilgrims and locals. This report does not reflect the current situation.

As of the latest update, the vehicular and Yatra movement on the Kishtwar-Paddar road, which had experienced a brief halt earlier this morning, has fully resumed.

The District Administra-

tion, led by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, has confirmed that there is no cause for concern regarding the safety of the Yatra or the local traffic.

The halt was a precautionary measure taken to ensure the utmost safety of all individuals on the route.

Earlier, this morning a search operation was launched in the piyas, Nagseni area of Kishtwar led by SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom-JKPS and team of Police & security forces.As a precautionary measure the traffic and Yatra movement was

stopped.

After a brief pause, both the Yatra and traffic movement have resumed smoothly. There is no need for panic.

The District Administration urges all citizens and Pilgrims to continue their journey with confidence, as all necessary security measures have been taken to ensure their safety.

For further updates, please refer to official channels of District Administration Kishtwar and avoid spreading unverified information that can cause unnecessary panic.

# Batwal community grieves demise of Naresh Kumar Mandi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: The Batwal community members at a meeting held in R S Pura Ward No. 6, expressed grief over the demise of Naresh Kumar Mandi who was residing at Village Deoli.

R L Kaith said, the deceased was most kind and considerate person. He would always think about others' welfare and promote justice and fairness because he viewed everyone as a deserving and worthy human being.

Community members extended their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul.

Among others present in the meeting included Manager Tarsem Lal Loria (Retd), Naib Tehsildar Sewa Ram Mandi (Retd), Sarpanch Ashok Kumar Kaith, Charan Dass Lakhotra, Jeet Lal Loria, Vikram Loria, Ashok Kumar Kaith, Ramesh Chand Chanjotra, Jagdish Raj Kaith and Ajay Kumar Loria,

# Institution's Innovation Council GDC Doda organizes Impact Lecture Series

Top News Report

DODA, Aug 11: The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) at Government Degree College (GDC) Doda organized an Impact Lecture Series, sponsored by the Innovation Cell, Union Ministry of Education, Government of India. The event, held under the patronage of Principal Dr. Javed Iqbal, was inaugurated by Dr. Sandeep Kotwal, the IIC coordinator, with the traditional lighting of the lamp.

In his opening address, Dr. Javed Iqbal welcomed the guests and emphasized the impor-



ance of fostering a start-up ecosystem within educational institutions. He highlighted the need for innovative thinking and entrepreneurship among students.

The lecture series fea-

tured two distinguished resource persons: Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, Coordinator of Business Innovation and Incubation at the University of Jammu, and Mr. Asif Ali, Managing Director of

Chenab Valley Spring Water Osheen Aqua.

Dr. Harish Chander Dutt delivered a lecture on "Innovative Ideas in MAPs Business," where he discussed entrepreneurship as a viable career path. He encouraged students to explore start-up opportunities and engage in innovative projects.

Asif Ali shared his insights on the "Growth Story of a Successful Entrepreneur," recounting his own experiences and challenges in building a successful business. His story served as an inspiration for the students, demonstrating

the possibilities within the entrepreneurial landscape.

The event included an interactive session, during which both resource persons addressed questions and concerns from students and faculty members, providing valuable guidance.

The event was hosted by Dr. Jamsheed Ahmad, and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Purnima Manhas. Over 100 students and faculty members from various departments attended the session, making it a successful and impactful event.

# Anantnag Encounter | Injured civilian dies, toll mounts to three

general area of Kokernag last September, during which four security personnel, including Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish and Deputy SP Humayun Bhat were killed in the week-long engagement with terrorists.

Two terrorists, including a senior commander of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), were also neutralised during that operation.

Security forces have ramped up their efforts in the woods of Kokernag after an encounter in Doda district on July 15 that resulted in the deaths of four soldiers, including a captain.

It is believed that the terrorists involved in the recent Anantnag incident may have crossed over from Kishtwar district after escaping the confrontation in Doda.

Giving details of the current operation, a Srinagar-based defence spokesperson said that on August 5, it was confirmed

through human and electronic means that terrorists responsible for atrocities in the Doda region in July have sneaked across the Kishtwar range into the Kapran-Garol area in south Kashmir.

"The Rashtriya Rifles and the Jammu and Kashmir Police have relentlessly tracked these terrorists and precise operations were launched on the night of August 9 and 10 in the mountains in the east of Kapran where these terrorists were reportedly held up.

"Suspicious movement was observed at around 2 pm on August 10. Challenging (by security forces) was immediately responded by indiscriminate, desperate and reckless firing from terrorists in which two Army personnel and two civilians, in the vicinity were injured," the spokesperson said.

He said the terror antecedents of the injured civilians are being ascertained.

"The area is at an altitude of above 10,000 feet, has thick undergrowth, large boulders, nallahs and re-entrants that pose a serious challenge to operations. Security forces are moving deliberately and are in the process of hunting down the terrorists,"

the spokesperson said.

The situation remains tense as security forces continue their pursuit of the terrorists in the area.

## Former foreign minister Natwar Singh no more

Singh.

Singh also authored several books including, 'The Legacy of Nehru: A Memorial Tribute' and 'My China Diary 1956-88'.

His autobiography is titled 'One Life is Not Enough'.

## Govt should focus on concrete security steps in JK, Not self-praise: Congress

and Kashmir. Salute to the martyrdom of our brave soldiers. Our deepest condolences to their bereaved families." He also wished for a speedy recovery of the

injured.

"The increase in the number of terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir is a matter of concern. The national security policy of the Modi government should be to take concrete steps instead of indulging in self-praise," Kharage said.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the news of martyrdom of two brave soldiers while facing terrorists in Anantnag is extremely saddening.

"May God grant peace to the departed souls. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families. I wish for the speedy recovery of the injured," she said.

## Another batch of pilgrims leaves for Amarnath Yatra from Srinagar base camp

serves as the camping ground for pilgrims.

Prasad, from Bengaluru, on his fifth visit

to Kashmir, expressed hope about completing the Yatra by Sunday evening.

"I want to visit Kashmir every year. I appeal to everyone to come here," said Prasad while appreciating the beauty of the valley.

The Yatra, which officially began on June 29 from the Baltal and Pahalgam base camps, is scheduled to conclude on August 19.

This year, the Amarnath Yatra is taking place amidst a significant increase in terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir.

## MeT predicts light to moderate rain, thundershowers in J&K parts till Aug 18

with heavy rain during August 11, 14 & 17.

The official further informed that during last 24-hours a significant rainfall has been recorded in Jammu 71 mm, Kathua 77mm, Udhampur 59.6mm, Samba 60.5mm and Katra 51 mm.



## Rapid infrastructure development in Udhampur-Kathua-Doda constituency taken up to transform its landscape: Dr Jitendra

### Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 11 : Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh held a Public Durbar here on Sunday and interacted with Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and StartUps and also launched Telemedicine AI driven service "Doctor on Wheels". "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) is not only supporting women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to increase their livelihoods but is also promoting avenues of self-employment for the local youth", said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here today. He was speaking around an exhibition on NRLM held at Government Higher Secondary School at Chenani tehsil in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir. The Minister said, the women SHGs engaged through this mission have become atmanirbhar themselves and are also providing employment -opportunities to other women



and the youth. "LAKHPATIDIDs – SHG Didis who are earning sustainable income and have become role models in the society, will transform the rural economy", he underscored. Dr Singh said DAY-NRLM, a flagship programme of the Government, is the world's largest initiative to improve the livelihoods of the poor.

Talking about the infrastructure development of the Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, Dr Jitendra Singh said, roads under PMGSY and highways are being built at a rapid pace with an objective to improve both connectivity in remote areas and reduce travel time. "The new National Highway from Lakhanpur-

Bani-Basohli-Doda, when completed, will boost connectivity and enhance ease of travel", Dr Singh stated. Similarly, Goha-Khellani-Khannabal National Highway linking Chenani-Sudhmahadev-Khellani-Chattroo-Khannabal will provide an alternative route of surface transport, he said. "The Modi government is focussed on consolidating the gains of the last ten years to transform the rural landscape", Dr Jitendra Singh stated.

On the occasion, the Union Minister flagged off 'Aarogya-Doctor on Wheels' ambulance mobile telemedicine service. He said the free telemedicine StartUp initiative is aimed at providing healthcare services

to people of far-flung villages at their doorsteps free of cost. Explaining the working of the mobile ambulance, the minister said "the entire exercise of patient examination and providing a prescription is accomplished in about 45 minutes, which may in normal course of action, take days if the patient has to be physically examined at a hospital". "A patient can now narrate his medical problem through his native language and the Doctor on Wheels responds to the patient in the same language", he added. Dr Jitendra Singh described the novel initiative as a healthcare start-up which should be promoted at a mass scale. In this regard, Dr Singh pitched for more CSR

contributions for further growth and sustenance of this experiment so that more and more people benefit from it.

Later, Dr Jitendra Singh held a public durbar during which a large number of people aired their grievances and presented their demands, seeking their early resolution. Many grievances were redressed on the spot. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh directed the district level officers to attend to people's issues and demands in a speedy manner. He said the government is committed to addressing people's issues, and that is why he has been himself meeting citizens in such public darbars over the last few weeks to ensure their redressal and resolution at the earliest.

Earlier, upon his arrival, the Union Minister visited various stalls of different departments showcasing products made under the DAY-NRLM. Dr Singh also planted a sapling on the premises of Government Higher Secondary School, Chenani as part of Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative of the Government of India.

## Malik expresses concern over excessive power bills being slapped on public despite unscheduled power cuts

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: In a significant move aimed at strengthening the party's grassroots presence and expanding its organizational infrastructure, Lok Jana Shakti Party (Ramvilas) today opened Party office at Kotli, Rajpoot for public to make convenient for locals to take up issues which come in their day to day life.

The office inaugurated by Rafiq Malik, State President of Lok Jana Shakti Party (Ramvilas) in presence of RK Bali Chief Advisor, RP Singh General Secretary, Vikram Singh General Secretary (Organisation), Daljeet Singh Chief Coordinator, Rashpal Singh Office Secretary, MK Bhat President Migrant Cell, Puran Chand State Secretary, Kamaljeet State Secretary, Lakhwinder Pal (State Secretary), Davinder Singh State Secretary, Indrajeet President Samba, Shahbaz Malik Youth President, Iqbal Singh Vice President Youth J&K among prominent party leaders, senior party workers, and notable personalities from the area. Prominent among who were present are Rajinder Kumar, Ravinder Kumar, Rohit Kumar, Ram Paul, Suman Kumar, Sunder Kumar, Amit Kumar, Pankaj, Rajan Kumar, Rajat Kumar & others.

Addressing the gathering, Rafiq Malik expressed his enthusiasm for the new office and its role in enhancing the party's outreach in the region.

"Today marks a new chapter for Lok Jana Shakti Party (Ramvilas) in far flung area. This office will serve as a pivotal center for our party's activities, facilitating better coordination and communication among our workers and support-



ers. We are committed to addressing the needs and aspirations of the people of adjoining and ensuring that their voices are heard at all levels of governance," said Rafiq Malik.

Rafiq highlighted unscheduled power cuts that has impacted the normal life as well as irregular drinking water supply in area besides excessive power bills being slapped on public. These power cuts are imposed in a phased manner that goes up to eight to ten hours in a day in the Jammu plains. Unfortunately, the villagers are worst affected, and no one is ready to speak for the poor people," he added, while condemning the Govt as it failed to purchase the required power and did not fix responsibility on the erring JPDCL officials. He stated that the drinking water supply system has also collapsed because of the power cuts. He warned that if the JPDCL did not improve the power supply system, the Party would intensify its agitation against the Govt for its failure.

Malik highlighted the lack of communication regarding billing issues, with Malik stating that there are no SMS notifications about paid bills, and there is confusion over where the payments are going. He demanded

the return of local power projects such as Salal, Uri, and Ratli, as well as the waiver of electricity bills for poor families. He also demanded immediate repair and blacktopping of roads in area which are in dilapidated condition since long. Hundreds of people living in the different villages commute on these roads on daily basis and its deplorable condition since long has irked them, Malik said. Due to callous attitude of the district administration, this roads have turned into a death trap. In the past, many precious lives were lost in accidents on this road, he stated. The road needs immediate repair and blacktopping as some roads are surface link for hundreds of people to visit for their works.

Vikram Singh Bhadwal General Secretary Organisation J&K also expressed his thoughts on the occasion, requests LG Manoj Sinha to provide electricity to poor on subsidised rate in Jammu & Kashmir. As where've we have visited everyone is speaking in voice that our electricity bill raised from 300/400 to 1500/2000 with approximately 8 hour cut, fluctuation. Vikram Singh highlighted the party's commitment to grassroots engagement and community development.

## Senior citizen have important role in highlighting BJP's good governance among youths: JD Singh

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: A meeting of the Senior Citizen Cell was held under the supervision of J.D Singh, the BJP State Convenor of the Senior Citizen Cell, at Mira Sahib.

The gathering saw the participation of several senior leaders, including Advocate Devraj Sharma, Rajendra Pathania, Ashok Dogra, Madan Lal Raina, Girdhari Lal, Radha Krishna, Mukesh Sharma, G. L. Raina, Daulat Ram, Satpal, Jogesh Pal, and Ramesh Kumar.

The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss the pressing issues relevant to senior citizens, with leaders sharing their insights and strategies on how best to address the needs of the elderly community.

The discussions emphasized the critical role senior citizens play in society and the



importance of continued advocacy and support for them.

J.D. Singh, in his address, highlighted the significant role senior citizens have in every sphere of society.

He encouraged them to share the wealth of their life experiences with the younger generations, thereby contributing to the vision of a developed nation, "Viksit Bharat," as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Singh stressed that the wisdom and experiences of senior citizens are invaluable in guiding the youth and fostering the nation's progress.

During the meeting, J.D. Singh reflected on the history of governance in India and Jammu and Kashmir, pointing out that senior citizens have witnessed the programs and policies of various political parties over the decades.

He specifically mentioned that for most of the time after independence, Congress ruled at the Centre, while regional parties like NC and PDP held power in Jammu and Kashmir.

However, despite their prolonged governance, people were often discriminated against and deprived of their genuine

rights, with regional parties promoting dynastic rule rather than serving the public, he said.

J.D. Singh further urged the senior citizens to take a stand against the political parties that have engaged in the politics of appeasement and false sloganeering.

He emphasized that it was the BJP-led NDA government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, that has presented a true model of good governance over the past decade, addressing the suffering of people across the Union Territory.

Singh praised the Modi government for its historic decisions and the significant strides it has made in the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh also highlighted various development projects and welfare schemes launched by the Modi government over the last ten years. He spoke about the remark-

able work accomplished by the BJP-led NDA government since it came to power in 2014, which led to widespread appreciation and a subsequent electoral victory in 2019.

J.D. Singh emphasized that under PM Modi's leadership, India witnessed all-around development, and significant efforts were made to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the poor and marginalized sections of society.

He described the achievements of the Modi government as unparalleled, stressing the crucial role that senior citizens play in educating society about these developments.

Singh urged the senior citizens to garner support for the BJP to ensure that more projects are brought to Jammu and Kashmir, leading to the creation of a "Naya Jammu and Kashmir," where people can progress and lead dignified lives.

## GDC Marheen organized lecture under theme "Role of Vigilance for curbing corruption in India"

### Top News Report

MARHEEN, Aug 11: In a series of events during the celebration of the Vigilance Awareness Week, Department of English, GDC Marheen, organized an expert lecture under the theme "Role of Vigilance for curbing corruption in India". The programme was organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta, esteemed Principal of the college.

Dr. Arun Dev Singh,, HOD department of English was the resource person on the occasion. He deliberated on the importance of celebrating Vigilance

Week every year. He also emphasized that awareness among the masses is only the solution against corruption.

He also discussed about the prevailing problems of corruption and some suggestive measures at individual and societal level to eradicate the problems by organizing awareness programs.

Students actively participated and clear their doubts by asking a number of questions during the discussion.

The faculty members present on the occasion were Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary, Dr. Balbinder Singh, Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr. Shalun Rani and Prof. Manu Saini.

## Rahul Sahai submits memorandum to Lt Governor for economic development

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: Rahul Sahai, Chairman of the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI), Jammu Chapter, has presented a detailed memorandum to Manoj Sinha, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, outlining key recommendations for the region's economic advancement.

In his memorandum, Sahai expressed appreciation for recent policy measures such as the "Gair Mumkin Khads" policy and the reopening of the "NCSS Portal," which have been well-received by the people of Jammu.

He stressed the need for timely action in delivering orders for "Gair Mumkin Khads" and urged the administration to establish clear timelines for this process to enhance Jammu's economic landscape.

Sahai congratulated the Lieutenant Governor on



the successful implementation of the Rs 28,400 crore NCSS Package registrations, which has generated significant investment interest in J&K.

However, he recommended extending the registration deadline and increasing the budget to Rs 75,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore.

He also proposed a 30% reservation for local domiciles in land allotments and the establishment of ancillary units to benefit

local industrialists.

Addressing long-standing issues, Sahai suggested creating a dedicated department within the Industry Department to connect the industrial revolution with job creation for local residents.

This department would link industries with skill development institutes, aiming to reduce outward migration and drug addiction among youth.

Sahai also called for the renewal of expired lease

deeds for markets like Fruit Mandi and Sabzi Mandi and requested the Lieutenant Governor to visit Transport Nagar, Jammu, to approve additional development funds.

He highlighted concerns that incentives under the NCSS 2021 package have largely benefited outside business houses, urging a 30% land reservation in key industrial zones for local entrepreneurs.

The memorandum also addressed delays in sanctioning new industry incentives under the NCSS package, attributing these issues to administrative hurdles. PHDCCI urged prompt resolution to support both new and existing industries.

Sahai concluded by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to present these suggestions and requested ongoing interactions with the Lieutenant Governor to address real-time issues and foster Jammu & Kashmir's continued development.

## Congress committed to provide basic amenities to people: Uday Chib

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 11: Uday Bhanu Chib, General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress criticized the BJP for depriving the people of basic amenities in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted the plights of local residents, who have been decrying the lack of essential services and lamenting that their issues have fallen on deaf ears.

Addressing a meeting at Lower Thather, Ward No 63, in Jammu North Assembly segment, the senior Congress leader asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been deprived of their fundamental rights and basic amenities under the BJP regime. It is disheartening to see the plight of the people, who are struggling for basic necessities while their concerns are being ignored," he added.

Expressing disappointment over the continued denial of statehood and



the delay in restoring a popular government in J&K, Uday Chib stressed the need for immediate political stability and democratic governance. "The BJP has deceived the people with false promises and empty slogans over the past decade. It is time for a change, and the Congress party is ready to serve the people with dedication and integrity," he remarked.

Uday Chib underscored that development, dignity, and peace in Jammu and Kashmir are the top priorities of the Congress party. He emphasized that Congress has always stood for the welfare of

the people of J&K and is committed to ensuring their rights and well-being.

The senior Congress leader appealed to the people to support the Congress party in the upcoming Assembly polls, assuring them that a Congress-led government would ensure social, political, and economic empowerment for all. "Congress Party has the potential and the will to change the scenario for the better. The future of our youth is at stake, and only Congress can ensure a shining future for Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

Uday Chib urged voters to value their votes and not be swayed by the BJP's emotional sloganeering and fake promises. "Your vote is your power. Use it wisely to bring about the change you deserve. Support Congress in the upcoming elections, and together, we will restore dignity and basic amenities to the people of J&K," he added.

Among those who were present in the meeting include Surinder Bhagat, Ranjodh Singh, Madan Singh, Kaka Ram, Pummy Manhas, Jung Bahadur, Sunil Rajput, Tarun Vaid and others.



## Wait gets longer: CAS decision on Vinesh Phogat appeal to come on August 13

PARIS, Aug 11 (Agencies): The ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will take some more time to deliberate on Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her disqualification from the women's 50kg free-style final of the Olympic Games and will announce its decision only on August 13.

The 29-year-old was disqualified for being 100gm overweight at the time on weigh-in on Wednesday. The much-anticipated verdict on her appeal was earlier due to be announced on Saturday evening.

However, in a chaotic turn of events, the Indian Olympic Association first stated that the verdict will be out on Sunday before issuing a clarification to say that the outcome will be known only on August 13.

"The ad-hoc division of CAS has extended time for the Sole Arbitrator Hon. Dr Annabelle Bennett in the Vinesh Phogat



vs. United World Wrestling & the International Olympic Committee matter to give a decision till 6-00 p.m. on August 13, 2024," the IOA statement read.

"The reference to August 11 in the earlier communication sent by me was to the time given to all parties to present any additional documents before the Sole Arbitrator," it added.

The body apologised for "the confusion and inconvenience caused".

The Games will close on Sunday with a ceremony at Stade de France, which was the venue for track and field events.

The CAS ad-hoc division, set up especially for dispute resolution during the Games, had accepted Vinesh's appeal

against her ouster on Friday.

The Indian has demanded that she be given a joint silver with Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, who had lost to Vinesh but was later promoted to the final following the Indian's disqualification.

American Sarah Hildebrandt won the gold after defeating Lopez in the title clash.

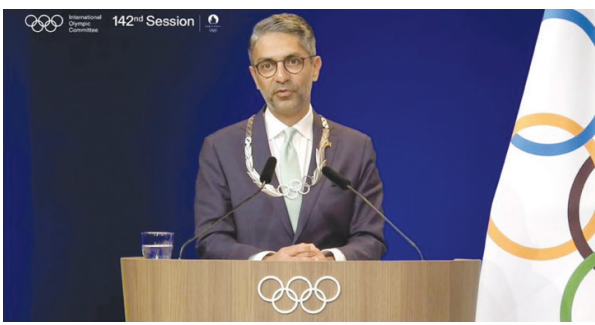
Vinesh was represented by high-profile senior advocates Harish Salve and Vidushpat Singhania.

Crestfallen after being disqualified, the world championships bronze-medallist announced her retirement on social media.

The United World Wrestling has already made it clear that it was not in favour of making an exception for her although it could consider reforms in rules at a later time.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach held a similar view.

## Abhinav Bindra awarded Olympic Order for 'distinguished contribution' to Olympic movement



PARIS, Aug 11 (Agencies): Indian shooting icon Abhinav Bindra was awarded the prestigious Olympic Order in recognition of his 'distinguished contribution' to the Olympic movement.

Bindra, who became India's first-ever Olympic individual gold medallist in the 2008 Beijing Games with is top finish in 10m air rifle event, was conferred with the honour by the International Olympic Committee during its 142nd session here.

"When I was a young boy, it was these Olympic rings, which gave meaning to my life," Bindra said.

"And it was a privilege to be able to pursue my Olympic dream for over two decades. Post my athletic career, it has been a great passion of mine to try and contribute back to the Olympic Movement. It has been a privilege and an honour," he added.

The 41-year-old, who is also the vice chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission, said the award

will inspire him to continue to work even harder and keep contributing to the Olympic Movement.

The Olympic Order, established in 1975, is the highest award of the Olympic Movement. It is awarded to individuals for their distinguished contributions to the Olympic Movement.

Bindra appeared at the Summer Games in five editions, beginning at Sydney 2000. He made his mark for the first time at Athens 2004 when he made it to the final of the men's 10m air rifle.

At Beijing 2008, he beat defending champion Zhu Qinan of China to win the gold medal. He also made the final at Rio 2016, but finished fourth.

Bindra has been a part of the IOC Athletes' Commission since 2018.

## Emotional family reunion, cheerful welcome by fans mark Arshad Nadeem's return

LAHORE, Aug 11 (Agencies): Passionate celebrations by fans and an emotional reunion with his family marked the return of Arshad Nadeem, Pakistan's first individual Olympic gold medallist, after his flight touched base here on Sunday accompanied by water cannon salute.

It was a welcome befitting a national hero as thousands of fans cheered and jostled to get a glimpse of Nadeem, who won the javelin throw gold after finding a distance of 92.97m at the Paris Games.

Upon his arrival, Nadeem embraced his mother, father and elder brother as they garlanded him during an emotional reunion inside the state lounge at the Allama Iqbal International Airport.

Later, he also met his other family members



and some villagers, who travelled all the way from his home town of Mian Channu in the rural Khanewal area of Punjab Province.

Once Nadeem and his family reached the exit gate of the terminal, people, who were carrying placards and posters, rushed to garland him and tried to hoist him on their shoulders.

The rush, in fact, forced the security officials to take him back to the state lounge.

The fans were waiting near the arrival terminal of the airport from 9 pm local time although his

flight was scheduled to land around 1.29 am early morning from Istanbul.

A drove of government ministers and officials were also present at the state lounge to greet and garland Nadeem.

Nadeem bagged Pakistan's first gold medal since the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games where the country was crowned champions in the hockey competition.

Nadeem is also the first track and field athlete from Pakistan to clinch the Olympic gold medal.

## Olympics: Shelby McEwen reveals why high jump gold wasn't shared like Tokyo 2020

*New Zealand's Hamish Kerr was not interested in sharing gold medal with USA's Shelby McEwen in the high-jump final at Paris Olympics 2024.*

PARIS, Aug 11 (Agencies): August 11, 2024 marks the 4-year anniversary to the time when an Olympic gold medal was shared. Just a day before that, a similar situation arose, but this time no one wanted to share the gold medal. Three years ago, Mutaz Barshim and Gianmarco Tamberi decided to go 50-50 for first place in the men's high jump at the Tokyo Games rather than jump-off for it. This time, USA's Shelby McEwen and New Zealand's Hamish Kerr were in a similar position but decided to work it out the old-fashioned way with a jump-off.

McEwen almost had the gold medal in his kitty. A draw sounded pretty good to him. Kerr, nicknamed "the Flying Kiwi," had a different view: He had decided long before Saturday night that if he faced double gold, he would decline and jump-off. It was learnt that it was Kerr who was not interested in sharing the gold medal with McEwen.



"We walked and talked to each other," McEwen said. "He was like, 'Let's jumpoff.' I was like, 'I'm all for it.'"

"He said it first, and I agreed to it," McEwen said. "At some point, I kind of got fatigued. I maybe would have shared it with him, for sure. But I agreed to it, and it was all good."

McEwen rejoices his silver

Whatsoever, McEwen had no regrets, even as a silver medal hung around his neck. Kerr beat McEwen in a competition, which saw Barshim and Tamberi becoming the first jumpers to share gold three years ago.

"At the end of the day, he wanted to jumpoff," McEwen said. "At that point, I wasn't going to go back and forth with it

and argue with him. He wanted to jumpoff, and I was all in for it."

"I came up short of the gold," McEwen said. "But I'm still thankful for what I got."

They both missed at 2.38 in the first round of the jump-off, another two misses at 2.36 and McEwen missed at 2.34 before Kerr finally ended the contest.

Kerr didn't want to share a gold medal

Kerr felt that he also would have been proud of himself even if he had come second in the jump-off and his aim was to create history.

"That was such a special moment to share as a high jump fraternity," Kerr said. "It's cool to etch our history in a different way. For me, I would have been so proud to come in second in jumpoff - probably prouder than sharing a gold medal knowing that had already happened. That was the big thing for me: Trying to add to that history in a different way."

## Suryakumar Yadav receives special jersey from baseball team New York Yankees

NEW DELHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): India's T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav made a memorable visit to the Yankee Stadium in New York. The stadium is home to one of the most successful Major League Baseball teams, the New York Yankees. In yet another cross-over between cricket and the USA's popular sport, Suryakumar Yadav was honoured. He received a custom New York Yankees jersey by the franchise with his name and jersey no. 63 on it. After the T20 Cricket World Cup which was co-hosted by the USA, there has been an increase in

exchange between the two sports, cricket and baseball. The Americans have started recognizing the cricketers and understanding one of the most popular sports in India.

On his trip to the States, Suryakumar took the opportunity to explore the iconic venue, building a connection between two of the most popular sports. Suryakumar was in the USA in June during the T20 World Cup 2024 where India played their group stage matches at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York. India played against



Pakistan, Ireland and the USA at the stadium before their last match in Florida vs Canada ended in a washout.

The T20I captain is currently enjoying his time off after the conclu-

sion of the T20I series between India and Sri Lanka. The series marked the start of a new era under the head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Suryakumar. India registered a

clean-sweep win over the hosts with a 3-0 scorecard. Suryakumar replaced Rohit Sharma as the T20I captain, following his retirement from the shortest format of the game. He was not part of the ODI series against Sri Lanka, which India lost 2-0 against Sri Lanka.

Suryakumar is also eyeing a return to Test cricket as he's all set to play for Mumbai in the Buchi Babu tournament 2024. Notably, Suryakumar got his maiden Test call up in 2023 and played one game against Australia in February in Nagpur during the BGT 2023.

## Why Olympic bronze medallist Sarabjot Singh decided to reject government job



NEW DELHI, Aug 11 (Agencies): India's shooting ace Sarabjot Singh has revealed the main reason why he decided to reject the offer for a government job after winning bronze medal at the Paris Olympics 2024. Sarabjot had partnered Manu Bhaker as the duo secured the third spot in the 10m air pistol mixed team event. The 22-year-old also came close to making it to the medal round of the individual event and missed out by a whisker.

The bronze medal in the mixed team event certainly made up for it as Sarabjot's performance was praised by fans and critics. Following his return back home from the games, the Haryana government decided to offer him a job as a token of appreciation. However, Sarabjot decided to graciously reject it. The shooter told reporters that he won't be taking it now as he wants to focus on shooting. Sarabjot said that he doesn't want to go against the decisions

he has made right now.

"The job is good, but I will not take it right now. I want to focus on my shooting first," Sarabjot told reporters.

"My family has also been asking me to get a decent job, but I want to pursue shooting. I don't want to go against the decisions that I have made, so I cannot take a job right now," he said.

Sarabjot's LA 2028 aim

Sarabjot's commitment to shooting could be seen during an exclusive interaction with agency as he said his main goal hadn't been achieved yet. Sarabjot said he is aiming to shoot for gold at the LA Olympics in 2028.

"I am yet to achieve my main goal. Hopefully I will complete my main goal in 2028. I used to write in my personal diary that I will give my personal best in Paris. However, I am yet to give my personal best. I want to shoot for gold in 2028," Sarabjot told agency in an exclusive interview.

## Aditi Ashok vows to be back after finishing T-29

PARIS, Aug 11 (Agencies): Aditi Ashok did not come anywhere close to a medal as she did three years back in Tokyo, but the 26-year-old displayed her best game on the final day of the women's golf competition, firing seven birdies to finish tied-29th. Aditi,



who had finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, shot a 4-under 68 in the 60-player field at the challenging Le Golf National.

Aditi tallied 2-over 290, which was a far cry from the 15-under she carded in Tokyo.

Diksha Dagar had

another forgettable day after the 80 in the third round as she shot a 78 to finish with a total of 13-over 301.

New Zealander Lydia Ko produced a steady performance under pressure to claim gold and complete her set of medals.



AISS National games Group-A Sports and Cultural meet 2024 concludes

**Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 11: The prestigious All India Sainik Schools (AISS) National Games Group-A Sports and Cultural Meet 2024, which commenced at Sainik School Nagrota on August 6, 2024, has concluded today amidst much fanfare and celebration. The grand Closing Ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of the Director General of Police, Jammu & Kashmir, RR Swain who presided over the event as the Chief Guest.

The ceremony took place at the Maj Somnath Sharma PVC Stadium, where the Chief Guest officially declared the Meet closed.

The event, which witnessed intense competition among eight Sainik Schools from Group-A, included participants from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

The concluding ceremony was marked by an impressive March Past, showcasing the discipline and spirit of the young cadets, who represented their respective schools with pride.

During the four-day event, a wide array of sports and cultural competitions were held, culminating in the presentation of medals and trophies to the victorious teams and individual players by the Chief Guest. Sainik School Nagrota made its



mark by lifting the coveted Volleyball trophy for the second consecutive year. Meanwhile, Sainik School Kunjpura and Sainik School Sujanpur Tira emerged victorious in the Basketball and Hockey Championships, respectively.

The overall championship was fiercely contested, with Sainik School Kunjpura emerging as the Overall Champions, thanks to their superlative performances

across various sports disciplines.

They secured a comfortable lead in the points tally, finishing with an impressive 108 points while the hosts Sainik School Nagrota stood Runner-up in this Sports Meet. Among the PPP Model Sainik Schools, RIRS, Fatehabad, demonstrated remarkable prowess in the athletic events, delivering a spirited competition in all three athletics categories and lifted the Athletics Trophy for Sub Junior Boys. The following cadets were recognized for their outstanding achievements: Best Athlete in Boys Sub-Juniors: Cdt Avinash Kuma, RLGS, Solan, Best Athlete in Girls Sub-Juniors: Cdt Vritika Sainik School Kunjpura, Best Athlete in Junior Girls: Cdt Arushi, Sainik School Kapurthala.

The Cultural Competition added a vibrant touch to the event, with Sainik School Sujanpur Tira being declared the winners, showcasing the diverse talents of the cadets beyond the sports field.

The Closing Ceremony concluded with the Chief Guest congratulating all participants for their dedication, sportsmanship, and the spirit of camaraderie they exhibited throughout the Meet.

He emphasized the importance of such events in fostering unity, discipline, and a competitive spirit among the future leaders of the nation.

Sainik School Nagrota, the host of this year's event, was lauded for its impeccable organization and hospitality, ensuring the success of the All India Sainik Schools National Games Group-A Sports and Cultural Meet 2024. Capt (IN) Shibu Devasia extended gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries and officials and commended the performance of all the contingents.

Dr. Manohar submits memorandum to LG Sinha highlighting local issues, demands



**Top News Report**

BILLAWAR, Aug 11: Former Minister Dr. Manohar Sharma expressed strong discontent over the BJP's failure to address the basic issues faced by the people of the Jammu region. Speaking to a large gathering in Billawar constituency, Dr. Manohar criticized the absence of an elected government and held the BJP accountable for the current situation. Despite securing a significant mandate in both Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, the BJP has failed to alleviate the daily challenges faced by the public, especially in the Billawar constituency, where issues like water scarcity and frequent power cuts persist.

Dr. Manohar submitted a memorandum of demands to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha through the ADC Billawar, calling for district status for Billawar, citing its fulfillment of all necessary criteria, including population, area, and administrative divisions.

He highlighted the strategic importance of Billawar, home to significant religious sites, and its distance from the current district headquarters, arguing that district status would better serve the local population.

Addressing the ongoing power crisis, Dr. Manohar condemned the unscheduled power cuts that have plagued the region, causing severe inconvenience to residents, particularly in the summer heat.

He also criticized the high power bills, which he deemed unacceptable, and linked the power shortages to a lack of water supply, as water cannot be pumped without electricity.

The non-functional state of over 70% of hand pumps in the area was also a major concern, with the local administration citing a lack of funds for repairs.

Dr. Manohar further criticized the central government for its alleged failure to curb terrorism in the region, pointing to recent terrorist attacks that have resulted in significant casualties.

He accused the government of making false claims about peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370, asserting that the government's anti-terrorism policies have failed to protect the people.

In addition, Dr. Manohar raised concerns about the unchecked operations of the mining and liquor mafias in the area, accusing the administration of collusion and turning a blind eye to illegal activities.

He demanded the regularization and proper compensation for Village Defence Committee (VDC) members, acknowledging their crucial role in maintaining security in remote areas.

Dr. Manohar criticized the BJP government for the high unemployment rates, particularly among the youth, accusing the government of failing to deliver on its promise of job creation and instead dividing the nation on communal lines.

NSF pays tribute to Khudiram Bose on 116th Death anniversary

**Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 11: National Secular Forum (NSF) paid tributes to Saheed Khudiram Bose on his 116th Death Anniversary at University Campus. Amid slogans Khudiram Bose Zindabad, Inqilaab Zindabad, Bharat Mata ki jai and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil.

Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary, JKNC was the Chief Guest and Dr Vikas Sharma, Secretary Central Zone and Coordinator Jammu Distt (Urban) J&K National Conference presided over the function. TR Sharma (Retd KAS) was the Guest of Honour and Vikshay Vashist State Secretary NSF was the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion Ankush Abrol appreciated the efforts of NSF members to come forward and organize these functions. He also said that the right tribute to Khudiram Bose would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State.

He said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavor to regain Jammu and Kashmir State. He mentioned that people have suffered a lot during the last five years especially after the abrogation of Article 370, bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and downgrad-

ed of State to a Union Territory.

On this occasion, Zonal Secretary JKNC Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of "Khudiram Bose". Sharma said that the real tributes to the martyrs would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction.

He also said that it was on this day in Indian history that this young revolutionary was hanged to death for opposing English rule and raising his voice for the nation's freedom. Khudiram Bose was martyred on August 11, 1908, and died while holding a Bhagavad Gita.

Referring to the unemployment problem, Dr. Vikas said that youth is very disturbed due to wrong policies of the Govt with a graph of unemployment growing fast. Dr Sharma urged the youth to come together on a single platform to push for this demand.

Speaking on the occasion, TR Sharma (Retd KAS) said that J&K suffered immensely due to misadventures of Centre. Post abrogation of statehood people here were suffering due to rising unemployment, inflation and discrimination.

Mohd. Umar Farooq University Unit President delivered the welcome address and Roshan Sharma District President delivered the vote of thanks.

Chandel denounces student movement in Bangladesh as Jihadi Terrorism, calls for army intervention

**Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 11: In a fiery statement, Senior BJP leader and prominent Hindu Sanatani figure, Raju Chandel, accused radical elements in Bangladesh of committing atrocities against the Hindu population under the guise of a student movement. Speaking to journalists in Jammu, Chandel declared that the ongoing violence is not a mere student uprising but a form of Islamic terrorism, orchestrated with the support of Pakistan and China.

Chandel expressed deep concern over the forced conversion of Hindus and the continuous killings perpetrated by Bangladeshi Muslims and Jihadi agents. He questioned the silence of 57 Islamic countries, as well as Indian Maulanas and Muslim religious leaders, who frequently voice their opinions on



global issues such as the Israel-Palestine conflict but have remained mute on the genocide of Hindus in Bangladesh.

He called out these leaders for their selective outrage, pointing out that those who enjoy the benefits of living in India seem to have no voice when it comes to the suffering of Hindu brothers in Bangladesh. Chandel emphasized that if the Bangladeshi government and military are unable to curb this "dance of death," they should request assistance from the Indian Army. He confidently asserted that the Indian military could bring

these Jihadi forces to their knees within hours and restore peace in the region.

Chandel further reminded that Bangladesh owes its existence to India, particularly to the efforts of Hindu Sanatani individuals who played a significant role in the country's creation. He warned that if India loses patience, the Indian Army could swiftly intervene and establish peace.

In a provocative suggestion, Chandel urged that if the Bangladeshi government cannot stop the atrocities, all Bengali Hindus should be allowed to settle in Kolkata, while Bangladeshi Muslims should be expelled from India and sent back to Bangladesh. He also called for the immediate termination of all political and trade relations with Bangladesh until the safety and dignity of Hindus are ensured.

NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, hostel boarders lead cleanliness drive at GGM Science College



**Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 11: To commemorate Independence Day, GGM Science College conducted a focused cleanliness drive in the college hostel under the "Swachhata Pakhwada" initiative. The event was carried out under the leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta. He said "It was a tribute to the sacrifices of the nation's freedom fighters, promoting the importance of cleanliness and civic duty".

In his address, he also

highlighted the significance of cleanliness as a way to honor the legacy of the freedom fighters, urging students to adopt it as a core value for both personal and national development.

The drive saw enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers and NCC cadets, who worked diligently to ensure the hostel was thoroughly cleaned.

This collective effort not only improved the hostel's living conditions but also reinforced the values of unity, responsibility, and patriotism cen-

Alumni of SMVDU, Dr. Ruchi Shah awarded DST-WISE-PDF

**Top News Report**

KATRA, Aug 11: Dr. Ruchi Shah, wife of Dr. Rakesh Thusoo and daughter of Suman and Mohan Shah has bagged most coveted research grant award WISE-PDF under the mentorship of Prof. Raies A Qadri, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir. It would be worth to mention that Dr. Ruchi has done her PhD from School of Biotechnology, SMVDU. The "Women Scientists Scheme-WISE-PDF" is for

research in basic and applied sciences by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for providing opportunities to women scientists. Dr. Ruchi thanked her funding agency DST-Govt. of India, her alma mater SMVDU and University of Kashmir for providing platform and infrastructure to scientists like her where they can excel in the field of STEM. She hoped that women from UT of JK will be the torch bearers of research and will lead the country in realising the dream of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

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